

Foster Grandparent Gazette

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May Foster Grandparent Program Trainings

May was a very busy month this year for the Foster Grandparent program. Not only did we celebrate Seniors on Senior Day on May 5th at the Empire State Plaza in Albany we also had a couple of very helpful financial literacy classes for the Foster Grandparents as well.

Senior Day this year was a great time for the Foster Grandparents to participate in a day where NY state recognizes seniors and their value to their communities. While the Foster Grandparents walked around to all the

vendor tables and learned about more services for seniors there continuous entertainment on stage. From ballroom dancers to a choir to dancing group.

The Financial Literacy trainings we held both in Troy and in Albany they were provided by Jen from SEFCU credit union. Jen gave many good important tips for us all to be better with our money. Some of the hints she talked about were:

- Don't pay off all high interest credit cards they lower the limit

- She suggested putting money into a CD that will collect interest.
- Using the VITA program that helps income qualified people to get their taxes done for free.
- Give your insurance company a call and see if they can give you lower quotes.
- Put your money into savings when you don't actually buy something.
- Have a goal, and a plan.



Grandma Maggie at SSI Interview

A producer/writer for the New York Network contacted the Foster Grandparent Program. They are working with New Yorkers Volunteer in producing a series of videos on volunteer opportunities. One of these videos touches on Foster Grandparents. So New York Network came out the beginning of the month to interview grandma Maggie

regarding her experience as a Foster Grandparent. Grandma Maggie is driven, inspiring, and has a big heart. In her interview she got to talk about her hardships in life, how she over came them, and how much it means to her that she is a Foster Grandma. She also discussed how the program has changed her life. It was a very moving interview that would give

inspiration to other seniors to volunteer their time with children as well.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MAY FOSTER GRANDPARENTS

MARY VANWIE 11TH

MARGE SWEET 2ND

TSILYA ZASLAVSKY 10TH

DAVID FERSHT 10TH

MONYA ZVINGATSKOVSKIY 28TH

MIKHAIL SIGAL 20TH

LYDIA MOULIER 2ND

PRISCILLA BRINSON 29TH

RODRIGO JAGALINO 20TH

LOIS CHRISTMAS 25TH

ANNIE WATKINS 13TH

SHIRLEY GRAY 16TH

JOE FAVALE 5TH

BARBARA DONGELEWIC 28TH

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Food Stamps-how and where to apply, call 1-800-342-3009 press "1" for Food Stamps

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Farmers Market

2010 Summer Season begins May 1st outside in Riverfront Park in Downtown Troy.

52 Saturdays a year at 9:00 AM to 1:00 P.M. for more information go to www.troymarket.org

Threads ART SHOW

Threads presented by participants of the Roarke Center. Digital Photography, Paintings, Prints and Pottery at the RPI Chapel and Cultural Center Burdett Ave Troy NY 12180 May 3-June 25

Author Corner- Harlan Coben Dutton's Caught and other popular authors will take you for a thrill ride

By [Star-Ledger Staff](#)

Caught

Harlan Coben Dutton, 388 pp., \$27.95

Newarker Dan Mercer is a good guy. He volunteers with street kids, helps troubled youth and seeks out abused children so they can recover from their wounds.

TV tabloid journalist Wendy Tynes thinks differently. She's lured him to a house under false pretenses of a teen in need (read entrapment), setting him up for multiple pedophile charges, later dropped.

Even acquitted, Mercer's on the run. Local vigilantes want this guy they consider a "perv," acquittal notwithstanding, and when a former U. S. marshal is accused of murdering Mercer, Tynes finally reconsiders what she has done to compromise the life of a respected Princeton graduate.

Bad things pile up. Four other members of Mercer's college crowd also have been

discredited by false charges in a year. Someone is playing dirty.

All is not fair in this breakneck thriller. From seedy Newark hotels to bucolic Sussex County, Coben examines the meaning of forgiveness, family and justice, not with a magnifying glass, but with a boxing glove.

http://www.nj.com/entertainment/arts/index.ssf/2010/05/harlan_coben_duttons_caught_an.html

