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LT. GOV. KIM GUADAGNO SPEAKS AT GATEWAY DINNER

Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce marks 100 years at annual awards dinner

Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno was the keynote speaker at the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce 100th Anniversary Awards Dinner Tuesday, January 25, at the Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott. Guadagno provided an overview of the state of New Jersey, the state budget and the Christie administration agenda.

“Having Lt. Gov. Guadagno speak at our dinner is a reflection of both the role the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce has played in development of the region and New Jersey during the last century and the importance the Christie administration places on the opportunity to speak to more than 600 business professionals about the governor’s priorities and agenda,” said James Coyle, Gateway president. “We are very honored to have had her.”

ABOUT THE GATEWAY

The Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce is the largest business association in the New York/Northern New Jersey Region, comprising thirteen regional and local chambers including the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce.



(above) Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno addresses the audience at the Gateway Chamber awards dinner.

LITTLE LEAGUE SCOREBOARD DONATED BY TIM CARBONE FOUNDATION TO BE DEDICATED

On April 2, 2011, DiMario Park will receive a new electric scoreboard courtesy of the generosity of the Tm Carbone Memorial Fund. The dedication of the scoreboard will be preceded by a parade which will leave Harding School at 11 a.m. and will march to DiMario Park. Children participating in all of the Kenilworth Recreation Sports programs, as well as other community organizations will join Tim’s family and friends in the parade and the scoreboard dedication.

Tim Carbone was a very special individual who coached the Kenilworth Recreation girl’s softball and basketball teams

as well as Little League. He was well loved by all of the children throughout the Borough. He had a huge impact on the lives of so many people, especially the girls he coached so many years ago.

After Tim’s untimely death almost seven years ago, his many friends and family formed the Tim Carbone Memorial Scholarship Fund. Since its formation, the Fund has awarded scholarships to seniors at David Brearley High School where Tim was groundskeeper and 8th grade students at both David Brearley Middle School and St. Theresa’s elementary school. The charitable organization has also donated monies to families in need in the Borough and the David Brearley Girl’s Varsity Softball Team. The fund has also provided benches in Tim’s name at the David Brearley Memorial Park.

APRIL 2ND PARADE WILL OPEN LITTLE LEAGUE SEASON

Kenilworth Recreation Parade, Saturday April 2nd, 11am. Marching from Harding School, to DiMario Park, followed by pictures, and a scoreboard dedication to the memory of Tim Carbone.

All participants of Kenilworth Recreation sports are welcome to march, and we ask that everyone meet at the Harding School parking lot before 10:45 a.m.

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MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

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It has been a really tough winter and I know that we are all very much looking forward to the onset of spring. At least I am. I am looking forward to seeing some green lawns instead of white mounds of snow.

This year the Kenilworth Recreation Department will be welcoming spring with a special dedication of a new score board at DiMario Park on Michigan Avenue. On April 2nd, the Recreation Department will have a parade starting at noon from Harding School and ending at the Park. At the Park the score board generously donated by the Tim Carbone Memorial Foundation will finally be installed and dedicated. The Carbone family and friends will all be in attendance along with the many children who participate in the Kenilworth Recreation sports programs.

For a lot of reasons it has been a long road to the installation of this score board but it is finally going to be in place. Please come and join us in the dedication of the score board and remembering a wonderful individual, Tim Carbone.

I would also like everyone to mark their calendars for June 4 and the Kenilworth Relay for Life which is being held at David Brearley High School. The Relay is a marathon of sorts in which teams obtain pledges for their participation in an overnight marathon. At least one member of each team is to be on the track during the entire time of the relay. Teams obtain sponsors who donate funds to the cause of cancer research.

The person whose life has not been touched by cancer is rare indeed. Funds for cancer research are desperately needed. The Relay for Life event is a fun event where everyone, young and old, can get involved and have some fun while raising money for a great cause.

The Borough Council and I have formed a team and will be raising funds for cancer research. Please see the article in this paper for further information on how you can get involved and donate to this important cause.

Mayor Kathi Fiamingo

UPCOMING MEETINGS

GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH

All meetings are held in Borough Hall,
567 Boulevard.

MARCH 8 & 22, 2011

WORK SESSIONS to start at 7:30 P.M. in
the right hand Meeting Room, Second Floor.

MARCH 9 & 23, 2011

REGULAR MEETINGS to start at 8:00 P.M.
in the Council Chambers.

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

MARCH 24, 2011

A work session meeting will begin at 7:30
p.m., followed by a regular meeting to begin 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
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MARCH 14 Regular Meeting

MARCH 23 Annual Public Hearing



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- 6:00 PM MARCH 8**
IRISH BUSINESS ASSOC. SPECIAL MEETING
 The Famished Frog, 18 Washington Street, Morristown
- 8:30 AM MARCH 9**
KENILWORTH CHAMBER MEETING
 Kenilworth Public Library
 548 Boulevard, Kenilworth
- 8:30 AM MARCH 11**
LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
 New Providence Municipal Center,
 360 Elkwood Ave., New Providence
- 6:00 PM MARCH 15**
IRISH BUSINESS ASSOC. NETWORKING EVENT
 Molly Maguire's Irish Pub &, 1085 Central Ave., Clark
- 8:00 AM MARCH 16**
EMPLOYER LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
 Kenilworth Inn, Boulevard & S. 31st Street, Kenilworth
- 11:45 AM MARCH 17**
GATEWAY ASSOC. OF BUSINESS WOMEN
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- 8:00 AM MARCH 18**
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BELLA GENTE CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING WITH RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

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(above) Kenilworth Mayor Kathi Fiamingo had the honor of cutting the ribbon at the Grand Opening held on February 12, for Bella Gente, a place for hair, located at 508 Boulevard. Family and friends of owners Grace Figueredo and Erica Tromp joined the celebration.

WOMEN PATHFINDERS IN UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, a noted author and historian, will discuss women's struggle for political equality, and their ascension to every level of Union County government from 1776 to the present time, during the Kenilworth Historical Society's Women's History Month Celebration on Thurs., March 24. The general public is invited to attend the event, which will take place at 7 p.m. at the Kenilworth Seniors' Center, 526 Boulevard, Kenilworth, N.J. Admission is free. Light

refreshments will be served.

Rajoppi's featured presentation, "Women Pathfinders in Union County Government," will highlight the political challenges and achievements of many historically significant local women, including Kenilworth native Mary Kanane, the first woman County Surrogate, and Mildred Barry Hughes, the first woman elected to the N.J. Senate, among others.

Parking and entrance to the Kenilworth Seniors' Center are located at the rear of the building. For further information, please call 908-709-0434.

Rajoppi is a member of the Union Township Historical Society and a trustee of the Union County Historical Society.

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THE BRAIN SHOW

ST. T'S STUDENTS IN FORENSIC "DECLAMATION" COMPETITION



On Wednesday, February 9, 2011, Saint Theresa's School in Kenilworth was one of five schools, a total of 21 students, who attended the Union County Catholic League of Forensic "Declamation" Competition held at Saint James School in Springfield, NJ.

Saint Theresa's team consisted of six students: Angela Bui, Emily Ogura, Joshua Riley (all 8th graders), Conchetta Aronowitz, Katrina McCarthy (seventh graders), and Emma Munoz (fifth grader). Angela Bui was awarded an Honorable Mention ribbon; Conchetta Aronowitz was awarded a third place ribbon and Katrina McCarthy was awarded a second place ribbon.

Students from all grade levels at St. Theresa School in Kenilworth enjoyed the look and feel of being on a live game show. The Brain Show came to the school and had the entire student body and teachers guessing trivia questions in all academic areas. Olivia Olivella said "I loved being able to be a contestant" while Carly Pompei said "the game show host had everyone laughing and I enjoyed it!"



(above) Thomas Ferris gives a thumbs up after getting an answer correct.

LIBRARY CHAMPIONS



The New Jersey State Library, as part of its "Library Champions" initiative, has provided the Kenilworth Public Library with the opportunity to offer drawings for tickets to a variety of Izod Center events. Timothy Colter was the winner of the drawing for tickets to see Monster Jam while Melany Monages won tickets to see The Harlem Globetrotters. The final drawing, for tickets to see Smucker Stars on Ice, will be held March 25.

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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

GALLERY TO FEATURE PAINTINGS BY LAURA BROWN

The Kenilworth Public Library's Gallery on the Boulevard invites the public to visit during the months of March and April to experience the paintings of resident Laura Brown. Working in both oils and watercolors, Brown focuses on narrative and the "telling of stories in paint." Influences on her work include the great masters of art history, the illustrators of children's books from her youth, and contemporary realists.

Brown received both a bachelor of fine arts and a post graduate teaching certificate from The School of Visual Arts in new York City. She has also studied at the Art Students League, The Center for Visual Arts and The Art Guild of New Jersey. In addition to a solo exhibit at the Pearl Street Gallery in Elizabeth, Brown's work has also been on display at The Artist Framers Gallery in Cranford, The Watchung Arts Center, the Princeton Alliance Gallery in Plainsboro, and The Center for Visual Arts in Summit. Her illustrations have also appeared in books, magazines and online publications.

Brown also currently teaches art to children

and adults both privately as well as through the Arts Guild of New Jersey.



CLASS OF '71 IS LOOKING FOR CLASSMATES

The David Brearley Class of 1971 is planning to have a 40th reunion on November 25th at the VFW Hall in Kenilworth. For more information please contact the Reunion Committee dbrhsclassof71@gmail.com.



SWIM NIGHT MARCH 26th

Kenilworth Indoor Swim Night will be held at the Cranford Indoor Pool and Fitness Center, at 401 Centennial Ave. in Cranford, on Saturday March 26th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.. Free for all Kenilworth residents and students who go to school in Kenilworth, and their families. Call Kenilworth Recreation for more information.

THRIFT SHOP

Kenilworth Community United Methodist Church has a Thrift Shop that re-opened on Saturday, 3/5/11, at 10 AM. We will have a new rack of brand new clothes which have been donated to us and each item is \$5.00. We also are selling Pashmina scarves for \$10 as a fundraiser for our church. Come visit and see our kitchen wares, shoes, clothes, coats, games, toys, books, etc. Our address is 455 Boulevard, Kenilworth. Church phone is 908-276-1956.

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FEB 2011 MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



(above, l-r) Jada Vaughn and John Placca.

The David Brearley High School Student of the Month for February is senior John Placca. John's teachers see him as a very bright, hard-working student who leads by example. John has been a member of the David Brearley Honor Roll every marking period of his high school career and is an active member of the Brearley chapter of the National Honor Society. For two years John ran Cross Country and for all four years of high school he has been a member of the baseball and basketball teams. He is kind, polite, trustworthy, successful, and well liked by all of his peers. John is truly a wonderful individual. Congratulations, John!

The February Middle School Student of the

Month is Jada Vaughn. Jada is described by her teachers as being an extremely hard-working student, who is always focused and dedicated to being the best that she can be. Her grace and confidence shines brightly when participating in classroom discussions. In addition to excelling in academics, Jada is a great example of maturity, thoughtfulness and patience. She always takes the time to extend a helping hand to her peers when assistance is needed. Thank you, Jada, for all of your hard work and beautiful smiles!

Congratulations on being chosen as David Brearley Middle School's Student of the Month!

MEMOIR WRITER TO DISCUSS GROWING UP IN SRI CHINMOY'S CULT

The Kenilworth Public Library is pleased to announce that Jayanti Tamm, author of *Cartwheels in a Sari: A Memoir of Growing up Cult*, will be the special guest of the library's book discussion group at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5. At this meeting, Tamm will share with members of the book group what it was like to be born to parents who had been indoctrinated into the New York cult of Sri Chinmoy and

shortly thereafter proclaimed by the guru as his chosen successor. It was only after a psychological breakdown at the age of 24 that Tamm was able to separate herself from the cult; at age 25 she found herself banished from its confines and proceeded to build a new life for herself. Tamm eventually went on to receive an MFA in Creative Writing from American University and is a member of the faculty of the English department at Ocean County College. She is currently serving as a Visiting Professor in the MFA in Creative Writing program at Queens College.

Cartwheels in a Sari was given a four out of four star review in *People Magazine* and was also reviewed favorably in the Sunday book review section of *The New York Times*. Tamm has appeared as a guest on NPR's "Talk of the Nation" and her memoir has also garnered for her a designation as a Target "Emerging

Author."

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

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ANTHONY MADONIA REACHES 100!



On February 2nd, 2011 Anthony Madonia achieved an amazing feat. The David Brearley High School 119 pound senior wrestler won his 100th match. Anthony has wrestled all through high school and has achieved great success both athletically and academically. Off the mat, Anthony is a smart, polite, charitable and a very easy going student. He is one of the key organizers of the two annual David Brearley High School Blood Drives and an active member of the Bears that Care Charity Club.

But when he is on the wrestling mat he is a skilled, brutally tough, fiercely determined, powerful, relentless, and scrappy competitor. Anthony received his 100th victory certificate from David Brearley High School Principal Mr. Brian Luciani. Congratulations to Anthony Madonia on his 100th victory!





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CONSIDERING BUSINESS-SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTNERSHIPS TO SUPPORT THE KENILWORTH SCHOOLS INITIATIVE PLAN

Submitted by Dr. Scott Taylor Assistant Superintendent of Kenilworth Schools

In September, I reported on four school district initiatives that are aimed to promote the academic, social, and emotional well being of the community's children. The scope of our work has expanded to include a fifth initiative and an initiative plan has been established. I encourage the business community to consider ways it can collaborate with the school district to help the further the Kenilworth community's goals and aspirations.

Over the past five months, the Kenilworth Public Schools administration team has identified the programs parents and teachers have deemed integral to promoting student achievement. This review led the group to develop and cultivate a three-year district initiative plan that aligns professional development, funding, and accountability with the five core initiatives we've dedicated ourselves to sustaining- Assessment/Differentiation of Instruction, Professional Learning Communities for Teachers, Curriculum Effectiveness, Instructional Technology (including Google Apps), and Personalized Student Learning Plans. This sustained and ongoing plan of action will ensure success of these initiatives.

How will these five programs help children? The following is a "snapshot" of the impact these initiatives will have.

Assessment Differentiation of Instruction: Teachers are identifying common assessments they administer to students in each grade. These assessments will now be tracked from grade to

grade, PreK-12 electronically so that a teacher will be able to analyze his/her student's progress in all content areas from early in the child's educational career to the present. In years two to three of this initiative, teachers will employ specific differentiated instruction strategies, using the longitudinal data in the electronic system.

Professional Learning Communities for Teachers: Small groups of teachers have been researching and applying best practices in various areas. For instance, one group is examining a character education program called "Responsive Classroom" Another group is engaged in enhancing services for middle-level students by bolstering middle school programs that address the needs of young adolescents.

Curriculum Effectiveness: Curriculum committees are reviewing and preparing to implement the latest, progressive, research-proven curricular programs. A five-year textbook adoption program ensures students will have the most current and effective materials with which to work in the classroom and at home.

Instructional Technology: Students are being exposed to the latest computer hardware and software. The Google Apps component of the initiative provides every child in the district an opportunity to interact with "cloud computing" systems that are fast becoming the industry standard in document collaboration and development.

Personalized Student Learning Plans: Middle and high school students are working with teacher mentors to create individualized learning

plans that include education and post-education career goals.

More information about these initiatives can be obtained by going to the "Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development" section of the district's website. Be sure to click "Departments" when you arrive at the site (www.kenilworthschools.com). I encourage calls to my office to obtain more information on the school district's plans. My door is open to partnering with local businesses to further our mutual goal - continuing to make Kenilworth a wonderful place in which to live and grow.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HS SENIORS

Atlantic Federal is offering local high school seniors a chance to win a scholarship to help finance their education. The program runs in conjunction with the N.J. Credit Union League's statewide program. Six \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded at the state level. Three scholarships will be awarded to students attending 4-year universities and three will be awarded to students attending technical schools or community colleges. Plus, the top three graded applicants from Atlantic Federal who do not win at the state level will receive \$1,000 awards from Atlantic Federal.

To be eligible, students must be high school seniors and have a credit union account. Atlantic Federal has a free student account that young people can use during their college years and beyond that they can open when applying for the scholarship.

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SWEET TREATS FOOD DRIVE

The David Brearley Bruins and Bears That Care volunteer charity clubs held their first annual "Sweet Treats Food Drive" to collect special Valentine's Day treats for some under privileged local families. The faculty advisor for the David Brearley Middle School Bruins That Care is Ms. Christa Candon. The faculty advisor for the David Brearley High School Bears That Care is Mrs. Diane Westbrook. Students collected sweet treats from February 2nd until February 11th. The treats that were collected included: peanut butter, jellies, jams, Nutello®, marshmallow Fluff®, honey, and cookies. The students collected three cases of treats. The Brearley students also created a few homemade Valentine's Day cards to accompany the donations. On Valentine's Day, high school senior Erin Pentz delivered the collected treats to the Church of Saint Theresa in Kenilworth, New Jersey. The food will be distributed to local families in need. This is another great example of David Brearley students choosing to volunteer to help their community



(right, l-r) Chioma Uka (8th grade), Erin Pentz (12th grade), Hope Bera (8th grade), and Janine Casale (12th grade).

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REENACTMENT FEATURES AFRICAN AMERICAN SOLDIERS



First Sgt. Frederic Minus (right) and Norman Marcelle of the 6th Regiment Infantry United States Colored Troops Reenactors Inc. addressed attendees of the Kenilworth Historical Society's Feb. 17 Black History Month Celebration, which was held at the Kenilworth Seniors' Center in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War. The reenactors, outfitted with authentic Civil War uniforms and equipment, highlighted the experiences and contributions of the more than 200,000 African-American soldiers who fought in the Civil War between 1861 and 1865.

COMMUNITY EMBRACES THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER, WELCOMES ACS RELAY FOR LIFE

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life would like to announce its newest event, taking place at David Brearley High School in Kenilworth for the 2011 annual overnight fundraiser and celebration.

The Kenilworth community has truly embraced the event and is eager to get involved in the nation's largest fundraiser.

"Hosting a Relay For Life event on our Kenilworth School's campus will help to not only raise much needed funding for finding a cure for cancer, but also raise our residents' awareness of the prevention and detection of cancer as well as the available services for families battling the disease," said Sylvan C. Hershey, Superintendent of the Kenilworth School District. "We are pleased that our school district can assist the Eastern Division of the American Cancer Society."

The Relay For Life of Kenilworth will host small events in the area throughout the year in order to reach its ultimate fundraising goal. Monthly committee and team captain meetings will be held at the Kenilworth Recreational Center located on Kenilworth Boulevard. The Relay For Life of Kenilworth will take place on

June 4, 2011.

Relay For Life is an overnight fundraising event to increase awareness and funding for cancer research. An evening of progress and hope, Relay For Life celebrates survivors, remembers loved ones lost and helps in the fight against cancer. Relay For Life is open to teams and volunteers from all towns; teams camp out and take turns walking around a track all night long making the statement that cancer never sleeps so neither will its volunteers.

For information about the Relay For Life of Kenilworth and how to get involved, please contact Director of Special Events at the American Cancer Society, Chrissy Andrascik at 973-303-8016 or email at Christina.andrascik@cancer.org

ABOUT RELAY FOR LIFE

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

Locally there are 6 Relay For Life events in Union County. To learn more visit www.relayforlife.org/kenilworthnj

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