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(above) Isabel Cornel

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Access' friendly staff is waiting to welcome you, especially new manager, Isabel Cornel. Isabel is a Kenilworth resident and very dedicated to the community. Along with being an active Kenilworth

Chamber of Commerce member, she finds many ways to help out around town and in the surrounding areas.

One Access customer, Captain Joe Vecchi of the Kenilworth Rescue Squad, thought Isabel would make a great Emergency Management Technician (EMT) after getting to know her through her friendly service. Isabel credits Captain Vecchi for constantly being on the lookout for new recruits to build the squad, and for encouraging her to try something new. "This is the time to go for it, you'd be great to do this type of work", she recalls him saying. Isabel attended classes at Union County College and in February 2009 she earned her EMT certification. She currently volunteers 4 nights a week from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm and Sunday from 5:30 am to 1:30 pm riding with the Kenilworth Rescue Squad. She loves the adrenaline of walking into a home and being able to help someone. "That smile, that thank you, that hug, that's everything you need to make it worth it," she said.

Isabel has two daughters, Jenennia Colanos is a Junior at David Brearley High School and will be turning 17 in June. Jenennia wants to volunteer as an EMT cadet and ride with her mother. Isabel's other daughter, Kristina Franko, is an

8th grade honors student at David Brearley Middle School.

Isabel wants to enroll in classes this summer to learn sign-language to service her deaf customers. The Kenilworth Police Department has Isabel on their call list in case they should need a Spanish or Portuguese translator.

Isabel is passionate about her community service. When President Obama called for citizens to volunteer she signed up for "Renew America Together" (website found at usaservice.org). This presidential initiative is meant to help citizens build communities, find opportunities to serve and share their results. Isabel was surprised when she received a text message from President Obama thanking her for her service. She knew it was staff that sent the message, but it was thrilling to get a text message from the President.

Isabel is also a passionate member of the Humane Society and PETA. She's been a vegetarian for 10 years and believes killing animals is cruel. She'd like to see an EAMT unit (Emergency Animal Medical Technician) founded. Although this service exists in other states, there's nothing like this in the tri-state area.

Access Self Storage coordinates a welcome wagon, something employees came up with at a marketing meeting. The vision was born of a sentiment that it is a time to pull together as business owners. All of Access' new customers, about 40 a month, receive a welcome bag of trinkets and coupons from any local business that would like to contribute. Access is expanding their outreach by inviting businesses located in the territory of the Gateway Chamber of Commerce. You do not have to be a chamber member to participate in the Welcome Wagon, any business can call or visit Access to drop off something to be included in the welcome bags.

When asked how she finds the time to volunteer so much of her time to the community, Isabel said "This is the time to make a difference, you have all the time in the world to relax when you are old."

'HER LADYSHIP'S WARDROBE' HISTORICAL FASHION SHOW AND TEA TO BENEFIT NITSCHKE HOUSE RESTORATION

The Kenilworth Historical Society will present "Her Ladyship's Wardrobe," a unique Historical Fashion Show and Victorian Tea, on Sat., May 2, at the Kenilworth Gospel Chapel, 103 South 23rd Street, Kenilworth. The afternoon event will begin at noon and include a Victorian Tea, complete with sandwiches and dessert, plus an interactive fashion show featuring an extensive museum-quality collection of ladies' gowns, hats and accessories from the Victorian, Edwardian and Deco eras. Admission is \$25. Guests may bring their favorite teacups to display and use during the Tea if they wish to do so.

"Her Ladyship's Wardrobe" fashion show will be presented by fashion history expert and collector Sue Quincannon. Dressed in full Victorian costume, Quincannon will take guests on a fascinating visual walk through history, contrasting the Victorian, Edwardian and Deco fashion styles and discussing the etiquette and customs of each time period.

Advance ticket purchases are recommended, as seating is limited. Tickets can be obtained at Especially Yours Florist, 13 North 20th Street, Kenilworth, or by calling 908-709-0434 or 908-245-1467.

Proceeds will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society's ongoing project to restore the local 19th-century Oswald J.

Nitschke House and transform it into a living history museum and cultural arts center.

The Kenilworth Gospel Chapel is an independent community Bible church with a congregation of approximately 165 adults and children. The chapel was constructed in 1936 by a number of chapel members, including the family of local pioneer James Arthur, who built many homes in the area during the late 19th/early 20th centuries and founded the New Orange Park residential project.

'TREASURES FROM THE ATTIC' SALE

The Kenilworth Historical Society will hold an outdoor "Treasures from the Attic" sale on April 18 and 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the historic Oswald J. Nitschke House, 49 South 21 Street, Kenilworth. Admission is free.

The event will feature a variety of new and "gently used" merchandise, including handcrafted items. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society's ongoing project to restore the 19th-century Nitschke House and transform it into a "living museum" and cultural arts center.

For further information, please call 908-709-0434 or 908-709-0391.

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GATEWAY CHAMBER CONGRATULATES HONOREES OF THE 20th ANNUAL MAYORS' DINNER

Over 400 people attended the Gateway Chamber of Commerce annual Mayors' Dinner. During the evening the mayors from towns in Union County are passed a microphone to brag about his or her municipality with a strictly enforced 5 minute time limit. What is usually a light hearted evening, turned somber with each town using at least part of their time to address the challenging financial issues all are faced with. A committee judges the mayors' comments and at the end of the evening a "Best Speaker" award is presented.

Kenilworth Mayor Kathi Fiamingo, who was nominated for the Mayor of the Year Award, thanked Schering Plough Corp. for sponsoring Kenilworth's table and referring to the recent announcement of its merger, said she will open Merck & Company with open arms.

Mayor Fiamingo acknowledged the change in mood from past events where the goal of the mayor's remarks were to be humorous. "On January 1, 2008 the Governor cut aid to towns with under 10,000 residents and then at the end of 2008 the world fell apart; we are drowning under a spending cap".

Mayor Fiamingo boasted that Kenilworth has

lowest tax rate in the county; the best library; a new fire truck and will be celebrating with a wet down in the near future; and joked "we are selling tickets to ride on our new clean garbage truck".

During the evening a moment of silence was held with the announcement of the sudden passing earlier that day of Assemblyman Dr. Eric Munoz whose 21st district included Kenilworth. Mayor Fiamingo offered her condolences to the Munoz family, "Eric was a wonderful person and will be missed".

Gateway Chamber congratulates honorees of the 20th annual mayors' dinner

The winners were:

MAYOR OF THE YEAR:

Mayor Sharon Robinson-Briggs, City of Plainfield

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR:

Jim Debbie, Borough of Mountainside

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR:

Dr. Thomas J. Bistocchi Union County Votech

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR:

Theodore Romankow, Union County Prosecutor

SPEAKER OF THE NIGHT:

Mayor Rich Gerbounka, City of Linden

UPCOMING MEETINGS

GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH

All meetings are held in Council Chambers at Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.

APRIL 7, 24 - Work Session
to start at 7:30 PM

APRIL 8, 22 - Regular Meeting
to start at 8:00 PM

UPCOMING PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings are held at Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.

MAY 7 - Work Session
to start at 7:00 PM

APRIL 23 - Regular Meeting
to start at 7:30 PM

KENILWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION

All meetings are held in the Board Conference Room at David Brearley Middle/High School at 401 Monroe Avenue.

APRIL 6 - Regular Meeting, to start at 7:30 pm

APRIL 21 - Annual School Election

APRIL 27 - 2009 Organizational Meeting

MAY 4 - workshop Meeting

APRIL 21, 2009 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION



(above) Kenilworth Mayor's Table sponsored by Schering Plough Corp. Hedy Lipke (Borough Clerk), Nancy Nichols (Finance Officer/Tax Collector), John DeSimone (Public Safety Officer Clark) Mayor Kathi Fiamingo, Harvey Fruchter, Borough attorney, Chief William Dowd and Councilman Fred Pugliese.



(above) Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce Table Eileen LaBianco and Dale Spindel (Kenilworth Public Library), Jayme Lee Morrison and Isabel Cornel (Access Self Storage), Carla White-Garrett (Atlantic Federal Credit Union), Randy Garrett, Joe Renna, Chairman.

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- Hands on learning
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- ## GATEWAY CHAMBER EVENTS
- 4/2 NETWORKING PROFESSIONALS OF NEW JERSEY MEETING
7:30am Perkins of Green Brook, Green Book, NJ
 - 4/2 WORKFORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
8:45am Gateway Chamber Conference Room, Elizabeth, NJ
 - 4/7 NETWORKING OUTSIDE THE BOX
6 pm Stone House at Stirling Ridge, Warren, NJ
 - 4/8 KENILWORTH CHAMBER MEETS
8:30am Kenilworth Inn, Kenilworth, NJ
 - 4/9 SURVIVING THE "NEW" COBRA!
Businesses with more than 2 employees are going to be bit!
8 am Hilton Newark Airport Hotel, Elizabeth, NJ
 - 4/14 LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST WITH CONGRESSMAN LEONARD LANCE
8 am Kenilworth Inn, Kenilworth, NJ
 - 4/15 EMPLOYER LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
8:30am Lana's Fine Dining, Cranford, NJ
 - 4/16 GATEWAY ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS WOMEN MEETING
11:45am La Casa di Martino, Roselle Park, NJ
 - 4/16 FINANCIAL DISTRESS AND SURVIVING ANOTHER DAY!
8 am Crowne Plaza Hotel, Clark, NJ
 - 4/17 LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
8:30am location to be announced
 - 4/21 IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION NETWORKING EVENT
6 pm Molly Maguire's Irish Pub, Clark, NJ
 - 4/22 CLARK CHAMBER MEETING
8:30am location to be announced
 - 4/23 ANNUAL BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
6 pm Grand Summit Hotel, Summit, NJ
 - 4/24 SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER MEETING
8:30am Jonathon Dayton High School, Springfield
 - 4/24 SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING
8 am Fiddlers Elbow Country Club, Bedminster
 - 4/28 LINDEN CHAMBER MEETING
8:30am The Ave by Korman Communities, Union, NJ
 - 4/29 LINDEN CHAMBER WINE TASTING
5:30pm Hampton Inn @ Aviation Plaza, Linden, NJ
 - 5/4 GATEWAY REGIONAL 34RD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
10:30am Suburban Golf & Country Club, Union, NJ

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ELECTRONICS RECYCLING COLLECTION TO RAISE MONEY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

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.

Appliances such as stoves and refrigerators will not be collected

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

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

DAVID BREARLEY HS PRESENTS SEUSSICAL

David Brearley High School, Kenilworth, presented its 2009 spring musical production, SEUSSICAL, from April 2 through the 4th. Based on the works of Dr. Seuss, Seussical was co-conceived by Stephen Flaherty, Lynn Ahrens, and Eric Idle with music by Stephen Flaherty, and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens.

The show was chosen because it is modern, with a wonderful musical score and a script that

enabled every student who auditioned to become involved. It also marks the introduction of a show not yet produced by the Brearley Theater.

The "heart" of the show is in the characters and the story they have to share. Along with its awesome musical score, this show involved the themes of helping friends, never giving up, keeping promises, and appreciating others in spite of their differences.



(above) David Brearley's production of Seussical the Musical warmed up by presenting their production at the Teen Arts Festival. Pictured are Cat in the Hat, played by Gary Howard, with the citizens of Whoville.

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The Governor's Teacher Recognition Program was developed in 1985 for the purpose of acknowledging teachers who exhibit outstanding performance. The premise of recognizing teachers is based on the following: (1) the successes of our public schools are due to the quality and dedication of their teaching staff; (2) the recognition of excellence will encourage teachers to strive for excellence; (3) by giving the teaching profession the stature and recognition it deserves, more capable people will be attracted to the profession; and, (4) like other professionals, outstanding performance should be acknowledged.

Mrs. Grace Mueller has been selected as David Brearley's Middle School Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Mueller has served as one of Kenilworth's Special Education Teachers in the middle school since 2004.

Mr. David Novak has been selected as David

Brearley's High School Teacher of the Year. Mr. Novak has served as one of Kenilworth's science department teachers since 1998. Mr. Novak is smart, sensitive, sincere, and fair to everyone.



Mrs. Grace Mueller



Mr. David Novak

DAVID BREARLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL UNITES FAMILIES, TOOLS, AND TECHNOLOGIES!

Submitted By David Novak

The Family Tools and Technology courses began in 1996 as a pilot program through Rutgers University. It started as an outreach program to middle and high schools in New Jersey that were interested in more community involvement and a need to incorporate more students into a science oriented career. As a result of the hard work and persistence of the David Brearley Middle School Science Department, the program has evolved over the years to encompass both the seventh and eighth grade classes. Topics have included a diverse range of science, design, and engineering activities including: Newton's Laws of motion, hot air balloons, Legos® traction machines, paddleboats, chemistry, and race car design. Family interest and turnout has been consistently high which makes the programs very successful. Seventh grade students and parents have been very motivated to return for the 8th grade program. The 7th grade program runs in September and October while the 8th grade program runs February and March. The

program is run by the David Brearley Middle School science teachers, Candace Grimaldi and Curtis Cerillo. Please contact Mrs. Grimaldi at David Brearley Middle School for more information.



(above) Student Nick Cantalupo and his dad.

K OF C FAMILY PASTA KNIGHT APRIL 26

The Rev. Sylvester P. McVeigh Council of the Knights of Columbus #4186 is hosting a Family Pasta night on Sunday April 26 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Advance ticket sales will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 13 and under. Tickets will be \$7.00 and \$5.00, at the door. Featured will be "Battle of the DiFamous DiFabio Pasta Sauces". A father (Lou DiFabio) and son (Dan Difabio) competition as to who makes the better sauce. The winner receives the coveted "Stainless Steel Ladle" prize. The meal includes: Pasta, Meatball, Salad, Desert and Coffee or Tea.

Local author of "Hell at Sea" Naomi Desiderio will be introduced.

This is an inexpensive excuse to not have to cook for the night and meet with friends and family over a meal. The council is located at 191 Market Street, Kenilworth, NJ. For tickets call Grand Knight Mike Relovsky 908-245-6339.



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ST. THERESA SCHOOL WELCOME HOME REUNION

Over 400 past principals, teachers, staff members, and students who have been part of St. Theresa's School family gathered on March 29th for a reunion. The celebration began with a mass at 12:00 at St. Theresa Church followed by a reception at McVeigh Hall located in the school where dinner was served.

A slideshow presentation was shown with an update of the school and dreams for the future.

Saint Theresa School is dedicated to the cultivation of academic excellence and the spiritual and social enrichment of each student. Through the implementation of the educational system of Saint John Bosco, a caring faculty utilizes reason, religion, and loving kindness, to develop each student to his/her full potential. With Christ as the example, the Saint Theresa Community grows in a family atmosphere in which each individual experiences respect, challenge, responsibility and exceptional love.

In June 1950, due to the rapid expansion of the newly formed parish the need for a school was more pressing than ever before, plans to build an elementary school, combination church-auditorium, and convent were announced by Father McVeigh in October 1953. On Sunday, December 13, 1953, groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the new buildings.

In September 1954 the first nuns of the Dominican order took residence in the newly completed convent.

Within 5 years after the completion of the new school, it was found that more room was needed. The total enrollment in the school was 675. In November 1961 Father McVeigh announced plans were being made to temporarily lease the old Borough Hall on the Boulevard for classrooms, once the new municipal building was completed.

Realizing the burden of school costs absorbed by the parochial school, which results in a saving to the Borough at large, the Town Council agreed to lease the old borough hall.

In September 1962 the work of converting the building into four classrooms was completed. With the total school enrollment in excess of 700 students, the classrooms were utilized immediately, and the split sessions eliminated.

In May 1963, groundbreaking ceremonies were held. The new addition, a 2 story wing, was designed to house 8 additional classrooms and a library, eliminating the need for classrooms in other buildings.

On April 16, 1964 classes were transferred from the old Borough Hall to the newly completed school addition.

In 1978 The Salesian Sisters of St. Don Bosco took over from the Dominicans and the next 30 years saw many technological changes such as a state of the art computer lab.

In 2008 a new playground was opened. Over \$175,000 was donated from very generous supporters throughout the community.

For over 50 years St. Theresa School has

served Kenilworth and the surrounding areas. Their recent reunion is a testament to the value they have added to the community and the many lives they have touched.



(above) Volunteers Cheryl Kreinberg, Wanda Grimaldi, Darnela Karp, Maria Bui and Mariver Arcure.



(right) Sr. Emy & Sr. Theresa.



(left) Joann Netta of Roselle Park poses with her daughters who attended St. Theresa's and grandchildren who will attend, Jessica Calas class of 1991 holding Sofia class of 2023; Erica Tromp class of 1993 holding Angelina class of 2023; Joanna Penn class of 1995; Roxanna Netta class of 1994 holding Julia Penn class of 2024.

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(left) Every third Tuesday of the month the Kenilworth Senior Citizen's Club has a birthday party for members, lunch and cake are served. March's party coincided with St. Patrick's Day. Senior's sang Irish songs.

FOUL SHOT WINNERS

St. Theresa School in Kenilworth had their Annual Foul Shooting Contest on March 18th, 2009. Students competed against each other in two separate divisions.

Children in grades 3-5 competed in the Jr. Division and students in gr 6-8 competed in the Senior division. Gym teacher Mrs. Sue Vitale kept score and organized the event.



(above) Kneeling: Reid Miranda (front) Diego Stanziola, Michael Jacoby, Alyssa Marrero and Christine Coppola (back) Ashley Skrec, Mrs. Vitale and Samantha Cabrera.

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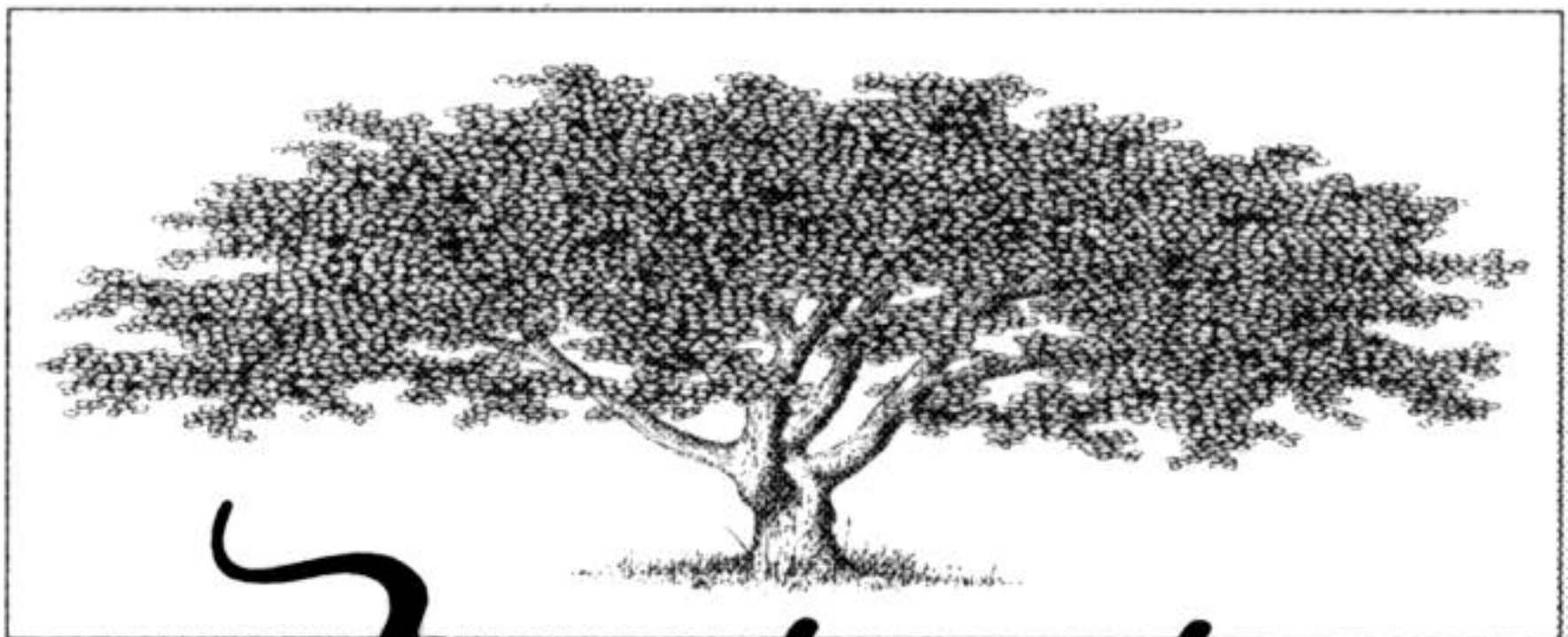


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KENILWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

CELEBRATING SPIRIT OF CINCO DE MAYO

It may be a day late, but the Kenilworth Public Library invites members of the public to keep the spirit of Cinco de Mayo alive with a performance of stories and songs from Latin America, to be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 6 in the library's main reading room. A program by musician Felix Pitre will bring to life the culture of Latin America with a mix of songs, stories, instruments, and dance. The program will be performed in English interwoven with Spanish words and phrases. Audience participation will include a sign language sing a long and the chance to play on traditional Latin American instruments.

This performance is free and open to all members of the general public. Sign up for this program will open to Kenilworth residents on April 29 and will open to residents of other towns on May 4 if space is still available. Sign up can be done in person at the library or by calling 908 276-2451 during regular library hours. The Kenilworth Public Library is located at 548 Boulevard. Doors to the library will open for this performance at 6:45 PM.

FRIDAY EVENING RAGTIME

The Kenilworth Public Library will host a live performance of ragtime music by the City Winds Trio on Friday, May 8, at 7:00 PM. The trio, comprised of Crispian Fordham on flute, Meredyth Coleman on oboe and Yuki Higashi on bassoon, will feature the music of Scott Joplin, the unofficial king of ragtime, along with the music of Charles Lucky Roberts.

Because space is limited, pre-registration will be required and first preference will be given to residents of Kenilworth. If space permits, registration will open for residents of other communities on Wednesday, May 6. Those wishing to register or who are seeking more information may call the library at 908 276-2451. The Kenilworth Public Library is located at 548 Boulevard. Please note that the doors will open for this performance at 6:45 PM.

To register for programs or for more information, visit the library at 548 Boulevard or call (908) 276-2451.

The Kenilworth Public Library is handicapped accessible.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR TRICKY TRAY

In preparation for its 8th annual summer reading club cash-free tricky tray, the Kenilworth Public Library invites potential adult and teen volunteers to a pizza dinner and planning session on Thursday, April 23, at 6:00 .

First held in 2002, the tricky tray has become the library's signature children's event, having grown from a small program that attracted 70 participants in its first year to a gala affair that was attended by approximately 400 people last year. Because of its scope, the library staff must rely on volunteers to help with such tasks as prize solicitation, letter writing and basket wrapping in the months and weeks leading up to the tricky tray. Additional volunteers are needed on the day of the event.

The 2009 tricky tray will again be hosting by the Schering-Plough Corporation and is scheduled to take place on Thursday, August 13. Those wishing to attend the planning meeting are requested to register by calling the library at 908 276-2451 and speaking to Mrs. Robin Koerner, Coordinator of Children's Services.



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