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2013 REORGANIZATION SPEECH



I would like to begin by thanking Sal Candarella for his five years of service on Council. Sal was a great asset to the Borough and a great friend. I know he will continue in those roles in the coming years.

I would also like to thank all of the Borough's wonderful employees. They continue to work hard to keep the Borough strong and the residents well served through some very difficult times. Everyone, from the Clerk's office through the Library staff, serve us well.

The members of the Kenilworth Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and the Department of Public Works were once again asked to provide monumental services in the face of Sandy and the nor'easter that followed.

Those members of the Police Department who worked the evening that Sandy hit Kenilworth did so with courage and fortitude. They did their best throughout the storm to keep the Borough and its residents safe. During the following days they kept the peace when tempers were running high.

The volunteers with the Fire Department and Rescue Squad once again went above and beyond the call of duty throughout that night. Only when it became too dangerous to remain on the streets did they return to the Fire House until the storm calmed down. In the days following Sandy they continued to help to clear streets and help our residents get through the aftermath.

Before the storm, the members of the DPW did their best to clear the streets of the leaves. After the storm they spent long hours clearing trees off Borough streets, while trying to keep up with the normal schedule of maintaining the Borough. It was a very difficult task.

There were some homes that were seriously damaged by trees which were uprooted; most of us were without power for several days and some for more than a week. It was a very difficult period of time for the entire Borough, but fortunately we got through it all.

Sandy showed us that there are some things we need to learn. During the actual storm and its immediate aftermath, we are well served by our emergency responders. However, I learned that we need to find a better way to communicate with our residents when power lines, phone and internet services are down.

I will be asking for help from our residents to establish a chain of communication in the case of a similar emergency in the coming years. Together with the Chiefs of the Police and Fire Departments and the Emergency Management Coordinator, we will work to put a plan together that will address the communication issues we encountered during this last storm because unfortunately, it seems that other storms are inevitable.

During this past year I participated in the Mayors Council on Rahway River Water Flood Control with other mayors of communities in both Union and Essex Counties that are affected by flooding from the Rahway River. The good news is that the Army Corps of Engineers is studying a potential resolution to the problems. Of course, the not so good news is that the cost just to continue the study is enormous. Substantial funding will be needed to move the project forward and the Mayor's Council is working with our legislators at the State and Federal levels to obtain the necessary financial backing. We remain hopeful that the funding will be obtained and that the project will proceed.

The Borough continued with its public events, including the July 4th celebration which added a new twist this year and the highly successful Street Fair and the Fireman's Carnival. The community's participation at the VFW Memorial Day and Veteran's Day services and our September 11th memorial services remains strong. The Relay for Life was held again this year, raising tens of thousands of dollars for cancer research and a new event, the Car and Hot Rod Show, was very successful despite poor weather.

Led by Pat Boyle, the Recreation Department has developed a great program for our children, including a highly successful summer camp.

Our Beautification Committee has done a wonderful job of keeping the planter's along the Boulevard attractive during all seasons. They also tend to the flowers at the September 11th memorial. I again thank the Committee for their hard work, the sponsors of the planters for their financial support, and Artie and Gail Russo for their donations of plants and flowers.

Our business community is also deserving of thanks. Their continued support of the many community organizations and events is most appreciated. Their help allows us to continue these events and make them better.

There was much in 2012 to be thankful for, but mostly I am thankful that it is over and that the Borough got through it relatively safe and sound.

The coming year will again present difficult financial challenges which I know this council is capable of handling. Councilman Joho and the Finance Committee will be meeting this week to work on the 2013 budget. Their charge, as it was last year, is to maintain the line on spending while continuing to provide the services our residents have come to expect.

I welcome back both Fred Pugliese and Toni Giordano to council. I look forward to working with them and the entire council in the coming year.

I hope everyone has a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. May God bless the United States of America, the Borough of Kenilworth, and each of us and our families.

Mayor Kathi Fiamingo

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6:00 PM JANUARY 15

IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION NETWORKING
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8:00 AM JANUARY 16

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6:00 PM JANUARY 22

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8:00 AM JANUARY 25

SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK
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101ST ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER
Renaissance Newark Hotel, 1000 Spring St., Newark

8:45 AM FEBRUARY 7

WORKFORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Chamber Office, 135 Jefferson Ave., Elizabeth

8:30 AM FEBRUARY 8

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(right, l-r) Councilpersons Scott Klinder, Fred Pugliese, Toni Giordano, Clerk Hedy Lipke, Mayor Kathi Fiamingo, Councilmen Tony DeLuca & Peter Corvelli..



(above) Fred Pugliese was sworn in as his wife Lisa and son Tommy held the Bible.

2013 KENILWORTH REORGANIZATION MEETING



(above) Toni Giordano was sworn in by Mayor Fiamingo while her husband held the Bible.



(above) Harvey Fruchter was sworn in as Borough attorney as his wife held the bible.

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Dr. Scott Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Kenilworth Public Schools

The Kenilworth School District responded to the call to reform teacher evaluation by developing its own accountability system. Recognizing the importance of maintaining high expectations for teacher performance and knowing there were important long-term instructional initiatives being instituted at Harding and Brearley Middle-High Schools, teachers, administrators, parents, and a member of the Board of Education formed a committee, referred to as the District Evaluation Advisory Committee, and met over the last two months to have honest and sincere conversations about high quality teaching.

What resulted from the committee's numerous meetings is a state-approved evaluation tool that will be published on the New Jersey Department of Education's website so other schools may replicate what the education department has deemed "a resource for school districts around the state." Besides recognition as a school district of distinction, Kenilworth Schools will benefit from having created its own evaluation system.

First, the school district saved the community a significant amount of money. Whereas various evaluation "packages" were offered to schools in New Jersey at expenses into the tens of thousands of dollars, the Kenilworth Teacher Evaluation System cost the community nothing. Teachers and administrators spent time after

school hours developing the tool and relied on research and their own expertise to identify and agree upon the lists of professional expectations all teachers will be held accountable to meet.

Second, the Kenilworth Evaluation System was built to meet the specific needs of the Harding and Brearley Middle-High Schools. The different evaluation systems offered from the state department of education were created in a "one-size-fits-all" manner. Each "packaged" program is intended to be implemented for any school around the country that adopts it, making it necessary for adoptees to adapt district programs to meet the needs of the tool. The Kenilworth School District has a three-year District Initiative Plan (refer to the district website for a downloadable document that details this plan) that outlines specific student achievement goals and supporting action plans. The district's custom-made evaluation system supports the plan by aligning teacher practice expectations with the accountability measures that will ensure achievement of the goals set forth in the plan.

Members of the Kenilworth School District Evaluation Advisory Committee included four teachers, a representative from the Board of Education, building administrators, and two parents who spoke for the greater community. The District can count itself among the leaders for teacher evaluation reform in our state.

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KPD RECOGNIZES LOCAL BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR GENEROSITY DURING 2012

Local businessmen were recognized by Chief Grady of the Kenilworth Police Department at last month's council meeting. The Police Chief thanked them for their donations, and stated that the department has been able to purchase items such as computers, computer servers, rechargeable flashlights, equipment for patrol vehicles, and much needed new rifles and shotguns with their help.

- Kenilworth Dental Associates
- Dr. Jerome Foremen and Dr. David Steele
- The Alban Group - Tim Zerka
- Kenilworth Veterans of Foreign Wars
Post 2230 - Commander Robert Jeans
- F.O.X Intermodal - Alrich Rambough
- Better Auto Care - Ben and Eli Feiner
- Cat Entertainment - Steven Jackson
- Nordiac Metals

POLICE REVIEWING SCHOOL SECURITY AFTER CONNECTICUT SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

Message from Kenilworth Police Chief Kenneth Grady

Myself and other members of the Kenilworth Police Department have met with school Officials at David Brearley High School, Harding School, and St. Theresa's School recently and discussed school security measures with them.

Kenilworth Public Schools have been proactive with respect to school security. Our High School has a full time armed School Resource Officer (SRO), Officer Brian Pickton, a Kenilworth Police Officer. Officer Pickton is also at Harding School during his course of duty and Kenilworth Police Officers regularly do a "walk through" at all the schools.

The Kenilworth Police Department has already had training in "Active Shooter" at Harding School this year. We are going to train in the High School and St. Theresa's. We have been doing this type of training and we will continue to do this training throughout the New

Year. "This department is qualified, trained, equipped and prepared to meet the ever increasing school violence that law enforcement face today.", stated Sgt. Dan Sims of the Kenilworth Police Department at a meeting with High School officials. Sgt. Sims is the lead firearms instructor for the department and a member of the Union County SWAT team.

It is these horrible incidents that sharpen the edge of law enforcement response, improve the odds of the police being able to terminate a threat quickly, and lead to a new generation of tactical gear. We will also be meeting with Mayor Fiamingo and Borough Council after the New Year.

I am heartbroken by this tragedy as are many others throughout our town and Country. It is a sad day that such extreme security measures need to be taken in our schools to protect our children.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Submitted by Library Director: Dale Spindel

As 2012 draws quickly to a close, I think it's safe for me to say that I am not the only one who will be glad to see it go. Although Hurricane Sandy left Kenilworth in far better shape in her aftermath than did her sister Irene last year, Kenilworth was hardly left unscathed and we will not soon forget what it was like to be without electricity and the associated creature comforts for a period of a week. While counting our own blessings as a community, our hearts continue to go out to those others in New Jersey and New York who lost far more than we did.

It has often been said that the public library is the community's living room and when I look around the library each day, I tend to agree that this is true. We have many people of all ages – from babies to people in their nineties – coming to the library on a regular basis to find a book, movie, or some music or maybe just to hang out for a while reading the newspaper or to look stuff up on the computer. When one of our regular patrons suddenly stops coming in, it is definitely noticed. And while we have definitely seen more than a few of our young families move away, usually due to a work relocation it is far more likely that when an elderly person stops coming by, it is almost always because of health problems or their sudden passing.

It was especially troubling, therefore, when Penny Davey, one of our most enthusiastic

library regulars, stopped coming to the library because of very serious health problems that ended with her death at the age of only forty-three only a few weeks ago. For several years, Penny was a member of our library's book discussion group coming regularly to our meetings in spite of her obvious health problems, when a person with a less determined and positive outlook would have just given up and stayed home. On two occasions, Penny volunteered to lead the discussion and her wonderful generosity of spirit was evident in the elaborate refreshments and decorations she provided to complement the themes of the books – an English tea for *Pride and Prejudice* and an array of circus refreshments for *Water for Elephants*. Cheerful and upbeat, but still with an eye to the often harsh realities of life, Penny was not shy about sharing her opinions about each book she read with us and most especially for those books she did not like.

Those of us who got to know Penny through the book group have acknowledged the fact that, although she will no longer be sitting around the table with us, we will continue to hear her distinctive laughter in our hearts and minds as we continue on with our discussions. We are also pretty certain that each of us will have a pretty good idea of what Penny's opinions would have been regarding each of the books that she is never going to get to read with us.

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BREARLEY BEARS PACK HOLIDAY TURKEY DINNERS FOR LOCAL FAMILIES

Submitted by: David Novak – Publicity Chairperson

The David Brearley High School in Kenilworth has a volunteer service club called the “Bears That Care.” This club routinely does charitable good deeds for the local community, United States troops serving overseas, local senior citizens, cancer patients, young children at holiday time, and food pantries just to name a few. The “Bears That Care” is coordinated by Ms. Christa Candon, a dedicated teacher at the David Brearley High School. The “Bears That Care” members solicited local individuals to donate eight frozen turkeys. They then continued to collect all the familiar turkey dinner side dishes and accompaniments. They collected “Stove Top Stuffing,” cranberry sauce, vegetables, mashed potatoes, gravy, beverages, and even deserts. After school one day, they all got together in the David Brearley Information Media Center and organized and assembled the eight turkey dinners so that each family would receive a complete and ready to cook and enjoy winter holiday dinner gift basket.

These acts of volunteering for the benefit of the community exemplify the depth of character of many of the David Brearley students. Through their donations of time and effort they make our community a better place. “Thank You” to everyone who donated food and/or their time to help the eight local families enjoy a healthy and satisfying meal over the winter holidays.



(above) Ms. Christa Candon, Bears That Care Faculty Advisor, surrounded by the very dedicated David Brearley High School Bears That Care students: Montana Cushmeyer, Chris Laurie, John Zobek, Chris Zobek, Brandon Padron, Christina Petruzzella, and Lindsey Florek.

HOLIDAY 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 50 toys for disadvantaged and under-privileged children in the area. Special thanks and recognition go to 7th grade Bruins That Care members: Tayla Morgan, Sarah Testa, and Anna Giacalone. Special thanks and recognition to 8th grade Bruins That Care members: Nicole Tancs and Amber Ghigliotty. They all worked very hard and also gave very generous toy donations. On December 18th, all of the collected toys were donated to St. Theresa’s Church in Kenilworth, New Jersey. These Brearley students should be commended for their continued community contributions.



(above, l-r) 7th Graders Tayla Morgan, Sarah Testa & Anna Giacalone.

Photo by David Brearley High School Junior Monica Pellino

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DAVID BREARLEY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE MONTH DECEMBER 2012

Submitted by: Mr. David Novak

The David Brearley High School Student of the Month for December 2012 is a responsible, hardworking senior. Melissa Voorhees is a student who consistently earns honor roll status, while carrying an impressive academic course load. She has been a member of the band throughout high school, as well as the varsity soccer team until an injury sidelined her this year. As a member of the stage crew for the Brearley plays and musicals, Melissa has helped build sets and organized costumes since sophomore year. Melissa has participated in Relay for Life for the past two years and she and her team have pledged to continue participating this year. Congratulations, Melissa!

The David Brearley Middle School Student of the Month for December 2012 is Christian

Bondalo. Christian is a wonderful role model. He greets his teachers each day with a warm "Good Morning" and "Hello" and always leaves by saying "Goodbye." Christian as an avid reader and a true book enthusiast as he engages in deep discussion with fellow students regarding the books he is currently reading. Christian is one of the top students in the elite Kenilworth Scholars Academy. He takes every assignment a step further, even creating 3-dimensional Twin Tower replica for a 911 project earlier this year. He gets genuinely excited over schoolwork. Christian also excels outside of the classroom as a member of the David Brearley Middle School Band. Congratulations, Christian, on being December's student of the month.




(above) Christian Bondalo and Melissa Voorhees Students of the Month



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Photography by Michael F. McKenna



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Jersey, McKenna has been creating works as an independent photographer for the past four years. Self taught, McKenna has honed the technical aspect of his art over the past fifteen years, studying the works of the masters of landscape photography, accompanied the process of trial and error. The style he has developed is based on the dramatic effects that can be achieved by using both natural lighting and heavy contrast.

According to McKenna, the objective of his photographic endeavors is to "acquire the rarely appreciated we are surrounded by every day but are too busy to enjoy and treasure, whether it is a series of antique train station lamps, two men silhouetted in a foggy station, or a series of trees set in the fog" McKenna's goal in his work is "to stimulate the viewers so they study the image more closely and observe the smaller details." McKenna's work can be seen in several local galleries and is also held in multiple private collections throughout the United States.

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Participation in the book discussion group is free and open to all adult members of the general public, including people who live in communities other than Kenilworth. Previous experience with a book group is not required and new members are always welcome. Copies of A Small Hotel will be available for check out at the library's circulation desk and people from other towns are encouraged to investigate ways they may be eligible for borrowing privileges at the Kenilworth Public Library.

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