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## NEXT CHAMBER EVENT

**JANUARY 14, 2009**  
**5:30 pm - 7:30pm**  
**BOULEVARD FIVE72**  
**572 BOULEVARD**

A free concert will be performed by the Kenilworth Middle School and High School bands on January 13, 2008 at 7:30 pm at David Brearley High School.

Registration for the library's winter reading programs for children is now underway. For information or to register for reading clubs or special events (listed on page 6), please call the library at 908 276-2451 or visit the library at 548 Boulevard.

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## BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENT AT BOULEVARD FIVE72

Businesses are invited to kick off the year with a networking event on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at Boulevard Five72 located at 572 Kenilworth Boulevard.

Boulevard Five72 is one of Kenilworth's newest gems and if you haven't had a chance to stop in and check out the food and drink, now is the time.

The invite will also go out to the 1,600 members of the gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce so it is a good

opportunity to meet prospective clients and customers looking for your service and products.

The networking event will feature hot gourmet hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The cost is just \$25.00 for chamber members and \$30 for non-members.

Pre-registrations are strongly recommended! Visit [www.GatewayChamber.com](http://www.GatewayChamber.com) to RSVP or call the Kenilworth Chamber office at 908-352-0900 for more information.

## KENILWORTH PBA #135 SILVER CARD ASSOCIATION DONATES MONEY TO LIBRARY TO REPLACE STOLEN FUNDS

In a scene more than a little reminiscent of the classic holiday film "It's a Wonderful Life", Kenilworth Police Sergeant Timothy Dowd and Kenilworth PBA #135 Silver Card Association member Robert W. Schielke presented a \$500 check to Kenilworth Library Director Dale Spindel as a reminder that the Borough of Kenilworth is indeed a small town with a big heart. Several weeks ago, it was reported in the local newspapers that a fundraising jug filled with approximately \$450 in coins and bills was stolen from the library's circulation desk, with the culprit going unapprehended. At the time, Spindel was quoted as saying that she was "angry, sad, disappointed and surprised" by the theft. However, as word of the theft spread, members of the community, many of whom had previously contributed to the jug, flocked to the library to make donations to replace what had been taken.

After a photo-op with an oversized version of the \$500 check, a still smiling Spindel said that she was now "elated, touched and more than a little overwhelmed" by this latest manifestation of generosity toward the library. Spindel explained that the donation would bring the library that much closer to buying a special piece of equipment for the children's department. "I've always considered myself fortunate to be working in a community that is as nice as Kenilworth and when something like this happens, it just reinforces my appreciation," Spindel added.

The Kenilworth Silver Card Association is a not for profit



(above, L to R) Kenilworth Police Sergeant Timothy Dowd, Kenilworth Library Director Dale Spindel, and Kenilworth PBA #135 Silver Card Association member Robert Schielke happily display an oversize version of the check presented to the Kenilworth Public Library to replace funds that were recently stolen from a collection jug on the library's circulation desk.

organization comprised of recipients of the highest honor that a civilian can receive from the NJ State PBA, a Silver Life Card. Members of the Silver Card Association are dedicated to furthering the ongoing charitable work of Local 135.

## KENILWORTH BEGINS 2009 WITH TWO NEW COUNCILMEN

Kenilworth Councilmen Lawrence Clementi and Anthony DeLuca both stepped down when the borough held its reorganization meeting on Wednesday January 7. DeLuca and Clementi both Democrats, won their seats on the Borough Council in 2005 when they made their initial run for office. Both men cited family reasons when they announced that they would not seek a second term in office.

Their seats on the Borough Council were filled by Republicans Scott Klinder and Kevin Leary who were sworn in on January 7 along with Councilman Salvatore Candarella who was reelected to fill the remainder on an unexpired term.

Councilman Sal Candarella is a small business owner. Councilman Candarella also serves as Chair of the Planning, Zoning and Ordinance Committees, and as a member of the Finance Committee. Prior to joining Council, he was a member of the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment. He is also an active member of many community organizations. Councilman Candarella is a past Grand Knight and former trustee of the Kenilworth Knights of Columbus. Sal, his wife Darlene and son, Marc Antony are Parishioners of St. Theresa's Church.

Councilman Scott Klinder was born and raised in Kenilworth. He is a Lieutenant and is the Northern Regional Commander of the NJ State Park Police. Councilman

Klinder has served as a member of the Kenilworth Rescue Squad and the Hudson County Anti-Terrorism Task Force and is a former President of the NJ State Park Police Union.

Councilman Kevin Leary is a lifelong resident of Kenilworth. He is a self employed political consultant and he is a former Congressional aide to Congressman Mike Ferguson. Councilman Leary has served on the Kenilworth Municipal Planning Board and Board of Adjustment. He is a parishioner of St. Theresa's church and is a second degree Knight with the Kenilworth Knights of Columbus.



(above, l-r) Councilmen Kevin Leary, Scott Klinder and Salvatore Candarella

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## MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

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It doesn't seem possible that a year has passed already. With the help of many wonderful people, I have really enjoyed my role as Mayor. It has been challenging, of course, but I can sincerely say that I would not have traded one minute of it.

This past month was truly rewarding, especially with the Borough's Christmas celebration at the beginning of December. A large number of children came to share breakfast with Santa. Santa arrived on a fire engine courtesy of the KFD and spent the morning handing each child a toy and posing for a photo. Many thanks to Ron Knecht for his portrayal of the "big man". We also extend our thanks to Subplace Else, the Kenilworth Diner, Restaurant Depot and Bagels 4 U for their generous donations to the children's breakfast.

I also thank the Pride in Kenilworth Committee, chaired by Marie Condo, and the Recreation Committee for all their hard work in putting the day together, and the Girl Scouts, Brownies, Cub Scouts, St. Theresa's Children's Choir and Susan Dougerty for the evening's entertainment.

On January 7, 2009, at the Borough's Reorganization Meeting, we will present the first annual Employee and Volunteer of the Year Awards. Our first ever Employee of the Year is Ellen Johns, who works in the Construction Department. Ellen brightens up the office with her ever-present smile and her helpful assistance to everyone who walks through the door.

Our volunteer of the year is John Beninati, who has served as a member of the Planning Board since 1996. For the past 12 years, John has acted as the unpaid Secretary to the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment seeing that the Boards' business goes smoothly and professionally. He is retiring from the Board on December 31, 2008 and he will be missed. We thank him for all of his hard work and wish him well.

I hope that everyone has a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

*Mayor Kathi Fiamingo*

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH

All meetings are held in Council Chambers at Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.

**JANUARY 14 & 28** - Regular Meeting  
to start at 8:00 PM

### UPCOMING PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings are held at Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.

**JANUARY 22** - Regular Meeting  
to start at 7:00 PM

### KENILWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION

All meetings are held in the Board Conference Room at David Brearley Middle/High School at 401 Monroe Avenue.

**JANUARY 12** - Regular Meeting  
to start at 7:30 pm

### CHAMBER CORRESPONDENCE

*Hi Ms Conroy,  
I am an employee at Schering-Plough.  
I am writing to you to ask if it would be possible to get a copy of the publication that is published by the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce.  
I had attended the Taste of Kenilworth at my job and enjoyed every minute. Since then I have taken my parents to three of the restaurants featured that evening.  
Thank you very much,  
.....Happy Holidays  
Cheryl Vaughn*

*Kenilworth's Rotary Club  
meets at the Kenilworth Inn,  
located at South 31st St. and the Boulevard  
each Wednesday  
for lunch at 12:15 pm.*

*The Kenilworth Business Life welcomes news and press releases from the community. To submit your news email: [info@gatewaychamber.com](mailto:info@gatewaychamber.com) or call 908-418-5586.*

## GATEWAY CHAMBER EVENTS

- 1/8 NETWORKING PROFESSIONALS OF NEW JERSEY**  
7:30am Perkins of Green Brook, Green Brook, NJ
- 1/8 WORKFORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
8:45am Gateway Chamber First Floor Conference Room, Elizabeth, NJ
- 1/9 LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
8:30am Plainfield City Hall
- 1/14 KENILWORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
5:30pm Boulevard Five72, Kenilworth, NJ
- 1/15 GATEWAY ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS WOMEN**  
11:45am La Casa di Martino, Roselle Park, NJ
- 1/20 IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
6:00pm Crowne Plaza Hotel, Clark, NJ
- 1/21 EMPLOYER LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
8:00am Lana's Fine Dining, Cranford, NJ
- 1/22 SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
8:30am OEM, Springfield, NJ
- 1/23 SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING**  
8:00am Royce Brook Golf & Country Club, Hillsborough, NJ
- 1/27 LINDEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
8:30am Hampton Inn @ Aviation Plaza, Linden, NJ
- 1/27 97TH ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER**  
6:00pm Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel, Elizabeth, NJ
- 1/28 CLARK CHAMBER MEETING**  
8:30am Clark Public Library, Clark, NJ
- 1/29 72ND ANNUAL WALK TO WASHINGTON**  
Train departs Newark Penn Station at 11:00am

# IT TAKES A LOT TO KEEP SCOUTS RUNNING

Submitted by Chris Strum

Providing an active program that engages boys' love of the outdoors, trains them properly, and sees to character development takes a lot of hard work and time. It also takes capital. Typically, Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops are self-supporting, and must engage in

fund raising projects a few times each year. The funds go to pay for registration fees, pack or troop equipment, trips and activities, and donations and service projects.

With twenty or so Scouts and a full slate of outdoor and other activities, Troop 73 has a

number of expenses. Keeping up with equipment is an ongoing concern. Tents, for instance, wear out, and they cost about \$300 each. To meet our needs, we do three major fund raisers each year: Boy Scout Popcorn, Christmas wreaths, and Easter palm crosses.

But fundraising for Scouting goes beyond the troop or pack level. Regional BSA councils and the National Council also need funding to pursue their goals. Scout camps, outreach programs, regional and national events, publications, and public relations are just some of the areas in which donation monies are used. The Boy Scouts of America is about to celebrate its 99th birthday in February, and these donations are needed more than ever. Anyone who has ever worn a Scout uniform or anyone who understands the value of Scouting to our society can make a donation through the Friends of Scouting program. Just contact Patriots' Path Council to find out how you can make a difference.



(left) Scouts and leaders withstand the cold and wind to sell Christmas wreaths at St. James church.

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# SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUB 44TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Kenilworth Senior Citizens Club celebrated their 44th Annual Christmas Party at the Westwood in Garwood, NJ on December 12, 2008. The festive occasion was marked by dancing and entertainment by Bop Tyme DJ & Dance.



(above) Mayor Kathi Fiamingo swore in 2009 club officers Barbara Morison, President, Ernie Hammer, 1st Vice Pres., Ed Hill, 2nd Vice Pres., Rita Iannarilli, Recording Secretary, Millie Hammer, Corresponding Secretary, Flo Tuozzolo, Treasurer, Dottie Keyes, Asst. Treasurer, Joe Matturro, Sergeant At Arms and Ann Hill, Trustee.



(left) Borough Clerk Hedy Lipke with gift basket donated by Mastapeter Funeral Home.



(above, l-r) Ann Marie Hafeken (Senior Citizen van driver) and Paulette Drogan (Welfare Dir. and Senior Citizen Program Dir.)

## SANTA EXPRESS DELIVERS OVER 500 TOYS

The members of the Kenilworth Fire Department and Rescue Squad Santa Express helped Santa deliver over 500 toys this holiday.



## SANTA & MRS. CLAUS VISIT KENILWORTH

This past Christmas season the Kenilworth Butification Committee, in conjunction with the Recreation Department, invited Santa and Mrs. Claus to Kenilworth for breakfast and a morning of fun. Each child had the opportunity to have their picture taken with Santa and spend some quality time with Mrs. Claus.

(right) Santa's Kenilworth helpers pose for a photo with him at the end of a busy and well attended event.



(above) Mrs. Claus was on hand for storytelling & crafts.

(right) Mayor Kathi Fiamingo pitched in as Santa's little helper.



(left) Residents were treated to a horse and buggy ride through the streets of Kenilworth.



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# BEARS THAT CARE GROUP IS STEEP IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Bears That Care group was started about 10 years ago by teacher Diane Westbrook. It is a community focused group that engages students in grades 9-12. There are 120 members in the 2008/2009 school year. Among the activities the group sponsors are pet food drives, toy drives which benefit local families and about three canned food drives a year for St. Theresa's food pantry.

This year the group started a scholarship walk, which is scheduled around Thanksgiving called the Turkey Trot. The members walked the Brearley track the day before Thanksgiving, and collected donations for the amount of times they walked the track. About 40 kids participated, and \$624.43 was raised. Said Ms. Westbrook "I was so thrilled to see such an amount for the first year!". The scholarship will benefit seniors who are members of Bears That Care.

The group does many projects, but Ms. Westbrook says that their Grandfriends program is one most near and dear to their hearts. The students visit the senior citizens at their center at

Christmastime, and host the seniors at Brearley in the spring and have an Easter egg hunt, or a bingo game, and the members of Bears and Bruins that Care, bake and entertain the senior citizens for the afternoon.

The group also does a spirit week at Brearley, when the kids have special days to acknowledge and thank different people at the school. There is a Principal and Vice Principal's day, a Custodians day, a Librarians day, a Nurses day, etc. It is a way for the students to realize that

many people work hard all year to make Brearley a great school. It teaches respect. The Bears that Care also dedicated a memorial garden some years back, to a custodian that died at a very young age. If you visit Brearley you will see it on the side of the building.

This very active group has a car wash which is their major fundraiser for the year. The members all work hard on a Saturday in October to raise the funds for their projects during the year.



(above) Students performed Christmas tunes.



(above) A holiday cake was decorated by Samantha Bradley from the A&P Bakery.



(above, l-r) Senior December Birthday people Arleen Vetter, Arlene Branagan, Barbara Ragone and John Genega.



(above, l-r) Ann and Ed Hill look on to see what Arleen Vetter won in the hot potato game.



(above, l-r) John Matturro, Edith Caravello and Helen Carolon served up the cake.

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# LIBRARY PROGRAMS



## LIBRARY B-DAY BOOK RAFFLE

Jennifer Santos, age 8 of Kenilworth displays the book she won in the November raffle.

The Kenilworth Public Library recently announced the winners of the November 2008 Birthday Book Raffle: Christian Moss, age 3 of Kenilworth and Jennifer Santos, age 8 of Kenilworth. Each child received a new book as their prize.

Children, ages 3 through 12 years old, may enter the Birthday Book Raffle during the month of their birthday. Two winners are selected to receive a new book each month.

To enter the raffle, visit the library at 548 Boulevard.

### AWARD WINNING CRIME FICTION WRITER TO VISIT LIBRARY

Awarding winning crime fiction writer Dave White will be the special guest at the next meeting of the Kenilworth Public Library's book discussion group, to take place January 27 at 7:15 PM in the library's activity room. The topic of discussion will be White's first novel, *When a Man Dies*. Nominated for the Shamus Award for best first novel, *When a Man Dies* introduces the reader to Jackson Donne, a NJ cop turned private investigator who feels impelled to investigate the death of drinking buddy Gerry Figueroa in what appears to have been a simple hit and run. New York Times bestselling author Laura Lippman has described White as "a fresh, vital voice energizing the private-eye novel."

Participation in the book discussion group is free and open to all adult members of the general public, including people who reside in communities other than Kenilworth. Previous experience with a book group is not required and new members are always welcome. Because space is limited, pre-registration is requested and can be done in person or by calling the library at 908 276-2451 during regular library hours. More information about the library can be found at [www.kenilworthlibrary.org](http://www.kenilworthlibrary.org). The Kenilworth Public Library is located at 548 Boulevard.

### CHILDREN'S WINTER READING PROGRAM BEGINS JANUARY 5

Reading clubs include "Mommy, Daddy & Me" for ages 2-5; "I Can Read" for ages 6-8 and "Club Readsalot" for ages 9-12. Children registered in these book clubs can earn special prizes based on the number of books they read.

The winter schedule of regular library programming for children is as follows:

#### TODDLER TIME (FOR 2 YEAR OLDS)

- Registration is required  
To be held on the following Wednesdays from 10:30 to 10:50 AM  
January 7, 14, 21 & 28; February 4, 11 & 18.

#### STORY TIME (FOR AGES 3 & UP)

- Registration is required  
Morning and Afternoon sessions to be held on the following Thursdays from 10:15-10:45 AM & 3:30-4:00 PM  
January 8, 15, 22 & 29; February 5, 12 & 19

#### BINGO FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

- No registration required  
Fridays: 3:30 - 4:00 PM  
January 9 & 23; February 6 & 20

#### BINGO FOR CHILDREN WHO CAN READ

- Fridays: 3:30-4:00 PM  
January 16 & 30; February 13

#### READING CLUBS INCLUDE:

- "MOMMY, DADDY & ME" FOR AGES 2-5;
- "I CAN READ" FOR AGES 6-8
- "CLUB READSALOT" FOR AGES 9-12.

Children registered in these book clubs can earn special prizes based on the number of books they read.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS FOR AGES 4 AND UP

- Pre-registration is required Kenilworth residents may register 1 week prior to the event. Out of town residents may register 2 days prior to the event if space permits.

#### WINTER CRAFT

Saturday, January 17,  
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#### VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFT

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# THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT EVER

On Tuesday, December 17, 2008, St. Theresa's School in Kenilworth held their annual Christmas Show. Students from Pre-K3 through 2nd grade performed in a Christmas show titled, "Christmas at Bethlehem Gulch".

Mrs. Christine McCarthy directed as well as choreographed the event.

The story was about a group of children, who had mistakenly chosen a sheep ranch instead of a horse and cattle ranch for their Christmas celebration. The ranch owner played by 2nd grader Giovanna Caruso shared the message of our Lord teaching the children the best Christmas gift ever... Jesus.

The play utilized wonderful "old Western" dialog complete with attire and lots of singing and dancing. It was a rip roarin' toe tapping, knee slapping performance enjoyed by all.



(above, l-r) Mary and Joseph played by Madelyn Duffy and Zander Reyes.



(above, l-r) Ranch hands and lamb played by Christopher Scalice, Giovanna Caruso, Madeline Salvadore, and Hannah Stevens.

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