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BUSINESSES AND STUDENTS VOLUNTEER TO BUILD A DREAM

On Sunday November 20th, the community came together for the greater good. The organization “Be the Change” Kean University led by Dr. Norma Bowe participated in the first-ever Dream Room Makeover.

Dream Room Makeovers is an organization that supports families with children who have life-challenging illnesses or disabilities by giving the child the bedroom of their dreams. The goal is to create a space that only the child can imagine, while also addressing their unique medical needs. All makeovers are made possible by donations and volunteers.

The first recipients of their efforts are the members of the Willoughby-Hazel family from Union, N.J. Danielle Willoughby is a single mom with three children. The two youngest have a neuromuscular disease called spinal muscular atrophy and are in wheelchairs.

Over 80 volunteers pitched in from Kean University, Home Depot and area construction companies. Access Storage in Kenilworth provided the boxes and moving supplies along with the use of their box truck to move the donations.

The project couldn’t have been done without the generosity of several area businesses. Big Apple Pizza at 700 Boulevard in Kenilworth provided a hot lunch Italian buffet for over 100 volunteers. Ralphs’ Italian Ice provided dessert, I Love Bagels donated bagels and Manhattan Bagels of Union donated the spreads. The volunteers were so grateful for the “fuel” that fueled the project.

The entire house was “made-over” to accommodate the special needs of this family. Happy holidays will take on a new meaning for them this year. “Be the Change” Kean University thanks everyone for making this project such a success and we look forward to many more collaborative projects!



(above) Members of the Kean University student activism group Be the Change gather around recipient of a Dream Room Makeover who lives in Union, NJ.



(above) I Love limosines donated Bagels for breakfast.



(above) Access self Storage of Kenilworth donated supplies and use of its truck.



(above, l-r) Phil of Ralph’s Italian Ice, Elisa Hyer of Kean University and Mike Hyza of Big Apple Pizza.



(above) Staff of Manhattan Bagels in Union.



(above, l-r) Kean students were a large part of a team of over 80 volunteers.

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MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

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Four years ago, I began my first term as mayor of this wonderful Borough. Life was good, everyone was prospering financially and we were all riding high. A year or so later, the global economic meltdown began and the riding wasn't so high anymore.

The plans we had in the Borough to move forward to build a new public safety building had to be shelved and we entered into a period of difficult financial burdens on many levels. State aid to the Borough was slashed at the same time that costs and expenses for things like health insurance, pension benefits and other costs beyond our control skyrocketed.

This administration worked hard to minimize tax increases while maintaining the services that our residents have come to expect. In fact, Kenilworth continues to provide services like garbage pickup, bulky waste pick ups and sewer fees in their tax base while other towns have been forced to eliminate services and pass the costs on directly to their taxpayers.

We saw a sea change in our police department with the retirement of several officers, including Chief William Dowd. New Chief Ken Grady has gone to great lengths in his short tenure to modernize the department. This administration has also replaced uniformed officers with civilian dispatchers, placing those officers on the street where their profession and training best suit them. And though it was not economically feasible to construct a new public safety building, we did expand the police facilities by acquiring the building adjacent to the municipal lot and converting it into offices for the detective bureau.

Even the weather was a nightmare in 2011, including Hurricane Irene and her devastating flood, the Halloween snow fall and even an earthquake. Despite these unprecedented weather events and their aftermaths, through the tireless efforts of the members of the Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department, the Police Department and the DPW, the Borough recovered relatively quickly.

While other towns struggled to recover from the flooding or left their residents to fend for themselves after the snowfall, the members of our Police and Fire Departments and our DPW worked long hours to see that the Borough was quickly back in service. This administration recognized the needs of our residents and acted to meet them. After the snow fall the members of the Fire Department and our DPW were again called upon to work hour upon hour to clear fallen limbs quickly and efficiently. Halloween was not postponed in the Borough of Kenilworth.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants have been obtained over the past four years for many purposes, including infrastructure improvements and energy saving upgrades at all of our municipal facilities. Some of the renovations at the new detective bureau are being funded by grants which we have obtained. Computer equipment throughout Borough Hall has been upgraded for much needed and long-overdue modernization. Borough Council meetings may be viewed on three cable channels and over the internet. A new web site will be unveiled in the next few weeks providing more information to the public at the click of a mouse.

I am extremely proud to have been a part of the creation of the September 11th memorial. I am even more proud of my fellow residents who came out in force to commemorate the lost lives on the tenth anniversary of that horrific day.

Although I am hopeful that 2012 will bring positive economic change to our country and our Borough, the days ahead remain challenging. Manufacturing activities at the Merck Campus will be phased out by the end of this year. On the positive side, the new R&D facility is anticipated to open at the same time. I have had meetings with Merck representatives to discuss redevelopment of the site and will continue to make that a priority of this administration.

I would like to congratulate Scott Klinder and Anthony DeLuca on their election to council. I would also like to thank Council members Brian Joho, Fred Pugliese, Scott Klinder, Pete Corvelli, Sal Candarella, Kevin Leary and Toni Giordano for all of their hard work and dedication in 2011.

Last but certainly not least, I want to thank all of those who have supported me and have confidence in me. I have worked very hard with council to do the very best for the Borough and I look forward to serving you again as Mayor.

I wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. May God bless the United States of America, the Borough of Kenilworth, each of you and your families.

Mayor Kathi Fiamingo

UPCOMING MEETINGS

GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH

All meetings are held in Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.

JANUARY 10 & 24, 2012

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

JANUARY 11 & 25, 2012

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

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

Please call the clerk for schedule 908-276-9090

KENILWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

JANUARY 9, 2012

Regular Meeting

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- 5:30 PM JANUARY 11**
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- 7:30 AM JANUARY 12**
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 Borough of New Providence Municipal Center
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IRISH BUSINESS ASSOC. NETWORKING EVENT
 Molly Maguire's, 1085 Central Avenue, Clark 07066
- 8:00 AM JANUARY 18**
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 Kenilworth Inn, Boulevard & 31st Street, Kenilworth
- 8:30 AM JANUARY 24**
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(above, l-r) Bruins That Care members Daniella Couto and Samantha Smith, Senior Center coordinator Barbara Morisson, and Bears That Care members Raquel DaCosta and Sydnie Rodrigues.

BEARS AND BRUINS VISIT SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

Submitted by: Mr. David Novak

The "Bears That Care" charity organization of the David Brearley High School and the "Bruins That Care" charity organization of the David Brearley Middle School visited senior citizens at the Kenilworth Senior Citizen Center on December 20, 2011.

This annual holiday event was organized by Ms. Christa Candon, the faculty advisor of the "Bruins That Care," and Mrs. Diane Westbrook, the faculty advisor of the "Bears That Care." The David Brearley Chamber Singers, instructed by Mrs. Lauren Widner, and the David Brearley Band, instructed by Mr. John

Ondrey, provided the wonderful seasonal and holiday entertainment. The "Bears and Bruins That Care" distributed ornaments to every senior citizen, played holiday bingo, supplied deserts for everyone, and enjoyed the music and songs of the season.

Mr. Sylvan Hershey, Kenilworth Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Scott Taylor, Kenilworth Assistant Superintendent of Schools, also joined in the holiday festivities. Both addressed the senior citizens and wished everyone a happy holiday season and a healthy New Year. A great time was had by all.

BREARLEY TOY DRIVE IS ANOTHER HUGE SUCCESS

Submitted by: David Novak

The David Brearley Middle School Bruins That Care charitable club, supervised by Ms. Diane Westbrook, collected close to 60 toys for disadvantaged and under-privileged children in the area. Special thanks and recognition go to 7th grader Bruins That Care members: James Karkosky, Sydney David, and Daniel Triano. Special thanks and recognition to 8th grader

Bruins That Care members: Nina Campanelli, Christopher Zobek, and Jonathan Zobek. They all worked very hard and also gave very generous toy donations. On December 16th, all of the collected toys were donated to St. Theresa's Church in Kenilworth. These Brearley students should be commended for their continued community contributions.



(right, l-r) Chris Kobek, Dan Triano, Sydney David, Jim Karkosky, Jonathan Zobek & Nia Campanelli



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KENILWORTH GIRL SCOUTS EARN BRONZE AWARD

The fifteen 11-year old members of Kenilworth Girl Scout Troop 437 recently achieved the highest award Junior level Girl Scouts can earn. The Bronze Award is achieved by girl scouts who earn two badges related to their Bronze Award Project, complete the Sign of the Star and the Lead On and Girl Scouting in the U.S.A. badges. The Award is usually achieved by Girl Scouts before they bridge to the Cadette Girl Scout Level.

Once those tasks are completed, the candidates are required to develop a service project that demonstrates leadership skills learned as a Girl Scout Junior. The project must show a commitment to community and the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

The girls of Troop 437 developed a project which they believed would help to make their community a safer place by teaching younger children about bicycle safety. They planned and implemented a bicycle rodeo last June for all of the younger Girls Scouts, their siblings, and invited the Boy Scouts in Kenilworth together

with their siblings. Healthy snack packs and bicycle safety literature were distributed to all of the rodeo participants.

Police Chief Grady, Lt. John Zimmerman, Sgt. Wayne Fennes and Officer Kenneth Grady, Jr. helped the Girl Scouts by chalking out the safety course for the participants. Approximately 100 Kenilworth residents had their bicycles checked for safety and registered, had their helmets checked for correct fit and were replaced, if needed, and learned the proper way to ride their bikes safely.

In addition to achieving their Bronze Award, the Girl Scouts of Troop 437 provided a much needed service to the community by helping younger children learn the safe way to ride their bicycles in their neighborhoods. The girls of Troop 437 are Kiara Adorno, Amanda Balke, Michelle Capizzano, Sofia Campanella, Alexis Costello, Olivia Cristello, Courtney Francen, Andrea Gaines, Anna Giacalone, Samantha Lotfy, Samantha Rehm, Isabelle Soares, Sarah Testa, Allegra Wyrick and Jenna Zimmerman.

PETERSON IS STUDENT AMBASSADOR FOR TCNJ



Kenilworth native Jennifer Peterson, now living Clark was recently selected by the student body as a final five candidate for Homecoming Queen at The College of New Jersey. She was honored during the halftime ceremony at the football game vs. Montclair State University. Jennifer is currently a senior and is completing a dual major in Elementary Education and Math, Science, Technology. She is a member of the Sigma Sigma Sigma national sorority and Kappa Delta Pi, the Education Honor Society. Jennifer also works as a student ambassador for the college. She is currently student teaching second grade in Hillsborough and will be graduating in May.



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On December 14, 2011, the Borough Council adopted a new ordinance restricting parking on Borough streets during and after a snow event. Effective on January 1, 2012, during a snow fall and for 24 hours thereafter, there is no parking permitted on the odd-numbered side of the streets or in municipal parking lots to permit the Borough to clear the streets and the lots.

Cars parked in driveways must be no less than one foot from the edge of the street pavement. Cars parked on the street must be no less than 4 inches from the curb or street edge. No one may attempt to reserve a parking space by placing any type of material in the street. No one may throw snow into the street and vehicles may not be parked in any manner which would restrict or prohibit removal of snow by the Borough.

The ordinance was adopted as a result of the blizzard of 2010 when streets were virtually impassable for days after the storm. The police, fire department and DPW reported that with cars parked on both sides of the street it was impossible to get plows and emergency vehicles through. All of those departments asked Council to adopt an ordinance which would alleviate these problems.

Borough residents must take note of the new ordinance and abide by the parking restrictions. If possible, vehicles should be parked off the street to allow those without off-street parking the opportunity to park their vehicles.

The fines for failing to abide by the ordinance range from \$150 to \$1,000. For more information about the ordinance, please request a copy from the Borough Clerk.

BREARLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY, AND ART (STEM-A) WILL BE HERE IN 2012-2013

Dr. Scott Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Kenilworth Public Schools

The Brearley Academies were introduced to the Kenilworth community in May 2011. Slated for a 2012-2013 school year launch, the Brearley Middle School and High School Academy of Science, Engineering, Technology, and Art (STEM-A) will accept its first classes of between 15-20 Kenilworth students in each the middle school and high school programs.

Phase One of planning is already complete. A team of middle-high school teachers and administrators gathered to develop proposed selection criteria and a four-year program of study. These content and organizational specialists visited other programs and collected best practice ideas that the planning team will reinvent to make even more engaging and dynamic. Our academies will be world class institutions that prepare career-minded young adults for select professional occupations.

We seek local business-community and parent input before we implement Phase Two-development of curricula, specialized support programs (symposiums, field trips, and guest speaking engagements). To form our Academy Community Advisory Group, we've identified parents, a member of the Board of Education (Mr. Gerard Laudati), two local business owners, and a Brearley High School graduate who is currently employed in a STEM field.

What the planning team will propose to this group is that selection criteria be rigorous yet fair. Acceptance into the Academies will be

based on multiple criteria, and students will be given the opportunity to illustrate their abilities through different measures. An aptitude test will assess student's reasoning skills. Standardized test scores will reflect acquisition of the skills inherent in the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. Class grades will show work ethic, and an interview screening process will consider an applicant's willingness and ability to work with his or her peers.

Once accepted to the STEM-A Academies, the cohort of students will begin the first-year course of study that will require them to take honors classes, an Advanced Placement course (for college credit), and several career-focused sessions that will introduce them to the science, technology, engineering, mathematics and related arts fields. Courses will become more sophisticated from year to year until the culminating senior year series of field experiences (internships) and college-level classes that we intend to have offered by Kean University's own STEM program. A junior year experience will emphasize community service, and we will propose that students be bused to various community service organizations (i.e. shelters, food banks) where they can give to those in need.

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Michael Fanelli

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Officer and Chief Operating Officer. Fanelli replaces Frederick Beckman who retired after 17 years in the position.

With more than 20 years of industry experience, Fanelli is a graduate of the University of Scranton. He served as a member

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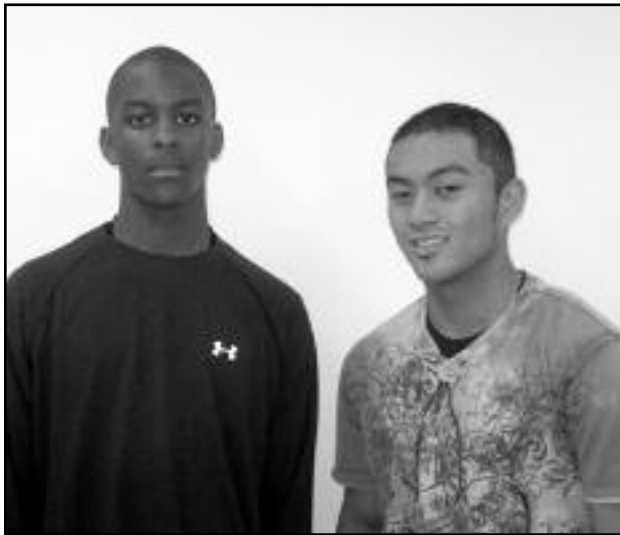
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MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH DECEMBER 2011

Submitted by: Mr. David Novak



(above, l-r) Donald Stewart and Jason Capati

The David Brearley High School Student of the Month for December 2011 is a very determined and accomplished senior. Jason Capati, a member of the National Honor Society, is a student who consistently earns honor roll status. This truly proves his strong academic skills. He has also earned numerous Academic Booster Club (ABC) Awards for his success in the areas of mathematics, science, English, and Spanish. ABC Club awards are only awarded to the students with one of the top three grades in each course. Jason was a member of the David Brearley High School basketball team and is currently a member of the David Brearley High School winter track team. He routinely volunteers his personal time both in school at the Information & Media Center and out of school as well. Congratulations, Jason!

Mr. Donald Stewart is the December 2011 David Brearley Middle School Student of the Month. Donald is a hard working young man who strives for excellence. His kind demeanor exuberates in the hallway when he is often seen taking time out of his day to acknowledge fellow peers with a warm smile, a kind greeting, and a hand shake. Donald Stewart is a friendly young man who serves as a positive peer role model and conversationalist during "SWITCH" activities. His teachers report that Donald is a conscientious student that cooperates, answers questions and is a key contributor during class time. His work ethic is excellent. Overall, Donald is a well rounded student who brings a smile to the faces of others in his presence. Congratulations to Donald on a job well done and well done every day.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD REPLENISHES PANTRY



(above) Cub Scout Pack 83 had a successful Scouting for Food project. The project was done to replenish the St. Theresa Food Pantry after the Thanksgiving holiday.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION THAT WILL HELP OTHERS

Literacy Volunteers Recommends Volunteering To Help Others Learn to Read.

A typical New Year's resolution involves things like losing weight, giving up a bad habit or getting more organized. While those goals are important to the person making them, Literacy Volunteers of Union County (LV-UC) is asking you to expand your 2012 New Year's resolutions and help your fellow community members.

Volunteer tutors are trained at a 15-hour workshop where they will develop the skills needed to work with adult learners in their community. Resource materials are provided at the workshop and the professional staff of LVUC provides ongoing support to all tutors. In addition, free in services on specific literacy topics are offered several times a year and tutor mentors meet with new volunteers.

A New Tutor Training Workshop Series begins January 21 at the Plainfield Public Library, 800 Park Avenue, Plainfield, and continues January 28, February 4, and February 11 (if needed for a snow day). The workshop begins promptly at 9:30 am and concludes 2:45 pm each Saturday. Attendance is required at all sessions to become a certified tutor and you must be at least 18 years old, able to read and write English, and willing to commit to tutoring at a Union County Library for one hour a week for one year.

There is a \$40 non-refundable registration fee to cover the cost of materials provided at the workshop and scholarships are available to qualifying individuals to cover this fee.

For more information on becoming involved visit www.lvaunion.org, contact susan@lvaunion.org or call 908-755-7998.



(above, l-r) Bonni McCoy is a volunteer tutor who teaches English to Vanya Stoyanova an immigrant from Bulgaria.

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KENILWORTH RESIDENT MINNIE LEIKAUSKAS DIES AT 97

Philomena (Minnie) Leikauskas (nee: Iadarola), 97, of Kenilworth passed away on November 29, 2011 at her home with her loving family by her side.

Born in Elizabeth, she lived in Kenilworth. She served as clerk in office of Harding School, Kenilworth, eventually becoming the secretary to several principals and superintendents before her retirement. She was a member of the Harding School PTA, serving as room mother for her daughters and on various committees; Jonathan Dayton High School PTA, served as secretary for two years; Kenilworth Garden Club, served as corresponding secretary and president; Kenilworth Art Association member; Committee member planning Kenilworth's Diamond Jubilee Anniversary; Organizer and worker for Kenilworth's

SHARE food program; Volunteer at Alexian Brothers Hospital in Elizabeth in the Admission Office; Playground director of Kenilworth's Recreation Department; Brownie and Girl Scout Leader for her daughters' troops, leading them from grade 4 through 12 grade; Assistant Director of the Girl Scout Camp Wild Cherry; Committee member during the construction of the Girl Scout House overlooking Black Brook Park; Served as president of the Girl Scout Leaders; Minnie's favorite hours were spent with Kenilworth's Seniors. She joined Kenilworth Senior Citizen Club in 1975, serving on the Senior Citizen Building committee, Member of committee to obtain the first Senior Citizen Van from Schering Plough and scheduling the van for shopping; Director of Arts and Crafts at the Club for 25 years; volunteered 20 years of service with the RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program) which

included a nutrition lunch program; In her opinion, her most important accomplishment was to encourage town officials to complete an application and secure federal grants for the installation of a much needed elevator at the club. Minnie served three terms as President of the Kenilworth Senior Citizen Club. To show their appreciation for their mother being an exemplary role model and dedicated mother, in 2004 Minnie's three daughters donated the clock which stands in front of Kenilworth's Municipal Building in her honor. They felt it would capture the concept of their Mother's enduring service to the borough and allow her to enjoy it in her senior years. She was a parishioner of St. Theresa's Church, Kenilworth. She was a graduate of Battin High School in Elizabeth. She is predeceased by her husband, Adolph; daughter, Joanne Wrenn and her son-in-law, Edward Ensslin.

Minnie is survived by her daughters, Kathryn Ensslin of Springfield and Dianne Coraggio of Kenilworth; son-in-laws, Ronald Wrenn and his wife, Doris of East Brunswick and Donald Coraggio, Sr. of Kenilworth; grandchildren, Edward Ensslin and his wife Liz of Westfield, Lisa Hermann and her husband Edward of Medford, Donna Wrenn Jacobson and her husband Marc of Shrewsbury, Patricia Wrenn of Farmingdale, Michelle Coraggio of Cranford, Donald Coraggio and his wife Kelly of Mary Esther, Florida; great-grandchildren: Matthew, Beth, Christopher Hermann of Medford, Noah, Joseph, Emily Ensslin of Westfield, Cameron Jo Coraggio of Mary Esther, Florida.



(above) Minnie with her three daughters, Joanne Wrenn who passed away in 4/2007, Diane Coraggio, and Kathy Ensslin.



(above) Minnie with her four granddaughters: Lisa (Ensslin) Hermann, Donna Wrenn, Patricia Wrenn, Michelle Coraggio all from Kenilworth.

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THINGS THEY DON'T TEACH YOU ABOUT IN LIBRARY SCHOOL

Submitted by Dale Spindel, Director of the Kenilworth Public Library.

As is the case with many public libraries, senior citizens make up a large proportion of the people who use the Kenilworth Public Library. Of all our adult patrons, the seniors are the ones who are less likely to be in a rush when they stop by; they are more inclined to spend time browsing the shelves, chatting with members of the staff or each other, or just hanging out for a while to read newspapers or magazines. The seniors also make more frequent visits to the library than do many of our younger adult patrons who are still in that stage of life that keeps them busy with work and family responsibilities. Because of this, we have the opportunity to get to know many of our senior patrons pretty well.

Although I have established friendships with library patrons of a variety of ages, the connections I have made with older visitors to the library are among my most memorable. My first such friendship originated at my first professional job out of library school; a rather crotchety gentleman who was nearly fifty years my senior and a frequent visitor to the reference desk was the first person I encountered who made me realize that the issue of age was really irrelevant to the development of a friendship. Although I later moved on to a position at a different library, this gentleman and I continued to maintain our friendship mostly by telephone and when he died a few years after that, it was from his wife that I received a personal invitation to attend the small memorial service at their home that was intended for close family and friends.

Many years have passed since then and I am now much closer in age to my senior library patrons than I am to the young librarian that I was all those years ago. I have been at the Kenilworth Public Library for nearly fifteen years now, far longer than I have worked anywhere else, so this brings me - as it must - to the sadness that I feel when we lose one of our regular patrons to illness, infirmity and eventually death. Librarians often joke about those situations we occasionally end up dealing with but for which we've had no special training - the overflowing toilets, dead animals in the parking lot, circulation desk computers that suddenly crash in the middle of a busy afternoon - classifying these events as "things they don't teach you about in library school." Unfortunately, librarians are not nearly as comfortable discussing with each other the sadness and loss we feel when we lose a patron who, over a period of many years, had become a

regular presence in our work environment.

During the past couple of years, my library has lost more than a few of our regulars so it is with sadness this holiday season that I reflect on the fact that John is never going to get to enjoy those new armchairs that were just ordered for his favorite reading spot, that Lenore was not around to celebrate the recent dedication of the beautiful new sculpture that was installed on the library's front lawn, and that Marian, Joe and Teresa all were absent from this year's book group holiday party. We also know that it's

going to take a long time for staff members to stop automatically thinking of Mr. V and Ms. G (who died way too young) when books by their favorite authors are added to our collection. At this time of year we also especially miss Irma who was not only a regular library patron but also a former member of our staff.

I have come to recognize that there is no way that any of this could have been taught in library school - it can only be learned on the job. As sad as this is, I would not want to have it any other way.

KENILWORTH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Registration for programs may be done in person at the library or by calling 908 276-2451.

The library's regular schedule of operation: Mon, Tues and Thurs: 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM, Wed: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Fri: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Sat: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The Kenilworth Public Library is handicapped accessible.

Registration for the Winter Reading Club, Toddler Time, and Story Time is underway at the Kenilworth Public Library. Programs begin on Monday, January 9th and concludes on Friday, Feb. 24th, 2011. Children must be registered in one of the following programs in order to participate in any other Kenilworth Public Library special event.

MOMMY, DADDY & ME

a parent and child at home reading program for children ages 2 - 5.

I CAN READ

a reading program for children who are just starting to read on their own from ages 6 - 8.

CLUB READSALOT

a reading program for children ages 9 - 12. *Children who were previously registered for these programs in the fall, will automatically be registered for the winter programs.*

Registration is required for:

LAP SIT FOR AGES 0 - 23 MONTHS

will be held on the following Tuesdays from 10:30 - 10:50am: Jan 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st and Feb. 7th, 14th & 21st.

TODDLER TIME FOR 2 YEAR OLDS

will be held on the following Wednesdays from 10:30 - 10:50am; Jan. 11th, 18th & 25th and Feb. 1st, 8th & 15th & 22nd.

STORIES, PUPPETS AND MUSIC

just right for the youngest listeners will be introduced. Story Time for children ages 3 and up will be held on the following Thursdays from 10:30 - 11:00am; Jan. 12th, 19th & 26th and Feb. 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd.

Registration is required for all crafts. Due to popular demand, children who are Kenilworth residents will be given first priority to register for all crafts programs one week prior to the date of each program. Out of town residents may register for the craft programs 2 days prior to the date of each program, space permitting.

WINTER CRAFT

will be presented on Saturday, Jan. 14th at 11:00 - 12:00 noon in the Activity Room for children ages 4 & up. Children ages 4 - 6 must be accompanied by an assisting adult.

VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFT

will be presented on Saturday, Feb. 11th at 11:00 - 12:00 noon in the Activity Room for children ages 4 & up. Children ages 4 - 6 must be accompanied by an assisting adult.

Registration is not required for the following programs:

BINGO FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

will be held on the following Fridays from 3:30 - 4:00pm for children ages 3 & up Jan. 13th & 27th and Feb. 10th & 24th. Games may include A-B-C Bingo, Number Bingo and Color & Shape Bingo. Parents must remain in the library during the program.

BINGO FOR CHILDREN WHO CAN READ

will be held on the following Fridays from 3:30 - 4:00am in the Activity Room: Jan. 20th and Feb. 3rd & 17th. Games may include Book Bingo, USA Bingo, History Bingo & Kenilworth Bingo. Parents do not participate in this program.

LIBRARY TO EXHIBIT WATERCOLORS OF JOAN MAZURKIEWICZ

The Gallery on the Boulevard of the Kenilworth Public Library will host an exhibit of the watercolor paintings of Joan Mazurkiewicz during the months of January and February. The works on exhibit will feature flowers, animals and other scenes from nature. Ms. Mazurkiewicz, a resident of Irvington, has been an exhibiting member of the Essex Water Color Club since 2009 and has also been a member of the Livingston Art Association for the past five years, receiving an "Award of Excellence" at their 2011 fall member's exhibition for her picture "Solo Flight." Her work has also been exhibited at juried shows presented by the West Essex Art Association at Caldwell College in 2010 and 2011.



LOCAL AUTHOR TO DISCUSS BOOK

Roselle resident Kris Campbell will discuss her recently published memoir, *The Glass Girl*, at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 31, in the library's activity room. This book recounts the author's experiences with debilitating chronic illness, the emotional toll of dealing with family members who suffer from mental illness, and the difficulties associated with finding herself as a young woman in an abusive relationship. Only after Ms. Campbell received a new diagnosis at the age of twenty-one did she find the courage to break free from her abuser and start a new life; the writing of *The Glass Girl* was part of her healing process.

During her talk, Ms. Campbell will discuss, not only the difficult circumstances of her childhood and teen years, but also the process of completing her book and bringing it to publication. Copies of *The Glass Girl* will be available at the library for purchase and signing by the author after the program.

BOOK GROUP TO DISCUSS WINTER'S BONE

The book group of the Kenilworth Public Library will meet at 7:15 on Tuesday, January 24 to discuss *Winter's Bone*, a novel by Daniel Woodrell. Published in 2006, *Winter's Bone* focuses on the peculiar dilemma of Rees Dolly, an already overburdened seventeen year old girl who must choose between finding and turning in her bail bond jumping, methamphetamine cooking father or face losing the family home. As much about family loyalty as it is about the drug culture of the poverty stricken Ozarks, the novel is also the story of a young woman drawing on her inner strength in order to make sense out of the truly awful circumstances that she is forced to live within. A movie adaptation of this novel appeared in theaters in 2010; that same year the movie was awarded the Grand Jury Prize for best dramatic film at the Sundance Film Festival and also received four Academy Award nominations.

Participation in the book discussion group is free and open to all members of the general public, including people who reside in communities other than Kenilworth. No previous experience with a book group is required and new members are always welcome. Copies of the book will be available for check out at the library's circulation desk and residents of other communities are encouraged to inquire about ways they may be eligible to register for borrowing privileges at the Kenilworth Public Library. Because space is limited, preregistration is requested and can be done at the library or by calling 908 276-2451 during regular library hours.

BIRTHDAY BOOK RAFFLE WINNERS



(above, left) Brianna Mall, age 7 (above, right) Joseph Schulman, age 10. Both of Kenilworth.

The Kenilworth Public Library recently announced the winners of the December 2011 Birthday Book Raffle winners:

Brianna Mall, age 7, and Joseph Schulman, age 10, both of Kenilworth. Each winner received a new paperback book as their prize. Children ages 3 - 12 year old may enter the raffle during the month of their birthday. Each month, two winners are selected to receive a free book. To enter the raffle, visit the library at 548 Boulevard.



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