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The Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad held an Open House on Saturday April 25th. Residents were treated to equipment demonstrations, hands on learning and refreshments.

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(above) Kids enjoy photo op with 2009 Crimson Rescue Pumper the multi-purpose 1,500 gpm pump is fully equipped with 750 gallon water tank, foam tank, firefighting equipment and motor vehicle accident extrication equipment.

(far left, l-r) EMT Volunteers Jen Prochaczek, Chris Davitt, Isabel Cornel and Jennifer Okoniewski

(left) Friends help Gabby Angrisano suit up to rescue Gizmo the dog.

LIBRARY MAKES ONLINE VIDEO AVAILABLE TO KENILWORTH RESIDENTS

The Kenilworth Public Library is pleased to announce that Kenilworth residents now have free home access to more than 900 downloadable videos through the library's new subscription to MyLibraryDV. Library patrons wishing to get started with this service can visit the library's website at www.kenilworthlibrary.org and click on the tan box with the "MyLibraryDV" logo. To access the service, patrons will need a computer CPU with at least 1GHz and one GB of free disk space along with either a Windows XP with SP2 or Windows 2000 with SP4. The MyLibraryDV website will also provide a free download of Windows Media Player 10 for those who do not already have this software installed on their computers.

MyLibraryDV offers eight different categories or "channels" to choose from, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Each library patron may download up to 10 video titles per week per Kenilworth Public Library card bar code, and all titles are available to all patrons at all times, regardless of the number of patrons wishing to download and view a video at any one time.

The movie channel of MyLibraryDV offers downloads of more than 400 videos, including feature films, documentaries, independent and foreign films. The "how to" channel includes guitar instruction along with episodes of "Antique Road Show" and "Today's Homeowner" home repair videos. The travel channel offers more than 100 episodes from the series "Globe Trekker" and "Rick Steves' Europe" while the food channel includes more than 70 episodes from "America's Test Kitchen", "Michael Chiallo's Napa" and "Julia and Jacques Cooking at Home." Rounding out MYLibraryDV are more than 50 videos on the health and fitness channel, a literature channel that features special resources for students and author interviews for book lovers and a "Kids" channel that offers a number of popular children's series, including "Boohbah", "Caillou", "Kraft's Creatures" and "Liberty's Kids".

All that is required is a driver's license or other current document that verifies Kenilworth residency. For more information, please call the library at 908 276-2451.

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MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

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It is that time of year again, the flowers are blooming and the weather is heating up. It is also the time of year that the Borough puts together its budget for the current year and introduces it to the taxpayers.

The budget itself is extremely reasonable. It increased a mere 2.5% on the spending side. The minimal increase is the result of the good work of our various department heads who kept spending to a minimum and our finance committee chaired by Councilman Joho. All of their hard work has resulted in a budget with no fat.

The bad news is the revenue side. In 2008 the Borough's state aid was reduced by almost \$400,000. In 2009, an additional \$43,000 was cut by Trenton. In less than two years the Borough had to make up almost \$450,000 in lost revenues in the worst economic downturn most of us have ever experienced.

In the final analysis, even though the sending side of the budget has been kept to a minimum, the amount the Borough needs to raise from taxes under the current scenario would increase by almost 9 tax points, or more than \$150 per average assessed home. Neither I nor your council finds that acceptable. We have instituted a number of cost saving measures to help in this crisis, including the institution of a hiring freeze, the elimination of all but emergency overtime, and the limitation of part time employees work hours.

In addition, we have made a decision to sell the property at the end of North 18th and 19th Streets, commonly known as the Girl Scout property. This property will be subdivided into seven residential building lots and will be sold to generate funds to add to the budget to reduce the property tax burden.

Your Mayor and council believe that it is irresponsible of us to keep this property as unproductive land at a time when the Borough's taxpayers will be called upon to shoulder an unacceptable tax increase. We believe that the sale of the property is in the best interest of all of our residents.

Mayor Kathi Fiamingo

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH

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

MAY 12, 26 - Work Session
to start at 7:30 PM

MAY 13, 27 - Regular Meeting
to start at 8:00 PM

UPCOMING PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings are held at Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.

MAY 7, JUNE 4 - Work Session
to start at 7:00 PM

MAY 28 - 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.

MAY 4 - workshop Meeting

MAY 11 & JUNE 8 - Regular Meeting,
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TEAMWORK IS HEART OF COUNTY VETERANS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Teamwork was a staple of life in the military for former Marine Corps Major Richard Vaill, and now he is bringing that mindset to New Jersey where he hosted the inaugural meeting of the Veteran's Business Association (VBA) in conjunction with the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"I wanted to help build a support system for veterans," said Vaill, business development officer at The Provident Bank. "This association allows veterans the opportunity to get together and help each other out."

The VBA was created by Vaill to help make all veterans working throughout New Jersey feel comfortable and connected.

Vaill graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD in 1988 a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. He served on active duty from 1988-1993 and was a Logistics Officer with the 2nd Marine Division in Desert Storm.

Following his service, he spent more than 10 years working in the financial industry while remaining a reservist. He then returned to active duty in 2003-2004 as a "hometown link" for the Marine for Life program. His duty was to help recently discharged Marines get settled into civilian life.

"These young Marines have a lot of skill, but they would need assistance with their transition once they left the service," said Vaill. "I would use my resources to get them going."

Vaill would reach out to businesses, arrange introductions and continually network. He found that the law enforcement community was extremely receptive to the placement program, and would hire many of the Marines he

introduced. In this position, Vaill helped over 300 Marines make the transition.

The VBA is a natural extension of the duty he performed as a "hometown link." Vaill, who served in Spain, France, Italy, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Liberia while in the military, would like to see the VBA meet at least once a month.

"The mission is twofold, to help veterans network and grow their business, and also help veterans transition out of the armed forces," said Vaill, who had about 40 people turn out for the VBA's inaugural event.

The VBA's next meeting is set for Thursday, May 28 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Clark.

For further information, please call Richard Vaill at (973) 644-5403.



(above, l-r) At the inaugural meeting of the Veteran's Business Association, in conjunction with the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce, are Marine Corps Lt. Col. Chris Norris, former Marine Capt. Tom Koenig, event organizer and former Marine Corps Major Richard Vaill, and former Army Capt. John Howlett.

GATEWAY CHAMBER EVENTS

- 5/4 GATEWAY REGIONAL 35TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**
10am Suburban Golf & Country Club, Union
- 5/7 NETWORKING PROFESSIONALS OF NEW JERSEY MEETING**
7:30am Perkins of Green Brook, Green Brook
- 5/7 WORKFORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**
8:45am Gateway Chamber Conference Room, Elizabeth
- 5/8 LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**
8:30am Plainfield City Hall, Plainfield
- 5/13 KENILWORTH CHAMBER MEETING**
8:30am Atlantic Federal Credit Union, Kenilworth
- 5/14 4/MINI GOLF OUTING**
12pm to be determined
- 5/14 NJ REAL ESTATE SOCIAL NETWORK MEETING**
6pm Westwood, Garwood
- 5/15 SUSHI FIT!**
2pm AVE by Korman Communities, Union
- 5/16 COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR**
All day 950 West Chestnut Street, Union
- 5/19 IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FIRST ANNUAL DINNER**
6pm Crowne Plaza Hotel, Clark
- 5/20 EMPLOYER LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**
8am Lana's Fine Dining, Clark
- 5/21 GATEWAY ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS WOMEN MEETING**
11:45am La Casa di Martino, Roselle Park
- 5/22 SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING**
8am Fiddler's Elbow Golf & Country Club, Bedminster
- 5/26 LINDEN CHAMBER MEETING**
8:30am location to be determined
- 5/27 CLARK CHAMBER MEETING**
8:30am Crowne Plaza Hotel, Clark
- 5/28 SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER MEETING**
8:30am Office of Emergency Management, Springfield
- 5/28 VETERANS BUSINESS ASSOC.**
6pm Crowne Plaza Hotel, Clark

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OFFICER CHASES DOWN TURTLE ON THE LAMB

The picture shows Kenilworth Officer Glenn Sandull picking up a large snapping turtle on N. 14th St. recently after a resident reported it on the loose. Officer Sandull was able to capture the turtle, place it in a wheelbarrow and bring it to Shallcross Pond in Black Brook Park where he returned it to the water.

KENILWORTH SILVER CARD ASSOCIATION 5TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

The Kenilworth P.B.A. 135 held their annual Silver Card Association dinner on April 2, 2009 at the Kenilworth Veterans Center. 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. This year's recipients of the award were Joe Starkey and Al Parker who were honored for being dedicated to furthering the ongoing charitable work of the Kenilworth PBA Local 135 and other worthy causes.



(above, l-r) Volunteers Barbara Bilger, Stephanie Patterson and Linda Karlovitch.



(above) PBA #135 President Dan Sims, Honorees of the Silver Life Card Al Parker and Joe Starkey and PBA #135 State Delegate Fred Soos.

Mother Foy says "I'll take care of your things as if they are my own."

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FUTURE LEADERS REACH OUT TO MAYOR

You are never too young to become involved in your community – that’s the lesson to be learned from Brian Deahl, Jr., an 8th grade student at St. Theresa’s School.

Recently, Brian wrote a letter to Mayor Kathi Fiamingo with his ideas about how to get children his age involved in governing. As a result of Brian’s letter, he and the Mayor got together to discuss his ideas and how to implement them.

The Mayor suggested that Brian form a committee of children in his age group to get suggestions on what they would like to see in Kenilworth, how the Borough could help them and, hopefully, how they could help the Borough. To get all of the children Brian’s age, the Mayor contacted the principal at David Brearley Middle School who agreed to help get the Middle School Students at Brearely involved in the project.

With the help of his classmate, Rosa Cuppari, and Mrs. Bechtler and Mrs. Schau at David Brearley, Brian surveyed the children attending 7th and 8th grades in Kenilworth, asking their opinion on what could be done to improve the Borough.

The responses, which were recently shared

with the Mayor at a meeting with her, Brian and Rosa, were interesting, ranging from suggesting that a movie theater and skate park be brought into town, to stocking Black Brook with fish and providing more of a police presence in town.

In all, 47 suggestions were made by the students and reported to the Mayor. “I was very happy to hear from Brian. His age group tends to fall through the cracks. I wanted to know what they were interested in and how the Borough could do something for them”, said Mayor Fiamingo. “Brian and Rosa did a great job.”

The Mayor hopes to implement some of the suggestions this summer.



(above, l-r) Mayor Kathi Fiamingo, and future leaders Brian Deahl and Rosa Cuppari.

DAVID BREARLEYTHIRD MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

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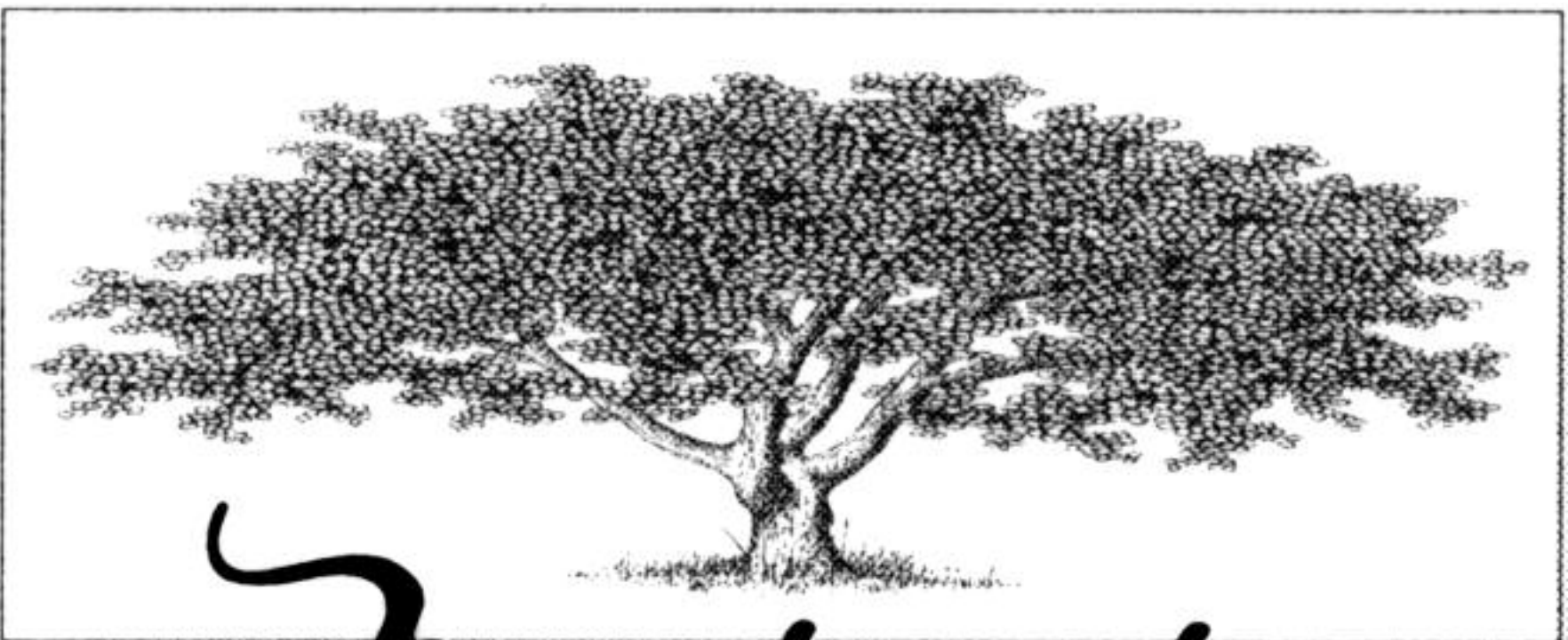
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CELEBRITY CHEF MARIA LIBERATI CELEBRATES ITALIAN COOKING AT LIBRARY

The Kenilworth Public Library is pleased to host “Italian Culture and its Food”, a special program by celebrity chef Maria Liberati, author of The Basic Art of Italian Cooking at 7:00 PM on Tuesday evening, June 2. Ms. Liberati will explore the connection between the culture and foods of the different regions of Italy, highlighting the low cost aspect of many Italian dishes. During the course of the program, attendees will have the opportunity to sample two or three appetizers prepared by Ms. Liberati. At its conclusion, Ms. Liberati will be available to sign copies of her book which will also be available for sale.

Ms. Liberati first became interested in food at the age of four during her Saturday morning trips with her grandfather to the Philadelphia Italian Market. After spending time as a model in Italy and becoming interested in the foods of that country, Ms. Liberati began writing food articles and restaurant reviews, eventually hosting cooking programs in both Italy and the United States. More information about Ms. Liberati can be found on her website, www.marialiberati.com.

Because space is limited, preregistration for this program is required and preference will be given to residents of Kenilworth. If space permits, registration will open to residents of other communities on May 26.

READ TO A DOG PROGRAM TO BE HELD AGAIN ON MAY 7th



(above) Timothy Colter, age 11 of Kenilworth reads aloud to Pickle, a Bull Mastiff.



(above) Joseph Gasper, age 7 of Kenilworth reads aloud to Callie, a Golden Retriever.

KENILWORTH LIBRARY TO HOST OPEN HOUSE ON SATURDAY, MAY 30

The Board of Trustees of the Kenilworth Public Library invites members of the public to an open house on Saturday, May 30, from 10:00 AM to noon. At 10:15, Mayor Kathi Fiamingo will perform a ceremonial ribbon cutting for the library’s recently completed elevator, to be followed by a formal dedication of the library’s newly acquired early childhood computer workstation. This special addition to the children’s room was purchased with donations from a variety of sources, including a \$500 donation from the Kenilworth PBA Silver Card Association, a \$500 donation from Kenilworth resident Jacqueline Fidurski., donations made in memory of recently deceased Kenilworth residents Herman Forman and Patricia Waldvogel, a donation from the Pat Malfetti Memorial Fund, and the numerous individual donations that were made by members of the community to the library’s collection jug. While visiting the children’s room, members of the community will also have the opportunity to admire the new furnishings in the children’s room which were made possible in part by donations from the Kenilworth Rotary Club.

Beginning at 10:30 and continuing until noon, a balloon artist will be on hand for the enjoyment of children and teens and refreshments will be served in the library’s activity room. Also beginning at 10:30, library staff members will be in the activity room to give demonstrations of MyLibraryDV, an innovative online service which offers, free of charge, more than 900 downloadable selections including children’s, exercise and how-to videos, documentaries, travelogues, and popular movies, all available for home use by Kenilworth residents.

May 30 also marks the opening day of sales for this year’s “Be Creative @ Your Library” summer reading tee shirts. A special tee shirt designed for fans of the Kenilworth Public Library and available in both children and adult sizes will also go on sale that day.

For more information about the open house, please call the library at 908 276-2451. The Kenilworth Public Library is located at 548 Boulevard. More information about the library’s programs and services can be found on its website at www.kenilworthlibrary.org.

KENILWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Attendance is free, but space is limited, so preregistration is required.

5/6
7:00 PM

CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO AND LATIN CULTURE
(a day late)with the music and storytelling of Felix Pitre.
This program is for children and adults

5/7
7:00 –
8:00 PM

READ WITH A THERAPY DOG
Children 5/sign up for a 10 minute session to read with a therapy dog

5/8
7:00 PM

CONCERT OF RAGTIME MUSIC BY THE CITY WINDS TRIO

5/12
7:00 PM

UNDERSTANDING MEMORY LOSS

5/13
3:30 PM

“SPECIAL STORIES FOR SPECIAL KIDS”, STORY TIME
session for children with developmental disabilities

5/21
7:00 PM

MEMOIR WRITERS GROUP

5/26
7:15 PM

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP WILL DISCUSS ONEBOOK NJ
selection, The Brief, Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Diaz

5/30
10:00 AM
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6/2
7:00 PM

“ITALIAN CULTURE AND ITS FOOD”, PROGRAM BY CELEBRITY
chef Maria Liberati, author of The Basic Art of Italian Cooking

*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.*

LIBRARY SPRING CRAFT PROGRAM

The Kenilworth Public Library recently presented a Spring Craft program. Children had an opportunity to create crafts with a spring theme to take home and display. The library will hold a Mother's Day Craft on

Saturday, May 9th from 11:00 - 12:00 noon for children ages 4 & up. Kenilworth residents may begin to register on Saturday, May 2nd. Out of town residents may begin to register on Thursday, May 7th.



(left) Children display their completed spring craft projects.

MR. SYLVAN C. HERSHEY APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT OF KENILWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sylvan C. Hershey was unanimously appointed to lead the Kenilworth School District by the Kenilworth Board of Education at its March 16th Board of Education meeting. Hershey will succeed Superintendent Lloyd M. Leschuk. Dr. Leschuk, Superintendent of Schools since 1992, will be retiring effective June 30, 2009.

In 2007, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Lloyd M. Leschuk, announced the selection process which was used to find the district's next educational leader. The process, which included a series of interviews, screening processes and reference checks, was concluded in time to ensure a successor was in place upon his retirement.

Mr. Hershey is a successful and experienced Chief School Administrator from the Northvale Public School District, serving in that capacity since 2005.

Mr. Hershey, a resident of Hawthorne, NJ, received his Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education from Lock Haven University, and a Master of Arts in Economics from Montclair State College. He earned Chief School Administrator Certification and Supervisor and Principal Certification from Jersey City State College and Trenton State College, respectively. He has taught at the elementary, middle and high school levels, as well as the undergraduate and graduate levels, totaling sixteen plus years teaching experience.

Through the roles of Assistant Principal, Principal, and his most current as Chief School Administrator, Mr. Hershey has served the educational community in a leadership capacity for more than twenty-five years.

Mr. Hershey, upon hearing of his appointment

stated, "I am excited to be given the opportunity to become the educational leader of the Kenilworth Schools. Through the interview process I was extremely impressed with the School Board, the Administrative Team, the teaching staff, and the many members of the Kenilworth School Community that I met. I believe with the extensive teaching and administrative experiences I have had over my educational career, the transition period should be a smooth one for both me and all members of the Kenilworth School Community. I look forward to July and the opportunity to begin my tenure as Superintendent of the Kenilworth School District."



(above) Superintendent Sylvan C. Hershey

SCHOOLS AWARDED FULL ACCREDITATION

The Kenilworth School District was again recommended for full accreditation by the Middle States Association's school visitation and audit team. The oral report of the three day audit and visit was read to all faculty and staff of the Kenilworth School District recently.

According to the Middle State's Association website, accreditation is the affirmation that a school provides a quality of education that the community has a right to expect and the education world endorses. Accreditation is a means of showing confidence in a school's performance. When the Commission on Secondary Schools accredits a school, it certifies that the school has met the prescribed qualitative standards of the Middle States Association within the terms of the school's own stated philosophy and objectives.

The chief purpose of the whole accreditation

process is the improvement of education for youth by evaluating the degree to which a school has attained worthwhile outcomes set by its own staff and community. This is accomplished by periodically conducting a comprehensive self-evaluation of the total school. Through the accreditation process, the school seeks the validation of its self-evaluation by obtaining professional judgment from impartial outsiders on the effectiveness of the total school operation. The intent throughout the process is more than to focus on shortcomings; the chief goal is to seek remedies for inadequacies and to identify and nurture good practices.

Accreditation of a secondary school is on an institutional basis. It should be noted that the whole school, not just one program such as the college preparatory courses, is covered by the accreditation.

FIRST ANNUAL A.F.G. PEP RALLY AT DAVID BREARLEY

Submitted by: David Novak

The first Annual David Brearley AFG Pep Rally was a show of what is to come from not only the process but also the students. The full middle school "Rally" was followed by a separate full high school "Rally." These informative and motivational assemblies were created and run by Mr. Novak – Chairman of the A.F.G. Publicity Committee. "Let's continue to get all students involved in their educational experience." The content of these "student" involvement assemblies is entirely written, practiced, and performed by the student A.F.G. cast of players. The A.F.G. cast of student players dedicates a lot of personal time to this school unification goal and they very artistically include several informative A.F.G. topics. What does A. F. G. stand for? Accreditation for Growth. What is A.F.G. all about? It is a long term focus on the strategic planning process of

improving student achievement, faculty effectiveness, and school facilities. Why bother with the A.F.G. process? The A.F.G. process is a multifaceted approach to guaranteeing graduating students' success in an evolving community and world. It promotes and develops life-long-learners and citizens that can contribute to society.

To emphasize these topics and educate the audiences the students put together a great "Oprah" impersonator piece, a B Harmony skit, and a David Brearley AFG rap song composed by Kevin Hoagland. The students actually wrote the entire script and choreography. The A.F.G. student player/artists are: Dailyn Santana, Daniella Cunningham, Felecia French, Hannah Lobello, Priscilla Mendes, Jade Glinka, Kevin Hoagland, James Stafford, Mike Petruzzella, Gary Howard, and Dino Curia. The school jazz

band conducted by Mr. Ondrey played three songs and one of these songs was the recently created AFG school song. The lyrics were written by Mr. Ondrey, performed to the musical score of "All of Me," and sung by soloist Priscilla Mendes. The contributing members of the David Brearley Jazz Band were: Melissa Laurino, Nermine Ghazy, Erin Pentz, Ken Yelenovsky, Jake Eger, Milo Del Campo, and Matt McElroy. All of the student volunteers really get behind the A.F.G. process. The A.F.G. process is a great experience and exercise in bringing the school together for a common cause. The assembly also included a wonderfully reflective school and town inclusive PowerPoint Slide show of over 275 pictures with a wonderful music mix. The theme was: "We are so much more than just a classroom, we are a community!"



**A.F.G.READING COMMITTEE
BOOK DISCUSSION -
MARLEY AND ME**



Recently, the AFG Reading Committee sponsored a book discussion club activity during the David Brearley Middle School Opportunity Period. Twenty four middle school students shared their reactions to the book entitled: Marley: A Dog Like No Other. Author John Grogan has trimmed down his best-selling account for young readers. Marley & Me: Life and Love with the World’s Worst Dog, is an autobiographical book by journalist John Grogan, published in 2005. It is also a New York Times “Best Seller.”

**PREVENTION LINKS UNION COUNTY PSA
CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

Drinking and Driving is Like Driving with Death

The Amber Pizzo Memorial Fund and The Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse recently sponsored The Union County Public Service Announcement Contest on Underage Drinking Prevention. The contest was open to all high school students across Union County. Participants were asked to create a thirty-second PSA to educate their peers on the dangers of underage drinking. Participants were required to submit a script and a story board but not a produced video which allowed for more students to participate.

A total of eight Union County Schools participated including Elizabeth, Cranford, Westfield, Governor Livingston, Jonathan Dayton, Roselle, Hillside, and Summit High School. Six sophomore students from Hillside High School were chosen as the first place winners. Hillside High school will receive a plaque and the grand prize of \$1000 for their winning entry. The prize money will be issued to the school for use in their audio/visual department and/or future prevention efforts done by the school.

The first runner up submission was from Roselle Park High School and they will also receive a plaque and \$750. The second runner up submission was also from Hillside High School and they will be receiving a plaque and \$500.

Countywide judges using a three category independent judging system picked the top three winners based on creativity, effectiveness, and producability. To further acknowledge all the hard work by all the participants, Honorable Mentions from each participating school were chosen.

The grand prize winning submission from Hillside High School entitled “Drinking and Driving is like Driving with Death” will be professionally produced by Lou Media with the expectation of having the final cut debuted at the Union County Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Event. The 2nd Annual PSA Contest received 29 submissions this year, more than doubling the amount of participants from last year. This event has continued to be a great success thanks to the sponsoring agencies listed above.

For more information about this contest or any other prevention programs, contact Jason M. Victor at 732-381-4100 or visit www.preventionlinks.org.

PREVENTION LINKS – Prevention Links, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to prevent substance abuse in Union County through providing resources, evidence based programs, and referrals. For over 35 years, Prevention Links has been the identified prevention agency in Union County providing services to over 20,000 residents each year.

READ ACROSS AMERICA - DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY - SEUSSICAL



On March 9, 2009 in celebration and recognition of Read Across America; the Brearley Theater cast members from the production of Seussical visited Harding Elementary School in Kenilworth, NJ. They visited several classrooms and read some of their favorite Dr. Seuss books to the children. Some of the selection included favorites like: Cat in the Hat, Horton Hears a Who, and Oh the Things You Can Think. Jennifer Jack, the Harding Elementary School’s Reading Specialist, and Curtis Cerillo, a David Brearley Middle/High School science teacher and the Seussical producer/director; helped to coordinate this event in honor of Dr. Seus’ Birthday and also as a celebration and awareness of the importance of highly proficient reading skills. Seussical is scheduled for April 2, 3, 4 at Brearley High School at 7:00 PM.

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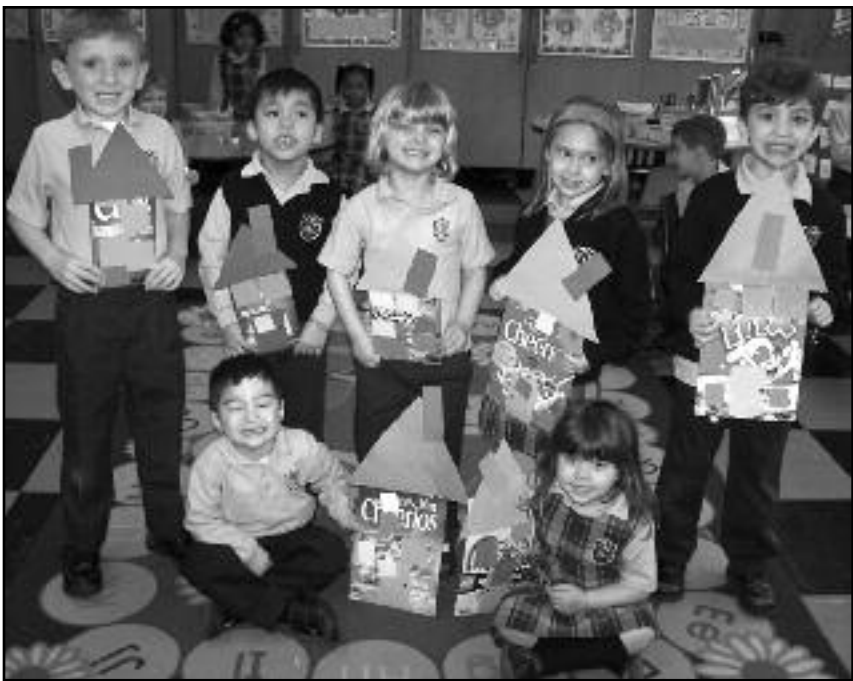
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ST. THERESA’S EARTH DAY HAPPENINGS

The children at St. Theresa School in Kenilworth marked Earth Day with a few class projects. Pre K Teacher Ms. Emily Rosania and aide Maren Louvado let the children explore with dirt as they learned "Why soil is so important." Mrs. Furlong's Pre K4 class constructed their own Recycled Town which will be on display in the school hall. The homes were made from the children's recycled cereal



boxes from home. Mrs. Resnick's Kindergarten class cleaned up parts of their playground and some of the classes viewed a video on Earth Day. Mrs. Abramowitz and Mrs. Fernandez had their fourth grade class learn more about trees in



(far left, l-r)
Ms. Rosania PreK3 Class - John Famiglietti, Briana Garvaria Maren Louvado (Aide) ,Rebecca Montero, Riyana Patel, Camila Perafan, Ms. Rosania (Teacher) and Niko DuBeau

(left, l-r)
Mrs. Furlongs Prek4 Class - (sitting) Alex Han, Sarah Ouzo (standing) Andrew Gasper, Nate Edralin, Sophie Wilkes, Kaylie Bush and Alan Zipoli

(left. l-r)
Mrs. Aronowitz's 4th grade class - (front) Zachary Lockwood, Nicholas Belmonte, Lauren Colandro, Brielle Bamber, Bridget Velez, Kevin Chavez, David Torres, Jordan Gallman (back) Sylvia Weisbrot (Instructor) Sabrina Marques, Claire O'Brien, Carly Pompei, Molly Hughes, Olivia Olivella, Brendan Stanzione, Alexa Karp, Michelle Hunter, Kristen Carpenter and Elizabeth Brown



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FUTURE MUSICIANS



(above, sitting) Gabriel Reis and Brian Bokoske (standing) Ameer (AJ) Richmond, Megan Nunez, Monique Krakowskim Rosa Cuppari and teacher Yale Snyder.

Student musicians from St. Theresa School in Kenilworth were invited to perform at the Collins Arena located on the Campus of Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, N.J. . Future Musicians, celebrated their 30th Anniversary All-State Band Gala inviting children from the Metuchen, Newark Paterson, Trenton Diocese and many Private Schools to be a part of the celebration. On April 4th six students from grade 5th to 8th at St. Theresa's joined their music teacher Mr. Yale Snyder along with many other bands to play a concert. It featured; The Honor Guard Band which 5th graders, Gabriel Reis and Brian Bokoski played with 50 other students. Music included The Adams Family and Ode To Joy.

The All-State band comprised of STS students Megan Nunez, Rosa Cuppari, Monique Krakowski, and AJ Richmond. They played several pieces comprising of: Star-Spangled Banner, Anniversary Blues, and America the Beautiful. AJ Richmond was also fortunate enough to become accepted into Symphonic Winds where he played Ancient Voices and a Portrait of a Clown in addition to many others.



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TRINITAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER HOSTS KATHY IRELAND IN KENILWORTH

Successful Model-Turned-Business-Titan Informs and Inspires Audience

An audience of more than 120 people benefitted from the insights and inspiration of former super model, now business mogul, Kathy Ireland, when she appeared at a dinner event and book signing at BoulevardFive 72 Restaurant in Kenilworth. Trinitas Regional Medical Center hosted the event at which guests learned recommendations and tips from this highly motivated and successful woman about staying physically, mentally and emotionally healthy while balancing family life and career during stressful economic times.

Her appearance in Kenilworth coincided with the publication date of her fifth book, Real Solutions for Busy Moms: Your Guide to Success and Sanity.

The audience responded to her engaging charm and genuineness as she shared excerpts from her book that offers guidelines and strategies to help women realize their potential to be successful as individuals, spouses, mothers and employees. She told the audience that her most recent book was two years in the making but in many ways she began researching it when her first child, now a teenager, was born. She also noted that many of her life experiences have given her a foundation on which she has built her physical and emotional wellbeing while helping her to relate to women everywhere.

Married to an emergency room physician and the mother of three, Kathy Ireland is also the Chief Designer and CEO of Kathy Ireland Worldwide (KIWW),

a \$1.4 billion business enterprise. Kathy Ireland Worldwide (KIWW) products include furniture, flooring, lighting and accessories, window treatments, home office and entertainment, leather and microfiber, top of bed, bedding, candles, permanent florals, hand painted fine porcelain, decorative shelving, outdoor furniture, cabinetry, jewelry, apparel, skincare and fresh cut flowers which are sold throughout the United States and in over 28 countries.



Kathy Ireland Glows with Inspiration at Trinitas Regional Medical Center Event held at BoulevardFive 72 Restaurant in Kenilworth.



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START! GETTING READY TO WALK! GREATER UNION COUNTY START! HEART WALK SET FOR MAY 30

Mark your calendars! The American Heart Association's Greater Union County Start! Heart Walk is set for Saturday, May 30 at Nomahegan Park in Cranford. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by the walk at 10:00 a.m.

Presented nationally by Subway, Healthy Choice and AstraZeneca, and locally sponsored by Schering-Plough and WCBS TV New York, close to 2,500 walkers are expected to walk against cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

The Greater Union County Start! Heart Walk is an action with a mission. As part of the American Heart Association's national movement to get America walking, Start! Heart Walk participants help raise vital funds to support the American Heart Association's mission to build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular disease and stroke, while taking heart-healthy steps by walking.

Union County residents are faced with more health challenges than ever before. Battling obesity, high blood pressure and high cholesterol are everyday struggles. Study after study show that participating in physical exercise leads to many health benefits, including reducing the chance of cardiovascular disease. The average person can gain two hours of life expectancy for each hour of vigorous, regular exercise. Walking is the easiest and most affordable activity for most with the lowest dropout rate.

Join survivors of heart surgery, heart attack and stroke, as well as families, friends, neighbors and businesses on May 30 to walk against the nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers—heart disease and stroke. Learn more and register online by visiting www.unioncountynjheartwalk.org or contact the American Heart Association by calling Jody Thompson at 973.415.8159.

The American Heart Association offers free resources and information to the community, including MyStart! Online. MyStart! Online is a free tool that can help make positive lifestyle changes through exercise and better eating. Individuals can track daily physical activity and dietary intake, and get weekly summaries of their progress towards a more heart-healthy lifestyle. Visit <http://mystartonline.org> for more information.

About the American Heart Association:

Founded in 1924, we're the nation's oldest and largest voluntary health organization dedicated to building healthier lives, free of heart disease and stroke. To help prevent, treat and defeat these diseases — America's No. 1 and No. 3 killers — we fund cutting-edge research, conduct lifesaving public and professional educational programs, and advocate to protect public health. To learn more or join us in helping all Americans, call 1-800-AHA-USA1 or visit americanheart.org.

KENILWORTH HISTORIAL SOCIETY

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a Kenilworth History Celebration for the general public on May 29 in honor of National Preservation Month. All are welcome to attend the event, which will begin at 7 p.m. at the Kenilworth Seniors' Center (526 Boulevard). Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served.

The celebration will feature "Voices from the Past," a presentation spotlighting many colorful individuals who have been significant to Kenilworth's history. Such historical figures, portrayed by the Kenilworth Historical Players theatrical troupe, include an 18th-century farmstead mistress; Mayor Oswald J. Nitschke; wife of local pioneer/builder James Arthur; trolley line operator Elmer Guy; librarian Myra Antrobus; famous aviator Gen. James Doolittle; head mistress of McKinley School; an Upsala College student; a Rahway Valley Railroad conductor — and others. Following the performance, attendees will have an opportunity to speak with the characters and view relevant artifacts and historical photos. The character portrayals are based on an entertaining script written by Historical Society museum and acquisitions chairwoman Fran Day.

Recent developments concerning the Nitschke House restoration project, including programmatic themes from the new Interpretive Plan that the Historical Society is developing with funding provided through a 2009 grant from the New Jersey Cultural Trust, also will be highlighted during the celebration. For further information, please call 908-709-0434.

The Kenilworth Historical Society is an independent, non profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to the research, preservation and interpretation of local history and culture. The organization is engaged in a major project to restore the Oswald J. Nitschke House and transform the 19th-century home into a living history museum and cultural arts center.

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(above, left) First pitch was thrown out by Kenilworth Native Tony Siragusa. Tony played tackle on Baltimore Ravens' 2000 Super Bowl Championship team. (above, right) Anthony Locorriere caught the pitch.

(above) The little League Opening Day Parade, several blocks long, filled with players, parents and neighbors who then filed into the field.



(above, l-r) Little League Queen Holly Stefanik & Princess Sara Cortesao


(left) players and coaches lined the infield for opening day ceremonies.

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