



*July 15, 2014*

## **Celebrating Education**



**We are proud that for the sixth consecutive year, 100% of our children eligible to graduate from high school have graduated. The national average for a child in foster care is less than 50%. Many of these young people**

entered our care at least two grade levels behind. They were able to achieve educational success with one-on-one tutoring support -- which you made possible -- and hard work.

Because of you, our Thomas R.S. Burgin Fund is providing scholarship assistance to 19 students that are attending college or vocational school. One of the recipients is Emily, who is attending college and recently wrote us, "Earning this scholarship has not just helped me financially, but emotionally and mentally as well. It increased the faith I have in myself to finish what I came here to do; to earn better grades and graduate from college with a 4.0 GPA."

**Save the Date: Celebration of Education**

**Join us to meet other young people like Emily that are working to build brighter futures!**

**Date: Thursday, September 18, 2014**

**Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Place: Children's Aid and Family Services  
200 Robin Road  
Paramus, NJ**

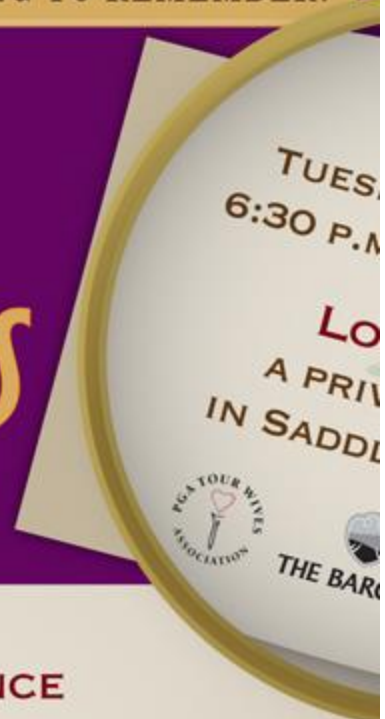
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**Ragtime Rendezvous Murder Mystery**



A STAR-STUDED EVENING TO REMEMBER!

# RAGTIME RENDEZVOUS MURDER MYSTERY



## THIS CRIME SCENE WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOUR PRESENCE

Please join us for a lavish cocktail party that will prove to be an evening full of twists, turns, and gasps that you won't want to miss!

With best-selling author **Harlan Coben** (a.k.a. Inspector General) as your emcee, you'll join crime-solving teams led by **PGA TOUR Wives Association** members and their **PGA TOUR professional golfer spouses\*** including **Jimmy Walker**, current FedEx Cup leader, to search for clues in a quest to unravel the mystery of this ragtime gangster-style whodunnit.

Whether you're mingling with mystery writers **Mary Higgins Clark** or **Michael Connelly** in the ballroom, carousing in the wine cellar, or toasting in the private theatre, you'll need your finest sleuthing skills to be the first to expose the culprit, who could be anyone at this scintillating soiree. **Even YOU!**



ONLY 150 TICKETS AVAILABLE AND SELLING FAST

[www.cafsnj.org/ragtime](http://www.cafsnj.org/ragtime)

For ticket information, contact Eve at [emarsan@cafsnj.org](mailto:emarsan@cafsnj.org) or 201

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Mystery lovers, are you ready to participate in the ultimate whodunit? Children's Aid and Family Services and the PGA TOUR Wives Association will host "Ragtime Rendezvous – A Murder Mystery Event." This is a unique opportunity to meet and mingle with some of the world's top professional golfers and other celebrities!

Date: Tuesday, August 29

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Best-selling author Harlan Coben will serve as the evening's emcee and fellow authors Mary Higgins Clark and Michael Connelly will direct the evening's investigation. You will join a team led by PGA TOUR Wives Association members and their professional golfer spouses, who are in town participating in The Barclays, a PGA TOUR FedEx Cup playoff event at Ridgewood Country Club. Perhaps you'll solve the crime working with FedEx Cup #1 golfer Jimmy Walker, who will be just one of the players participating in the evening's action.

You can still get tickets to this night of thrills and suspense for \$600. There are less than 100 tickets left, and after July 18, the price increases to \$750, so order your tickets soon! To register, visit [www.cafsnj.org/ragtime](http://www.cafsnj.org/ragtime) or call Eve Marsan at 201.740.7107.

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## Two of our families honored

Lillian and Ramon were honored as the "Treatment Home Family of the Year"



Patty and Ray (not pictured) were honored with the "Russ Berrie Award for Making a Difference."



Two of our families were recently recognized for their outstanding work with vulnerable children. Our first couple, Patty and Ray, was honored with the “Russ Berrie Award for Making a Difference,” which celebrates everyday people whose extraordinary volunteer efforts have made a real difference in the lives of others. Patty and Ray have been Medically Needy Treatment Home parents for the past 10 years, and they have provided a safe and loving home for 29 traumatized children.

Our other parents, Lillian and Ramon, were honored with the “Treatment Home Family of the Year” award by the New Jersey Alliance for Children, Youth and Families. This award recognizes certain families that have demonstrated a high level of quality in their commitment and dedication to children.

Lillian and Ramon began as Therapeutic Treatment Home parents two years ago because they “wanted to give a home and a new beginning to the children.” They have done this and much more while caring for three older girls who have endured trauma and had difficulty trusting others. They have provided the children with huge amounts of love, guidance and structure, and helped them to heal and have brighter futures.

Congratulations to Patty and Ray and Lillian and Ramon!

## Happy Birthday Zoe’s Cupcake Café

Zoe’s Cupcake Café is celebrating its 5th anniversary on Saturday, July 19 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. outside of its location at 740 Chestnut Street in Teaneck. There will be free samples of cupcakes and other baked goods, and music from students of the Waldwick School of Rock. Stop by for a sweet treat!



Join Us!

As we celebrate the 5th Anniversary  
Zoe's Cupcake Cafe

Saturday, July 19

11 am - 1 pm

740 Chestnut Avenue (Plaza / Sidewalk area)  
Teaneck, NJ 07666



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