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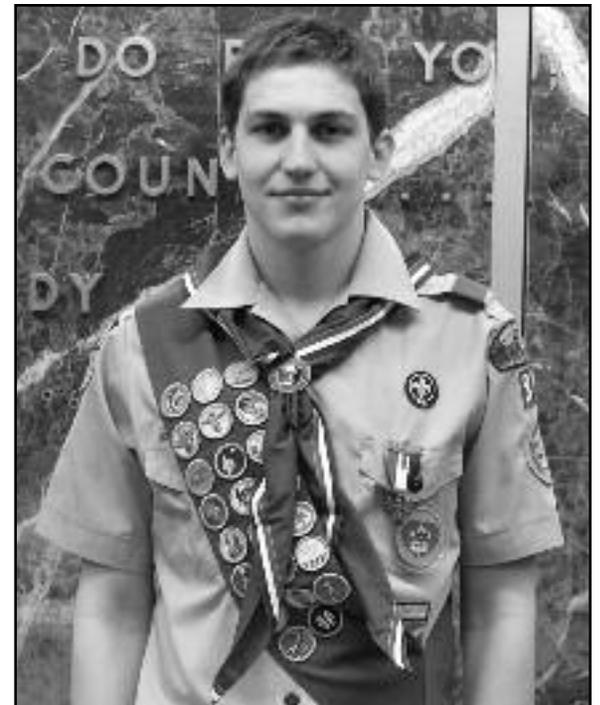
JOSEPH LICWINKO III BECOMES EAGLE SCOUT

On April 3, 2011, Joseph Licwinko III became the seventh Scout of Boy Scout Troop 83 to achieve scouting's highest honor. With his parents, Joe and Lorraine Licwinko standing proudly at his side, Joseph was presented with the Eagle Scout Award for his many years of participating in Scouting and achieving the 21 merit badges required of an Eagle Scout.

In addition to achieving 21 merit badges and demonstrating leadership ability, each Eagle Scout candidate must complete a final Eagle project which must benefit a religious institution, school or community. Joe's Eagle project was to improve the Kenilworth Emergency Management building on 14th Street. Together with friends and family, Joe scraped and power washed the exterior of the building and scraped the interior of the building to remove loose paint. They also built shelving units to help organize and store emergency equipment.

"Thanks to Joe's project," said Mayor Fiamingo, "the Emergency Management building has been significantly improved at no cost to the Borough. We can't thank him enough for all of his hard work."

(right) Joseph Licwinko III became the seventh Scout of Boy Scout Troop 83 to achieve scouting's highest honor.



LIBRARY CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY, SEEKS "75 FOR 75"

What do Mary Tyler Moore, Carol Burnett, Burt Reynolds, Robert Redford and the building at 548 Boulevard all have in common? While there may be several correct answers to this question, the one thing we know for sure is that each of them will turn 75 during the course of 2011.

To help celebrate this milestone event in the manner it deserves, the library is looking for 75 donors each willing to donate \$75 to help defray the cost of the various programs and celebrations that the library has planned through the end of the year.

All donors will be honored with their names on special "book plates" that will be prominently displayed in the library for the remainder of the anniversary year. Donations from individuals, families, businesses, organizations and

other groups are all welcome.

Upcoming festivities for the anniversary year include LibraryFest 2011, an open house which will take place on August 4, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and which will feature balloon artists, a magician and a juggler. Also planned are a library photo scavenger hunt, Kenilworth Library Day at Somerset Patriots minor league baseball and a musical program in the fall that will feature music that was popular in 1936. In addition, a limited number of 75th anniversary tee shirts are still available for purchase from the Friends of the Kenilworth Public Library.

For additional information about the library anniversary or suggestions for additional ways to celebrate, please call Library Director Dale Spindel at 908 276-2451.

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MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

On Monday, May 30, 2011, Veterans will again honor those who have died defending our country. Please join us in remembering all of our fallen soldiers at the VFW on Memorial Day. Services will begin at 11 a.m. with the presentation of wreaths. The memorial service is brief, but moving. Many of us spend this holiday without any understanding or recognition of its purpose.

It is especially important for the younger generation to understand that Memorial Day means more than the start of the summer season. I hope that you will take the time to attend the memorial services and bring your children. After the ceremony the VFW will host everyone to hot dogs and all the fixings.

Thursday, May 26, 2010 is Youth in Government Day. At that meeting the jobs of all the Borough officials, including the Mayor and council members will be taken over by seventh and eighth grade students who are chosen by their teachers. These students will run the Borough council meeting and adopt resolutions just as if they were the elected Borough officials. It is a fun evening, seeing the students step up to take over these positions.

Finally, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. through the evening into Sunday morning. There is still time to participate in this event and I urge you all to log on to www.relayforlife.org/kenilworthnj to learn how you can help in the fight against cancer.

Another fun fundraising event will be held on Friday, May 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the David Brearley High School auditorium. The Fire Department will square off against the Police Department in a Family Feud showdown. The cost to attend is \$10.00 and all proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. The evening should be a lot of fun. Come join the crowd to root for your favorite team.

Mayor Kathi Fiamingo

UPCOMING MEETINGS

GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH

All meetings are held in Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.

MAY 10 & 24, 2011

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

MAY 11 & 25, 2011

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

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

MAY 26, 2011

A work session meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., followed by a regular meeting to begin at 8:00 p.m.

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.

MAY 9 Regular Meeting

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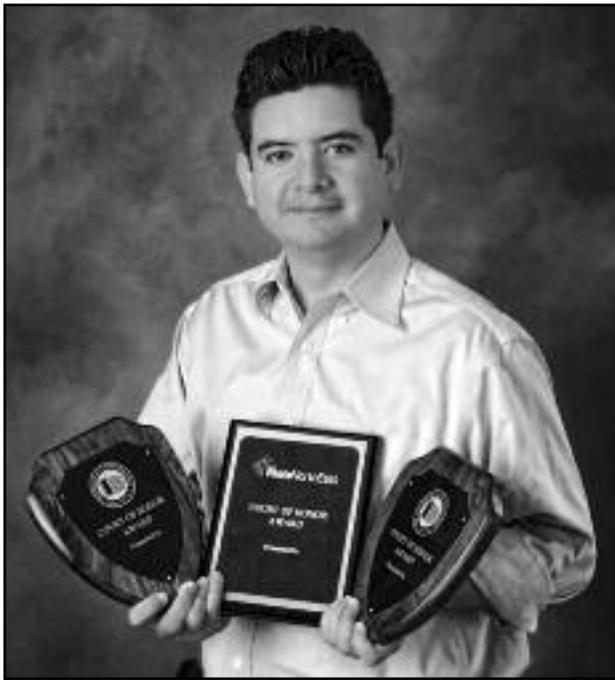
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Mario Cornejo from MCProductions Photography in Kenilworth, NJ won 3 major awards in the state of NJ.

These 3 Court of Honor awards claim Mario to be the best photographer of social events in the state of NJ. This is the second time that MCProductions has received this honor. The last time was in 2009.

This Kenilworth studio also won a Court of Honor in social events (weddings) in PNE, the most important convention in the East cost of USA.

Mario Cornejo founder of MCProductions and TheWeddingPlace is currently presenting his work in South America and later this year in Mexico.

CAR WASH/CLOTHING DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE TIM CARBONE FUND

The Friends and Family of Tim Carbone Scholarship Fund have scheduled a car wash/clothing drive for Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at David Brearley High School, 401 Monroe Avenue, Kenilworth.

Please drop off your clothing between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. If you are unavailable to drop off your clothing, please contact Josephine at 908-298-1094 prior to May 14, 2011 and we will schedule a time to pick up your bags.

All proceeds will benefit scholarships for students at David Brearley High School and awards to David Brearley Middle School and St. Theresa's School.

ST. THERESA'S STUDENTS HELP VICTIMS OF JAPAN EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI

St. Theresa School in Kenilworth had a fundraiser for the Earthquake and Tsunami victims of Japan. The school raised over \$2,000 to help the victims in Japan. Mrs. Harder created sushi with fruit roll ups and rice krispie treats for the 5th grade class to thank them for their dedication in helping people in need. Holly Stefanik and Caroline Tramontana said "It was very yummy and thoughtful of Mrs. Harder".



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9:00-11:15 a.m. (ages 7-10)
11:30 a.m. -1:45 p.m. (ages 11-15)

Please have your child pack a snack/drink as there will be a brief break during each class.

We will host a showcase for parents and guests on the last day of camp in Studio 3.

The cost for the 2 week camp is \$240.

The goal of the summer Musical Theater program is to provide students with an understanding of musical theater, including theater history, stage directions, theater terminology and theater etiquette. The students will have lessons in singing, dancing and acting. It is a great program for those being introduced to musical theater, as well as those who already have theater experience.

The program will guide students through different theater styles, from the 1960's to today. Exercises will include scenes for kids, using props for improvisational scenes and character building.

Summer Dance Camp



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MONDAY - THURSDAY: JULY 18TH -AUGUST 18TH
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DAVID BREARLEY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



(above) Silvestrini and Andrew Floyd.

The David Brearley High School Student of the Month for April is senior Kevin Silvestrini. Kevin has managed to make honor roll consistently throughout his high school career, while playing two sports at the varsity level. Kevin ran varsity track for three years, receiving the "All Conference" title during his junior year. In both his junior and senior year as a member of the varsity football team, Kevin also earned the "All Conference" title. This year Kevin was awarded the "Touchdown Club Scholarship" in recognition of his high GPA and his participation in football. Congratulations, Kevin!

Month is Andrew Floyd. Andy is described by his teachers as being an extremely hard working student, who is always determined to do his best work in all of his classes. His teachers can see his clear desire to do well with any task that is set before him. In fact, to ensure his academic success, Andy is not afraid to always ask questions to clarify the material for both himself and his classmates. Accio book! Yes, Harry Potter fans! Andy would be an official member of the noble Gryffindor house. This avid reader can always be found with a great book in his hands. Continue all of your hard work, Andy, and congratulations on being chosen as David Brearley's Middle School Student of the Month!

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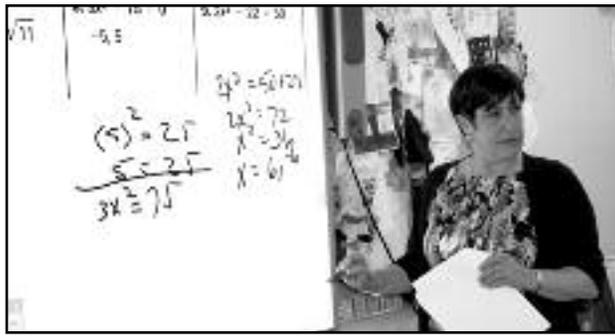
COMMUNITY LEADERS GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

Submitted by: Mr. David Novak

Mayor Kathi Fiamingo, School Board Members Ann Marie Duda, Hector Colon, and Genean Braun, as well as Councilman Salvatore Candarella, were among the prominent community leaders serving as Teachers for a Day in the Kenilworth Public Schools on April 19th, 2011. Fiamingo and others accepted an invitation from the Kenilworth Education Association to spend a day in a Kenilworth classroom to learn first-hand about the job of teaching.

Kathi Fiamingo taught Algebra I and Geometry lessons at the David Brearley High School using the SMART board. She used real life mathematical examples such as how the Borough uses ratios to determine setbacks for properties. Genean Braun taught an art class at the David Brearley High School which included preparing custom ceramic pieces for the soon to be unveiled 3-panel wall mosaic at the David Brearley Middle School as well as making picture frames from paint, glitter, and crash glass salvaged from automobile windows.

"The Teacher for a Day" program presented an excellent opportunity for community members to see what today's students and schools are all about," said Kenilworth Education Association Vice President John Ondrey. "Education has changed greatly since



(above) Mayor Kathi Fiamingo instructing an Algebra I class using the SMART board.

most of us went to school, and it is important for the community to understand those changes in order to plan effectively for meeting the future needs of Kenilworth students."

Guest teachers spent an entire day in the classroom and got to experience a full day of school activities under the guidance of a cooperating teacher. The guest teachers had a choice of using existing lesson plans or developing their own.

"We applaud the participants in our Teacher for a Day program for setting aside valuable personal time to demonstrate their commitment to the teachers and students of this community," said David Brearley principal Brian Luciani. "We know it was time well spent and an enjoyable day for all."



(above) Luigi Cascarano, Kenilworth Mayor Kathi Fiamingo, and Christopher Palumbo after an Algebra I class.

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(right) Food historian and tea specialist Judith Krall-Russo, who will highlight the fascinating story of tea through the Victorian era.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL PRESENT "TALES OF TEA AND VICTORIAN WOMEN" ON MAY 14, KENILWORTH GOSPEL CHAPEL

The Kenilworth Historical Society will present a Victorian Tea featuring an enlightening and entertaining program – "Tales of Tea and Victorian Women" – on Sat., May 14, at the Kenilworth Gospel Chapel, 103 South 23rd Street, Kenilworth.

The afternoon event will begin at noon and include a Victorian Tea, complete with assorted sandwiches and desserts. It also will feature an enlightening and entertaining program presented by noted food historian and tea specialist Judith Krall-Russo, who will highlight the fascinating story of tea through the Victorian era and its influence on upper- and working-class women's social events, wardrobe, etiquette, business ventures, health – and more.

Admission is \$25. Advance reservations are required. For reservations/tickets, please call 908-709-0434 or 908-245-1467, or visit Especially Yours Florist at 13 North 20th Street, Kenilworth.

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.

Judith Krall-Russo began studying the subject of tea and its related customs and traditions more than 30 years ago and has earned certifications as a Tea Specialist from The Tea School in Pomfret, Conn., and from the Specialty Tea Institute in New York, N.Y. In addition, she holds an M.B.A. degree in marketing from Pace University, New York, N.Y., a B.A. degree in fine arts from Montclair State University, Upper Montclair, N.J., and an A.A.S. degree from the Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, N.Y.

A noted speaker, lecturer and event organizer, Judith Krall-Russo has planned and presented a diverse range of programs regarding the customs and traditions of tea as well as the history and trends surrounding many popular New Jersey foods and beverages. She also is an avid collector of tea accoutrements.

THE KENILWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Kenilworth Historical Society is an independent, 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.

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The Kenilworth Gospel Chapel is an independent community Bible church with a congregation of approximately 165 adults and children. The chapel was constructed in 1936 by a number of chapel members, including the family of local pioneer James Arthur, who built many homes in the area in the late 19th/early 20th centuries and founded the New Orange Park project.

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KENILWORTH HISTORY CELEBRATED ON MAY 19TH

Noted author and historian Walter E. Boright, Ed.D., will highlight Kenilworth's early history during a Kenilworth History Celebration that the Kenilworth Historical Society is hosting on Thurs., May 19, in honor of National Preservation Month. All are welcome to attend the event, which will begin at 7 p.m. at the Kenilworth Seniors' Center (526 Boulevard). Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served following the program.

The featured presentation – "Kenilworth's Earliest Days" – will include excerpts from a tape-recorded interview that Dr. Boright conducted in 1969 with local pioneers Fred Hiller (1885-1977) and Luciano "Old Louie" Vitale (1880-1972). Hiller, who came to New Orange in 1897, worked at his father's general store, carried mail and later was a tax collector. Vitale, who arrived in 1901, delivered mail, worked on the Rahway Valley Railroad and was awarded the contract to extend the Boulevard from Kenilworth to the Rahway River.

Attendees will hear these two local residents' recollections of Kenilworth in the late 19th/early 20th centuries, when the area was known as New Orange. They also will have the

opportunity to view photographs that have not been published or shown previously.

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

Boright, a native of Kenilworth who now resides elsewhere in New Jersey, has authored three popular books about Kenilworth history; i.e.: "A History of Kenilworth as Told Through its Streets and Street Signs," "Kenilworth: Houses, People, Pictures, and Stories" and "Women of Kenilworth." He currently writes a monthly Kenilworth history column – "Remembering" -- for the Cranford Chronicle.

Boright is a retired superintendent of schools and a retired director of Kean University. He earned his bachelor's degree at Kean, and master's and doctoral degrees at Seton Hall University. He has taught New Jersey and American history. Additionally, he has held elected office as a councilman and as a member of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. His father, Walter, Sr., was a Kenilworth mayor in the 1950s and 1960s.



*Luciano Vitale,
ca. 1970*



*Frederick Hiller,
1975*



*(right) Author
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Sylvan C. Hershey, Kenilworth Schools Superintendent

Thanks to the remarkable energy and focus of a cadre of faculty at Brearley Middle-HighSchool, including Maryrose Little and Dawn Horling, led by the district supervisor of guidance Renae Bush, the Kenilworth School District has evolved as a pioneer in the state in the implementation of a four-year program that brings teacher mentors and student mentees into a partnership starting in Ninth Grade and culminating in the transition to post-secondary life. The program is part of the Personalized Student Learning Plan (PSLP) process that the New Jersey Department of Education has required all schools to institute beginning in 2011-12. Kenilworth has already mainstreamed the program into its academic year by

incorporating weekly mentor-mentee meetings and end-of-year portfolio presentations to members of the school community.

A PSLP is a formalized plan and process that has students setting learning goals based on personal, academic and career interests, beginning in the middle school grades and continuing throughout high school with the close support of adult mentors that include teachers, counselors and parents. Ultimately, the portfolios help frame a student's learning choices through high school that will determine their selection of electives, potential immersion in internship opportunities at the senior level, and even frame the student's post-secondary plans for continuing education.

Brearley Ninth Graders have been meeting for 20 minutes daily in small groups of peers (the smallest group is 12 and the largest group is 16) with assigned teacher mentors to engage in conversations focused on such things as study and organizational skills, professional aspirations, and high school academic planning. Annual goals are established through this process as well that focus on three areas: academic, career, and personal / social / community. The meetings are framed by an established program emanating from Washington State called Navigation 101 that takes students and their advisors through a sequence of activities relevant to student's age-relevant needs.

Students learn more about themselves, about their personality type, and about how they most effectively relate to the world around them. They self-reflect on critical levels as they work to better themselves as individuals and as

contributors to the Kenilworth community.

Through the month of April and May, students have been sharing their school year successes and challenges with two adults from the district: the mentor and a guest of the student's choosing. Invited guests have included support staff, teachers and administrators. Each 20-minute presentation has required the student to dress in formal professional attire and talk about the contents of his/her portfolio. Eventually, the student led presentations will involve parents to further ensure the PSLP process is a collaborative one between the school and the parents of the students for whom we serve. Adolescents need guidance to help them survive in the post-secondary school world. Their journey through middle and high school can be an anonymous trek down pathways not necessarily of their choosing unless adults take the time to personalize this journey and provide direction. PSLPs foster close relationships between teachers and their charges. A teacher mentor meets with his/her small group of students all four years of high school. It is our vision that relationships between mentors and mentees will evolve over time to the extent that students will feel comfortable talking to the adults with whom they've come to know as the one's "looking after them."

The success of the program will be judged in part by the ability of our high school graduates to think independently yet in a determined fashion about their world, their willingness to be continual learners through adulthood, and their positive contributions to local, regional, and global society.

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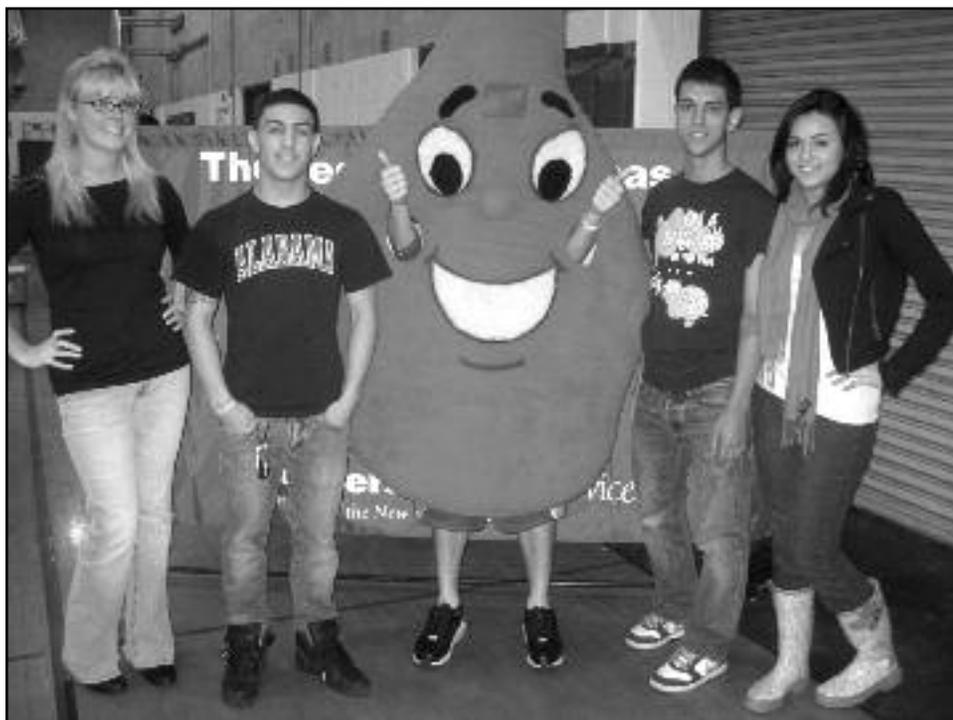
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BREARLEY BREAKS BLOOD DRIVE RECORD

The April 13th Blood Drive at the David Brearley High School was a huge success. The drive was coordinated by Brearley seniors Jessica DaCosta, Sommer Engler, Nicholas Almeida, and Anthony Madonia. This was the team's fourth and, sadly, final high school drive. Faculty assistance was provided by school nurse Mrs. Hegna, science teacher Mr. Novak, and Principal Mr. Luciani. A huge "Thank You" goes out to all of the David Brearley High School students, faculty, and staff donors as well as all of the parent, guardian, and local community donors. The drive would not have been as successful without their generosity. The official statistics were: 100 donors registered in advance, 16 donors deferred, 63 pints of whole blood collected, 21 Alyx units collected (which counts as 42 units of red blood cell donations), a total of 105 donor units counted, and a potential of 231 lives helped. Please mark your calendar for the next scheduled David Brearley High School Blood Drive on December 15th 2011.



(above) Sommer Engler, Anthony Madonia, Justin Keating, Nick Almeida & Jessica DaCosta.

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LIBRARY GALLERY ON THE BOULEVARD TO FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY OF WOLF KRETLOW

The Gallery on the Boulevard of the Kenilworth Public Library will feature the work of the German born photographer Wolf Kretlow during the months of May and June. Completely self-taught, Mr. Kretlow has been taking photos for the past thirty years, learning his craft through extensive reading as well as through discussion with other photographers. His equipment of choice is a Sony 35mm SLR digital camera with wide angle and regular lenses, Photo Shop and Photo Lab software, and an Epson color printer.

In 2010, Mr. Kretlow was awarded First Place

in the non-professional Division of the Union County Senior Citizens Art Exhibit. He also does occasional freelance photography work for the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, the Historic Midtown Elizabeth NJ district, and Liberty Hall Museum. Additionally, he has worked as a wedding photographer.



SOMERSET PATRIOTS

In honor of the library's 75th birthday, the Friends of the Library will be sponsoring "Kenilworth Library Day" with the Somerset Patriots minor league baseball team, starting at 1:35 PM on Sunday, June 12. Tickets are \$22.00 for all ages and include a box seat plus \$10 in "diamond dollars" that can be spent at the snack bar or souvenir stand. People wishing to purchase tickets may order them at the library. Checks should be made out to The Friends of the Kenilworth Public Library and collected in the designated envelope at the circulation desk. If someone insists on paying cash, they must be given a paper receipt from the receipt book kept at the desk. A sign up sheet will be clipped to the envelope. For each person attending the ball game, please include their name, phone number and whether they paid in cash or check. Deadline for ordering tickets is May 16 – no exceptions!

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(above) Children pop bubbles at the conclusion Toddler Time.

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