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#### **VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK DEDICATED TO BOB JEANS**

Veterans Day is a day not only to remember those who have served our country, but also to recognize those who continue to serve today. Kenilworth VFW Post 2230 and the Kenilworth Veterans Center held their annual Veterans Day services on Friday, November 11, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

At a meeting of the KVC on June 9, 2011, the membership voted to dedicate Memorial Park, located adjacent to the Kenilworth Veterans Center, in honor of their Commander. Kenilworth's Mayor and Council also passed a Resolution to rename the park, "Robert E. Jeans Sr. Veterans Memorial Park". The dedication ceremony took take place during the Veterans Day services.

KVC President Jerry Dobbins stated, "We veterans could not do all we do without the guidance and leadership our Post Commander, Robert E. Jeans Sr. Under his command over the past ten years, the Kenilworth Veterans Center has indeed become the heart of our community. Commander Jeans served in the US Army from 1968-1970, in the 23rd Infantry Americal Division, as point man in the field in Vietnam. He attained the rank of Sergeant and was the recipient of the Purple Heart, two Bronze Stars, Distinguished Service Medal, and Vietnam Service Medal. He has been a Life Member of VFW Post 2230 since 1970 and awarded Life Membership in Vietnam Veterans of America. He is also the Past Commander



(above, l-r) Bob Jean's Sisters Mary Clements and Karen Mesler celebrate with Bob along with their brother Bill and family dog Kody.

of New Jersey's VFW District #5. We veterans are proud to serve under Commander Jeans and he is so deserving of this honor."



Residents are invited to gather at **Kenilworth Senior Center** 7:00 pm Light refreshments will be served, followed by the Girl Scouts singing Christmas Carols. Then walk from the Senior Center to Borough Hall where the Mayor will light the Christmas tree.

#### **NEXT CHAMBER** MEETING **DECEMBER 14TH** 8:30 AM **ACCESS SELF STORAGE** 750 BOULEVARD KENILWORTH

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#### **MEMO FROM THE MAYOR**



I would first like to congratulate the Pop Warner Kenilworth Bears for winning the Raritan Valley Conference Championship. They not only won the championship, but they did it as an undefeated team. That is a real accomplishment and we are all very proud of them. The Council will honor the entire team at its meeting on December 14, 2011. I look forward to having all of them at our meeting. The boys and their coaches, Steve Benko and Erik Loneker worked hard all

season to achieve this goal and we look forward to honoring them.

Congratulations are also due to the Kenilworth Pop Warner Midget Cheer Squad. The girls have earned their way to the Wide World of Sports in Orlando Florida to compete in Nationals. The dedicated team of twelve girls earned a 2nd place victory on November 13th at the Sun Center Arena, putting them in the running for the Nationals. We wish them luck in Florida and know they will give their competitors a run for their money.

The 2012 Reorganization meeting will be held on January 1, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. Please join us in bringing in the New Year on council. If anyone would like to volunteer their services to the Borough on the Recreation Committee, Beautification Committee, Pride in Kenilworth Committee, or would like to serve in any capacity, please feel free to contact me. We would love to have you join our wonderful team of volunteers.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and that the upcoming holiday season is a happy and healthy one. I am looking forward to a bright New Year for the Borough and for each and every one of you.

Mayor Kathi Fiamingo

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

#### **GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH**

All meetings are held in Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.

#### **DECEMBER 13, 2011**

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

#### **DECEMBER** 14, 2011

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

#### JANUARY 1, 2012

Reorganization meeting at 1:00 p.m.

#### **PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS**

#### **DECEMBER 8, 2011**

Beginning September, 2011 until January 2012 the Kenilworth Planning Board will be meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The Work Session at 7:30 P.M. and the Regular Meeting at 8:00.

#### **JANUARY 12, 2012**

Reorganization meeting 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. **DECEMBER 12, 2011** 

#### ECEMBER 12, 2011

Regular Meeting

#### **GATEWAY CHAMBER**

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8:30 PM DECEMBER 9 LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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6:00 PM DECEMBER 13

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#### **HELP LIBRARY CHECK OUT HUNGER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

Help check out hunger this holiday season with donations to a Food Drive being sponsored by the Union County Public Libraries. From November 21 - December 16, the Kenilworth Public Library will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items to benefit the New Jersey Community Food Bank and other local food pantries. Collection bins will be conveniently located at the public libraries and library staff will then route 100% of the donations to designated food banks.

During these tough economic times, many people in New Jersey have been left behind; low

#### ST. THERESA PROMOTING CHRISTMAS 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.

The gift wishes on the tags were collected from needs families within the community as well as Covenant House, Cranford Nursing Home and St. Joseph's Social Service Center located in Elizabeth. income families; struggling single parents; the elderly on a fixed income; the unemployed. The New Jersey Community Food Bank assists by supplying food to over 1,500 non-profit charities in 19 counties, including soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, local food banks, after school programs and senior centers.

To make this holiday season hunger free, simply visit your local library with a donation of non-perishable items. Groceries most urgently needed are canned meat and fish; canned soups and stews; peanut butter (in plastic jars); boxed pasta and rice; powdered milk; infant formula; canned vegetables and fruits.

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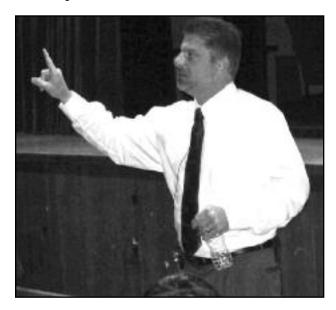
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#### DAVID BREARLEY ENFORCES ANTI-BULLYING, ANTI-CYBER-BULLYING, AND INTERNET SAFETY

Submitted by: Mr. David Novak

On October 27th, 2011 Sergeant Michael Hoose from the Union County Prosecutor's office came to the David Brearley Middle/High School and orchestrated an interactive and multimedia school-wide assembly on bullying and the safe and appropriate use of today's available technologies. The many faces, definitions, and disciplinary actions for bullying were presented, discussed, and shared.

Sergeant Hoose and the Kenilworth Schools believe that if we are supplying young adults with social media and the technology to participate in it and with it, then we must also share the responsibility of teaching them how to use it properly and positively. Sergeant Hoose challenged the David Brearley students to create a "No Bullying Zone" and to closely and personally monitor and maintain it. He also encouraged all David Brearley students to build a caring, compassionate, and supportive school where all individuals can feel safe and valued.

To learn more about this presentation and discover other important resources, please visit the Union County Prosecutor's Office Web site at: http://ucnj.org/government/prosecutor/ and http://www.ucnj.org/videochannel/31/index.htm





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#### HOW WILL TRENTON'S NCLB WAIVER REQUEST IMPACT KENILWORTH?

Dr. Scott Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Kenilworth Public Schools

schools).

New Jersey became one of 11 states to request that the federal government waive its regulations on school achievement that are part of the No Child Left Behind law. The Department of Education defined the three principles to guide reform efforts in the state if the waiver application is approved by the Obama Administration:

- 1. The new national standards for math and language arts (Common Core State Standards) will be implemented in all of the state's schools by September 2012 and a new national assessment developed by the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Consortium will replace the current standardized testing system.
- 2. A new accountability system will replace the current "Adequate Yearly Progress" measure. The new system will identify three tiers of schools' progress based on student achievement measures as defined by student's growth from year to year and attainment of certain proficiencies. Schools will either be identified as Priority Schools (the lowest achieving schools), Focus Schools, and Reward Schools (the highest achieving

3. The evaluation process of teachers' and principals' performance will be modified by a number of criteria, including their ability to influence student achievement.

Kenilworth's schools have already begun to align its curricula with the Common Core State Standards. Its sixth to seventh grade math programs are following Common Core curricula and new textbooks will be provided to students in 2012-2013 that support the Common Cores. All of the district's K-12 language arts and remaining math programs will be aligned to the Common Core Standards next September.

The district is prepared for the new accountability system. A new internal assessment tool called Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) has been adopted to help teachers determine student's growth rates in language arts, math, and science. And, Harding and Brearley schools' teachers have already proven they help student's grow academically. For instance, a two-year trend analysis of Sixth Graders showed that 16.9 percent of the student body moved from the "Partial Proficiency" category to the Proficiency category on the

language arts section of the NJASK (the state standardized assessment used to measure progress), and another 25.2 percent of Sixth Graders showed the same growth in math.

Teachers and principals are currently evaluated using a very comprehensive tool that focuses on several "domains" governing instructional effectiveness, management skills, and assessment techniques. The district's central office administration team is confident it will be able to adapt its current evaluation process to fairly measure teacher and principal effectiveness while meeting its state compliance obligations.

More information about Trenton's waiver plan can be found by going to the November 16, 2011 press release on the subject http://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/552011 /approved/20111116a.html.State regulations will not define Kenilworth's benchmarks for excellence. The school system has imposed its own standards that exceed the Department of Education's expectations and will continue to focus solely on accomplishing one thing: helping Kenilworth's children grow into productive, independent, thoughtful, and caring citizens.

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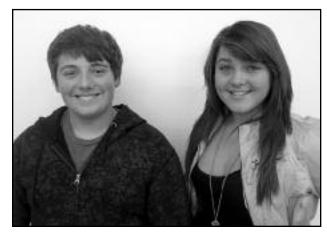


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#### **MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NOVEMBER 2011 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

Submitted by: Mr. David Novak



Dylan Yocus and Agnes Daszykowski.

The David Brearley High School Student of the Month for November is senior Agnes Daszykowski. She was given this recognition because of her hard work and active participation in David Brearley High School student activities. As President of the Student Council, Agnes was a key member of the Homecoming Dance Committee as well as a nominee for Homecoming Queen. While serving as Junior Class President, Agnes successfully guided the Junior/Senior Prom Committee. Agnes is a varsity cheerleader, but still finds time to volunteer in the community as a tutor and a teacher's assistant at the Polish School in Clark. Agnes has also been a regular contributor to the David Brearley Literary Magazine. Congratulations, Agnes!

The David Brearley Middle School Student of the Month is a student known for his kind and warm greetings. He will go out of his way to acknowledge every person he encounters. He is a student that tackles every new life experience with a smile and works so very hard to complete each and every task he is given. Teachers and students both say that Dylan Yocus is the most polite student in the middle school. His wonderful sense of humor makes everyone around him laugh. Overall, Dylan is a wonderful person who has a love of life. We all should try to possess the positive attitude that Dylan exhibits everyday! Congratulations, Dylan Yocus, on your nomination as the David Brearley Middle School Student of the Month for November 2011!

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### POP WARNER MIDGET CHEER SQUAD TO COMPETE IN NATIONALS

As the mont of August approached, much competitions during the season only to get controversy surrounded the forming of the Kenilworth Pop Warner Midget Cheer squad, the coaches pondered how they would make this small team of twelve competitive, but with hard work and dedication three months of sweat and tears they have succeeded.

The Midgets have earned their way to the Wide World of Sports in Orlando Florida to compete in Nationals on December 9th, 2011. The Midgets have performed in three stronger and more unified with each one. The most recent competition held on November 13th at the Sun Center Arena earned them a 2nd place victory and the chance to advance to Nationals.

Anyone interested in making donations to help send the girls and their families to Disney during these difficult economic times may send donations payable to the Kenilworth Bears PO Box 136, Kenilworth NJ 07033. We thank you for your support!



(above) Photo taken November 13, 2011 at Sun Center Arena. Team Roster: Head Coach - Cathy Cappola - Assistant Coaches - Tina Calello, Terry Loneker, Gina Cesaro & Meghan Gilligan. Teen Instructors - Cassy Gorka & Victoria Loneker. Cheerleaders - Alondra Alonso, Brianne Arcieri, Nathalie Baluarte, Madison Calello, Dina Cascarano, Brianna Cesaro, Jessica Cittadino, Jamie Goncalves, Jessica Laramore, Olivia Siragusa and Nicole Tancs.





#### **KENILWORTH BEARS 2011 RVC CHAMPIONS!**

It was late August, which means the start of road. another Pop Warner season. Mother Nature had other plans though. 'Week 1' was washed out by the perfect storm, hurricane 'Irene', which forced the Bears to start their season on the road Bound Brook. A stellar defensive in performance by the Bears had them come out on top, 21-0.

Next up for the Bears was perennial power Clark and a classic defensive battle ensued, as the Bears eked out a win 7-6. Week three had the Bears trekking down to Holmdel to take on Rumson/Fair Haven Bulldogs. The Bears offense powered their way to a 28-7 victory, leaving the Bears 3-0 after three weeks on the

The Bears finally arrived home for a week four showdown with the Metuchen Bulldogs. In a double overtime thriller the Bears took a 1 point victory, 7-6, to move to 4-0. Manville Mustangs rode on into Kenilworth in week five and the Bears offense exploded for 34 points to lead the Bears to an unblemished 5-0 record. The Roselle Park Panthers, looking to knock-off the undefeated Bears on probably the hottest day of the season in week six, hung tough but came up short in a Bears 21-13 victory.

Sitting atop of the Midget division at 6-0, the Bears awaited another showdown with Clark. In another defensive battle the Bears clawed their

way to a thrilling OT victory, 12-6, to clinch the top spot for the championship game. Next, the Bears were to take on Middlesex which was postponed from week one.

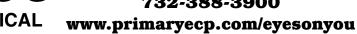
The Bears played an excellent game on both sides of the ball and posted a 39-14 victory to finish the season 8-0!

The Bears were to face Bound Brook in the RVC championship game on Halloween weekend. Treated to a rare snowstorm the towns battled the elements for a Sunday night matchup. With a snow laden field the Bears took to the attack and cruised to a 39-7 triumph! Finishing the season a perfect 9-0 and 2011 Raritan Valley Champions!



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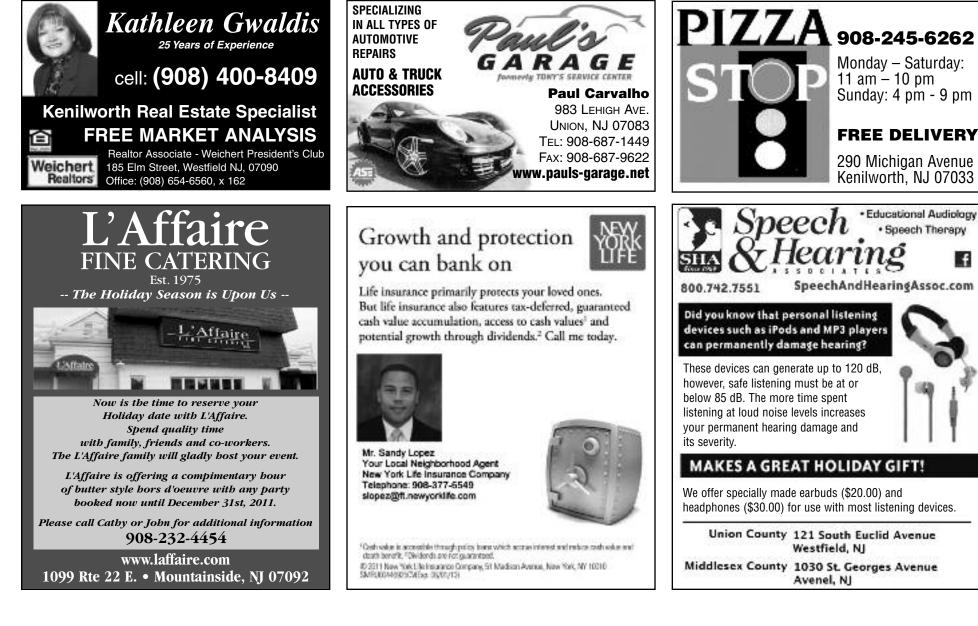
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#### SAINT THERESA IS FIRST PLACE OVERALL IN SCHOLASTIC OLYMPICS KCoC • Page 8 • December 2011



(above, kneeling, l-r) Brandan Schuster, Erin O'Boyle, Katrina McCarthy, Nicholas Suri, Nicholas Cuppari, Ulysses Reyes, Mark Liberal, Michael Ritter. (standing, l-r) Mrs. Kathy Schielke, Mrs. Sue Aronowitz, Conchetta Aronowitz, Brian Bokoske, Rajiv Dave, Pavan Patel, Taylor Grant, Kyle Gniazdowski, Gabriel Reis, Mrs. Christine McCarthy, Ms. Nancy Pakulski, Mrs. Alice Gorombey, Mrs. Donna Morgese.



On Wednesday, October 26, 2011, Saint Theresa School in Kenilworth was one of twelve schools, a total of 294 students, who participated in the Roselle Catholic 40th Annual Scholastic Olympics held at Roselle Catholic High School in Roselle, NJ.

Saint Theresa's School team consisted of eighth grade students: Conchetta Aronowitz, Brian Bokoske, Nicholas Cuppari, Rajiv Dave, Kyle Gniazdowski, Taylor Grant, Mark Liberal, Shannon Matier, Katrina McCarthy, Erin O'Boyle, Pavan Patel, Gabriel Reis, Ulysses Reyes, Michael Ritter, and Brandan Schuster.

The third place History plaque was awarded to Rajiv Dave, Michael Ritter took second place in Spelling. Katrina McCarthy and Brian Bokoske both received second place in English (girls and boys division).

Brandan Schuster received first place in Current Events. Pavan Patel received first place in Math. Erin O'Boyle and Nicholas Cuppari both received first place in Religion (girls and boys division).

Saint Theresa's School was awarded first place overall school and received a first place plaque as well as the annual rotating trophy that will be displayed in the front office.

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11 am – 10 pm



#### ST. THERESA'S SCHOOL IN KENILWORTH HELD A WALK-A-THON FUNDRAISER FOR ST. JUDE'S CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL

The student council organized and collected over \$3,000 to donate to the organization.

Classes from Kindergarten to 8th grade participated walking around the school parking lot. The children also go to enjoy listening to music being pumped out of an amplifier.

The children enjoyed themselves walking for a good cause and look forward to doing it every year.



(left, l-r) Teachers Mrs. Morgese and Mrs. Schielke took a walk for the cause.



(above) 8th graders... Brian Bokoske, Gabriel Reis, Ulysses Reyes, Alexa Karp, Conchetta Aronowitz and Mark Liberal.



(above) 4th graders... Alexa Rojas ,Stephanie Mendes and Emily Ferreira enjoying the walk.



(above) 2nd graders... Sydney Phillips and Alex Han leading the way.



(above) 5th grade class walking together.



#### **GALLERY ON THE BOULEVARD**





The Gallery on the Boulevard at the Kenilworth Public Library will host a showing of pastel drawings by local artist Paula Pearl during the months of November and December. A graduate of Syracuse University with a major in advertising design and photography, Pearl uses photographs as a reference point for her pastel work.

According to the artist, she is frequently drawn to scenes that show a quiet place, serene and sometimes ethereal, that comes from her love of nature and her admiration of the beauty all around us. She recently completed a pastel on a violin for the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's annual Artstrings Fundraiser, a project she found both challenging and fun. Pearl exhibits frequently in the tri-state area and many of her paintings are in private collections.Example of her work can be found on her website, www.paulapearlart.com.

#### **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

#### LIBRARY BOOK GROUP TO HOLD HOLIDAY DINNER MEETING

The book group of the Kenilworth Public Library will hold its annual pot luck holiday dinner at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 13, in the library's activity room. The dinner will be followed by a discussion of the novella, The Man in the Picture: A Ghost Story, by Susan Hill, a writer who is very popular in her native Great Britain but who is not well known to American readers. With the action in The Man in the Picture taking place variously in Cambridge, a remote country house in the north of England, London and Venice, this short page turner can be read in approximately two hours and provides the perfect opportunity for people who have not yet participated in the book group to give it a try. Previous experience in a book discussion group is not required and new members (age 18 and up) are always welcome, including people who reside in communities other than Kenilworth. Copies of The Man in

> UP CLOSE LOOK AT SNAKES AND TURTLES

NJ Snakes and Turtles was recently presented at the Kenilworth Public Library. Trailside Nature and Science Center of Mountainside park naturalists, Ruth Yablonsky and Jordan Warner educated young children and their families about snakes and turtles found in New Jersey. At the conclusion of the program, children had an opportunity to view up close, and touch live snakes and turtles. the Picture will be available for checkout at the library's circulation desk and residents of communities other than Kenilworth should inquire regarding ways they may be eligible for borrowing privileges at the Kenilworth Public Library. Preregistration is required.

#### LIBRARY IS THE PLACE FOR HOLIDAY CRAFTS YEAR-ROUND

A Thanksgiving Day craft was recently presented at the Kenilworth Public Library. Children had an opportunity to create holiday crafts to take home and display.



(above) Anna Lahanas, age 4 of Kenilworth creates a Thanksgiving day decoration.



Park Naturalist, Jordan Warner displays turtle shells for children.



Park naturalist, Ruth Yablonsky introduces a rat snake to the children.

#### THE ORCHESTRA OF ST. PETER BY THE SEA **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE**

conducted by Rev. Alphonse Stephenson returns for their annual Christmas performance at the Church of Saint Theresa in Kenilworth on Wednesday, December 14 at 7:30pm. The Church acoustics and Christmas decorations are the perfect setting to enjoy the music.

After 30 years of professional conducting, from Broadway to Carnegie Hall, Father Alphonse received a Doctor of Music from Monmouth University in May 2010.

He is Chaplain, Brigadier General and the Air National Guard Assistant to the Air Force Chief of Chaplains at the Pentagon.

Father Alphonse is founder of the Cecelia Limited Ticket Sales at the Door.

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St. Theresa School in Kenilworth is in full swing of helping those in the community. The Social Concerns Club meets once a week for one hour. Under the direction of 6th grade teacher Mrs. Alice Gorombey, the students think of ways they can contribute to the community. There are 18 students in all including President Madison Kutakoff, Vice President Keanna Grelicha, Secretary Katherine Palacious and Treasurer Nava Hodge

For the month of November the Club had a Munchin Drive which involved the making of over 150 sandwiches which were later donated to St. Joseph's in Elizabeth.

For the month of December the students are having a Pet Shop which will be collecting any type of animal items and donating them to the local animal shelters.



#### **CLOTHING DRIVE FOR LUPUS**

The Student Council of St. Theresa 's School in Kenilworth collected clothing for the Lupus Foundation .The organization sells the clothing and donates all proceeds to the Foundation.



(above, l-r) Principal-Sr. Emy DeFilippi FMA, Student Council President- Conchetta Aronowitz, Treasurer- Alexa Karp, Secretary-Mark Liberal, Vice President- Ulysses Reves.

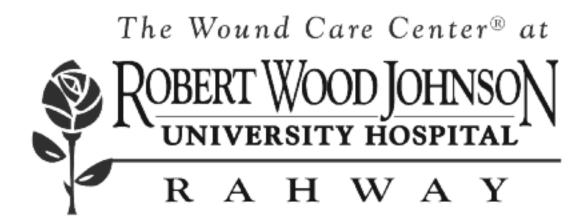
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