

Stockton College of New Jersey Ann Azeez Hall

³⁵₁₇ Shortly after becoming Mayor in 1991, I had the pleasure
of celebrating the centennial of Woodbine's Founding

³⁵₁₇ Four years later, we celebrated the centennial
of our fire department's establishment

³⁵₁₇ The year following that, we celebrated the centennial of the Woodbine
Brotherhood
Synagogue—
the building we stand at today,
the focal point of religious and social life for the community

³⁵₁₇ Ten years ago this June, Woodbine celebrated
the centennial of its incorporation
in conjunction with the opening of the
Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage

³⁵₁₇ Today we celebrate the opening of Ann Azeez Hall,
Stockton's Education Center at that same Museum

³⁵₁₇ Woodbine has come full circle,
making me feel like our first mayor, Dr. Sabsovitch,
who oversaw both a municipality
and an educational institution

³⁵₁₇ Where once we were home
to the Woodbine Agricultural School,
America's first agricultural college
as well as to an instructional site
for the United States Navy at our Municipal Airport,
now we have become home
to an exemplary instructional site and education center
named in honor of my dear and longtime friend, Ann Azeez

³⁵₁₇ From the bottom of my heart, Anne, no one that I know is more deserving of
having such a prestigious educational facility dedicated in her honor than you.

³⁵₁₇ Thank you for your many years of support, wisdom, advice, encouragement,
and most important---good cooking, as you have made me a part of your family.

³⁵₁₇ Equal to the pleasure the several centennial events brought, was the gratification of working with Michael as he brought to an increasing fruition the reblossoming of this historic site— first the Museum, and now the Education Center

³⁵₁₇ Michael—it's been a great ride

³⁵₁₇ I would also like to pause for a moment to remember Maggie Casey, who served as the initial Administrator for the Sam Azeez Museum

³⁵₁₇ Woodbine has long fought hard for the presence of a college here in Woodbine—and now it my great pleasure to thank you for again bringing us one....

³⁵₁₇ I would take a minute to mention Garden State bioEnterprises, a research company based in Woodbine which has recently developed strong links in collaborating with Stockton College

³⁵₁₇ Connecting with the Stockton Marine Science Department through a presentation to students, Garden State bioEnterprises' first full-time employees were Stockton graduates of the class of 2012, **Sean** Towers and **James** Maloney. Two interns, **Josh** Kiernan and **Megan** Tripod, currently helping advance this new company, are active Stockton students. All four of these are from Marine Science

³⁵₁₇ Algaculture is agriculture: these students exemplify the new “learn in Stockton : work in Woodbine” generation carrying on our oldest traditions

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