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MARINE CPL. KEVIN REINHARD LAID TO REST IN FULL HONOR

On January 29th funeral services for Marine Corporal Kevin Reinhard were held at St. Agnes Church in Clark, NJ. The burial followed at St. Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia, NJ. Cpl. Reinhard, 25 years old and a resident of the Colonia section of Woodbridge, died on January 19 in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan.

Veterans, citizens and government officials learned that The Westboro Baptist Church protesters planed to be outside St. Agnes Church that Monday, holding up signs at the funeral of Cpl. Reinhard, (the signs declared his death in Afghanistan as a sign of God's judgment on America), the public became indignant that anyone could show such disrespect to this young Marine who made the supreme sacrifice for his country but especially to the entire Reinhard family who influenced a young man to love his family, country and friends.

The Linden Veterans Council participated in the Funeral Mass of Cpl. Reinhard. Member Ron Stefanowicz was

personally affected by the service and was compelled to write about the experience of honoring the Corporal and his family. His reflection on the event can be found inside this issue of Clark Monthly on on pages 10 and 11.



CLARK SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT TO BREAK GROUND IN MARCH

Report submitted by Katya Szewczuk



(above) Bill Caruso holding a lawn sign he distributed in support of the Clark Senior Housing Project.

Since 1984, then councilman Bill Caruso had a vision of a senior housing development in Clark. He formed the Clark Senior Housing Corp., of which he is president, to promote the idea. In March of 2012 the project will officially break ground.

In 1992 there still had not been approval for the project and by 1995 a location still had not been found. Bill Caruso looked on L'Oreal Way which had 11.3 acres. However, the site was not viewed as ideal by the entire Clark community.

After much suspense and legal wrangling, L'Oreal agreed a land swap which allowed Clark to use land located behind Clark Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. L'Oreal will be using the land it received in exchange to construct a new science building.

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MARCH CALENDAR

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8:45 AM MARCH 1

WORKFORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chamber Office 135 Jefferson Avenue, Elizabeth

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 ASSOCIATION

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Molly Maguire's Irish Pub, 1085 Central Avenue, Clark

8:00 AM MARCH 21

EMPLOYER LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Kenilworth Inn, Boulevard & S. 31st Street, Kenilworth

5:30 PM MARCH 22

LINDEN CHAMBER ANNUAL

MARTINI TASTING FUNDRAISER

III Amici Ristorante, 1700 W. Elizabeth Avenue, Linden

8:00 AM MARCH 23

SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK

Royce Brook CC, 201 Hamilton Road, Hillsborough

6:00 PM MARCH 26

GATEWAY'S 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
Hosted by Motion Federal Credit Union

8:30 AM MARCH 28

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Clark Nursing & Rehab Center, Westfield Avenue, Clark

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Sunday, March 11th at 2:30 p.m.

Fossil Dig

Join John Miller of the Pearl Observatory and find your own fossils right in the library. Whatever you find, you keep. All the fossils are up to 20 million years old.

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Monday, March 12 at 2:00 p.m.

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HUNGRY WRITERS AT VALLEY ROAD SCHOOL

Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Melissa Sakowski and second grade teacher, Ms. Jennifer Kelleher started the first Hungry Writers Club at Valley Road School in Clark, New Jersey. This club was opened up to kindergarten and second grade students. Due to the overwhelming number of

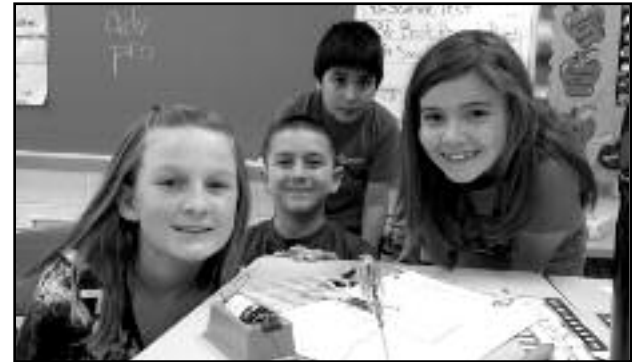
“hungry writers” who wanted to join, two groups were created. During these meetings, students are able to write about any genre they please, while still learning about different writing strategies. The second grade students will also be mentors to the kindergartners.



(above) Mrs. Sakowski, Ms. Kelleher, and some student members of the Hungry Writers Club.

ELECTROMAGNETISM

Fourth Grade Students at the Frank K. Hehnlly School in Clark under the supervision of substitute teacher Jackie Grigoli learned how to make an electromagnet using a battery, a bolt, and wire. Students coiled the wire around the bolt and attached the wires to the battery. This made the bolt act as a magnetic field. Students were able to pick up paper clips with the bolt which proved its magnetic properties. The class also learned that they could make the electromagnet more powerful by adding more coils of wire or another battery.



(above) students Gabby Prestinari, John Petrucci, Elthon Gonzales, Olivia DeMartinis Jackie pose with their electromagnet that attracted over 20 paper clips.

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St. Agnes Parish in Clark recently held a special mass presided over and preached by the Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz, Regional Bishop for Union County. Upon completion of the noon mass, Bishop Cruz led the procession followed by all St. Agnes School and CFF children, along with fellow parishioners to the newly constructed Community Center. Rev. Dennis J. Cohan, Pastor at St. Agnes Parish thanked all who were instrumental in the success of building the new Community Center. Streamers were given to all children so that they were able share their excitement during the blessing.

Parishioners, donned in red to also honor their Patron Saint - St. Agnes, were most grateful to host Bishop Cruz as they celebrated this wonderful day.



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PTA PRESIDENTS HONORED AT BOARD OF ED'S SHOWCASE OF SUCCESS

The Clark Board of Education honored the four school PTA presidents at the Board's Showcase of Success held on January 10th. The Showcase was in conjunction with school districts honoring volunteers during the month of January.

Each of the PTA Presidents: Diane Kehrle of Valley Road School, Dawn Pencinger from Frank K. Hehnly School, Karen DeMarco representing Carl H. Kumpf Middle School, and Maria Weisensee was present at the Showcase of Success and each was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Board of Education President Laura Caliguire as an expression of the District's appreciation of their ongoing dedication and commitment to the students, teachers, parents, staff, and administration of the school community.

At the Board's Showcase, Superintendent of Schools Kenneth Knops commented on how grateful he was to work with such talented, dedicated, and visionary leaders as the PTA Presidents. In his address, Knops expressed his personal appreciation for everything the four Presidents do on an ongoing basis for their respective schools and the district as a whole. Knops recounted how the PTA presidents put time aside at each spring meeting to allow him and the Business Administrator an opportunity to present the upcoming school budget to the respective PTAs, his monthly meetings with the PTA presidents for the purpose of articulating on a number of school-related issues, the enrichment and enhancements the PTA presidents provide to the school community through their fundraising and sponsoring of assembly programs and educational initiatives, and their roles in creating the unique culture of each school. Knops commented on

how fortunate he was to work in a school district with such an excellent team of PTA presidents.



(above, 1-r) PTA Board President Laura Caliguire, Carol Kumpf Middle School PTA president Karen DeMarco, Valley Road School PTA president Diane Kehrle, Frank K. Hehnly School PTA president Dawn Pencinger, Arthur L. Johnson High School PTA president Maria Weisensee, and Superintendent Kenneth Knops.

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U.S. ARMY PHYSICAL EDUCATION TRAINING

Arthur L. Johnson High School Physical Education Classes, along with members of the United States Army, have initiated a new fitness activity that will be held once each month in which the members of the United States Army will conduct a physical training session in accordance with school district policies and the Army Guide to Physical Training.

These sessions will engage students in different activities and team building sessions. Some of the activities would include various circuit training and play sports. Circuit training activities include but are not limited to: Side Straddle Hops, Push-ups, Flutter Kicks, Mountain Climbers, V-Ups and Rowers. These sessions also serve to assist the students in learning key values such as Respect, Integrity, and Duty.



CLARK RECREATION HAPPENINGS



(above) US Sports Institute instructor John teaches preschoolers each week a different sport, everything from soccer to basketball to cricket.



(above) Friday nights at Clark Recreation are fun and moving as the gym turns into a roller skating rink for Clark grammar school children. The program is free to Clark residents and is offered every Friday from November thru April.



(above) Clark Recreation introduced a new class from Hobby Quest called Young Aviators. Each week this group builds model airplanes, then launches them the following week. Instructor Miranda Puentes is shown here working intently on the third plane so far in the 8 week class. This is just one of the many classes offered thru Clark Recreation.



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K-KIDS MAKE VALENTINES FOR THE SOLDIERS

Students in the K-Kids Club at Frank K. Hehnly Elementary School in Clark made Valentine's cards and wrote letters of appreciation for a group of United States soldiers. A Clark resident will hand deliver the cards to his troop, currently stationed in Afghanistan.

The K-Kids have been busy this year collecting \$310 for UNICEF; were paid \$262.80 for the clothing donations that were sent to needy countries; donated 10 turkeys and 10 boxes of food to the Clark Give and Share

Program; donated \$1,666.33 to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through their "Pennies for Patients" campaign; donated 15 boxes of new toys to support the sophomore class at ALJ's Toys for Tots drive; donated K-5 literature books to replenish the library at Orange Avenue School in Cranford, still under construction due to the flood damage from Hurricane Irene; and held their 2nd annual JOY Social (Joining Old and Young) with 85 K-Kids members and their special guests. Hehnly School Nurse, Mrs. Donna Kircher, is the K-Kids advisor.



(above) 4th and 5th grade K-Kids members with their Valentines.

STUDENTS CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR

Students in Miss Grigoli's 4th grade class at Frank K. Hehnly school in Clark learned about the Chinese New Year. As a class the fourth graders learned about the dragon dance, lion dance, and lantern celebrations. Each student made a dragon to symbolize the year of the dragon. Students also enjoyed fortune cookies and shared their fortunes with classmates.



(above) Students Alexa Prestinari, Patrick Grady, Matt O'Connor, John Petrucci, and Jenna Thornton show off their Chinese fortunes.

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Written by Ron Stefanowicz, Linden Veterans Council



I felt it an Honor to participate with my Linden Veteran Council brothers in Cpl. Reinhard's Funeral mass. We all joined to form the "Wall of Honor" on Inman Ave., to show our respect to Cpl. Reinhard and his family. The wall had over 2,500 people including veterans from all branches of the service, elected officials, policemen, firemen and families. Adults and children stood in the chilly weather holding American flags and posters.

I personally felt a strong affinity toward Cpl. Reinhard and his family. As the parent of a son who was a young Marine officer of 24 years serving with the 2nd Battalion of the 8th Marine Expeditionary Force, participating in Iraq Desert Storm, Desert Sword and later in Afghanistan, I could feel the anxiety and concern for their son in harm's way. Yet, I was able to understand and respect the soldier's patriotic desire to serve his country. As Cpl. Reinhard, my son Rob was a Marine helicopter pilot. He also served with the 3rd Marines Expeditionary Force in Hawaii.

The Funeral Mass for Cpl. Reinhard was a moving and emotional experience attended by hundreds of people who stood outside the church and lined up Madison Hill Road with a sea of American Flags. There were veterans, fireman, policeman, adults and children that stood directly in front of the entrance of St. Agnes Church along with a large contingent of my American Legion comrades, members of the Marine Corp, friends of Cpl. Reinhard and many other people standing quietly in anticipation of the arrival of the funeral procession.

When Cpl. Reinhard's funeral procession arrived at the Church it was led, at the invitation of his family, by the Patriot Guard Forum, a motorcycle club that attends funerals of soldiers, firefighters, and police. After the Patriot Guard was a large bagpiper band followed by Cpl. Reinhard and his family.

The Honor Guard of veterans, police, fireman, elected officials and residents, standing on Madison Hill Road and in front of the

Church, were called to attention and saluted Cpl. Reinhard and his family members as they arrived at the Church.

As the procession entered St. Agnes Church behind the Reinhard family, there were people packed in the foyer, veterans and active military personnel standing at attention and saluting the procession. The main chapel of the church was full to near capacity. The Funeral Mass was a very solemn and emotional service.

Family members did the readings, Rev. Dennis Cohan, church pastor, presented the homily and talked about Kevin's character and how he touched many people "He (Kevin Reinhard) embraced the Marines and their spirit of enthusiasm and pride, and their spirit embraced him." Reflections were given by Cpl. Reinhard, Kevin's uncle Michael Gerrity and his sister Kathleen Reinhard.

Kevin's Uncle Michael Gerrity, reflected on how Kevin had been tinkering with engines with his father for years, "Kevin could connect anything with wires and then add sound. Kevin and his fellow Marines represent all the good the United States stands for." Gerrity also spoke proudly about Kevin's ability to get along with a new group of kids and his visits to his diabetic grandmother, Gerrity's mother, to give her insulin shots almost every night. As a son, grandson, brother, nephew and a family member, Kevin touched everyone with his respectful and loving way.

The most emotional tribute came from Kathleen, who called her brother, "a white knight from childhood to manhood and into death". Kathleen shared her relationship with her brother, "My brother and I were very close. We loved each other because of that," she said. "He loved his family dearly. He could not wait to come home to us," she said, adding that her brother had been on Facebook talking about returning home. "He wanted to come home and spend time with his family."

Kathleen spoke of her brother's love for



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everyone and everything, including the family gold fish that as a boy he would take out of the water to kiss goodnight at bedtime, not realizing he was killing the fish with his kindness. She said her parents had to replace the fish on a regular basis.

As a child, when he went to the bank and they would give him a lollipop, he'd always ask for one for his sister. "My brother never once thought only of himself, even as a little boy," she said. "He'd get the lollipop and bring it home to me." "He was not the kind of person to gloat about what he did for others," she said. "He did it without expecting to be paid back," his sister said, adding her brother probably would have refused any repayment. "Kevin was selfless in his generosity," she said. She said he appreciated the sacrifices the family made on his behalf. He knew his father worked overtime so he could attend St. Joseph High School in Metuchen, where he enjoyed some of the best days of his life and graduated in 2005.

And while their parents might wonder if they have been good parents, Kathleen, who occasionally choked up as she spoke, said their answer came in the support everyone has shown them. "If you and dad had not done as good a job with Kevin, he could not be as loved as he is," she said.

Kathleen Reinhard said her brother's memory is not being buried, because he will live on in each and everyone at the service. "Kevin has gone to God from me," she said. "He's asked for a lollipop for his sister and is waiting for my time to join him so he can give it to me."

Kathleen Reinhard and her brother, Kevin, had such a close bond that they promised each other that if something were to happen to the other, they would never leave the other's side.

Kathleen Reinhard upheld her part of that promise to her only sibling by serving as a pallbearer at the funeral for her brother, a Marine corporal who died when his helicopter crashed in Afghanistan on Jan. 19. He was one of six Marines killed in the crash, which came just weeks before his deployment was to end.

Following the reflections of Kevin's sister and uncle, the bagpipers entered the church with a slow drum roll for the fallen hero. A solo piper started "Amazing Grace", then the remainder of the group joined in raising the sound to stereo levels, the beat of the drums sounding like thunder. When the song finished the pipers exited in a military march.

At the conclusion of the mass, the choir soloist sang the "Marine Corp Hymn", the entire church stood, many covering their hearts as the hymn was sung. The veterans left the chapel to form the Honor Guard, joining the hundreds of people who stood outside the church during the funeral service, waiting for the Cpl. Reinhard procession to leave for St. Gertrude's Cemetery.

We left St. Agnes Church to join other Linden Veterans Council members (American Legion Post # 102, Catholic War Veterans, Post 497, Linden Marine League, Martin Danowski Detachment, Polish Legion of American Veterans, Post # 91, Linden Vietnam Veterans, Chapter 669 and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1397), all participating in the "Wall of Honor" on Inman Ave. As we turned on to Inman Ave., it was an awesome sight of people who turned out in the chilly weather to Honor Cpl. Reinhard and his family. As the procession drove passed, veterans, police, firemen and military personnel saluted while adults stood solemnly by with children waving American Flags.

The reverential blasts of a rifle fire and the



sound of taps echoed through Saint Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia as mourners paid their final respects to a fallen hero.

In retrospect, at each of our meetings, the members of the Linden Veterans Council take the oath to continue to serve our country, fellow veterans and their families and our communities. It was a personal honor being part of the several thousand people participating in laying a young patriot to rest. As veterans, we personally know of those from our military service and military branches who made the ultimate sacrifice. These things we very rarely discuss in public.

We understand the importance of honoring these patriots during our Memorial Day services when we place over 4,500 flags on veterans' graves in Linden cemeteries, and visit Linden's 14 Veteran Monuments to place wreaths and to conduct prayer services on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard's name will be inscribed in the list of fallen patriots; he will be remembered by all veterans along with all those brave American patriots who preceded him.

MARINE CPL. KEVIN REINHARD

Kevin Reinhard attended Saint John Vianney Elementary School, Colonia Middle School, and Saint Joseph's High School in Metuchen. After attending Ramapo College, he transferred to Middlesex County College in Edison where he majored in criminal science. In the spring of 2008 he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and attained the rank of corporal. He was a crew chief, flying on a Sikorsky Sea Stallion with HMH 363 – the Lucky Red Lions, stationed out of Hawaii.

Kevin only had a few short weeks left to his deployment when his helicopter crashed in Afghanistan. It was his second deployment.



SIXTH GRADE NOOK SIMPLE READING PROGRAM AT KUMPF SCHOOL

This past week Carl H. Kumpf's principal, Mrs. Jennifer Feeley; assistant principal, Mrs. Amanda Cloutier; and Supervisor of Language Arts and Humanities, Ms. Jennifer Viti were invited to observe two classes of sixth grade reading students receive their very own Nook Simple. As part of a new pilot program at Carl H. Kumpf, Mrs. Doreen Babis and Ms. Christine Casale's reading classes were chosen to receive the technology. Clark Barnes and Noble Manager Ynam Chung visited the two classes to demonstrate the Nooks' functions and capabilities.

The district preloaded the e-book versions of the current sixth grade curriculum onto the

students' Nooks allowing for a seamless transition for students and teachers from the traditional hardcover novels to the e-reader technology. The Nook Simple's capabilities also allow for a smooth transition from conventional pencil and paper note taking to the ability to highlight and type right on the Nook's touch screen.

Principal Jennifer Feeley hopes the Nook

technology truly enhances the students' enthusiasm for reading, thus expanding the reading curriculum and increasing the number of books students read throughout the school year. She would also like to see the middle school be able to purchase more Nooks, ultimately allowing every student to have the opportunity to use one during their time at Carl H. Kumpf Middle School.



(above) The sixth graders in Ms. Casale's class pose with their newly acquired Nooks. (row 1) Ashley Byrne, Leah Cherukara Matthew Diaz. (row 2) Andre Costa, Joseph DiProfio, Samantha Hayden. (row 3) Amy Wysocki, Brenner Gull, Gennaro Nigro. (row 4) Tara Jacobsen, Tyler Kaulfers, Ryan Lakkis, Jessica Lopez. (row 5) Anthony Caldiero, Taylor O'Connor, (row 6) Sydney Tropeano, Jordan Fedak.

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NEW UNICO SIGN

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(above, l-r)
UNICO President Ralph Bernardo thanking and congratulating Scott McCabe, DPW Supervisor for all their hard work and dedication to the town.

(right, l-r) UNICO members Dan Violante, Treasurer Bobby Spinella, President Ralph Bernardo, Secretary George Abruzzo and member Henry Varriano.



UNICO PRESENTS CHECKS

Submitted by Ralph Bernardo, Clark UNICO Chapter President

The UNICO Clark Chapter presented checks to various organizations, clubs and departments at the monthly council meeting held on Tuesday, January 17th. The checks were from the proceeds of the 5th Annual Italian American Feast last year on October 7th through 9th. It was huge success far exceeding what we had hoped to profit. Mother Nature was very good to us as record warm weather really brought out the crowds.

Many people ask us what we do with the proceeds from the feast. Being a nonprofit organization, all of the money must be given out within a year's time. Because this is a Clark Chapter, the Township as a whole reaps the benefits. Substantial dollar amounts were and are being given out to various organizations, clubs and departments in town.

In attendance this night to receive checks were Clark Recreation, ALJ Key Club, ALJ Italian American Club, ALJ Booster Club, Project Graduation, Clark Volunteer Fire Dept., Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, Clark Emergency Management, Clark Police Dept. and the Clark Senior Citizens. We are happy to donate this money and help out the township in any way we can.

In addition, the Clark Chapter donates to the UNICO National Charities including Coolies Anemia, Mental Health, and Cancer Research.

To pull off an event of this magnitude takes many hands. The people of Clark along with the UNICO members responded as we had over 120 volunteers for the three-day event. We'd like to publicly thank the Mayor, B A, and council for their full support.

In appreciation of all of our volunteers, the Chapter held a Thank You dinner at the recreation center in November which was attended by 85 of our volunteers.

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(above) Students from the Kumpf Middle School at the 17th annual event with their adviser Elisa O'Neill. Photo by Susan Dougherty

KIWANIS CLUB'S SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner has become somewhat of a tradition in Clark. Kiwanis Club of Clark's President Doug Born has set the date for the club's annual fundraiser as Sunday, March 11, 2012. "As in year's past, we are holding our Spaghetti Dinner, our 19th, at Zion Lutheran Church on Raritan Road in Clark and we invite the community to join us."

The annual event features students in Key Club from Arthur L. Johnson and the Builders Club of Kumpf Middle School, members of what is known as "the Kiwanis Family," acting as waiters and waitresses. The adult philanthropic club is the youth sponsor of not only those two community service clubs, but also of the K-Kids Clubs at Hehnlly and Valley Road School, Clark's elementary schools.

The dinner runs from noon to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$6 for children may be purchased at the door. Take out orders are available. For more information, email the president at born.douglas@gmail.com

GIRL SCOUTS LEARN IMPORTANCE OF NUTRITION AND FITNESS



Clark Girl Scout Troop 40791 was visited by a few very special guests in order to learn about fitness and nutrition. Ryan Grady, a certified instructor/trainer at CrossFit Koa in Cranford, discussed core nutritional values as well as demonstrated numerous exercises for the girls to try. Along with Ryan, came Dave Durante, an accomplished, Olympic trained world-class gymnast and Sadie Wilhelmi, a highly talented performer/dancer who has been in productions from Manhattan to Milan. All the guests spoke about the impact good nutrition and fitness has on your life, and the importance of it starting when you are young and continuing throughout your life. Each guest shared their own personal stories of how good nutrition and exercise helped them achieve personal and professional goals.

(left, l-r, top row) Sadie Wilhelmi, Ryan Grady, Dave Durante
(middle row) Michelle Kukan, Meghan Lambert, Kylie Rafferty, Natalie DeRose, Daniella Walano, Carly Tarentino, Hailey Rodriguez.
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LADY CRUSADERS HOST COACHES VS. CANCER EVENT AT ALJ HS

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The event consisted of all the girls' basketball teams in the Clark School District, with the Carl H. Kumpf Middle School Crusaders starting off the event at 4:00 p.m., followed by the Junior Varsity Lady Crusaders at 5:30 p.m.. The main event was the 7:00 p.m. match up between the Varsity Lady Crusaders and the Oak Knoll Royals.

All proceeds from the event, including the gate and raffles, were donated to the American Cancer Society.



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Reggie, a recently rescued mixed breed dog from Rescue Connection, went along to the annual Girl Scout Fun Fair at the Clark Recreation Center to thank them on behalf of homeless dogs and cats. Ralph Bernardo, the Recreation Director, was kind enough to allow the dog to stay. While there, Reggie educated the girls on animal rescue, and became their honorary mascot for the day.

(left) Reggie is the center of Brownie Troop 40659's attention

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Remy Martin VSOP 750ml	\$36 ⁹⁷
Remy Martin VSOP 1lt	\$49 ⁹⁹

VODKA

Absolut 750ml	\$18 ⁹⁷
Absolut 1.75lt	\$29 ⁹⁹
Ciroc (All Types) 750ml	\$29 ⁹⁷
Ciroc (All Types) 1.75lt	\$55 ⁹⁷
Finlandia 750ml	\$15 ⁹⁷
Finlandia 1lt	\$17 ⁹⁷
Finlandia 1.75lt	\$25 ⁹⁹
Fris 1.75lt	\$18 ⁹⁷
Grey Goose (All Types) 750ml	\$27 ⁹⁹
Grey Goose (All Types) 1.75lt	\$49 ⁹⁹
Ketel One 1.75 lt	\$39 ⁹⁷
Luksusowa 750ml	\$14 ⁹⁷
Luksusowa 1.75lt	\$19 ⁹⁹
Majorska 1.75lt	\$13 ⁹⁷
Pinnacle Vodka 1.75lt	\$18 ⁹⁷
Sobieski 750ml	\$10 ⁹⁹
Sobieski 1.75lt	\$17 ⁹⁷
Svedka (All Types) 1.75 lt	\$19 ⁹⁷
Smirnoff 750ml	\$10 ⁹⁸
Smirnoff 1.75lt	\$19 ⁹⁷
Stolichanaya 1.75lt	\$29 ⁹⁹
Three Olives (All Types) 1lt	\$22 ⁹⁹
Three Olives (All Types) 1.75lt	\$25 ⁹⁹
Tanqueray Sterling 1.75lt	\$29 ⁹⁷

CORDIALS

Bailey's Irish Creme 750ml	\$19 ⁹⁹
Bailey's Irish Creme 1.75lt	\$38 ⁹⁷
Leroux Blackberry Brandy 750ml	\$11 ⁹⁹
Leroux Blackberry Brandy 1.75lt	\$19 ⁹⁷
Patron XO Cafe 750ml	\$22 ⁹⁹
Southern Comfort 750ml	\$16 ⁹⁷
Southern Comfort 1.75lt	\$26 ⁹⁷

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Bombay Sapphire 1.75lt	\$38 ⁹⁷
Seagram's 1.75lt	\$16 ⁹⁹
Tanqueray 1.75lt	\$37 ⁹⁹

RUM

Bacardi Lt, Gold, Select 1.75lt	\$19 ⁹⁷
Captain Morgan 1.75lt	\$25 ⁹⁹
Malibu 750ml	\$18 ⁹⁷
Malibu 1.75lt	\$24 ⁹⁹

WHISKEY

Ballantine Finest 1.75lt	\$28 ⁹⁷
Canadian Club 1.75lt	\$19 ⁹⁹
Canadian Mist 1.75lt	\$18 ⁹⁹
Chivas Regal 12 Year 750ml	\$27 ⁹⁹
Chivas Regal 12 Year 1.75lt	\$49 ⁹⁹
Crown Royal 1.75lt	\$45 ⁹⁹
Dewar's White Label 750ml	\$19 ⁹⁹
Dewar's White Label 1.75lt	\$29 ⁹⁹
Dewar's 12 Year 750ml	\$29 ⁹⁹
Dewar's 12 Year 1.75lt	\$49 ⁹⁹
Gentleman Jack 750ml	\$26 ⁹⁹
Gentleman Jack 1.75lt	\$49 ⁹⁹
Grant's 750ml	\$13 ⁹⁹
Grant's 1.75lt	\$23 ⁹⁹
Jack Daniel's Black 750ml	\$21 ⁹⁹
Jack Daniel's Black 1.75lt	\$40 ⁹⁹
Jameson 750ml	\$25 ⁹⁹
Jim Beam Whisky 1.75lt	\$29 ⁹⁹
Johnnie Walker Black 750ml	\$31 ⁹⁹
Johnnie Walker Black 1.75lt	\$59 ⁹⁹
Johnnie Walker Blue 750ml	\$169 ⁹⁹
Johnnie Walker Red 750ml	\$19 ⁹⁷
Johnnie Walker Red 1.75lt	\$31 ⁹⁹
Maker's Mark 750ml	\$25 ⁹⁹
Maker's Mark 1.75lt	\$46 ⁹⁹
Seagram's 7 1.75lt	\$18 ⁹⁷

TEQUILA

Avion Silver 750ml	\$36 ⁹⁹
El Jimador Reposado 100% Agave Tequila (#1 Selling Tequila in Mexico) 750ml	\$19 ⁹⁷
El Jimador Reposado 1.75lt	\$29 ⁹⁹
Jose Cuervo 1lt	\$20 ⁹⁸
Jose Cuervo 1.75lt	\$32 ⁹⁹
Patron Silver 750ml	\$37 ⁹⁷

BEER

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COLD AND WARM
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Beck's (12oz) 24pk	\$23 ⁹⁹
Budwesier Family (Cans) 30pk	\$20 ⁹⁹
Coors Lt & Bud Family (Loose Bottles) .	\$16 ⁹⁹
Coors Lite (Cans) 30pk	\$20 ⁹⁹
Corona 24pk (Bottles)	\$24 ⁹⁹
Guinness Pub (Bottles) 24pk	\$26 ⁹⁹
Heineken and Amstel Lt 24pk	\$24 ⁹⁹
Mich Ultra (Loose)	\$16 ⁹⁹
Miller Lite (Cans) 30pk	\$20 ⁹⁹
Sargres 24pk (Bottles)	\$16 ⁹⁹
Sam Adams Lager 24pk	\$25 ⁹⁹
Stella Artois 24pk	\$24 ⁹⁹
Tatra (500ml) 20pk	\$18 ⁹⁹
Tecate 24pk (Cans)	\$15 ⁹⁹
Yuengling Lager (Loose Bottles) 24pk .	\$16 ⁹⁹
Zyweic (11.2oz) 24pk	\$18 ⁹⁹

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European beers
and kegs on sale!*

