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The Kenilworth Silver Card Association held their 8th annual fundraising event on April 16, 2012 at the Garlic Rose Bistro in Cranford, NJ. Jacqueline Fiderski and John Appicie were presented with the Silver Card Award for their extensive service to the Kenilworth community. The association is a not for profit organization comprised of recipients of the highest honor a civilian can receive from the NJ State PBA, a Silver Life Card. They are dedicated to further the ongoing charitable work of the Kenilworth PBA Local 135 and other worthy causes.

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JACQUELINE FIDERSKI

When Hurricane Irene caused substantial damage to the PBA facility, Jackie readily made a substantial donation to cover repairs. Thanks to Jackie we also now have a Police vehicle with upgraded signal equipment which is more effective for drivers to detect. She has consistently supported the PBA and the Police Department.

Particularly in this economy, Jackie believes our local library plays an important role in providing not only needed information, but recreation for all ages. She has made a generous contribution to their 75th Anniversary campaign and has also supported many other local organizations.

A retired educator, Jackie is a strong advocate of higher education and has sponsored scholarships for local residents along with a scholarship endowment to Kean University, her Alma Mater, in memory of her parents.

Her creed is to devote herself to making people happy, which also includes a dedication to caring for her community as well.



(above, l-r) Michael Devlin, PBA 135 President, Jacqueline Fiderski, John Appicie, and Robert Cox, State Delegate.

JOHN APPICIE

John Appicie is the owner of George J. Bender Inc. and Bender Enterprises, Electrical Contracting, with offices located in Kenilworth and Union, NJ. John began working for George Bender in the late 1960's and with George's passing, John purchased the business in 1985. Through his hard work and dedication he now employs 150 people.

John has been a long time supporter of the Kenilworth PBA #135 along with many other Kenilworth programs. He has been a proud sponsor of the Kenilworth Little League. Because of his love for the community, John has taken a role in the Beautification of Kenilworth.

John has three grown children, Chris, Jennifer and Stephanie and seven grandchildren. Chris and Jennifer work side by side with their father assisting him in running the family business.

John was a long time resident of Kenilworth and attended Harding School and graduated from David Brearley High School. He has resided in Watchung, NJ for the past ten years.

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MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

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I would first like to thank the second grade students at Harding School for helping make the Borough beautiful by growing vines from sweet potatoes. It was a great deal of fun to visit the children at school and hand out the sweet potatoes. Before the end of school their teachers will bring them to the Boulevard to plant the vines that they have grown in the planters. I am so looking forward to seeing the beautiful vines that they have grown become a part of the planters that the Beautification Committee will be planting in the next few weeks.

We are still looking for sponsors for the planters, including anyone who would like to donate funds towards the cost of the plants, or who would like to help keep the planters watered and weeded throughout the spring and summer. Please contact me to let me know if you can help. We will acknowledge all sponsors with signs to indicate their participation in our "Adopt a Pot" program, either with a sign that indicates that they "Sponsored" the pot or "Maintain" the pot. The cost to sponsor the smaller pots is \$35. Sponsorship of the large planters costs \$100.

On May 23, 2012, the Borough will hold its annual Youth in Government Day. Children from the 7th and 8th grades in both Harding and St. Theresa's School will be asked to write an essay which will be judged by their teachers. Thirteen children whose essays are chosen will act as Mayor, Council, Clerk and other Borough officials and will run the May 23, 2012 Council meeting. It is always a fun evening and a exciting for the children and their family members. As with all meetings, the meeting will be video taped and played our cable channels.

I again remind everyone that the Relay for Life will be held on June 2 at 6 p.m. through June 3rd at 6 a.m. Participants will be walking the track all evening with various "events" and fundraising activities taking place throughout the night. If you have not joined a team, please feel free to stop by during the night to learn more about Relay and the American Cancer Society. It is truly a moving event and you can learn a great deal - about the strength of those who have faced cancer and conquered it or about those who have lost loved ones and are working to see that others do not have to face the pain they experienced over losing their loved one to cancer. Please join us - you cannot help but be moved.

On June 7, 2012 at 7 P.M. in the Council Meeting Room, Friends of Black Brook Park's Dorothea Krihak, in conjunction with the Kenilworth Historical Society, will present a history of Kenilworth and the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Krihak has learned some very interesting facts about Kenilworth, Black Brook Park and the conduct of the Revolutionary War, which took place literally down the street from my yard.

I urge everyone to join us to learn about the historic role Kenilworth played in our nation's birth. I look forward to seeing you on June 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Kathi Fiamingo

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HELPING TO KEEP KENILWORTH BEAUTIFUL

Second graders at Harding School are helping beautify their community through science. They are cultivating sweet potato plants which make a beautiful vining plant. The science project was the brainchild of Olga Hacket who works in the Harding School cafeteria and is also the chair of the Kenilworth Beautification Committee.

Mayor Fiamingo was on hand on April 18th to visit the 2nd grade classrooms and help Mrs. Hacket hand out the potatoes to the excited students who then prepared them to sprout. When ready, they will be planted in flower pots and planters along the Boulevard where the children can watch their science project grow throughout the summer.

The Borough of Kenilworth is looking for sponsors for their flower pots and planters along the Boulevard. The pots and planters will be filled with flowers in the second week of May. Financial sponsorship of the small pots is \$35. Financial sponsorship of the larger planters is \$100. Sponsorship will be recognized by a sign which states "Sponsored by ____." The funds will be used to defray the costs of the plants and flowers which will be planted in the pots and planters.

The Borough is also looking for sponsors to help maintain the pots and planters throughout

the spring and summer, by watering and weeding them. "Keeping the planters and pots watered during the hot summer months can be a bit of a problem for the members of the Beautification Committee", said Mayor Fiamingo. "We would love to have help with that from the merchants and organizations like the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, or young adults who need to have service credits."

Anyone interested in being a financial sponsor or helping with the maintenance of the pots and planters is asked to contact Mayor Fiamingo at Borough Hall or by sending an email to k.fiamingo@kenilworthnj.org.



(above, left, l-r) Mayor Fiamingo with Olga Hacket, Beautification Committee Chair (above, right) Mrs. Donough, (left) Mrs. DiVito, and (below) Mr. Lee are all "Helping the community by growing potatoes".



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(above, left) Kenilworth PD Officers Robert Cox and Michael Devlin and members of "The Toy Box": Rae and Dani Mauro and Courtney Francen. (right): Courtney Francen, Dani & Rae Mauro of "The Toy Box".

STUDENTS RAISE FUNDS FOR ST. JUDE'S SOCIETY



(above) Students from St. Theresa School in Kenilworth for raising funds for St. Jude's Children Hospital. The school had a Math-A-Thon which raised over \$8,000. Students that participated the math competition and had over \$35 in donations received a T-Shirt. The events were supervised by National Junior Honor Society and Ms. Pancurak and Ms. Pakulski.

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ELECTRONICS COLLECTION

Saturday, May 12, 2012, 9am to 1pm

Principia NP is hosting an electronics recycling collection day the David Brearley High School, located at 401 Monroe Avenue, Kenilworth NJ. Resident of Kenilworth and surrounding communities are welcome to bring their unwanted computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, DVDs, AC adapters, stereo equipment, and computer components.

Televisions over 20 inches will not be accepted. Appliances such as stoves, refrigerators and air conditioners will not be accepted.

Proceeds from the drive will help fund the Green Science and Green Citizen Scholarships for college-bound David Brearley high school students.

For information about the electronic recycling collection please call 908-400-1363.

MEET GSC BANK STAFF

Garden State Community Bank, located at 15 Market Street in Kenilworth, invited the community to a Business Over Breakfast Event on March 16, 2012.



(above, l-r) Keith Christensen, Regional Business Banker; Christine Castineires, Merchant Services Specialist; Maria Gutierrez, Financial Services Associate; Claude Pinto, Financial Services Associate; (seated) Michelle Dias, Assistant Branch Manager.

GATEWAY CHAMBER

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- 6:00 PM MAY 15
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This program is free and open to all members of the general public. Preregistration is required and preference will be given to Kenilworth residents. If space is available, registration will open to other communities on May 22.

KENILWORTH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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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.

The Kenilworth Public Library is handicapped accessible.

MEET THE AUTHORS OF GRAVE SECRETS

The Kenilworth Public Library recently presented "Meet The Authors of Grave Secrets". Children had an opportunity to meet Gina and Annette Cascone, authors of *Deadtime Stories* series. They heard the authors read a selection

from the first book in this series, *Grave Secrets*, and also view a portion of the movie. Following the event, children visited with the authors, and also had an opportunity to have a personal copy of the book signed.



(above) Some of the children attending this event posed for a picture with the authors.

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(above, l-r) Saint Theresa School in Kenilworth held their annual Foul Shooting Contest under the direction of gym teacher Mrs. Sue Vitale. Winners Katherine Palacios, Michael Jacoby, Jeremy, DiGesu, Justin DiGesu, Michael McGee, Jacqueline Bollwage, Cararose Coppola, Adriana Altamirano.

CAR WASH/CLOTHING DRIVE BENEFITS TIM CARBONE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Friends and Family of Tim Carbone Scholarship Fund have scheduled a car wash/clothing drive for Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the front of Harding School, 426 Boulevard, Kenilworth, New Jersey.

Please drop off your clothing between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. If you are unavailable to drop off your clothing, please contact Josephine at 908-298-1094 prior to May 12, 2012 and we will schedule a time to pick up your bags.

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taught, having had no formal photography training. His work has been featured on calendars in Nature's Best Magazine and has appeared at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC as well as in many studios around New Jersey. In 2000, Venezia was awarded a citation from the New Jersey Federation of Camera Clubs for his service to the organization over the years as a judge and for his programming efforts as well as for his tireless dedication in promoting photography to the general public. Beginning in 1968 as a member of the Union Camera Club, Venezia later served as president of the Cranford/Millburn Camera Club and in 2004, during Venezia's term as president of the Camera Naturalist Club in Basking Ridge, the club was chosen by Nature's Best Magazine as “Best Camera Club,” beating out 15,000 other entrants.

More information about Ben Venezia and his photography can be found at www.benveneziophotos.smugmug.com

LIBRARY BOOK GROUP TO DISCUSS MR. PEANUT, BY ADAM ROSS

The book discussion group of the Kenilworth Public Library will meet at 7:15 PM on Tuesday, May 22, in the library's activity room to discuss Mr. Peanut, a debut novel by Adam Ross. The plot focuses on the dilemma of Daniel Pepin, a happily married man who is considered the prime suspect in his wife's unexpected death. The book requires readers to contemplate whether it is ever really possible to know someone completely and to also consider whether murder and marriage are more interrelated than one might think. According to its book jacket notes, “Mr. Peanut is a police procedural of the soul, a poignant investigation of the relentlessly mysterious human heart – and a first novel of the highest order.” Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be served.

Participation in the book group is free and open to all adults, including residents of towns other than Kenilworth. Previous experience with a book group is not required and new members are always welcome. Copies of the book are available for check out at the library's circulation desk and residents of other communities are encouraged to check for ways that they might be eligible for borrowing privileges with the Kenilworth Public Library.

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In partnership with the New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center (TBBC), the Kenilworth Public Library invites members of the public to check out the library's new "Outspoken Library" kiosk. Through this workstation, library patrons who cannot read standard print due to visual or physical disability can enjoy a variety of materials that might otherwise not be accessible to them. Through

TBBC's own Audiovision newspaper Reading Service and the National Federation for the Blind's Newslite, library patrons can choose from more than 300 newspapers, magazines and wire services, including such local favorites as the Star Ledger, Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Time Magazine, TV Guide, People, and even New Jersey grocery advertisements. Additionally, "Braille and Audio Reading

Download" (BARD) provides digital audio access to more than 20,000 unabridged books, including current best sellers. The majority of items available through the kiosk are also available to visually or physically disabled patrons with home internet access.

State of the art digital audio players with easy to use features are also available to eligible library users at no cost. Kenilworth residents who are interested in signing up for this program or who would like more information about "Outspoken Library" are invited to call Library Director Dale Spindel at 908 276-2451 to set up an appointment for a personal demonstration of the resources that are available.

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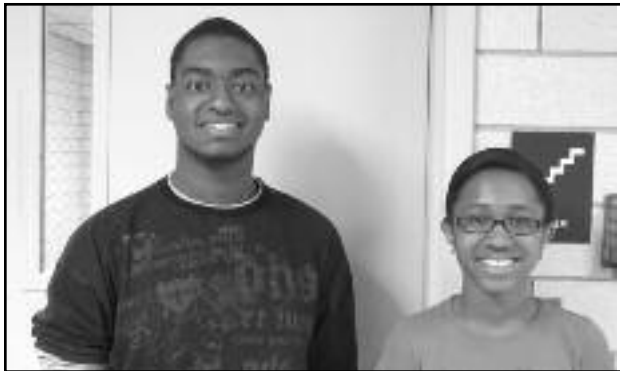
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MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL APRIL 2012 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Submitted by: Mr. David Novak



(Above) Malik Allen and Nia McCullin

The David Brearley High School Student of the Month for April is senior Malik Allen. Malik has been an active member of the Music Department at David Brearley throughout his high school career. As a trombone player Malik has contributed to the High School Band, as well as the Jazz Band, and has also served as a section leader. Malik represented the band as a soloist at Teen Arts Festival and has performed as a soloist with the David Brearley Choir. In addition, he regularly contributes his efforts and talents to the production of the David Brearley Dramas and Musicals. He is also a member of the David Brearley/Jonathan Dayton Swim Team and his favorite event is the 200 yard relay. Congratulations, Malik!

The middle school student of the month is Nia McCullin. Her teachers describe Nia as being polite, meticulous and extremely focused in all of her endeavors. Nia is a high achiever which is demonstrated by her excellent grade point average. She is a student that does not need to be prompted to be kind and considerate when interacting in social situations. Nia enjoys many extracurricular activities including the school play. Balancing the school play and academics is difficult but Nia is able to do it with great success. Congratulations Nia for being the seventh grade David Brearley Middle School student of the month!

KENILWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS: MAKING SCHOOL CHOICE WORK FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

Dr. Scott Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Kenilworth Public Schools

New Jersey has kept pace with the national movement to provide families with a “menu” of K-12 education options. The school choice movement began in the late 1990s, and the state started its own program in January 2000 when the New Jersey legislature created the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program (school choice program) as a five-year pilot program designed to explore whether public school choice would provide a viable educational option for the state’s students and their families by offering flexibility in selecting a public school program that best meets the needs of an individual student. Since the expiration of the pilot in 2005, the New Jersey Department of Education has maintained the program at the same level as it had achieved at that time. In June 2010, the legislature established a permanent Interdistrict Public School Choice Program. Under the school choice program, interested New Jersey school districts apply to become choice districts, opening seats into which they will accept non-resident students at the expense of the state.

The Kenilworth School District was among the first group of pilot districts to accept non-resident students. At that time, Kenilworth’s board established a policy to only accept Union County non-resident students into its Choice Program. Approximately 20 students are granted admittance to join the Seventh Grade each year. If space allows, additional students are invited to join the Eighth, Ninth, or Tenth Grades. Choice students are provided all of the same opportunities as Kenilworth resident students

once they become members of the Brearley Middle-High School community.

Choice students have contributed positively to the Brearley Middle-High School in at least three ways. As representatives of other communities in Union County, choice students have fostered cultural diversity. Kenilworth residents have opportunities to interact with young adults from all religious, ethnic, and racial walks of life. Choice students have also contributed to the academic success of the middle-high school. Several have graduated as salutatorians and valedictorian, and their standardized assessment scores are among the highest in the school. Finally, it is thanks to the choice program that the Kenilworth School District has been able to offer a myriad of special programs due to state-funded “Choice Aid.” The revenue afforded by the Choice Program has led to numerous instructional equipment enhancements and has allowed the district to expand its curricular offerings to all of its students.

There are 71 school districts approved as choice districts for the 2012-2013 school year. A list of these districts by county may be found by going to nj.gov/education/choice/districts. To support the continued growth of the program, Governor Christie has dedicated an additional \$14.2 million for the Interdistrict School Choice program in the FY 2013 state budget in response to the positive feedback the administration has received from participating districts. More information about this program can be found on the state website: state.nj.us/education/choice.



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