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10TH STREET LIVE TO HOLD RIBBON CUTTING AND OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, April 14th 2012 will witness the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony at "10th Street Live" in Kenilworth. The newly renovated venue, located at 104 N. 10th Street, has made fast progress in establishing itself as the premier spot for "Music, Food, & Drink" in the area. Kenilworth Mayor Kathi Fiamingo will perform the honors of cutting the ribbon.

The bar formerly known as "Apples" was purchased over the summer and given a complete facelift from top to bottom. Construction on "10th Street Live" was completed in November, and little by little the surrounding community has come into its doors to experience first hand the plan to transform the establishment from another local bar to a full service pub and grill that caters to many different demographics.

There is a deep respect and passion for the arts within the facility. In 2009, the owners at 10th Street Live opened "Soundwaves Recording Studio" in Union, which has been host to creative projects from many areas of the arts. "Little Steven" Van Zandt chose Soundwaves to launch his video project "Fuzztopia," which over time has hosted over 50 bands and songwriters. Most recently, Hollywood Records artists "Allstar Weekend" completed production on an upcoming EP.

Soundwaves also features rehearsal studios that are booked solid on most nights. The artists had a constant gripe: "there is nowhere around here to make an honest buck doing what we love." The purchase of "Apples" was made in response of this desire.

There are four partners in this venture, all of which are life-long residents of Cranford and Springfield. Bobby Vetter and Steven Blau have been in business together for the better part of a decade. Their other businesses are in construction and delivery services respectively. Tommy Stratton and Kevin Bryan were brought into the mix at the inception of the Soundwaves project. They came in as music industry



(above, l-r) Barmaid Erin Leonard and Manager Ryan McNulty lean on the newly designed bar made from the original from Apples. Half of the bar was recycled and serves as trim and wood accents throughout the club.

veterans, spending their coming of age traveling around the world performing and recording albums with their band "Socratic." Their insight into the music business, combined with the business experience of Vetter and Blau has emerged into a truly unique and productive partnership. They also strive to have a family-oriented attitude in all of their decisions, oftentimes relying on their seven collective children and families when deciding how to move forward. This philosophy has gone a long way towards providing the community with a positive place to spend time, and the reception from the community has been nothing but positive since the project began.

Currently, live music can be enjoyed at 10th Street Live almost every day. The schedule is up on the website at 10thstreetlive.com.

The event on Saturday April 14th is open to the public, and all are encouraged to come. Festivities run from 3pm – 6pm. Please call (908) 272-2664 for more information.

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MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

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Congratulations are in order for the winners of the Kenilworth Recreation Department's 2012 Cupcake Wars: 1st thru 3rd Grade winner, Rylee Corvelli; 4th thru 6th Grade winner, Alyssa Corvelli; 7th thru 10th grade winner, Heather Braun and 11th thru adult winner, Lori Ann Krawczyk. The contest was a great success with dozens of entries. The creativity of all of the bakers was fantastic and the cupcakes were delicious! Judging was a sweet pleasure!

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on March 31 at 11:00 a.m. at the Harding School fields, with a rain date of April 1. The Easter Bunny promised me that the hunt will not begin a minute before 11:00 a.m. this year. Please check the Recreation Department web site to get further information about the pre-hunt activities which will be scheduled.

Many thanks to Pat Boyle and the members of the Recreation Committee for all of the hard work that they do and for coming up with creative and fun activities for young and old alike. Anyone interested in volunteering for the Recreation Committee should contact Pat Boyle, the Recreation Director.

As we look forward to spring, we can be thankful (so far) for the mild winter. We all know that the northeast is famous for its March blizzards, so we are not counting any chickens just yet. We can only hope that Mother Nature will be treating us kindly this year. With the cost of fuel continually on the rise, this one reprieve is greatly appreciated.

With Spring comes the opening of the Little League field. The Little League parade will take place on April 15th. The annual parade will once again start out at St. Theresa's parking lot, and will march down the Boulevard to the field on 14th Street. Come out and cheer on the players!

This year's Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society will be held on June 2 at 7:00 p.m. through June 3 at 7:00 a.m. If you participated in last year's event you know how moving and satisfying the Relay event was. If you would like to register a team, or just learn more about the Relay please visit www.relayforlife.org/kenilworth. I urge you to participate in relay in some way. You will not be sorry for having done so.

Even if you don't form a team for Relay, I highly recommend that you visit the high school during the Relay, if even for a short while. You will see many people, young and old, raising money for cancer research and celebrating the lives of cancer survivors. It is inspiring to see so many people coming together for one cause.

On March 25th, I will be hosting the Mayor's Easter Food Drive. It will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 550 Boulevard. Please stop by with a non-perishable food item or other pantry staple. We will have light refreshments to thank everyone who drops off any food item. All items will be donated to the local food pantry for distribution to needy residents.

Mayor Kathi Fiamingo

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MARCH 13 & 27, 2012

Work Sessions to start at 7:30 p.m. in the right hand Meeting Room, Second Floor.

MARCH 14 & 28, 2012

Regular Meeting to start at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

Please call the clerk for schedule 908-276-9090

KENILWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION

All meetings begin at 7:30 pm and are held in the Board Conference Room at David Brearley Middle/High School at 401 Monroe Avenue.

MARCH 13, 2012

Regular Meeting

KenilworthBusinessLife.com
 The website features up to date articles, a calendar of events, archives of LIL, photo albums, and advertisements. Businesses and residents are encouraged to submit items for publication through the site.

FREE RABIES VACCINATION PROGRAM

The Kenilworth Health Department has announced that it will provide free Rabies shots on Sunday, March 11 from 1pm to 3pm at the Kenilworth Fire Department, located at 491 Washington Avenue. All dogs must be on a short leash. Aggressive dogs must be muzzled and under control. Cats must be confined to a carrier. Please bring sanitary supplies for clean-up in case of any accidents. Any pet involved in a bite will be placed in quarantine as required by law. Please address any questions regarding past vaccination records to the Kenilworth Health Department. (908) 276-2740.

ROTARY CLUB

Kenilworth Rotary Club, which has been serving the needs of Kenilworth for 65 years as part of Rotary International whose motto is "Service Above Self", is proud to announce that its new website is up and running. The club meets weekly on Wednesdays at 12:15 for lunch and a program and is looking for ambitious and energetic new members who are community minded and service oriented to join. If you live or work in or around Kenilworth, NJ Please view www.kenilworthnjrotary.org or call Club President Sylvan Hershey at 908-276-1644 ext 515 for more information.

NEWBREED MOTORSPORTS OPENS ON FAIRFIELD AVE



Newbreed Motorsports was established in October 2011 by owner operator Michael Nigro. The auto repair shop is located at 715 Fairfield Avenue in Kenilworth, NJ. The shop specializes in repairing and replacing engines and transmissions in European Cars. Nigro is a specialist and is a certified mechanic for Volkswagen, Audi and Porsche. He applies his experience in high performance engines with the same intensity to working on standard engine cars. Appointments for service can be made by calling 908-400-8897.

(left) Michael Nigro, a new addition to the Kenilworth business community, is pictured with his dog Luna, a Cane Corso Italiano a.k.a. Italian Mastiff.

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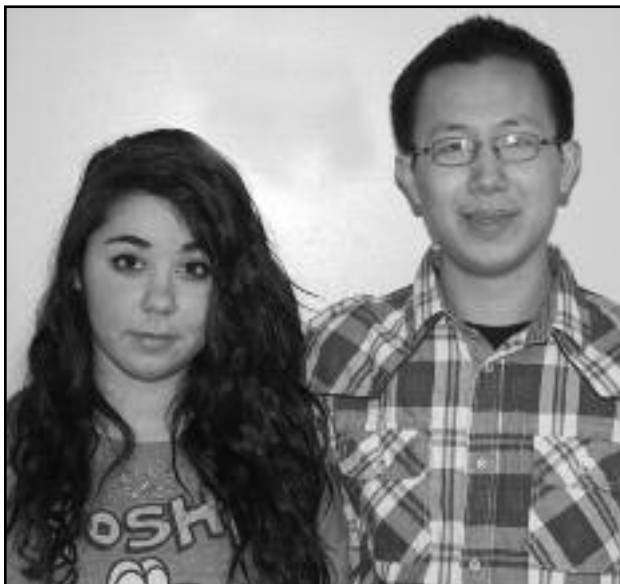
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(above) Angela Amorium and Kevin Yeung.

DAVID BREARLEY MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL FEB 2012 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Submitted by: Mr. David Novak

The David Brearley High School Student of the Month for February 2012 is senior Kevin Yeung. Kevin is a high grade point average ranking student at Brearley who achieves honor roll status almost every marking period. In the student led Peer Tutoring Program he shares his expertise in math and science by tutoring his peers every Wednesday after school. Kevin is the Treasurer of the David Brearley Chapter of the National Honor Society. Kevin is also active in the Peer Leadership Club and the Bears that Care Charity Club. Congratulations, Kevin!

The David Brearley Middle School Student of the Month for February 2012 is Angela Amorim. She possesses special leadership qualities that carry over into her classes. Angela is described by her teachers to be kind and helpful towards her peers. She is confident, hardworking and has an exemplary work ethic. She consistently turns in all of her classes' assignments on time. Angela is always willing to do way above average and often perfect work. Her drive is exceptional. In addition to her being a very successful student, she holds the Office of President of the David Brearley Middle School Student Council. She takes this job very seriously. Being a member of your Middle School Student Council is an honor. It is also a position of responsibility. It is very likely that the members of this council will be future leaders in our community or government. Congratulations Angela on becoming David Brearley Middle School's Student of the Month!

'SOUP'S ON' SOUP-TASTING EVENT

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a soup-tasting event on Tues., March 6, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Kenilworth Seniors' Center, 526 Boulevard, Kenilworth, N.J. This popular annual event – "Soup's On" – will give participants the opportunity to taste a variety of favorite homemade soups, along with assorted breads and desserts. Admission is \$12. Tickets must be purchased in advance, as seating is limited. Please call 908-245-1467 or 908-709-0434 for information/reservations.


SPRING TRIP TO ROCKVALE OUTLETS

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.

Rockvale features more than 100 outlet stores offering up to 75 percent off retail prices on popular brand names – plus additional discounts daily. There is no sales tax on clothing and shoes.

There will be complimentary door prizes. For further information and reservations, please call 908-709-0391 or 908-709-0434. As space is limited on this popular trip, it is suggested that reservations be made early to ensure availability. Gift certificates are available.

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A MAJOR STUDY SHOWS TEACHERS INFLUENCE MORE THAN JUST ACADEMIC LEARNING

Dr. Scott Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Kenilworth Public Schools

A January 6, 2012 New York Times article titled "Big Study Links Good Teachers to Lasting Gain" highlighted the important points of a major new study, the likes of which have not been seen since the late 1960s, that shows just how much of a positive impact good teachers can have on children's growth. The study concluded that elementary and middle-school teachers who help raise their students' standardized-test scores have a wide-ranging, lasting positive effect on those students' lives beyond academics, including lower teenage-pregnancy rates and greater college matriculation and adult earnings.

This study tracked 2.5 million students over 20 years and was conducted by Raj Chetty and John N. Friedman of Harvard University and Jonah E. Rockoff of Columbia University. The researchers concluded, "Overall, our study shows that great teachers create great value." This value is as much the propensity for good teachers to improve social and emotional habits as they do academic growth. In other words, the better the teacher, the more likely the child will mature as a confident, independent, and productive adult.

Kenilworth's school district recognizes the

impact of this study. One of the district's six long-term initiatives focuses squarely on cultivating great teachers. Who we hire matters, but how we develop our talent matters just as much. This initiative calls for high-quality professional development. Six half-days and three full days of targeted training have only the most experienced and noted practitioners and scholars in our field facilitating workshops. On February 16, 2012, two noted professors from New Jersey City University (Dr. Christopher Shamburg and Dr. Laura Zieger) led our teachers into the new frontier of instructional technology. Kristine Gibson, widely recognized throughout the state as an expert on standardized test preparation, showed participants how they could calm their students' fears and promote the stamina they'll need when they take the NJASK and HSPA exams in the spring. Bob Fitzpatrick, the 2007 National Association for Sport and Physical Education Teacher of the Year, engaged the entire district physical education team in a workshop all about personal wellness titled, "Lifetime Fitness Skills to Improve the Quality of Your Teaching."

The bottom line is that our community's schools recognize the power of great teaching

and its leaders are cognizant of the need to take our talent to a world class level by providing them world class professional development. There are few quick fixes that can help children evolve into happy and productively independent adults; the most basic and fundamental asset we have with which to improve the lives of our students is our faculty.

I encourage our community to follow the school district on twitter (twitter.com/hpschools) and to visit the Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development area of the district's website (click the "Departments" link) to download more information about the six core initiatives that frame our march toward excellence.



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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM WILL CELEBRATE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA CENTENNIAL

-- Guest Speaker Susan M. Brooks, CEO, Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey --

The 100-year history of Girl Scouts of the USA and the organization's positive influence in the development of contemporary female leaders will be celebrated during a Women's History Month program hosted by the Kenilworth Historical Society on Wed., March 14.

The general public is invited to attend the event, which will take place at the Kenilworth Seniors' Center, 526 Boulevard, Kenilworth, N.J., starting at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

Guest speaker Susan M. Brooks, Chief

Executive Officer of Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey, will highlight the history of Girl Scouts of the USA and discuss the continued relevance of the organization's mission in present-day culture. Her featured presentation, "Girl Scouts: A Century of Forward Leadership," will demonstrate how Girl Scouts of the USA helps girls develop leadership skills and other attributes that give them courage, confidence and character to relate well to others and make the world a better place. A display of Girl Scout memorabilia will enhance the program, which is appropriate for all age groups.

Members of Kenilworth Girl Scout Troop 40407, with whom the Kenilworth Historical Society is partnering in commemorating the Girl Scouts of the USA Centennial throughout 2012, will perform an inspiring candlelight ceremony portraying the principles and values upon which the Girl Scout Promise and Girl Scout Law are based.

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

Brooks has served as Chief Executive Officer of Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey since 2008. Among her many achievements, she led the merger of three legacy Girl Scout councils into one, which now serves girls in Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Somerset and Union counties as well as in portions of Middlesex and Warren counties. Prior to joining Girl Scouts of the USA, Brooks was employed by Motorola as director of customer advocacy, training and

technical publications. Previously, she held various executive positions with AT&T.

Brooks holds B.A. degrees in English, advertising and communications from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., and a master's degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix. Additionally, she completed the Duke University Fuqua School of Business Advanced Management Program.

Brooks is a recipient of a Garden State 2012 Woman of the Year award for Youth Leadership and Development. She is a member of the Newark Regional Business Partnership; Somerset County Business Partnership; Newark Goodwill Works! Business Advisory Council; Liberty Science Center Women's Leadership Council; and Champion's Board for the Garden State Girls STEM Collaborative Project (the N.J. offshoot of the National Girls Collaborative Project). She formerly served for nine years on the national USO Board of Governors.

Founded by Juliette Gordon Low in March 1912, the youth movement now known as Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's preeminent leadership development organization for girls. With 3.2 million girl and adult members worldwide, Girl Scouts of the USA aims to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. In addition to serving girls of kindergarten through high school age in the United States and its territories, Girl Scouts of the USA serves American girls and their classmates attending American or international schools overseas in 90 countries.

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Time is of the essence for Kenilworth resident Michael Capizzano as the need for a new kidney is quickly becoming a dire situation with each passing day.

Michael, age 45, was diagnosed in his early 30's with an inherited disorder of polycystic kidneys. No one in the immediate family is a suitable match. He will have to start dialysis shortly if a kidney donor is not found. The waiting list for blood type 0 is 5 years or more. Michael has been on the transplant list for 2 years. He is working with Allison McCabe, RN, BSN at the Transplant Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Michael's spirits remain strong. There are only optimistic thoughts. So the Capizzano Family is reaching out to the public hoping

someone might be willing to donate a kidney and help save Michael's life.

A prospective donor would first need to have 0 blood type, then would go through further testing to make sure they are truly compatible. Michael's medical plan would cover any medical charges incurred by the donor.

Michael grew up in Kenilworth and currently lives there with his wife Renee, daughters Michelle and Christine and son James. Michael is involved in the town's recreation girls' basketball and softball teams.

If anyone is interested in becoming a donor please contact Allison McCabe by calling 732.253.3353 or 732.253.3699 option 2. You can also email Allison.McCabe@rwjh.edu or on Facebook Kidney for CAP.



(above l-r) Michael Capizzano and his wife, Renee; sitting in front l-r children Christine, Michelle and James.

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The Gallery on the Boulevard at the Kenilworth Public Library will present "Discovering Watercolours" a collection of paintings by Jeanne Lucas, beginning March 5 through April 30. Born and raised in England, Lucas studied drawing and sketching in high school but only became serious about studying art again after she came to the United States in 2004. After having enrolled in drawing and oil painting classes at Union County College, Lucas also discovered additional opportunities for study in Roselle and it was here that she realized her true love was for watercolour. Subsequently, her watercolour painting of a scene in Venice at dusk was awarded third prize in the Union County Senior Art contest.

Artists and photographers interested in having their work displayed at the Gallery on the Boulevard can contact Library Director Dale Spindel for more information.

NEXT BOOK CLUB SELECTION

The book group of the Kenilworth Public Library will meet at 7:15 on Tuesday, April 10, to discuss *Tinkers*, by Paul Harding. Winner of the 2010 Pulitzer prize for fiction, *Tinkers* introduces the reader to an old man named George Washington Crosby, a one-time repairer of clocks and watches, as he lays dying. Caught up in his delirium, Crosby's thoughts return to his harsh Maine childhood and memories of his father, an epileptic, itinerant peddler. Although the subject matter is somber, *Tinkers* is described in its liner notes as being "at once heartbreaking and life affirming ... an elegiac meditation on love, loss, and the fierce beauty of nature."

Participation in the book discussion group is free and open to adult members of the general public, including residents of communities other than Kenilworth. No previous experience with a book group is required and new members are always welcome. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk for checkout and non-residents are encouraged to inquire regarding how they may be eligible for Kenilworth library borrowing privileges.

KENILWORTH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Located at 548 Boulevard. Library website is www.kenilworthlibrary.org.

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.

POLICY TO CHANGE REGARDING UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN

Effective March 1, children under the age of ten will not be allowed admission to the Kenilworth Public Library unless they are accompanied by a responsible adult or designated teenaged babysitter. Previously, library policy restricted attendance by unattended children to those under the age of eight.

According to Library Director Dale Spindel, the change in policy was instituted out of concern for the safety of Kenilworth's children. She pointed out that many parents who instruct their children to come to the library after school may not be aware of the fact that members of the library staff are not responsible for keeping their children from leaving the building, even if specifically requested to do so by a parent. Said Spindel, "While a small number of younger children may be sufficiently mature to handle being in the library for one or more hours after school gets out, there are many others for whom it is difficult at the end of the day to submit to another hour or two of sitting quietly and doing homework, especially when they know that no one will stop them from walking out the door and wandering the Boulevard." "By raising the age for unattended children to ten, the Board of Trustees wants to make it absolutely clear to parents that the library should not be regarded as a practical alternative to after school day care for children who are young enough to require a

constant supervisory eye," she added. Spindel also pointed out that, on a case by case basis, children above the age of ten who require repeated reprimands from library staff members may also be required to visit the library with adult supervision.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LUKE & SARA



(above, left, right) Luke Mercurio, age 5 and Sara Cortesao, age 12, both from Kenilworth.

The Kenilworth Public Library recently announced Luke Mercurio, age 5, and Sara Cortesao, age 12, both of Kenilworth, were the winners of their monthly Birthday Book Raffle. 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 at 548 Boulevard

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KENILWORTH LIBRARY PRESENTS FRANK VERDE

“MY STORY: THE ROAD FROM NEWSPAPERMAN TO EBOOK AUTHOR,”

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.

Having grown up in Elizabeth and earning a bachelor of arts in journalism from the University of South Carolina, Verde worked as both a news and sports writer and editor at several New Jersey newspapers including the Elizabeth Daily Journal, the News Tribune of Woodbridge, the Press of Atlantic City, the Asbury Park Press and the Star-Ledger.

Concerned about the path he saw traditional print journalism heading down, Verde decided to trade that life in for the more solitary pursuit of writing fiction. Writing from personal experience, Verde has completed Devil's Hollow, a mystery set in a fictional New Jersey town, One Christmas Knight, a holiday themed novella also set in New Jersey, and Star Camp, a novel written for middle school readers. He is currently working on Gun to My Head, which is a light story regarding a near death experience set in the world of professional baseball.

Verde's presentation at the library will include both a discussion of his experience as a journalist who dealt in facts and how he was able to transition into becoming a writer of fiction. Verde will also discuss his experience



(above, l-r) Author Frank Verde chats with Library Director Dale about publishing his first three books.

with getting his book into print including why he eventually turned to Amazon.com to publish his work as e-books, and what he needed to do to make this happen.

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.

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Friends February membership drive is currently underway, with a basic membership costing as little as \$5.00. Money raised by the Friends is donated to the library to help cover a variety of expenses; members may also volunteer to assist staff members at special library events or programs. Friends of the Library membership applications are available at the Kenilworth Public Library.



(above) Friends of the Kenilworth Library President Dolores Graham (center) is flanked by Friends member Lucille Lucadema (left) and Friends Vice President/ Secretary Barbara Morison (right) as they relax in the library's comfortable new reading chairs, two of which were purchased for the library by the Friends.



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GATEWAY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NAMES 2011 BUSINESSES OF THE YEAR

What recession? Three Union County businesses that ignored the economic drums of doom and enjoyed successful years in 2011 were recognized by the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce at the chamber's 100th Annual Awards Dinner, held January 30 at the Newark Airport Marriott Hotel.

W.B. Mason was named the Large Company of the Year; Fazio, Mannuzza, Roche, Tankel LaPilusa earned Medium Company of the Year honors; and Maffey Security Group was recognized as Small Company of the Year.

Margaret Spellings, Secretary of Education under President Bush and senior advisor to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and President of its Forum for Policy Innovation, was keynote speaker and offered the crowd of 400 business professionals her ideas of an improved business climate through education for New Jersey under the Christie administration.

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Maffey's Security Group attributes its



(left) Keynote speaker Margaret Spellings talks education and the future.

growth and prosperity to maintaining pace with rapidly changing technology and increased demand for physical security. Maffey's began before the first Model T rolled off the assembly line and continues to meet the needs of the most sophisticated automobiles today. From skeleton keys and padlocks to biometric access and megapixel cameras, Maffey's provides expert, innovative and reliable physical security services.

While W.B. Mason, FMRTL and Maffey's remained strong in 2011, the year was not as kind to many other of the state's businesses of all sizes and Spellings stressed the need for strengthening our education system in her keynote speech.

The Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce is the largest business association in the New York/Northern New Jersey Region, comprising 10 regional and local chambers. With 1,200 members, the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce has a 98 percent retention rate, the highest in the country.

GATEWAY CHAMBER

Members of Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce, an affiliate of the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce, are welcomed in all Gateway events. For information call the Chamber at 908-352-0900 or visit our website at www.gatewaychamber.com

- 7:30 AM MARCH 8**
GATEWAY TODAY! MORNING NETWORKING
L'Affaire Fine Catering, 1099 Route 22 E., Mountainside
- 8:30 AM MARCH 9**
LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS MEETING
Plainfield City Hall, 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield
Hosted by Mayor Sharon Robinson Briggs
- 8:30 AM MARCH 14**
KENILWORTH CHAMBER MEETING
Access Self Storage, 750 Boulevard, Kenilworth
- 8:00 AM MARCH 16**
WORKFORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE "BUSINESS & EDUCATOR BREAKFAST"
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road (GSP 135), Clark
- 6:00 PM MARCH 20**
IRISH BUSINESS ASSOC. ST. PAT'S DAY PARTY
Molly Maguire's Irish Pub, 1085 Central Avenue, Clark
- 8:00 AM MARCH 21**
EMPLOYER LEGISLATIVE COMM. MEETING
Kenilworth Inn, Boulevard & S. 31st Street, Kenilworth
- 5:30 PM MARCH 22**
SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK
Royce Brook CC, 201 Hamilton Road, Hillsborough
- 6:00 PM MARCH 26**
GATEWAY 23RD ANNUAL MAYORS DINNER
Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel
- 8:30 AM MARCH 27**
LINDEN CHAMBER MEETING
Linden Public Library, 31 East Henry Street, Linden
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