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**9/11
MEMORIAL
CEREMONY**
Sept. 11, 2008
7:00 pm
**ON THE
BOULEVARD**
OUTSIDE OF CITY HALL

*Vendors Sought for
Craft Show*

*The Kenilworth
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November 8, 2008
from 10 am to 4 pm.
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EVERYONE WAS A WINNER AT LIBRARY TRICKY TRAY

The Kenilworth Public Library sponsored its 7th annual cash-free summer reading tricky tray on August 7th, for children and teens who signed up for their summer reading clubs and read at least one book checked out from the library during the month of July. The event was organized by the library's Coordinator of Children's Services, Robin Koerner, with the assistance of Library Director Dale Spindel, Senior Library Assistant Kathleen Czarnecki and Library Assistant Lori Pantano. Library Director Dale Spindel said "It would not be possible to hold this event without a very dedicated team of volunteers working both behind the scenes during the months leading up to the tricky tray (including such tasks as letter writing, prize solicitation, and basket wrapping) as well as during the entire day of the event (transporting the prizes to Schering-Plough, bringing the prizes inside and setting them up in numbered order on tables within a two hour period, checking in participants and distributing tickets, prize running, etc.)."

Nearly \$12,000 in prizes were donated by businesses, organizations, members of the community and members of the library staff and their families and 259 children and teens were registered to participate.

Schering-Plough's generously donated their corporate headquarter's cafeteria for the event as well as all refreshments. All children receive the same number of tickets (60) since this is an event that celebrates summer reading by every child rather than being a competition of

who can read the most. Participants were able to browse the prize tables and put tickets in for the prizes they would like to try to win. There were also three balloon artists making colorful balloon creations for any child who wanted one (for free, of course). The prize drawings began around 6:30 PM and the excitement among the children ran (as did the prize runners) for several hours ending after 9:00 PM. There were also consolation prizes for any participant who did not win one of the drawings. There where a total of 257 prize drawings during the course of the evening.

This annual event is not a fund raiser and participation in this event is totally free as long as each child reads (or has read to him/her) at least one book from the library during the month of July. This family event drew quite a crowd, a total of 193 children/teens participated and approximately 230 adults were in attendance plus siblings who were too young to participate. More *photos of Tricky Tray on page 4.*



9th ANNUAL FIREMEN'S CARNIVAL PICS INSIDE



Check out photos on page 6 and 7.

HEALTH FAIR SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 20 AT SCHERING

Board of Health President, Randy Moscaritolo, announced that the Michael L. Vitale, Sr. Health Fair will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2008 at Schering-Plough Corporation, 2000 Galloping Hill Road, Kenilworth from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Parking is available in the adjacent parking deck and there will be signs to direct you to this area. Please enter the campus at the main gate off Galloping Hill Rd.

Health Professionals will be providing screenings services and educational materials for the following health concerns: Vision, Hypertension, Respiratory ailments, Dental, Colorectal cancer, Derma Scan, Hearing, Vascular Educator, Prostate cancer, Posture, Scoliosis, Breast self-exam, Podiatry, Diabetes and other Blood abnormalities (SMAC/CBC). If you are taking the SMAC/CBC blood test you must fast after 12AM the night before. Do not take the diabetes test.

The following immunizations will also be provided at no cost: DPT for ages one to seven years old; MMR-ages 15 months to six years old (three in one Vaccine provides protection against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella), Polio vaccine- ages one to eighteen years; Tetanus for adults. There will be a fee for the Pneumonia lifetime vaccine. The SMAC & CBC Blood test will be offered free of charge to Kenilworth Residents. Non-Residents will be charged a \$28.00 fee for this test. There will also be a \$25.00 charge to all residents taking PSA (Prostate Cancer) test. A \$30.00 fee will be charged to Non-Residents for this test.

Transportation will be provided for residents in need from the Kenilworth Senior Citizens Building parking lot from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
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MEMO FROM THE MAYOR



On August 5th, six neighborhoods around Kenilworth participated in National Night Out with block parties. It was a lot of fun visiting each of the neighborhoods and saying hello to everyone. Special thanks go out to the McCracken's, the McEvoy's, the Cascarano's, Dorothea Krihak, the Petrozellas and Badali's and the Cantalup's for organizing the block parties in their neighborhoods. Thanks also to Chief Dowd, Sgt. Tim Dowd and Officer Jim Grady for their help in organizing the effort.

Children who participated in the summer reading program were treated to the Library Tricky Tray held at Schering Plough. More than 200 gifts valued at \$12,000 were given away to the children who read one or more books over the summer. Kudos to Dale Spindel and her staff and all the volunteers who helped plan and carry out the event. Robin Koerner is to be congratulated for all of her efforts in collecting the prizes.

Coming up on September 6th and 7th is the Community Garage Sale which benefits the Kenilworth Historical Society. Applications to participate in the townwide garage sale can be obtained by going on the kenilworthnj.com website and clicking the link to the historical society. The fee is \$10.00. All participants are listed on a master list with a map of the town which will be available at the A&P.

Kenilworth Octoberfest will be held on October 12, 2008 with a rain date of October 19. The event will begin at 11AM and will continue until 5PM. There will be food, fun and games for the kids, music, vendors and a new event – a Dog beauty/talent contest. Sign your favorite pet up to compete for the crown! All participating canines will be judged on talent (best tricks), beauty, and obedience. Join the fun by entering your dog in the contest. Sign ups start at 2PM, with the show beginning at 3PM.

Applications for vendors and crafters are being accepted for the Octoberfest and can be obtained by calling 908 276 3371.

Congratulations to Mike & Annie's which earned Top Dog honors from the Star-Ledger Munchmobile for their delicious ice cream treats!

The Borough will hold its annual September 11th memorial service in front of Borough Hall at 7PM. Please join us in honoring the memory of those who died on September 11th.

Mayor Kathi Fiamingo

UPCOMING MEETINGS

GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH

All meetings are held
at Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.
SEPTEMBER 9 & 23 - Work Session
to start at 7:30PM
at the Council Chambers
SEPTEMBER 10 & 24 - Regular Meeting
to start at 8:00PM
(unless noted otherwise)
at the Council Chambers

UPCOMING PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings are held
at Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.
SEPTEMBER 25 - Regular Meeting
to start at 7:00PM
OCTOBER 2 - Work Session Meeting
to start at 7:00PM

KENILWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION

All meetings are held
in the Board Conference Room
at David Brearley Middle/High School
located at 401 Monroe Avenue.
Regular meetings to start at 7:30 pm
SEPTEMBER 8 - Regular Meeting

DAVID BREARLEY PTO

SEPTEMBER 11 - 7:30 pm

DAVID BREARLEY MS/HS PTO MEMBERSHIP REMINDER:

The PTO Membership form can be found by logging on to Kenilworthschools.com, scrolling down and clicking on DB PTO, when you get to our web page click to the right where it says Membership, print it out, fill it out and mail it in by October 31, 2008.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

ST. THERESA SCHOOL REUNION

Attention any past Teachers, Staff, and Pupils of St. Theresa School! A reunion of all graduating classes is being planned. If you are not in the alumni directory please contact Sr. Emy De Filippi, FMA, 540 Washington Avenue, Kenilworth, NJ 07033 or Email Sr. Emy at sts.alumni@hotmail.com

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SOFTBALL/BASKETBALL PICNIC

Kenilworth Recreation will host their annual softball/basketball picnic at DiMario Park on Saturday September 13th at 12 noon. All players and their families are invited to come out and enjoy free hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages.

SAINT THERESA BLOCK PARTY

All are invited to our Block Party for all Parishioners! It's on Saturday, September 20. The night will start with 4pm Mass (no 5:30 PM mass this night) and continue outside on Washington Avenue until 8 p.m. Join us for a night of food, fun and music as we give thanks for all of you: Our Parishioners!

UPCOMING GATEWAY CHAMBER EVENTS

Date / Event / Time / Location (Events are at no cost unless indicated)

- SEP 10** **KENILWORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
8:30 am Kenilworth Library, Kenilworth, NJ
- SEP 11** **WORKFORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
8:45 am Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce, Elizabeth, NJ
- SEP 12** **LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**
8:30 am Springfield Fire Department, Springfield, NJ
- SEP 16** **IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETING**
6:00 pm Crowne Plaza Clark, Clark, NJ 07066
Members: \$20; Future Members: \$30; first time guests: FREE
- SEP 17** **EMPLOYER LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**
8:00 am Lana's Fine Dining at Hyatt Hills
- SEP 18** **GATEWAY ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS WOMEN**
11:45 am La Casa di Martino, Roselle Park, NJ, Members: \$25; Future Members: \$35
- SEP 23** **LINDEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
8:15 am Sam's Club, Linden, NJ
- SEP 24TH - CLARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
8:30 am Gran Centurions, Clark, NJ
- SEP 25** **SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
8:30 am Springfield Office of Emergency Management, Springfield, NJ
- SEP 25** **IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION GOLF OUTING**
Twin Brooks Country Club , 600 Mountain Boulevard , Watchung, NJ 07060
Cost: Just \$195 per golfer
- SEP 26TH - SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING**
8-10 am Raritan Valley Community College, North Branch/Somerville, NJ
Members \$5; Future Members: \$25, first time guests: FREE
- SEP 30** **NETWORKING OUTSIDE THE BOX**
Olde Mill Inn, Basking Ridge, NJ,
Members \$5; Future Members: \$25, first time guests: FREE

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For additional information and/or to register for any and all events please visit www.GatewayChamber.com or call the Chamber at 908-352-0900



KENILWORTH P.B.A. # 135 MOTORCYCLE RUN '08

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SUMMER READING TRICKY TRAY PHOTO ALBUM



(above) Barber Foster, Schering-Plough Community Affairs Coodinator and Dale Spindel, Kenilworth Library Director.



(above) Schering-Plough donated the use of their cafeteria as well as all refreshments – the volunteers were even treated to lunch!



(above) Library Director Dale Spindel and Children's Services Coordinator Robin Koerner look on while Kenilworth Mayor Kathi Fiamingo greeted the crowd.



(above) Emma & Maeve Kessler ages 5 & 3 won 5 prizes!



(above) A total of 257 prizes prizes were auctioned off and 47 consolation prizes were given away.



(above) It took 20 volunteers to move prizes from the tables to the winners.



(above 3 photos) Three balloon artists whipped up an array of creations including a mermaid to match 4 year-old Amelia Hunt's doll. Ballon Hats made the evening even more festive, shown are 7 year-old J.T. Bokoske age 7 and Volunteer Josephine Angrisano.



(left) Reagan Streko age 2 couldn't wait to play with the trucks he had won.



(above) The Uka family, Chinonye, age 15 won 4 prizes; Chijike age 9 won 2 prizes; Chioma age 11 won 1 prize; Chinonso age 17 won 2 prizes.



(above) Emily Chan age 9 pictured with her 3 prizes and brother Jeffrey and Aunt Mabel.

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BUSINESS DATABASE FOR NJ AVAILABLE THROUGH KENILWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Corfacts Online New Jersey Business-to-Business Directory is available to all Kenilworth residents and business owners through a subscription linked to the Kenilworth Public Library’s website at www.kenilworthlibrary.org.

This database enables users to identify businesses throughout New Jersey by industry type, location, company size, revenues, and number of employees. The database is easy to use and can easily be accessed from home by entering the barcode number from any library card issued by the Kenilworth Public Library. Eligibility for a Kenilworth Public Library card is open to any resident of Kenilworth as well as to anyone who is employed in town or owns a business located in Kenilworth. Access to the database is also open to all members of the

public on the public workstations in the library’s adult department on the main floor.

For more information or for assistance using this database, please visit the library at 548 Boulevard or call Dale Spindel, Library Director, at 908 276-2451.

Here’s what’s going on at the library in September:

- 9/16 Friends of the Library meeting, 7:00 PM
- 9/18 Memoir Writing Group, 7:00 PM
- 9/23 Book Discussion Group, 7:15 PM, “Motherless Brooklyn” by Jonathan Lethem
- 9/24 Toddler Time 10:30 AM
- 9/24 Story Time 10:15 AM and 3:30 PM
- 9/25 Read to a Dog 7:00 PM
- 9/26 Bingo for Young Children 3:30 PM

LIBRARY HOSTS SHAKESPEARE

“The Bard on the Boulevard” scheduled to be performed at the David Brearley Football field was moved indoors to the Library due to rain.

“Veni, Vidi, Vici” I came, I saw, I conquered...with a female bent. Shakespeare’s oft told tale of the last days of the Roman general and his assassins was presented with an all female cast.



BATTLE AGAINST MEDICINE ABUSE

August was recently designated as National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month and with the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) reporting that upwards of 9 million people use prescription medication for non-medical uses, the timing couldn’t have been better.

A common misconception is that prescription drugs are not as addictive or abused as the more familiar illicit drugs like marijuana and heroin. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) examined the scope of the problem and discovered nationwide, more than 2.1 million teens abused prescription drugs in 2006.

In the 2006 Union County Student Survey administered by the Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse and Prevention Links, 30% of respondents have tried prescription drugs, and 16% have tried them in the last 30 days. The survey analysis also revealed that the potential for parental influence on students behavior. Parents need to be made aware of the great impact they can have with their children at these grade levels (The survey included 141 schools ranging from grades five through twelve throughout Union County).

Prevention Links continues to promote community involvement and participation in efforts to educate parents about the dangers of medicine abuse among teens. With 30 percent of Middle School students who believe using prescription drugs that are not prescribed to you does not have any real health consequences, it’s imperative that Union County communities become educated.

To learn more about this campaign or other programs that Prevention Links conducts you can visit www.preventionlinks.org or call 732-381-4100.

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THE SUN SHINED FOR 9TH ANNUAL FIREMEN'S CARNIVAL

The 9th Annual Firemen’s Carnival held from Monday August 18 through Saturday August 23 in the St. Theresa’s School Parking lot was a huge success drawing out thousands of people to the department’s primary fundraising event. President of the Kenilworth volunteer Fire department, David Krill, said “This year we had great weather for all 6 days which resulted it a record turnout crowd. I can’t thank the organizations, businesses and volunteers enough for all of their contributions and hard work”.



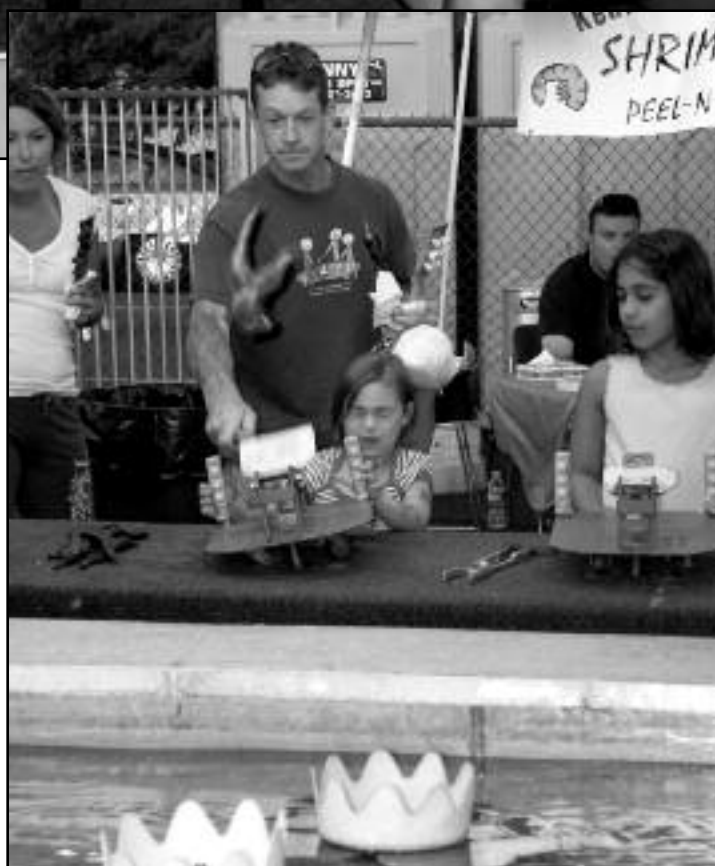
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TIPS ON FINDING A RELIABLE CONTRACTOR

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Depending on the size and complexity of your project, you may choose to work with a number of different professionals:

- **Specialty Contractors**

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- **Design/Build Contractors**

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Some firms have architects on staff; others use certified designers.

- **General Contractors**

- Manage all aspects of your project, including hiring and supervising subcontractors, getting building permits, and scheduling inspections.

They also work with architects and designers.

The following are suggested questions to consider when choosing a home improvement contractor from the Federal Trade Commission website: www.ftc.gov.

How long have you been in business?

Look for a well-established company and check it out with consumer protection officials. They can tell you if there are unresolved consumer complaints on file. One caveat: No record of complaints against a particular contractor doesn't necessarily mean no previous consumer problems. It may be that problems exist, but have not yet been reported, or that the contractor is doing business under several different names.

Are you licensed and registered with the state?

While most states license electrical and plumbing contractors, only 36 states have some type of licensing and registration statutes affecting contractors, remodelers, and/or specialty contractors. The licensing can range from simple registration to a detailed qualification process. Also, the licensing requirements in one locality may be different from the requirements in the rest of the state. Check with your local building

department or consumer protection agency to find out about licensing requirements in your area. If your state has licensing laws, ask to see the contractor's license. Make sure it's current.

How many projects like mine have you completed in the last year?

Ask for a list. This will help you determine how familiar the contractor is with your type of project.

Will my project require a permit?

Most states and localities require permits for building projects, even for simple jobs like decks. A competent contractor will get all the necessary permits before starting work on your project. Be suspicious if the contractor asks you to get the permit(s). It could mean that the contractor is not licensed or registered, as required by your state or locality.

May I have a list of references?

The contractor should be able to give you the names, addresses, and phone numbers of at least three clients who had projects similar to yours. Ask each how long ago the project was completed and if you can see it. Also, tell the contractor that you'd like to visit jobs in progress.

Will you be using subcontractors on this project?

If yes, ask to meet them, and make sure they have current insurance coverage and licenses, if required. Also, ask them if they were paid on time by this contractor. A "mechanic's lien" could be placed on your home if your contractor fails to pay the subcontractors and suppliers on your project. That means the subcontractors and suppliers could go to court to force you to sell your home to satisfy their unpaid bills from your project. Protect yourself by asking the contractor, and every subcontractor and supplier, for a lien release or lien waiver.

What types of insurance do you carry?

Contractors should have personal liability, worker's compensation, and property damage coverage. Ask for copies of insurance certificates, and make sure they're current. Avoid doing business with contractors who don't carry the appropriate insurance. Otherwise, you'll be held liable for any injuries and damages that occur during the project.





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CLEANUP SCHEDULE

North Side of Town:
Wednesday, September 10th (Until Completed)
South Side of Town:
Wednesday, September 17th (Until Completed)

ITEMS NOT PICKED UP ON CLEAN-UP

The City of Rahway will not be responsible for the collection of household garbage (food waste), recyclables, ashes, dirt, grass, leaves, tree trunks, stumps, branches, pool filters, car tires with rims, railroad ties, rocks, stones, asphalt, concrete, closed top drums, automobile parts, appliances (white goods), paint, chemicals; and materials resulting from demolition, alterations or repairs to building or other structures, and any other materials not prepared as properly defined above.

Please be aware that metal items are picked up by the Kenilworth Department of Public Works during clean-up.

Bulky waste must be placed at curbside after 5:00pm on the night before regularly scheduled pick-up. Once your street has been picked up, no further items can be put out.

No White Goods (Refrigerators, Stoves, etc) will be picked up on these Cleanup Days.

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Residents will be charged a fee of \$25.00 per unit for disposal of stoves, washer machines, water heaters and dryers. Also, the fee applies to refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers or any item containing freon or other refrigerants are required by federal clean air act to have refrigerants recycled, therefore the borough finds it necessary to charge residents a fee of \$25.00 per unit to cover the cost of this requirement. The fee must be paid at the borough clerks office 567 Boulevard, prior to the pick-up of the unit. Refrigerator doors must be removed before being placed at curbside for pickup. Pickup will take place every third Friday of the month beginning March 21th 2008 and ending October 17, 2008. Residents must pay for disposal fee one week prior to scheduled pick-up. **DO NOT PLACE WHITE GOODS OUT FOR BULKY WASTE PICKUP.** Items that are not placed at curbside the day of the scheduled pickup will be rescheduled for the following month. Items must be placed at curbside after 5pm on the night before a scheduled pickup.

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Registration begins at 10 AM. Prizes include Nike golf bags, putters and wedges. Each player receives a one year subscription to Golf Digest magazine. The fee to attend the event is \$325 per person and includes a gourmet brunch, 18-holes of golf with a cart, cocktail hour and the awards dinner. The cost for a foursome is \$1250. To attend the cocktail hour and dinner only, the cost per person is \$100. The evening's raffle will conclude with the winner going home with a pair of round trip travel vouchers on JetBlue Airways.

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- If you have questions about credit unions, check with the New Jersey Credit Union League: <http://www.njcul.org> or the National Credit Union Association: <http://www.ncua.gov/>. Both have websites that include a directory listing credit unions by state. By contacting an individual credit union or visiting its website, you can learn more about its charter and whether it can potentially accept your employees as members.

- As you consider bringing a credit union into your benefits program, ask the credit union's representatives to present its services to your company's management team to ensure the match between your company and the credit union is a good one.

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Kenilworth residents Gina and Marissa Scalzo, ages 15 and 17 respectively, participated in Team Overdrive, a robotics team based in Bridgewater, New Jersey. The team won the FIRST Tech Challenge World Championships in Atlanta, Georgia on April 18th. Team Overdrive teamed up with alliance partners Mr. T from Montville, New Jersey, and Beach Cities Robotics from Torrance, California for the victory. In addition to winning the world championship, Team Overdrive was selected from the 100 teams participating in the competition to receive the Amaze Award.

The Amaze Award is given to the team which the judges felt stood out amongst the rest of the teams and defied any award category based on the team’s unique efforts, performance, and dynamics. The award citation read in part “From the moment this bright yellow team stepped into the judges’ booth, they amazed us with their great professionalism, which was apparent through their use of materials and presentation skills. This team entertained and informed kids in a children’s hospital with robotic demonstrations. We were impressed by their fund raising activities and their gracious professionalism.”

Team Overdrive attracts people from all over New Jersey. The seven member 2007-08 team of home educated students includes along with

sisters Gina and Marissa Scalzo of Kenilworth are Tyler Moser,17 and James Wittel, 16 of Bridgewater, Kevin Fritz, 15 of Hillsborough, Bethany Shotyk, 16 of Piscataway and David Schmidt, 15, of Union.

Team Overdrive completed a string of regional championship victories during the 2007-2008 season leading up to their world championship win, a feat which has never been done before in the FIRST Tech Challenge robot division. Team Overdrive won the Ohio State Championship in December, the Delaware State Championship in January, the New Jersey State Championship in February, and the New York City Championship in April.

In addition to the tournament victories, Team Overdrive received the Inspire Award at both the Ohio and Delaware competitions, and the Think Award at the New Jersey event. The Inspire Award is given to the team which the judges felt performed well in all judging categories and best represented a role model team. The Think Award is given to the team whose Engineering Notebook best reflects the “journey” which the team took as they experienced the engineering design process during the build season.

Major corporate sponsors of Team Overdrive include Umicore, Evonik Industries, Briechle-Fernandez Marketing Services, Inc., Colonial Metals, Inc., Ferro Corporation, Equity

Environmental Engineering, LLC, Nadine Maleski, LLC, Attorney At Law, and Storming Robots Technology Learning Center, LLC.

Founded by Tom Moser, general manager of Umicore Precious Metals NJ, LLC in South Plainfield, New Jersey, Team Overdrive provides an opportunity for high school students to get hands on experience in the world of design, engineering and technology played out in the spirit of sports through the annual Tech Robotics Competition.

Robotics competition challenges teams of young people and their mentors to solve a common problem using a standard "kit of parts" and a common set of rules. Teams build robots from the parts and enter them in a series of competitions.

“After the hard work and a lot of fun, students come away with a greater appreciation of science and technology and how they might use it to positively impact the world around them,” said Moser. “In addition, they cultivate life skills such as planning, brainstorming, collaboration, teamwork, leadership as well as research and technical skills.”

Each year the game is made up of two distinct types of play – operator controlled and a computer programmed autonomous mode. Each tournament features alliances of two teams playing from opposite ends of the playing field. Teams compete to score the most points by completing various tasks including lifting rings on to moving goals of various heights, and maneuvering the goals to the alliance’s side of the playing field.

The 2006-07 season represented the pilot year for Team Overdrive. The team had many successes and accomplishments during the first year. Team Overdrive won the New Jersey regional tournament (The Garden State Rumble), earning them a spot at the international championship in Atlanta, Georgia where they were quarterfinalists in the event. The team also won The Think Award at both the New Jersey tournament and the Delaware regional tournament.

The team originally grew out of the collective experiences of students interested in science, computers and technology. Through the urging of enthusiastic students and the efforts of parents the team formed Teen Technology, a non-profit educational organization in Somerset County. Team Overdrive is a division of Teen Technology.

The host organization for the regional tournaments and international championship, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST), is a non-profit, educational organization that was founded to inspire and excite young people about science and technology by bringing together professional mentors with high school students.

FIRST redefines winning. Teams are rewarded for excellence in design, demonstrated team spirit, gracious professionalism and maturity, and ability to overcome obstacles. Scoring the most points is a secondary goal. Winning means building partnerships that last, according to Moser.

This school year the team plans on competing in the FIRST Robotics Challenge which is the full size robots (approximately the size of a washing machine). This is a much bigger endeavor and the team will be fundraising again to compete. The team will start meeting again in September.

For more information about the team or sponsorship opportunities, contact teamoverdrive@teen-technology.org.



(l-r) Bethany Shotyk, Piscataway; Gina Scalzo, Kenilworth; James Wittel, Bridgewater; Kevin Fritz, Hillsborough; Marissa Scalzo, Kenilworth; Tyler Moser, Bridgewater; David Schmidt, Union.

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