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## TASTE OF KENILWORTH™ SERVES UP CULINARY DELIGHTS

*An eclectic combination of sumptuous ingredients draws record crowd*

The Sixth Annual “Taste of Kenilworth” drew 120 hungry visitors to savor the culinary offerings of a several fine eateries from Kenilworth and neighboring municipalities. Visitors were teased by an array of aromas – from garlic to curry to chocolate – and rewarded with more than just a “taste” of Kenilworth.

Local residents have long known Kenilworth as Union County’s dining jewel, as the community is home to many fine restaurants and cultural eateries. Once annually a number of these establishments unite to feature the culinary cuisines of their kitchens in one gathering of hungry diners. This year chefs from Cranford and Roselle Park joined their Kenilworth peers, as well.

Proceeds from “A Taste of Kenilworth” benefit Kenilworth students through the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund. The event was hosted by the VFW in town and featured a cash bar and 50/50 fundraiser.

Diners enjoyed offerings from:

- Aliperti’s @ The Kenilworth Inn
- BoulevardFive72
- Coffee Distributing Corp.
- I Love Bagels
- Bella Palermo Bakery
- Raagini
- Boulevard Bar-B-Que
- Star of India

*(right) Diners enjoyed good food and good company.  
More photos on pages 4 and 5.*

The 2009 “Taste of Kenilworth” was sponsored by the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce, Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Kenilworth VFW. Local business support included Kenilworth Business Life, the event’s Media Sponsor; Enterprise National Bank NJ and Fazio Mannuzza Roche Tankel LaPilusa LLC, Anniversary Sponsors; and Access Self Storage of Kenilworth and S. Seltzer Construction Corporation, Silver Sponsors.

The “Taste of Kenilworth” represents the continued commitment of the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce to bring together its business and residential communities for the enrichment of both.



## BOULEVARDFIVE72 HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL HOLIDAY KID’S COOKING CLASS



BoulevardFive72 had a sold out crowd for its first annual Holiday Kid’s Cooking Class. Around 50 children joined Chef Scott Snyder and Pastry Chef Diana and Sous Chef’s Sara Reilly, Ryan and Colin Snyder for a cooking extravaganza. Children prepared holiday cookies, truffles and pumpkin raviolis and were given a full tour of the kitchen.



Coffee with muffins, pastries and fresh fruit were available for snacking and moms and dads enjoyed champagne cocktails and sangria. Lunch was served when all the work was done and everyone had built up an appetite.

## KENILWORTH ROTARY CLUB CELEBRATED THEIR 62nd ANNUAL CHARTER NIGHT



*(above) BoulevardFive72 Co-owner Michael Reilly (2nd from left) welcomes Kenilworth Rotary Club’s Past President Terry Zuckerman, District 7510’s, Governor Assistan Bob Zeglaski, and Dr. Lloyd Leschuk.*



*Kenilworth Rotary Club recently celebrated their 62nd annual Charter Night at Boulevard572 with chef/co-owner Scott Snyder pictured in front row.*

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## MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

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The holidays are fast approaching and it seems that every year there is less and less time to enjoy them. We are all so busy with getting ready for the holidays that it is more of a relief than anything else when they are over.

When we were kids it was all so easy. There is nothing that matches the anticipation of a child reaching its peak on Christmas Eve or his or her excitement in the opening of gifts on Christmas morning. I hope that you are all able to recapture a bit of that joy in your holiday season this year.

Looking ahead to the new year, I would like to invite you to attend the Borough's reorganization meeting on Sunday, January 3, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. when our newly re-elected council members, Fred Pugliese and Sal Candarella will take their oaths of office.

In 2010 the Borough expects to adopt a new Master Plan. Shortly after the new year the Master Plan Committee will hold a meeting at which the public will be invited to comment and provide their input. The dates and times of all meetings will be publicized in order to maximize public participation in the process of determining the Borough's future development. If possible, we will televise the meeting to reach out to as many residents as possible.

This past year has been an extremely challenging one for many of us. I know you all join me in the hope and belief that 2010 will bring us all good health and prosperity. I wish you all a Merry Christmas, a happy Chanukah and a safe and successful New Year.

*Mayor Kathi Fiamingo*

## CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

*Kenilworth Police Department*

It is that time of the year again when we are all busy preparing for and enjoying the holidays. As we enjoy the festivities of the season, do not forget that some people are out there to take advantage of us. Here are a few tips to remember this holiday season to help prevent becoming a crime victim:

- When shopping always be aware of your surroundings. Common sense goes a long way in crime prevention.
- Never leave your pocketbook in a shopping cart while shopping.
- Never leave your pocketbook inside of an unlocked vehicle while visiting a loved one in the cemetery.
- Try and park your vehicle in a well lit area and do not leave any valuables exposed inside the car.
- When leaving your home, try and make it look as though someone is still inside.
- When leaving your home for any length of

time, make sure your neighbors are made aware of it. Leave lights on timers and have your neighbors collect your newspapers and mail.

- Never let strangers into your home, no matter how convincing and honest they appear to be. Please call the Police immediately if strangers attempt to enter your home.
- If anything seems suspicious or not quite right in your neighborhood, please call us immediately. We would much rather respond to a call that turns out to be nothing, than not get called and later find a crime has been committed.
- If consuming alcohol, please do not operate a motor vehicle. Not only are you jeopardizing the safety of you and your vehicles occupants, you are also putting the lives of others at risk.

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### GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH

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

**JANUARY 3** - Reorganization meeting to start at 1:00 PM

### UPCOMING PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings are held at Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.

**JANUARY 7** - Reorganization meeting to start at 7:00 PM

### KENILWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

**JANUARY 11** - Regular Meeting to start at 7:30 PM

## GATEWAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS

- 12/01 "7 WAYS TO SLASH COLLEGE COSTS" BREAKFAST WORKSHOP**  
8:00am Presented by Ian Welham of Complete College Planning Solutions Kenilworth Inn, Boulevard & 31st Street, Kenilworth
- 12/03 NETWORKING PROFESSIONALS OF NEW JERSEY**  
7:30am Perkins of Green Brook, Route 22 East, Green Brook
- 12/03 WORKFORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
8:45am Chamber Office, 135 Jefferson Avenue, Elizabeth
- 12/04 "THE POWER OF EMAIL MARKETING" BREAKFAST SEMINAR**  
8:00am Presented by Wendi-Caplan Carroll of Constant Contact Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Rd, Clark
- 12/08 GATEWAY CHAMBER NETWORKING OUTSIDE THE BOX**  
6:00PM StoneHouse @ Stirling Ridge, 50 Stirling Road, Warren, NJ 07059
- 12/09 KENILWORTH CHAMBER MEETING**  
8:30am Check our website for location
- 12/10 LINDEN CHAMBER HOLIDAY PARTY**  
5:30pm American Legion Hall, E. Elizabeth Avenue, Linden



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- 12/11 LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
8:30am Kenilworth Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard, Kenilworth
- 12/11 SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER MEETING**  
8:30am Springfield Office of Emergency Management, Mountain Avenue, Springfield
- 12/15 IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (IBA) HOLIDAY PARTY**  
6:00 pm Molly Maguire's, 1085 Central Avenue, Clark
- 12/16 EMPLOYER LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
8:00am Lana's Fine Dining, 1300 Raritan Road, Clark
- 12/16 CLARK CHAMBER MEETING**  
8:30am Hosted by Columbia Bank Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road (GSP exit135), Clark
- 12/17 GATEWAY ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS WOMEN LUNCHEON**  
11:45am La Casa di Martino, 301 West Clay Avenue, Roselle Park
- 12/18 SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING**  
8:00am Old Mill Inn, 225 Route 202, Basking Ridge

**RECREATION EVENTS:**  
*Ice Skate Night at Warinanco Park*  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2009**  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
*Roller Skate Night at United Skates of America, Woodbridge*  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2009**  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



**ST. THERESA'S GIVING TREE**

St. Theresa's Social Concerns is collecting donations for a "giving tree" which will be located in the Church. The tree is decorated with tags with needed items written on them. Donors simply take as many tags as they wish and return the items to the church for distribution.

The gift wishes on the tags were collected from needy families within the community as well as Covenant House, Catholic Charities and St. Joseph's Social Service Center located in Elizabeth.



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# 6th Annual Taste of Kenilworth



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Star of India: (back, l-r) Sangeeta Rani, Nettu Popli, Usha and Rakesh Dhingra, Rahul, (front, l-r) Armaan and Ritika.



Boulevard Portuguese Barbeque: Sara Rodrigues, Ana Rodrigues.



Coffee Distributing Corp.: Rodney Turner, Jamie Feinberg.

## Celebrating Christmas in Kenilworth

### THE KENILWORTH GOSPEL CHAPEL

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### CHURCH OF SAINT THERESA

Washington Avenue in Kenilworth.  
Tickets are on sale now for the annual Christmas Concert with the St Peter by the Sea Orchestra on Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30pm.

Children of all ages are welcome to the Breakfast with Santa in the McVeigh Hall beginning at 10:30am on Sunday, December 20.

On Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24 the Blessing of the Animals from the Living Nativity with the Youth Ministry members will be at 2:00pm on the St. Theresa School lawn. The Christmas Vigil Family Masses will be celebrated at both 4:00pm and 6:00pm. The Christmas Chorale at 11:30pm will precede the traditional Midnight Mass.

On Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, the Masses will be at 7:30 am, 9:00am, 10:30am, and 12:00pm.

The Living Nativity will be on the school lawn after all the Masses until 1:30pm on Christmas Day.

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- The Kenilworth community for attending and supporting the Chamber of Commerce
- Kenilworth VFW Post 2230 for donating the use of their banquet hall.
- Participating restaurants who generously donated their food and service.
- Isabel Cornel of Access Self Storage, vice chairperson of the Chamber of Commerce who organized and executed the event.

*(left) Isabel Cornel, vice chairperson of the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce.*



*BoulevardFive72:  
Allison Snyder, Proprietor,  
Catering Manager John Risley*



*I Love Bagels:  
Owner Charlie Ahmed, Manager Ghazy.*



*Alperti's Culinary Creations at the Kenilworth Inn:  
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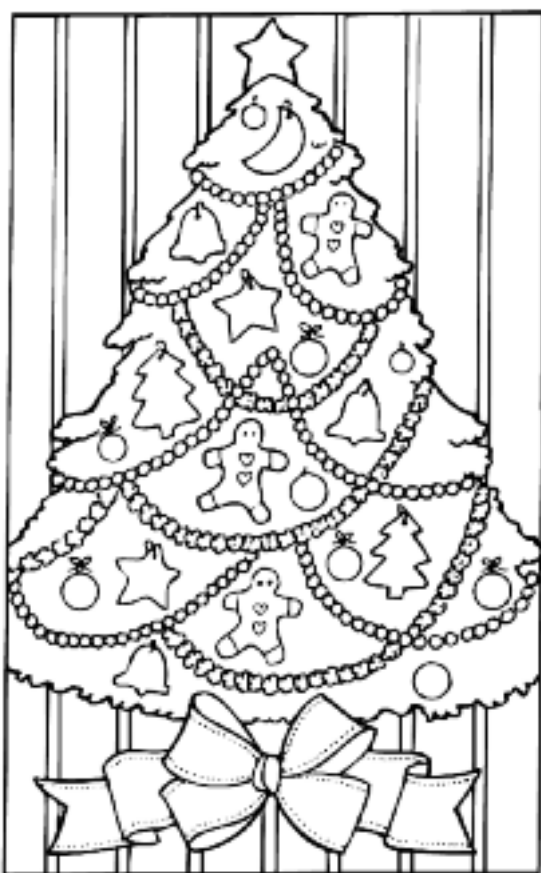
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# PHOTOS FROM 2009 SENIOR CRAFT FAIR



(above) Dottie Keys, Organizer



Edith Caravello & Mary Emmolo ran the kitchen.



(above) 50/50's Dorine Sammons & Chances for Afgans Jennie Myers.



(above) Fran Day & Barbara Morison Historical Society table.

## DEEP FREEZE EXPERIENCED BY DAVID BREARLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL



(above) Mr. Peabody has just helped freeze a flower.

Mr. Milton Peabody, an engineer from Alcatel-Lucent in Murray Hill, NJ visited the David Brearley Middle School 8th grade classes in Kenilworth, NJ. These 8th grade science honors classes are taught by Mrs. Candace Grimaldi and Mr. Curtis Cerillo. The presentation and demonstration topic was on cryogenics, the study of cold. Mr. Peabody used containers of dry ice (solid CO<sub>2</sub>) and liquid nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>) to create very cold temperature environments (-78.5 °C or -109.3 °F and -196 °C or -320.5 °F, respectively) in the classroom. He used these very cold environments to

demonstrate how gases, liquids, and solids behave at very low temperatures. The liquid Nitrogen was used to freeze flowers. He visited the classes on Friday, November 13th, 2009 for the entire period so that each student could take a turn with the liquid nitrogen and freeze their flowers. Then the students were allowed to smash the frozen flowers and they shattered like glass. The students were amazed by the demonstration and excited to experience "the chemistry beyond the textbook" first hand. Hands on experiences and experimentation guarantee student understanding and learning.

## BREARLEY MIDDLE/HIGH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The David Brearley High School Student of the Month for November is a very creative and expressive senior. Gabrielle Florek, a member of the National Honor Society, is a student who consistently earns honor roll status, proving her strong academic skills. Gabby has been able to juggle successfully her demanding academic schedule of Honors and AP classes over the last four years with extracurricular activities that display her unique self-expression, such as forensics and drama. Last, but not least, Gabby lends her mellifluous voice to our daily announcements. Congratulations, Gabby!



(above) November 2009 students of the month Ashley Oriol-Moreno and Gabrielle Florek.

David Brearley's Middle School Student of the Month is Miss Ashley Oriol-Moreno. Ashley is described by her teachers as being an absolute pleasure to have in class because she is a very organized and focused student. She always comes to class prepared with her work and eager to participate in the day's activities. Ashley has proven herself to be very conscientious and serious about her academic

success. Most importantly, however, is that she can be academically competitive without being demeaning to others. With her thoughtful and friendly ways, Ashley Oriol-Moreno is a great selection for the November Middle School Student of the Month. Congratulations, Ashley!

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## KENILWORTH LIBRARY TO DISCUSS THE CLOTHES THEY STOOD UP IN

The book discussion group of the Kenilworth Public Library will meet in the library's activity room at 7:15 PM on Tuesday, December 15, to discuss *The Clothes They Stood Up In*, by Alan Bennett. This short comic fable tells the story of what transpires when the Ransomes, a sedate middle-aged couple from Notting Hill, return to their flat after a night at the opera to discover that someone has robbed them of every item they own, even down to the toilet paper. Without all the stuff they have spent a lifetime accumulating, the Ransomes find themselves strangely liberated and even somewhat adventurous, only to face another surreal turn of events that raises even more questions later. According to the book liner notes, "Alan Bennett's gentle but scathing wit, unerring ear for dialogue, and sense of the absurd make *The Clothes They Stood Up In* a memorable exploration of where in life true riches lie.

Participation in the book discussion group is free and open to all members of the general public. New members are always welcome, including people who live in communities other than Kenilworth, and no previous experience with a book discussion group is necessary. In honor of the holiday season, the book group will hold its annual pot luck dinner at 6:15, also in the library's activity room. All book group participants wishing to attend the holiday dinner are requested to bring food or non-alcoholic beverages to be shared at the dinner.

Because space is limited, those wishing to participate in the book discussion group and the holiday dinner are requested to preregister by

calling the library at 908 276-2451 during regular library hours.

The Kenilworth Public Library is located at 548 Boulevard. For more information, visit the library's website at [www.kenilworthlibrary.org](http://www.kenilworthlibrary.org).

## SCHERING-PLOUGH HONORED AS LIBRARY SUPPORTER



(above) Joseph Starkey and Susan Kavcsak display the award presented to Schering-Plough Corporation as the "2009 Union County Business of the Year" at the annual reception of the Libraries of Union County Consortium which was held on October 20 at the Springfield Public Library. The award was granted to Schering-Plough for its ongoing support of the activities of the Kenilworth Public Library.

## LITERACY VOLUNTEERS CONDUCTING REGISTRATION FOR NEW TUTORS

Literacy Volunteers of Union County is a non-profit, volunteer driven organization that improves the lives of adults by teaching them to read, write and speak English so they can participate more fully in family, workplace and community life.

Tutors meet with their students one hour a week at public libraries throughout Union County. You do not need any teaching experience and it is not necessary to know a foreign language to become a volunteer. Through the program, adult learners have been able to obtain a driver's license, earn a high school equivalency diploma, and increase their ability to get better jobs and be more productive workers.

Other adult learners are giving back to the community by facilitating a support group, teaching a computer skills class at a local library to adult learners and conducting conversation groups to enable students to become more comfortable in speaking and writing English.

Registration has begun for the Winter Session of the New Tutors Training Workshop Series. This 15-hour workshop will be conducted over three Saturdays. The three sessions will take place at the Rahway Public Library located at 2 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, on January 30, February 6, and February 13, 2010. This is a change to previously announced dates and locations. All three sessions begin at 9:30 am and conclude at 2:30 pm. There is a \$40 Registration Fee to cover the cost of materials used for training. Need based scholarships are available to cover the registration fee.

Literacy Volunteers recently launched a new website, [www.lvaunion.org](http://www.lvaunion.org). Visit the website and click on "Become Involved" to register for the New Tutors Training Workshop. You may also register by calling Susan at 908-755-7998.



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## FOOD DRIVE

The Kenilworth Public Library will be hosting a food drive from December 1 through December 18. All items collected will be distributed to local food banks to ensure that no one goes hungry this holiday season. Food items most in demand include such non-perishables as canned fish, meat, soups, stews, pastas, fruits and vegetables; powdered milk and infant formulas; boxed items such as pastas, potatoes and rice; and peanut butter in plastic jars. Items high in protein are especially welcome.

Because of the current economic situation, the possibility that people are going to bed hungry here in New Jersey is a cause for real concern. According to a 2008 report by the Food Research and Action Center, 1.6 million people in our state can be counted as being among the working poor, with 729,211 living at or below the federal poverty level. According to America's Second Harvest Study: Hunger in America 2006, even before the recession, 40% of the households that received food from Community FoodBank of New Jersey had to choose between paying for food and paying their rent while forty-one percent had to choose between paying for food and paying their utilities or heating fuel and thirty-one percent had to choose between paying for food and paying for medicine or medical care.

For more information, please visit the Kenilworth Public Library at 548 Boulevard or call 908 276-2451 during regular library hours. The library is open from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Mondays, Tuesday, and Wednesdays; from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Wednesdays; from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Fridays and from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturdays.

## SHAKESPEARE AT THE LIBRARY

The Kenilworth Public Library recently hosted Under The Greenwood Tree, presented by The Hudson Shakespeare Company. Children attending the program had an opportunity to view portions of Shakespeare plays performed live.

At the conclusion of the program, children had an opportunity to view and touch various props, including real swords used in the performance.

(right) Sara Ann Testa, age 9 of Kenilworth poses with Hudson Shakespeare performers at the conclusion of the program.



## ST. THERESA SCHOOL NEWS

On Wednesday, November 18, 2009, Saint Theresa School in Kenilworth, NJ was one of seven schools, a total of 37 students, who attended the Union County Catholic League of Forensic "Reading" Competition held at Saint Theresa's School.

Saint Theresa's team consisted of six students: Michael Batkiw, Stephanie Cabrera, Sarah Ferreira, Katelyn McCarthy and Elizabeth Tramontana (all eighth graders) and Joshua Riley (seventh grader). Three out of the six participants advanced to the final round. Michael Batkiw and Katelyn McCarthy were both awarded honorable mention ribbons and Joshua Riley was awarded second place.



(above), l-r) Sarah Ferreira, Stephanie Cabrera, Michael Batkiw, Elizabeth Tramontana, Joshua Riley and Katelyn McCarthy.

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