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## GATEWAY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NAMES WINNERS AT 2012 MAYORS DINNER

The mayors and government officials of Union County held court at the annual Mayors Dinner of the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce Thursday, March 26, at the Newark Airport Marriot Hotel. Common themes included the state's 2 percent property tax cap, high store occupancy and area development.

Award winners were:

- Joseph Menza of Hillside as Mayor of the Year for his perseverance in promoting city interests despite significant opposition;
- Chris Cotter of Summit as Business Administrator of the Year for making Summit a business-friendly town;
- Police Chief Eric Mason of Cranford as Public Safety Official of the Year;
- Scotch Plains Mayor Nancy Malool as Speaker of the Night for her light-hearted poetry, accompanied by bongos.

The collective overviews of the county's municipalities included: the challenges and successes of meeting the state's property tax cap; Fanwood and Westfield retaining 100 and 90 percent store occupancy during the recession, respectively; Linden moving forward with development of 108 acres of former General Motors property; Rahway's continuing expansion of facilities dedicated to the arts; New Providence allowing alcohol to be served in restaurants; and more than 1,000 new jobs coming to Hillside due to business development.

"Each year the mayors' presentations reflect the issues towns and cities throughout the state are facing," said James Coyle, Gateway president. "While the night is light-hearted and fun we hear both the realities of economic pressures and the pride in addressing these challenges. Municipal government always is demanding and often thankless. Once each year we try to say thanks."



(above) Kenilworth Mayor Kathi Fiamingo, last year's Mayor of the Year & Winning Speaker.



(left) Kenilworth Chamber members Claudio Rodrigues of AXA Advisors, Chamber President Isabel Coronel of Access Self Storage and Nada Assad of Sign-A-Rama.

(left, c.) Public Safety Official of the Year – Eric Mason, Cranford.



(below) Speaker of the Night Scotch Plains "Beatnik" Mayor Nancy Malool



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## MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

I want to thank everyone who donated to the Food Drive we conducted on March 25, 2012. We were able to help replenish the shelves at the food pantry enough so that the Easter baskets were filled with healthy and enjoyable food for families in need.

I especially want to thank the Silver Card Association and the Kenilworth VFW and Veteran's Center for their over the top generous donations of hams and turkeys for the baskets. Their generosity ensured that needy families had a wonderful Easter dinner to enjoy. There are not enough thanks for their willingness to pitch in and help out.

Next month the Beautification Committee will be filling the flower pots along the Boulevard. In addition to purchased and donated flowers, the pots will be filled with sweet potato vines grown by the second grade students at Harding Elementary School. The sweet potatoes are being donated by Maschio Food Services which handles the cafeteria at both Harding and David Brearley schools. The Second Grade teachers, Mr. Lee, Ms. DeVito, Mrs. Cadorette, Mrs. Donough and Ms. Duda graciously agreed to help when the chairperson of the Beautification Committee, Olga Hackett, approached them with the idea. I am so looking forward to seeing the green thumbs of all of our second grade students!

If anyone is interested in helping with the Beautification Committee, please contact me. We would love to have anyone who would like to help out. Keeping the flowers happy and healthy during the hot and dry summer months is sometimes challenging. If you are interested in our "adopt a pot" program, please let us know.

Finally, the Relay for Life will again be held at David Brearley Middle/High School field on June 2 to June 3. The monies raised are used to fund research by the American Cancer Society. The events of the evening are fun, rewarding and touching, all at once.

For more information on how you can participate in Relay and raise funds for this worthy cause, please visit [www.relayforlife.org/kenilworth](http://www.relayforlife.org/kenilworth). Even if you do not join a team or do any fundraising for the event, you should plan on stopping by and seeing what Relay is all about.

*Mayor Kathi Fiamingo*

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Submitted by: Ms. Michelle Van Steenacker



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# FLEA MARKET & COLLECTIBLE SHOW

Sunday, April 15, 2012 9-5 PM Outdoors

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JC Promotions, Inc. a fundraising company that produces flea markets, street fairs, arts & craft shows throughout NJ, is coordinating this event in conjunction with the Valerie Fund. Other school and/or local organizations that would like to participate by having an exhibitor space to sell their items and/or promote their club are welcome to reserve one of the 4 spaces that will be offered free.

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**8:30 AM APRIL 13**

### LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Visit our website for meeting location

**6:00 PM APRIL 17**

### IRISH BUSINESS ASSOC. NETWORKING

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## ROTARY CLUB

On Wednesday, April 18th, the Kenilworth Rotary Club is inviting all community minded and service oriented people to attend a special meeting entitled "Meet Your Rotarians at Work" to be held 12:15pm at Bella Napoli Restaurant, 24 N., 20th St. Come "Meet Your Rotarians at Work", enjoy some refreshments and learn how you can serve your community through local projects as well as throughout the world. Kenilworth Rotary Club has been serving the needs of Kenilworth for 65 years as part of Rotary International. The Club meets weekly every Wednesday at Bella Napoli, 24 N. 20th st. Reserve your seat for 4/18 by contacting Club President Sylvan Hershey at 908-276-1644 ext. 515 or for general membership information and programs visit [www.kenilworthnjrotary.org](http://www.kenilworthnjrotary.org)

## FREE JOB READINESS PROGRAM: "PROJECT READY"

Project Ready will be accepting applications for its free six week job preparedness program on Tuesday, May 15 at 9:30 sharp. Applicants should be prepared to stay until 1:30PM. Basic computer skills will be taught including Microsoft Word, Excel and navigating the internet as well as resume writing and interview techniques. Project Ready is located within St. Joseph Social Service Center at 118 Division St. in Elizabeth. For more information please call (908) 353-1045 or visit [stjosephelizabeth.org](http://stjosephelizabeth.org)

## SOMERSET PATRIOTS HARDING SCHOOL 6TH GRADE GRADUATION FUNDRAISER

**SATURDAY, MAY 5TH @ 7:05PM**

Be apart of the action as the Somerset Patriots host the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs! The Somerset Patriots will welcome Harding Elementary School for their special fundraiser at the ballpark! A portion of the proceeds from every ticket sold will directly benefit the Harding School 6th Grade Class. Gates open at 6:00pm-Show your school pride!-Enjoy a Post-Game fireworks show! Tickets are \$10.00 per person. Please contact Tara Heuschkel 908-931-0566 or Laura Kossor 908-553-8300 for tickets or further information. All tickets must be ordered by April 16th.

## DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS SPRING - GENERAL HOUSEHOLD CLEAN-UP (BULKY WASTE)

North Side - April 11th (until completed),

South Side - April 18th (until completed)

Materials collected: furniture, toys, windows, doors, fencing, lawn furniture and carpeting. Metal items will be picked up by the DPW (this includes microwave ovens).

Electronic Waste can be placed at curbside during the above week for DPW to pick it up. Any other time residents may bring it into the DPW yard Monday through Friday, from 7 am to 2pm. If you have any clothing you may call the DPW and we will tell you who to call to have it picked up at curbside.

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## THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

A special viewing of the 2008 movie adaptation of "The Diary of Anne Frank" has been arranged by the Kenilworth Historical Society for Thurs., April 19, 2012, in observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day. The general public is invited to attend the viewing, which will begin at 7 p.m. at the Kenilworth Seniors' Center, 526 Boulevard, Kenilworth, N.J. Admission is free.

The two-hour film, which is being shown in cooperation with Darlow Smithson Productions Ltd., has won international acclaim for its authenticity and accurate interpretation of Jewish teenager Anne Frank's life in hiding from 1942 to 1944, during the World War II German occupation of the Netherlands. Drawing on exact passages from the revered diary that she wrote from a secret annex in Amsterdam shared with her family and others, the movie portrays the humanity, tolerance, courage and will to live for which Anne Frank is universally recognized.

From the time that "The Diary of Anne Frank" was first published more than 50 years ago, this unique literary classic has become one of the world's most widely read books and has served as the basis for several plays and films.

Parking and entrance to the Kenilworth Seniors' Center are located at the rear of the building. For further information, please call 908-709-0434.

## MATH-A-THON RAISES MONEY FOR ST. JUDE'S



Congratulations to the Students from St. Theresa School in Kenilworth for raising funds for St. Jude's Children Hospital. The school had a Math-A-Thon which raised over \$8000.00 dollars.

Students that participated the math competition and had over \$35.00 in donations received a T-Shirt from St. Jude's Society. The events were supervised by National Junior Honor Society and teachers Ms. Pancurak and Ms. Pakulski.

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## LANCE RESPONDS TO STUDENT REQUEST



Congressman Leonard Lance recently paid a visit to Harding School in Kenilworth. Congressman Lance visited the 6th grade class in response to a letter from student Andrew Cherego about education funding cuts. Andrew, a boy scout, wrote the letter to earn a Citizenship merit badge.

## DAVID BREARLEY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE MONTH MARCH 2012

Submitted by: Mr. David Novak

The David Brearley High School Student of the Month for March is senior Erin Clementi. She is a very involved student at David Brearley and in the community. She is secretary of the David Brearley chapter of the National Honor Society. Erin has also won numerous Academic Booster Awards in many different subjects. In addition to her achievements in the academic arena, Erin has excelled in athletics, as well. She has been a member of the fall, winter, and competition cheerleading squads, serving as captain this year. She has also been a member of the David Brearley Softball team for three out of the four years of her high school career. As President of the Senior Class, Erin helps to organize trips, fundraisers, and special events to benefit the class. Last, but certainly not least, Erin provides us all with the important news of the day in the morning announcements. Congratulations, Erin!

The David Brearley Middle School student of the month is John Hartman. Whether it is towards his peers or his teachers, he is described him being compassionate, patient and friendly in



(above, l-r) Erin Clementi and John Hartman.

all interactions. He is a student that does not need to be prompted to be kind and considerate while in social situations, he just does it naturally. He works hard on all class assignments and is always willing to step it up a notch to do better. John participates in the school play and is said to be invaluable to his advisors. In addition to the play, he participates in basketball. When you see John, he is easy to recognize because he is always in a fine mood with a smile on his face. Congratulations, John, for being the seventh grade middle school student of the month.

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Saint Theresa's School in Kenilworth, NJ was one of seven schools, a total of 37 students, who attended the Union County Catholic League of Forensic "Declamation" Competition held at Saint Theresa's in February.

Saint Theresa's team consisted of six students: Conchetta Aronowitz and Katrina McCarthy

(eighth graders); Alexa Karp (seventh grader); Manuel Grova, Emma Munoz and Caroline Tramontana (fifth graders). Emma Munoz was awarded an Honorable Mention ribbon; Katrina McCarthy was awarded a third place ribbon and Conchetta Aronowitz was awarded a second place ribbon.



(above, l-r) Manuel Grova, Emma Munoz, Katrina McCarthy, Conchetta Aronowitz and Caroline Tramontana.

# TOUCHDOWN CLUB AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The touchdown club was formed about 10 yrs ago by former Brearley football alumni. Every year they award a scholarship to a football player based on grades, community service and student activities. This is a 4-year scholarship, the recipient must maintain a certain grade point average to continue to hold the scholarship. The awards dinner is held annually to honor all football players and their families. This year it was held at Costas in Roselle Park. The football players are also awarded their letters or certificates or plaques at this dinner.



(above, l-r) Coach Scott Miller presents Michael Christian with the Bob Taylor Touchdown Club Scholarship.

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## DAVID BREARLEY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, NJ STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FUNDED MOSAIC PROJECT



(left & Above)  
Before and After.

“Acceptance, Tolerance, Forgiveness... These Are Life-Altering Lessons” is the quote by Jessica Lange that was chosen as the theme of the latest mural project to be done by the students at David Brearley Middle/High School. Inspired by an anti-bullying assembly, a group of middle school students asked their language arts teachers to help them create a visual anti-bullying statement. With the assistance of the art department, teachers and students are transforming a school hallway and courtyard into an inspirational environment that includes a mosaic wall, columns and an 11-foot mosaic tree sculpture, all filled with positive messages written by the students.

This is the second mosaic installation to be undertaken by the David Brearley Middle/High School community. Last year, a 68-foot mural was constructed in an upstairs hallway in an effort to establish a stronger identity for the middle school which had recently lost its sports and extra-curricular activities due to budget cuts.

Throughout both of these projects, middle and high school students and teachers have worked together, which has established strong bonds between them. They have been guided by well-known Philadelphia mosaic artist Julie Deery, whose involvement has been made possible through Artists In Education Residency Grants funded by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

David Brearley Middle/High School has been

the recipient of five of these AIE Grants. All of them have been written by art teacher Janice Marsili, and orchestrated with the help of fellow art teachers Cindy Perez and Stephanie Petrakos. High school science teacher Melissa Ferraris is the Acting Administrator for the grants, and financing of materials for the projects has been provided each year through sales of an art student-made product which is marketed and sold by the business students under the guidance of business teacher Cheryl Kress.

Past AIE Residency Grants have included the publishing of a Kenilworth Community Cookbook illustrated with student etchings of the town's restaurants and food stores, a calendar/planner including pictures of key locations in town taken by the school's photography students, note card sets silk-screened with images of Kenilworth residences, as well as the more recent mosaic projects. Last year's undertaking was chosen to be a Best Practices Grant by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, and photos of the mosaic mural are on the cover of the Artists in Education brochure, as well as in the flyer describing the organization's summer Artist/Teacher Institute.

The latest David Brearley Middle/High School mosaic installation will be unveiled at the school's annual art show on May 10, 2012 beginning at 7:00 PM. Refreshments will be served, there will be a 50/50 drawing, and student art work will be on sale.

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## FOOD DRIVE HELD FOR ST. THERESA'S PANTRY

The Kenilworth PBA Silver Card Association, along with the Kenilworth Veterans Center was pleased to participate in Mayor Kathi Fiamingo's Easter Food Drive. All of the donations received in the drive were in turn donated to St. Theresa's Food Pantry.

The Social Concerns Committee of St. Theresa's Church fills 40 baskets for local families who are in need.

"When we heard that the Mayor had organized a food drive for the Easter holiday, we knew we wanted to participate", said Silver Card Member Robert Schielke. Through the combined efforts of the Kenilworth VFW and the Silver Card Association each of the baskets

delivered to needy families for the Easter holiday will contain a fresh ham and turkey.

"I am so thankful for all of the wonderful people who dropped off food for this worthy cause", said Mayor Kathi Fiamingo. "I am especially thankful for the Silver Card Association and the VFW for their generosity and consistent willingness to give back to the community. Both organizations consistently go above and beyond."

Members of both the Kenilworth VFW and the Silver Card Association dropped off enough provision for each family to receive a fresh ham and turkey.

## PBA AND SILVER CARD ASSOC

The Kenilworth P.B.A. #135 and the Kenilworth Silver Card Association are proud to announce that the 2012 Honorary P.B.A. Silver Cards are being awarded to longtime supporters and friends, Kenilworth resident Jackie Fidurski, and local businessman John Appicie.

The prestigious Silver Card is the highest honor that the Kenilworth P.B.A. can award to a civilian, and only two are allotted to be given out per year.

Ms. Fidurski is a long time Kenilworth resident and a true friend of the P.B.A. She has been involved in assisting the P.B.A. with refurbishing of our P.B.A. building, and through her financial assistance to help the PBA continue to support programs throughout the Borough such as the Fishing Derby, the Food Drive, and various other events that we run.

Mr. Appicie is the President of Bender Electric, a longtime Kenilworth business, and has been a friend of the PBA for many years. He has most recently supported us in spearheading the renovation of our courtyard at the P.B.A. building, which was in dire need of being blacktopped.

The Silver Card Awards Ceremony is being held on April 16, 2012 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Garlic Rose Restaurant, 28 North Ave. West, Cranford, NJ and is open to all of our friends and local business people for networking opportunity and to come and honor the recipients and support this worthy cause. For \$50, there will be passed Hors d'oeuvres and beverages included. For advance tickets please call Rob Schielke at 908-931-9030 or Tim Dowd at 908-276-7037.



(above, l-r) are St. Theresa's volunteer, Bill Heady, Silver Card Member Gregg David, VFW Members Bob Jeans and Ed Miller and Silver Card Member Robert Schielke.



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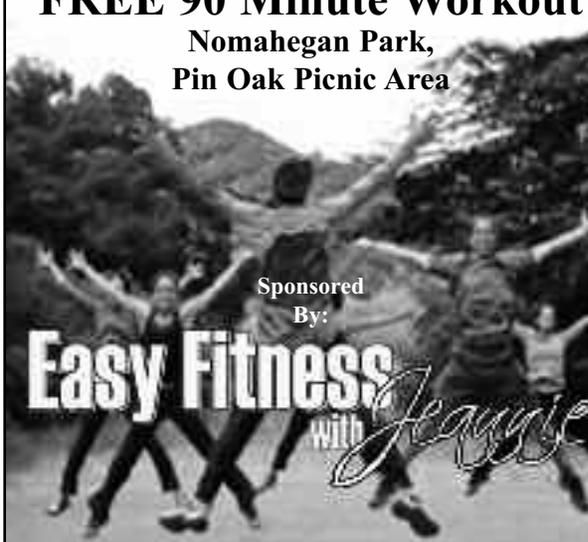
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Vincent Gerardo, age 3, and Jasmyn Mall, age 8, both of Kenilworth. Each winner received a new paperback book as their prize. Children ages 3 - 12 year old may enter the raffle during the month of their birthday. Each month, two winners are selected to receive a free book. To enter the raffle, visit the library .

### “MY STORY: THE ROAD FROM NEWSPAPERMAN TO EBOOK AUTHOR,” BY FRANK VERDE

The Kenilworth Library will host a presentation by writer Frank Verde with the topic “My Story: The Road from Newspaperman to e-book Author,” at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 26, in the library's activity room. Verde will address the decision he made, after spending 29 years as a journalist, to leave the world of newspapers and become a fiction writer, with three of his works currently available for purchase as e-books through Amazon.com.

This program is free and open to all members of the general public. Because space is limited, preregistration will be required and can be done in person at the library or by calling 908 276-2451 during regular library hours. The Kenilworth Public Library is located at 548 Boulevard. More information about the library can be found at [www.kenilworthlibrary.org](http://www.kenilworthlibrary.org).

## KENILWORTH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Registration for programs may be done in person at the library or by calling 908 276-2451. The library's regular schedule of operation: Mon, Tues and Thurs: 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM, Wed: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Fri: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Sat: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The Kenilworth Public Library is handicapped accessible.

### “I TOOK THE SHOT...NOW WHAT?” PROGRAM ABOUT DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Noted photographer Walter Choroszewski will make an appearance at the Kenilworth Public Library at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, to address the topic, “I took the shot...now what?” for people looking to maximize the potential of their digital cameras. The discussion will demonstrate and compare several popular photo editing software programs and will also include tips and tricks for email and prints. Additionally, attendees will learn how to develop their own digital work flow and photo management plan.

Walter Choroszewski's experience as a professional photographer dates back to 1980 when he was commissioned by a book publisher to do the photo essay, New Jersey, A Scenic Discovery. He was the primary photographer of the New Jersey state tourism campaigns through the 1980s and 1990s and continues to supply the state with stock photos today. As the founder of Aesthetic Press, Inc. he has photographed and produced 17 photographic books and numerous wall calendars. Additionally, Choroszewski's fine art prints are represented by select galleries and his images are featured in numerous corporate collections. More information and examples of his work can be found at [www.WalterC.com](http://www.WalterC.com)

This program is free and open to all members

of the general public. However, because space is limited, preregistration is required and preference will be given to Kenilworth residents. Based on availability, registration will open to residents of other communities on Friday, April 20.

### SPECIAL EVENT:

Grave Secrets will be presented

by authors Annette and Gina Cascone

Thursday, April 19th from 3:30 - 4:15pm.

Children ages 8 - 12 year old will have an opportunity to meet the authors of the series Deadtime Stories, hear a reading from the book, Grave Secrets, and view some of the recently released movie.

Refreshments will be served. Registration is required.

### CRAFTS:

A Spring Craft & Meet The Author

Saturday, April 21 at 11am - 12 noon

in the Activity Room for children ages 4 & up.

Children ages 4 - 6 must be accompanied by an assisting adult. Children will meet Daniel Errico, author of the The Journey Of The Noble Gnarble. They will participate in a craft following the author visit.

A Mother's Day Craft

Saturday, May 5 at 11am - 12 noon

in the Activity Room for children ages 4 & up.

Children ages 4 - 6 must be accompanied by an assisting adult. Children will create a Mother's Day craft to take home and display.

Registration is not required for the following programs:

**Bingo For Young Children age 3 and up**

3:30 - 4:00pm in the Activity Room

April 20 & May 4.

Games may include A-B-C Bingo,

Number Bingo and Color & Shape Bingo.

Parents must remain in the library during the program.

**Bingo For Children Who Can Read**

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## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF GIRL SCOUTING

Members of the Kenilworth Girl Scouts played a major role in the Kenilworth Historical Society's March 14 Women's History Month Celebration, which commemorated the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA. The girls led the salute to the flag, sang a number of songs and presented an inspiring candlelight ceremony of the Girl Scout Law.

Susan M. Brooks, CEO of Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey gave a featured presentation, "Girl Scouts: A Century of Forward Leadership," highlighted the history of Girl Scouts of the USA and demonstrated the continued relevance of the organization's mission in present-day culture. The Kenilworth Girl Scouts and the Kenilworth Historical Society will be partnering on additional Girl Scouts Centennial celebratory activities throughout the year.



(above) Sarah Kossor lighting one of the candles with guest speaker Susan M. Brooks, CEO of Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey.

## CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN KENILWORTH WITH "SONGS FROM THE FIELDS"

Nearly 100 people gathered at the Kenilworth Seniors' Center on Feb. 19 for Kenilworth's Black History Month Celebration, sponsored by the Kenilworth Historical Society. The event featured "Songs from the Fields," a presentation by James Thomas, founder and president of the U.S. Slave Song Project Inc., highlighting the history of U.S. slave songs, or spirituals. Members of Kenilworth's Union Baptist Church

and First Baptist Church enhanced the program by singing some of the spirituals that Thomas highlighted. The U.S. Slave Song Project, Inc., is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about authentic U.S. slave songs/ spirituals, which enabled African-American slaves to secretly communicate with one another, teach their children, record their history and heal their pain.



## ROCKVALE SHOPPING TRIP

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a bus trip to the Rockvale shopping outlets (Lancaster, Pa.) on Thurs., April 12. The trip will depart Kenilworth (S. 21st Street Municipal Parking Lot across from the Kenilworth Veterans Center) at 8 a.m. and return at approximately 8 p.m. Cost of \$40 includes motor coach transportation, approximately 6 hours of shopping time, a discount coupon booklet and a shopping outlet map.

Proceeds will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society's ongoing project to restore the local 19th-century Oswald J. Nitschke House and transform it into a "living history" museum and cultural arts center.

The Kenilworth Historical Society is an independent, volunteer-based, non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the research, preservation and interpretation of the Oswald J. Nitschke House, local history and culture. For details regarding the Kenilworth Historical Society, please visit the organization's Web site at [www.kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org)



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## MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY



Food historian and tea specialist Judith Krall-Russo will be the featured guest speaker at the "Mad Hatter's Tea Party" being presented by the Kenilworth Historical Society on Sat., May 5 (noon), at the Kenilworth Gospel Chapel, 103 South 23rd Street, Kenilworth. Admission is \$25. Advance reservations are required. For tickets, please call 908-709-0434 or 908-245-1467, or visit Especially Yours Florist at 13 North 20th Street, Kenilworth.

## HELEN AND JOHN FILIPPONE OF KENILWORTH CELEBRATING 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Helen and John Filippone of Kenilworth, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this April. They were married on April 28, 1962 at St. Benedict's Church in Newark and settled in Kenilworth to raise their family. Helen, formerly Ficzkko, was born in Newark, and graduated from East Side High School. She worked at Bristol Myers in Hillside in the accounting department, where she met John. She then became a full time mother to her four children.

John was born in Jersey City, and graduated from St. Peter's College in Jersey City and Farleigh Dickinson University in Madison with a M.A. in Accounting. He worked in the accounting department for Jersey Central Power and Light in Morristown, until his retirement.

Children of the couple are John, Jr. and Colleen Filippone, Kenilworth; Michael and Michele Filippone, Barnegat; Helen and John Best, Auburn, Georgia; and Michele and Gary Triano, Kenilworth.

They have eight grandchildren; Christopher, Michael, Amanda, Matthew, Daniel, Alyssa, Joseph, and Nathanael.

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# BOE 2012-13 ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET OVERVIEW

*Dr. Scott Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Kenilworth Public Schools*

At the March 26, 2012 public budget hearing, the Kenilworth Board of Education adopted the 2012-2013 annual school budget. The budget acknowledges both the concerns of the taxpayers and the children of Kenilworth; providing increased programs and educational opportunities while calling for no increase to the current expense tax levy. The budget takes into consideration the needs of both the Harding Elementary School and David Brearley Middle/High School programs and facilities.

The district's annual budget is a blueprint that reflects the community's goals for its schools. It addresses academics, extra-curricular activities and enrichment programs, special education, and support services such as busing, cafeteria and business operations.

An enriching educational and social environment is offered by the Kenilworth Public Schools. Our students are offered a broad range of educational opportunities seen at the finest schools in our country.

This year, due to the unstable economic future of the State and Nation, the district continued to reduce costs to non-instructional programs as a means to meet the mandatory budget cap and limit the tax impact to the community while maintaining essential educational programs for the students of the school district. Assisted by an increase in State Aid, the budget is considerably below the State mandated 2% budget cap, and as a result there is no need for further voter consideration in November 2012.

Some budget highlights include:

- No increase in the Current Expense Tax Levy.
- The employment of additional elementary teachers to maintain class size.
- Increased emphasis on Basic Skills Instruction to improve test scores.
- One of the lowest per pupil cost in Union County K-12 districts with enrollment of 1000 to 3500.
- Budget submitted at \$674,218 below the State Mandated Budget CAP.
- Expenditure increase of 2.30% above 2011-2012 adjusted budget.
- Establishment of an educational academy at the Brearley Middle/High School for high achieving students.
- Total anticipated expenditures: \$22,754,627

The Board of Education is committed to continuing to pursue the best education possible for the diverse group of young people in the district. A good public school system is a vital component to a successful community and must meet the needs of all of its students. The Board of Education feels that they have accomplished that this year and looks forward to implementing the 2012-2013 budget.

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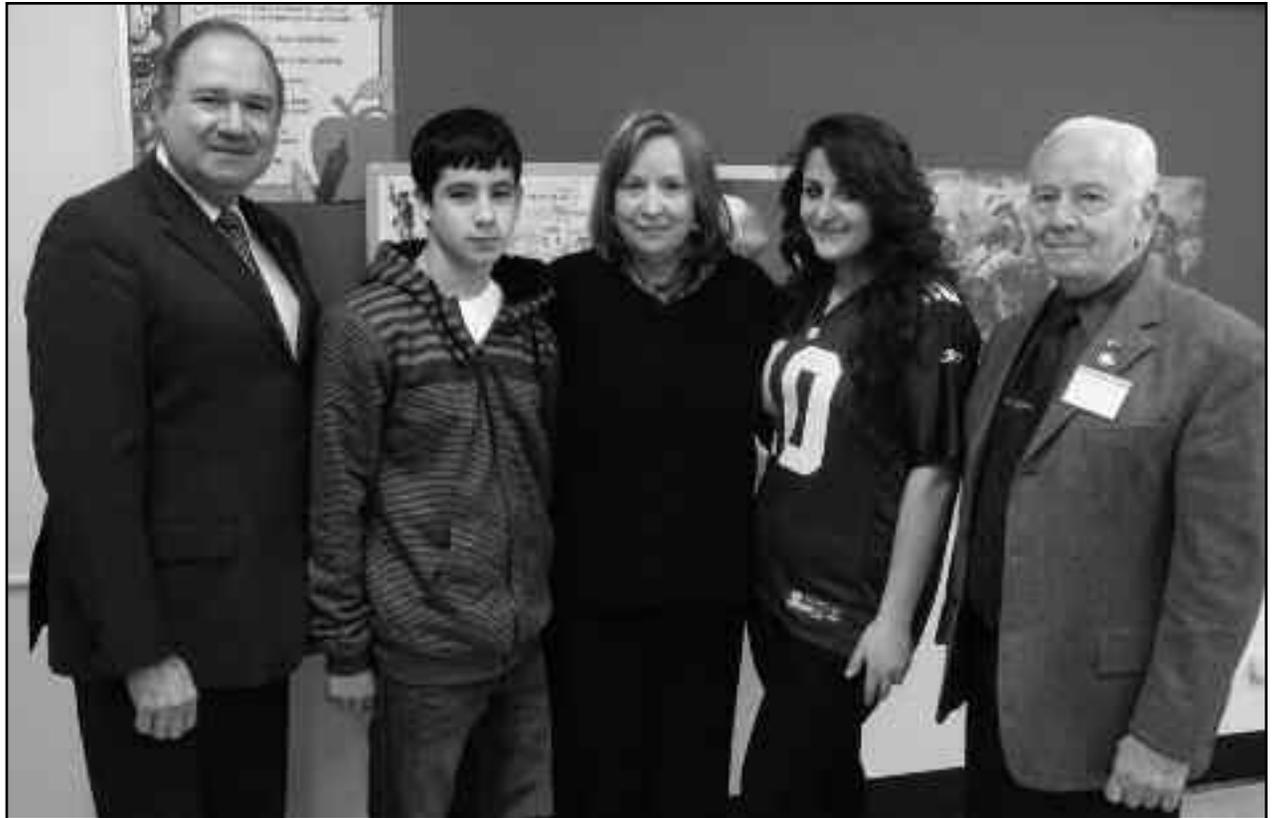
# DAVID BREARLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS LEARN FROM LOCAL HISTORIAN, FREEHOLDER AND SHERIFF

Submitted by: Mr. David Novak

On February 6th, 2012 Mrs. Westbrook's David Brearley Middle School United States History class were visited by Mrs. Dorteia Krihak, Union County Freeholder Angel Estrada, and the Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich. Mrs. Krihak is a former teacher and currently a very active local historian. She is also a member of a local group called the Friends of Black Brook Park. She enjoys speaking to groups about Union County and specifically the Kenilworth community's place and involvement in the Revolutionary War. She presented many facts about the war to the students and brought colorful illustrations that helped to enhance her presentation. Mrs. Krihak enhanced the students' understanding of United States History by encouraging them to appreciate local history as being part of the bigger picture. Also present for this informative lesson was Union County Freeholder Angel Estrada. Mr. Estrada emphasized that the students should be extremely proud of their community and to show it in everything that they do. He stated that the best way to exhibit community pride is to be involved in the community. Know what is going on in not only the world but also your local community. He also encouraged all students to be very proud of their origins, heritages, and backgrounds. "As an individual, it is nice to know about your background." The Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich is not only a major law enforcement

official and administrator but also a historian. The Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich presented to students the facts and history of the Union County Courthouse and a famous cemetery in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He related how famous the Union County Courthouse is both in legal history and in television history. A

huge "Thank You" goes out to these very generous guest lecturers. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to share your knowledge, experiences, and appetite for history, truth, and personal identity with the students and staff of the David Brearley Middle School.



(above, l-r): Union County Freeholder Angel Estrada, David Brearley Middle School student Tim Murphy, Mrs. Dorteia Krihak, David Brearley Middle School student Brianna Arcieri, and Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich.

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