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Dear Friend:

Welcome to the November 15 edition of my Weekly Wrap, summarizing some of my latest activities as your State Senator. This edition of the Weekly Wrap shares news and information regarding the local Veterans Day observances that I was honored to take part in. Additionally, this Weekly Wrap shares some news regarding the Grecian Gardens restaurant in Halfmoon's 25th anniversary, as well as the availability of heating assistance (in the form of the HEAP program) to help with home heating costs as the temperatures plunge. Bundle up, stay warm, and have a wonderful weekend! – Senator Daphne Jordan

**Speaking at the Saratoga National Cemetery Veterans Day Ceremony**





It was my honor speaking at Saratoga National Cemetery's Veterans Day ceremony. I'm pictured above at the special ceremony, and with the wonderful keynote speaker, retired Sergeant First Class, and Korean War Veterans Association, Adirondack Chapter #60 Commander Robert Garland. Born in Canada, Mr. Garland fought for Freedom for the United States in the Korean and Vietnam Wars, serving in the Airborne and receiving many rewards for his heroic service as a career soldier! As mentioned in my remarks, we say **THANK YOU!** to all that have served America with patriotism, professionalism, and pride. We stand on the shoulders of the selfless service, courage, and greatness of our veterans.

**Taking Part in the Melvin Roads American Legion Post #1231 Veterans Day Ceremony**





I also was honored to speak at the Melvin Roads American Legion Post #1231 Veterans Day Ceremony. I'm pictured above with my colleagues Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin, Assemblyman Jake Ashby, Rensselaer County Veterans Agency Service Director Peter Goebel, Rensselaer County Sheriff Pat Russo, and Rensselaer County Legislature Member Tom Grant. Special thank you to the patriots at the Melvin Roads American Legion Post 1231 for all of the incredible good works you continue doing on behalf of the men and women of our military. God bless our veterans!

#### **My Monthly Columns Recognizing Veterans Day**

The *Saratogian* and *The Record* both ran my recent monthly columns on the subject of Veterans Day, thanking veterans for their honorable service to our grateful nation. You can read my columns in the *Saratogian* and *The Record* (my thanks to both papers for once again running my columns), and on my Senate website at [jordan.nysenate.gov](http://jordan.nysenate.gov). Thank you to our courageous heroes who defend our freedom!

#### **Recognizing Grecian Gardens 25th Anniversary**



I recently honored Grecian Gardens Pizza & Restaurant on their 25th Anniversary. There is a fantastic story of this successful and beloved family business located in my hometown of Halfmoon. Kostas Klementzos immigrated to the United States from Greece in 1966, and



began his career in the restaurant business in Poughkeepsie, ultimately working his way up to head chef. Kostas and Vicki Klementzos aspired to open another restaurant, but only if their children were interested in the business. Their children, Bill and Matthew, were on board with the idea of operating a new restaurant. The Klementzos family loved the Halfmoon region, realizing that it was an up-and-coming area, and the family leased the location in 1994, later purchasing the property in 2004. The Klementzos Family takes great pride in their family-owned establishment offering a menu that is 100% authentic, homemade and delicious. Congratulations to Grecian Gardens, and the Klementzos Family, on their 25th Anniversary – and here's to 25 more years of continued success!

### **HEAP Program Can Help Protect Against the Approaching Winter Cold**



The recent drop in temperatures is a great reminder that winter is on its way. The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) can help individuals with low incomes in heating their homes. Eligible individuals may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year and possibly be eligible for emergency HEAP benefits if facing the danger of running out of fuel or having their utility service shut off.

#### **Regular HEAP Benefit Now Available**

The 2019-20 Regular HEAP benefit opened November 12. HEAP can help qualifying individuals heat their home with electricity, natural gas, oil, coal, propane, wood/wood pellets, kerosene and corn. If eligible, individuals may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year to help pay for heating their home. Eligibility and benefits are based on income, household size, the primary heating source, and the presence of a household member who is under age 6, age 60 or older, or permanently disabled. Regular benefits for households that pay directly for heat based on actual usage are paid directly to the vendor that supplies the household's primary source of heat.

#### **Households may be eligible for a Regular benefit if:**

- Household members are United States Citizens or qualified aliens;
- Household's gross monthly income is at or below the current income guides for the household size;
- Receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits;
- Receive Temporary Assistance; and
- Receive Code A Supplemental Security Income (SSI Living Alone).

**HEAP program monthly income levels:** <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap>.

Additionally, there is also an **Emergency HEAP benefit** available for individuals who qualify. Questions regarding the HEAP program should be directed to the appropriate HEAP Local District Contacts listed below, or call my district office at **(518) 371-2751** for further assistance.

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Troy, NY 12180  
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152 West High Street  
Ballston Spa, NY 12020  
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