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“TASTE OF KENILWORTH” SERVES UP CULINARY DELIGHTS

An eclectic combination of sumptuous ingredients draws record crowd

The Seventh Annual “Taste of Kenilworth” on November 23, 2010, drew over 100 hungry visitors to savor the culinary offerings of a several fine eateries from Kenilworth and neighboring municipalities. Visitors were teased by an array of aromas – from garlic to curry to chocolate – and rewarded with more than just a “taste” of Kenilworth.

Local residents have long known Kenilworth as Union County’s dining jewel, as the community is home to many fine restaurants and cultural eateries. Once annually a number of these establishments unite to feature the culinary cuisines of their kitchens in one gathering of hungry diners.

Proceeds from “A Taste of Kenilworth” benefit Kenilworth students through the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund. The event was hosted by the Aliperti’s at the Kenilworth Inn and featured a cash bar, D.J., and raffle fundraiser.

The 2010 “Taste of Kenilworth” was sponsored by the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce, Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce and Aliperti’s at the Kenilworth Inn. Local business support included Kenilworth Business Life, the event’s Media Sponsor; Bronze Sponsors, Mike & Annie’s Frozen Delights, Entrepreneurial Painting Services, Fazio Mannuzza Roche Tankel LaPilusa LLC, MC Property Management & Home Repair, Sign-A-Rama of Kenilworth, Diversified Systems, www.LocalDiscountDining.com; and Silver Sponsors, Access Self Storage of Kenilworth and Enterprise Bank.

The “Taste of Kenilworth” represents the continued commitment of the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce to bring together its business and residential communities for the enrichment of both. The event would not have happened without the hard work of chamber members Isabel Cornel of Access Self Storage and Annie Panico of Annie’s and Mike Frozen Delights.



(above) Jimmy Guarino, owner of Charlie’s Italian Hot Dogs, gives his wife _____ a birthday kiss before she blows out her candles during the Taste of Kenilworth event.

Diners enjoyed offerings from:
Bella Palermo Bakery
Aliperti’s at the Kenilworth Inn
Bella Napoli
Blackthorn Irish Pub
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I Love Bagels
Charlie’s Italian Hot Dogs
Garlic Rose
BoulevardFive72
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W. B. Mason Coffee

VETERAN’S DAY OBSERVANCE



Taste of Kenilworth and Veteran’s Day photos can be found on on-line at KenilworthBusinessLife.com

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MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. The Christmas holidays and the New Year are right around the corner. We are all so busy this time of year that it seems we tend to forget to take some time to enjoy ourselves.

I hope you all have an opportunity to slow down just long enough to enjoy your friends, families and loved ones this holiday season.

The public hearing on the new Master Plan will be held on December 16, 2010.

The proposed plan reflects the Master Plan Committees' ideas to help move the Borough forward in these difficult economic times while maintaining the flavor and feel of the Borough.

Please feel free to download a copy of the proposed Plan from the Borough's web site. A copy can also be picked up at the Clerk's office. Please feel free to get a copy and attend the public meeting. All comments are welcome.

Please join us at the Borough's reorganization meeting on Sunday, January 2, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. Councilman Brian Joho will be sworn in for his second term and Peter Corvelli will join council. Everyone is welcome to join us as we begin the new year on Council.

I would like to thank Councilwoman Toni Sosnosky for all her hard work on council. Toni has been one of the most dedicated councilpersons that I have had the pleasure to work with. I wish her the best of luck and am happy to know that she will continue to help the Borough in many ways in the future.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and a happy and healthy New Year celebration.

Mayor Kathi Fiamingo

UPCOMING MEETINGS

GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH

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

DECEMBER 7

Workshop meeting to start at 7:30 PM

DECEMBER 8

Regular meeting to start at 8:00 PM

JANUARY 1, 2011

Reorganization meeting to start at 12 Noon

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

DECEMBER 16

Regular meeting to start at 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 6, 2011

Reorganization meeting to start at 7:00 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.

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8:00 AM DECEMBER 7
SMALL BUSINESS COUNCIL
Kenilworth Inn, Boulevard & 31st Street, Kenilworth

8:30 AM DECEMBER 8
KENILWORTH CHAMBER MEETING
Access Self Storage

5:30 PM DECEMBER 9
LINDEN CHAMBER HOLIDAY PARTY
Cavalier Restaurant, 2401 Wood Avenue, Roselle

8:30 PM DECEMBER 10
LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Mountainside Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, Mountainside

8:00 AM DECEMBER 14
GATEWAY CHAMBER BREAKFAST SEMINAR
"Join the Conversation!!" – Real Practical Social Media Strategies for Business Owners – presented by Sean Carroll owner, Work...Live...Dream.
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road, Clark

8:00 AM DECEMBER 15
EMPLOYER LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Kenilworth Inn, Boulevard & 31st Street, Kenilworth

8:30 AM DECEMBER 15

SCOUTS TO SELL TREES AND WREATHS

Kenilworth Boy Scout Troop 83 will hold its annual Christmas tree and wreath sale at the Kenilworth Veterans Center located at 33 South 21st Street on the following dates and times:

DECEMBER 9TH & 10TH BETWEEN 5-9 P.M.

DECEMBER 11TH & 12TH BETWEEN 10 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

DECEMBER 16 & 17TH BETWEEN 5-9 PM

DECEMBER 18TH & 19TH BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 8 P.M.

All trees and wreaths are fresh cut and best quality. Trees prices range from \$35 to \$50 and wreaths are \$20. All proceeds go to finance the troop's activities for 2011. Any questions, please call Scoutmaster John Kozak at 908-276-8167.

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8:00 AM DECEMBER 17
SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING
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6:00 PM DECEMBER 21
IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (IBA) HOLIDAY PARTY
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*On Christmas Day, Friday, December 25
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ST. THERESA'S FOOD DRIVE

Students from Harding Elementary School, Brownies from Troop 139, St. Theresa's CCD Students and members of the Social Concern Committee joined other volunteers to create over 125 baskets of food along with turkeys and gift certificates for distribution to families in need this Thanksgiving. The program was supervised by Mary Michitsch under the direction of Pastor Joseph S. Bejgrowicz.

Names of families seeking assistance were collected by the congregation and various groups of St. Theresa's parish and other Kenilworth groups including students from David Brearley High School. The groups also collected food throughout the month leading up to Thanksgiving, which was stored in a room at the church. The baskets are created in one evening using a fine tuned assembly system.

First the food is carried in bags and boxes and divided into type on the church pews. Each row is designated for one type of food, potatoes, corn, stuffing, cereal, etc. Then all the baskets are layed out along the circumference of the church. Volunteers then bring in a group of food and go around the church dropping one package into each basket. They continue the process until all groups are equally divided. Families that are registered picked-up their baskets on the Saturday morning before Thanksgiving.



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Submitted by: Mr. David Novak

On November 09, 2010 David Brearley Middle School students were given first hand and personal accounts of war time experiences by local Veterans of Post #2230 in Kenilworth, NJ. The students were, for the first time, also given the opportunity to pay personal tribute to these same Veterans for their service and sacrifices in the interest of preserving freedom. The special event was held in honor of Veteran's Day and was organized by Diane Westbrook with the assistance from Librarian Maryrose Little and other staff members. The Veterans that attended the special event (and are in the picture) included: Frank Chupko, Edward J. Miller, Paul Campanelli, Robert E. Jeans and John Gratacos. Robert E. Jeans served as the keynote speaker and is a former graduate of the David Brearley High School. He was a former platoon sergeant in the Vietnam War, has served as Commander of the Kenilworth V.F.W. Post for ten years, and also the Union County Commander for three years. He indicated that this event was as much about raising awareness for the students about military service and volunteerism as it was about paying tribute to those brave men and women who are currently serving our country. The Veterans also stressed

the importance of students getting involved in their communities. The students of language arts teachers Mrs. Cynthia Yakovchuk and Ms. Nicole Warchol wrote poetry, essays, and tributes to the Veterans. The personally students read their compositions to the Veterans. Many of the students spoke of their gratitude, patriotism, and acknowledgement of how lucky it was to live in a free country with endless opportunities. Mr. Jeans reminded the students about the

"Voice of Democracy" essay contest. Eighth-graders who enter the contest are eligible to win a \$100.00 scholarship. This special assembly permitted a rare opportunity for a multi-generational exchange of experiences, emotions, ideas, feelings, and thoughts between students, Veterans, faculty, and administration. It certainly raised the awareness of the importance of Veterans Day. Thank you to all Veterans – past, present, and future!



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(right, l-r) Mike & Annie's Frozen
Delights team Mike Ravioli,
Cynthia and Megan Approbato,
Annie Panico, Angelica
Jurgelevicius, and Mike Panico.



(above, r-l) Owner Marc Corello and
Chef Al Mitchko of the Garlic Rose.



(above, r-l) Bella Napoli owner
Ron Haag and daughter Janel.



(above, l-r) Blackthorn's Vania Teixeira, Eugene
and Sarah and Gene Gillespie.



(above) Gordon Blake of W.B. Mason served coffee
showcasing machines and coffee products they supply.



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(above) Devin Geoghegan-Kelly Hotz-John Placca-Anthony Matos-Gigi Elshiekh-Sommer Engler-Tara Kuroski Fund Raising.

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Drop off Location: VFW Post 2230,
33 S 21st Street, Kenilworth NJ 07033

ST. THERESA'S GIVING TREE

St. Theresa's Social Concerns is collecting donations for a "Giving Tree" which will be located in the Church. The tree is decorated with tags with needed items written on them. Donors simply take as many tags as they wish and return the items to the church for distribution.

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This musical comedy takes place in New Jersey during the 1980's. The story follows

Robbie Hart (the wedding singer) in his journey of love, life, friendship and all the unexpected things that can go wrong and right when emotions are involved.

The production team consists of music director Lauren Widner, artistic director Janice Marsili, and producer/director Curtis Cerillo. There are also many adult and student volunteers that get involved to help make this production possible. Without the generous support and help of many hands this "team effort" could not be accomplished.

Brearley Theater invites you to join us for a totally awesome evening filled with laughter, cool hair, friends, music reminiscent of the 1980's, and don't forget the weddings! Come and visit the "recent" past with us! You are encouraged to DRESS UP in your best 80's look when you come see the show. Performances will take place in the David Brearley Middle/High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$8.00 at the door.

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V.F.W. ANNOUNCES 2010 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Submitted by: Mr. David Novak



On November 09, 2010 during a special assembly at the David Brearley Middle/High School to honor all Veterans, the V.F.W. Post #2230 in Kenilworth, NJ announced their 2010 Teacher of the Year. Mr. Robert E. Jeans, Commander of the Post, made the announcement. The special recognition and award goes to Mrs. Diane Westbrook, a middle school teacher at the David Brearley Middle/High School. This is her first year teaching at the middle school level after teaching for many years at the high school level. She remains very active in the community and is also a proud and long time Kenilworth resident. She is the faculty advisor to the David Brearley High School charity club called the "Bears That Care."

She frequently initiates and coordinates food, pet food, and toy drives to benefit the community food pantries, shelters, and disadvantaged families. She also brings high school students to visit with senior citizens, runs ice cream parties, and sends cards to military service personnel. The award will be presented to her in January 2011 at a special ceremony at the Post. Congratulations, Mrs. Westbrook!

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Congratulations to Saint Theresa's JV Volleyball in Kenilworth. The team was undefeated this season with 18 wins.

The girls played their championship game in

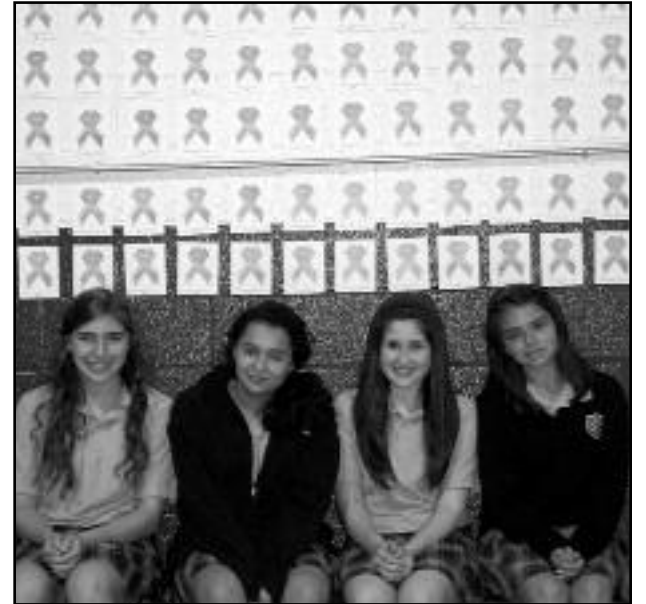
Kearny against St. James from Springfield winning 2 out of the 3 games. The girls wish to thank their Coach Ahn Bui and Coach Louis Velez for their support and dedication.



(above, front, l-r) Emma Munoz, Caroline Tramontana, Jacqueline Bollwage, Bridget Velez, Olivia Olivella. (back, l-r) Carly Pompei, Emma Morales, Kirsten Carpenter, Claire O'Brien, Molly Hughes, Deanna Vaqueiro, Alexa Karp, Michelle Hunter.

PINK RIBBONS SOLD

The Student Council Committee at St. Theresa's School in Kenilworth held a fundraiser for breast cancer awareness. The children sold cards with pink ribbons to place on the wall at school and raised \$225.00. Donations were \$1.00 and the proceeds went to The Susan G. Komen Foundation.



(above) Ashley Skrec, Angela Marie Bui, Caitlin Speers and Cynthia Liberal.

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BOOK GROUP HOSTS HOLIDAY PARTY AND DISCUSSION

The book group of the Kenilworth Public Library will meet in the library's activity room at 6:15 PM on Tuesday, December 14, for its annual pot luck holiday dinner, to be followed by a discussion of the classic tale, *The Little Prince*, by Antoine de Saint-Exupery.

Written by Saint-Exupery in 1942 during a stay in the United States, *The Little Prince* has been translated into more than 190 languages, with a total of more than 80 million copies sold, making it one of the best selling books of all

time. Although considered by many to be a children's book because of its illustrations and simple writing style, *The Little Prince* offers insights into life and the human condition that can also be enjoyed and appreciated by adult readers.

Participation in the book discussion group is free and open to all members of the general public age 18 and up, including people who reside in communities other than Kenilworth. No previous experience with a book group is required and new members are always welcome.

THANKSGIVING DAY CRAFTS

The Kenilworth Public Library recently presented a Thanksgiving Day craft program for children ages 4 & up.

Children had an opportunity to create holiday crafts to take home and display.



(above) Meave Kessler, age 5 and Lilliana Calder, age 4 both of Kenilworth create crafts.

SNAKES & TURTLES

Park naturalist, Ruth Yablonsky from Trailside Nature and Science Center educated children about snakes and turtles found in New Jersey. Children had an opportunity to view up close and touch live snakes and turtles at the conclusion of the program.



(above) Park naturalist, Ruth Yablonsky provides children with an opportunity to view up close and touch a live rat snake.

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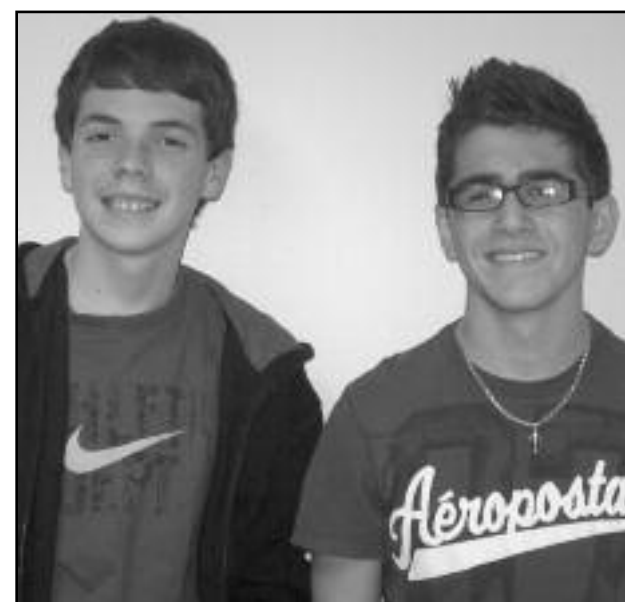
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DAVID BREARLEY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NOVEMBER 2010 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The David Brearley High School Student of the Month for November is senior Anthony Matos. According to Anthony's teachers, he is talented, bright, and responsible. Anthony is a consistent member of the David Brearley Honor Roll and is a member of the David Brearley chapter of the National Honor Society. Last year Anthony played a lead role in the Brearley musical, Little Shop of Horrors, and will grace the stage again this fall in The Wedding Singer. A well-rounded student, Anthony has been a member of the soccer team, as well as the Chamber Singers. Congratulations, Anthony!

The November Middle School Student of the

Month is Anthony Renda. Anthony is described by his teachers as being a dedicated and focused student who goes above and beyond the ordinary to ensure his academic success. In fact, this strong student also takes the time to help explain information to his peers when further clarification is needed. With that being noted, it's no wonder that when asked about Anthony's commendable qualities, Mr. Shapiro replied, "He's just a good kid." Anthony's maturity and dependability are also outstanding attributes that will lend him well in his transition to the high school. Congratulations Anthony Renda on being chosen as Student of the Month!



(above) Anthony Renda and Anthony Matos

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