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## HOTEL INDIGO'S GIL CAMINOS ADDRESSES CHAMBER

Hotel Indigo is an important part of the entire Rahway business community as well as being an important part in the downtown revitalization. The Rahway Chamber of Commerce invited Gil Caminos, the hotel's Director of Sales, to speak at its January 26th meeting. Chamber President Bob Markey thought it would be a good idea for Mr. Caminos to give an overview of the hotel's operation. Markey had the sensed that few people in the community knew any specifics about the hotel nor its involvement in the community. Markey felt that Caminos could answer many questions that the business community and those in attendance might have about the hotel as well as correct any possible misconceptions.

Mr. Caminos explained that Hotel Indigo is on the move forward and in the midst of many positive changes. A new management team was put in place late last year and many new refinements and improvements were being implemented.

"Our new team was brought in this past November to oversee physical improvements to our facility, public space and delivering on world class service" noted Director of Sales Gil Caminos. "Hotel Indigo is a 100 room intimate upscale boutique full service hotel. We've made improvements to our public space as well as upgrades to our individual rooms. Hotel Indigo has set an aggressive 2012

*(right) Hotel Indigo's Director of Sales Gil Caminos was guest speaker at the Chamber's January 26th breakfast General Membership Meeting.*



construction schedule that will expand our current meeting room space from 40 to 80 persons. We are hopeful as well to have in operation this summer a rooftop retreat space that will offer food and drinks with spectacular views from the top of the tallest building in Union County."

The hotel is located at 1 Carriage City Plaza directly across the street from NJ Transit's Rahway Train Station. Information about the Hotel can be obtained at [www.hotelindigorahway.com](http://www.hotelindigorahway.com).

Caminos shared some very interesting information about the Hotel and the vision the owners have for its development. The Chamber looks forward to seeing the plans described by Caminos come to fruition and welcomes Hotel Indigo's further involvement in the City of Rahway, our business community, our downtown and in the Chamber of Commerce.

## CHARITY BEQUEST NIGHT AT LA FAYETTE MASONIC LODGE #27

On Friday evening, January 13th, Rahway's Lafayette Masonic Lodge held their annual Charity Bequest Night in order to support local charities in serving the greater Rahway community. This year The Rahway Chamber of Commerce, Rahway Branch of the YMCA, the Purple Heart Association, the Breast Cancer Association and the Rahway Arts Guild were the recipients.

*(right) Worshipful Master Michael Romano (third from left) surrounded by recipients and lodge members.*



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I'm calculating that in 50 years we might have in our "municipal endowment account", about 100 million dollars in principal and during each of those years we would have interest generated to help provide more and more property tax relief for our town. No quick fix, just following sound financial principles that over the long term create wealth and bring solid results. I'm a real estate broker by trade and not schooled specifically in finance but this concept sure appeals to me. If I could be assured that our town's future "municipal endowment account" could not be raided nor sacked, I'd endorse it and vote for it in a heartbeat. Wow...maybe then our State of New Jersey might follow suit and then who knows...maybe our federal government might do the same. Hey Rahway, let's start local and lead the way in helping to restore sound financial practices in this country.

*Bob Markey*

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## SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The Rahway Division of Senior Services will hold its 2012 Spring/Summer program registration for Rahway senior citizens age 62 and up starting on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Rahway Senior Center, 1306 Esterbrook Ave, Rahway. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. All programs are \$5.00 for Rahway Seniors age 62 and up. Out of town residents and Rahway residents under the age of 62, can register starting March 8th. Fees vary for all other ages and out of town registrants.

Rahway Senior Center offers many social, recreational and educational activities. We offer a variety of art, exercise, dance and craft classes. We also have a Garden Club, Digital Photography class, Memoir Writing and an Introduction to the Internet Class in collaboration with the Rahway Public Library. You can go on a trip, join the Mayor's Breakfast Club, attend a Healthy Lunch or join one of the five different clubs that meet at the Senior Center. If you would like to get a copy of our latest newsletter or more information, please call (732)827-2016.

## RAHWAY'S SPRING FISHING FLEA MARKET SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012

On Saturday, March 17, 2012 the Rahway Spring Fishing Flea Market will celebrate their 16th year at St. Thomas Church Hall which is located at 1400 St. Georges Ave., Rahway. A wide variety of salt and fresh water fishing tackle will be on display for anglers looking for great buys. New, used, antique, custom fishing and boating items will be available to all.

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hour and will include rods, reels, tackle and much more. Food and refreshments are sponsored by St. Thomas Holy Name Society. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission price is \$4.00 per adult, children 12 and under are free.

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# CITY MEETING DATES & SCHEDULES

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## RAHWAY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, City Hall Plaza, Rahway. Please call (732) 827-2100 for any inquiries.

Tuesday, March 6, Pre-Meeting Conference  
Monday, March 12, Regular Meeting

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Monthly Caucus Meetings are held in the Louis R. Rizzo Board Meeting Room (room 105) of the Middle School at 7 p.m.

Board Meetings are held in the Cafeteria at 7 p.m. Organization Meeting begins at 7 p.m., Regular Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. (Both in the Cafeteria). Please call (732) 396-1000 for any inquiries.

Tuesday, February 14, Monthly Caucus  
Tuesday, February 21,  
Regular Board Meeting

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Meetings are held in the Municipal Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, Please call (732) 827-2176 for any inquiries.

Monday, February 27, 2012, 7 p.m.

## RAHWAY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at Rahway City Hall (2nd floor conference room)

Thursday, March 8

## LIBRARY BOARD

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at the Rahway Public Library. Please call (732) 340-1551 for any inquiries.

Tuesday, February 21

## PARKING AUTHORITY

Meetings are held at the Parking Authority offices at 67 Lewis Street, Rahway, on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Please call (732) 382-3279 for any inquiries.

Tuesday, February 28

## PLANNING BOARD

Meetings are held in the Municipal Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Plaza, Rahway Call (732) 827-2176 for any inquiries.

Tuesday, February 28

meeting begins at 6:45 p.m.

## RAHWAY CENTER PARTNERSHIP

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at Café at UCPAC, 1601 Irving Street. Please call (732) 396-3545 for any inquiries. Check for meetings; [www.cityofrahway.com](http://www.cityofrahway.com).

## SENIOR ART SHOW MAR 3

The City of Rahway Arts District Council presents the Ninth Annual Rahway Senior Services Art Show. The opening reception will be at 2:00 pm on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at the Rahway Senior Center and the art will be available for viewing the following week from 9 AM to 4 PM. The Senior Art Show is being sponsored by Rahway A.A.R.P. Chapter #607.

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## RAHWAY'S MEMORIAL TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

By Alex Shipley, Research coordinator for the Rahway Public Library and City Historian,  
Director of Museum Operations at the Merchants & Drovers Tavern Museum.

In preparing for this column and the topics I plan to cover in 2012, the thought came to mind to present information on the monuments which stand in many of our neighborhoods. Each monument, whether civic or military, pays tribute to groups and/or individuals who should be remembered, and I think it would be interesting to tell the stories behind them. Since February is designated "Black History Month," this column will feature the memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. King was one of the main leaders of the

American civil rights movement and one of the great orators in American history. His "I Have a Dream" speech delivered during the 1963 March on Washington, was pivotal in raising the nation's consciousness concerning the issues of civil rights. In 1964, Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to end segregation and racial discrimination through civil disobedience and other non-violent means. Tragically, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968 while in Memphis, Tennessee.

After his death, cities across the country honored Dr. King's memory by naming streets, parks, schools and other civic buildings after the slain leader. Many towns, including Rahway, chose to erect a monument to serve as a lasting tribute. The Rahway monument for Dr. King was unveiled as part of a three day observance in January, 1992. Under the direction of John J. Robertson, Chairman of the Memorial Park Committee, a campaign was developed to celebrate and memorialize Dr. King's legacy.

The three day series of events, all held in the Union County Arts Center, began on Saturday evening, January 18, with a road company presentation of the award winning musical "Ain't Misbehavin'." On Saturday afternoon, a documentary film based on the life and contributions of Dr. King was shown. The Memorial Dedication Ceremony, the highlight of the three day observance, was held on Monday, January 20. From nine A.M. to 11:30, a program of speakers and musical selections

was presented in the theater. Senator Bill Bradley and Congressman Donald Payne were among the dignitaries who addressed the audience. The keynote speaker was the Reverend Dr. W. P. Collier Jr., administrative assistant to the Presiding Bishop of the First Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church, Philadelphia, Pa. At the conclusion of the program, the assembly organized outside the Arts Center for a march to the memorial site.

The morning was bitter cold, but a crowd of more than two hundred made the walk down Irving Street to Broad Street to the triangle behind the train station for the unveiling. Once at the site, Elder Robert L. Bragg led the ceremony which included the laying of wreaths. When the cover was removed, a beautiful bronze bust of Dr. King atop a granite pillar was revealed. The sculpture was the creation of artisan Stanley Sawyer. The prayer of dedication was led by the Reverend Gerry M. Guess, Director of Communications, NAACP.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, Chairman Robertson said, "It is a fitting tribute to Dr. King. It is a job well done and we owe it all to the committee and citizens of Rahway. This park will serve as a focal point for conversation."

Now, some twenty years later, pedestrians who pass by and train passengers who look down from the elevated platform can still view the monument and pause to reflect on the important legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



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## HISPANIC HONOR SOCIETY INITIATES RHS STUDENTS

Rahway High School's chapter of Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica hosted an initiation of new members and an open Latin dinner dance on Thursday January 19. Students had an opportunity to sample a variety of delicious Latin dishes and dance many traditional Latin dances. Certificates of membership were presented to new members being inducted into the Society during a candlelight ceremony: Rosa Castano, Emily Tavarez, Jessica Rengifo, Luis Fernandez, Sherley Rios, Luke DeMarco, Brandon Gomboa, and Lakwan Anderson.

To be initiated, students must have maintained an honor average in the study of Spanish or Portuguese for a minimum of three semesters. The Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica (SHH) is an honor society for high school students enrolled in Spanish and/or Portuguese,

sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP), formally organized in 1953. At present there are over 2,000 national and international chapters.



*(above) New members of Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica Brandon Gamboa, Luke DeMarco, Lakwan Anderson, Emily Tavarez and Rosa Castano during candlelight induction ceremony*

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## SENIOR CITIZEN OUTREACH PROGRAM WILL RUN MARCH 6

The Union County Department of Human Services Division on Aging & Division of Social Services Senior Citizen Outreach Program will be at the Rahway Senior Center, 1306 Esterbrook Avenue on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 from 9 to 10 AM. They will offer seniors help with a variety of programs which include, but is not limited to: Pharmaceutical Assistance, Senior Health Insurance, Home Energy Assistance, Housing

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(above) Mr. Vinci's Algebra II students work on a warm-up (Do Now) exercise for HSPA.

## RAHWAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PREPARE FOR HIGH STAKES TESTING

On March 6, 7, and 8, juniors at Rahway High School and throughout New Jersey will take the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) which measures the knowledge and skills needed to be able to be a productive citizen and to succeed on the job, in college, or in the military. Students are required to pass the HSPA to graduate from high school. Freshmen and sophomores take another test that predicts how likely it is that they will pass the HSPA as juniors.

To help students prepare for this testing, Rahway has instituted a number of practices. Students are being instructed in small-group

tutorial sessions once a week. Mathematics teachers start each class with a warm-up (Do Now) problem that emphasizes an HSPA skill. Science teachers focus on data analysis activities similar to what the HSPA contains. Math Club members are creating HSPA posters for bulletin boards, and the broadcast journalism class (Kudos) is making commercials to appeal to students' minds and hearts in the days immediately before the test. Even art students have helped out by creating a motivational banner. Finally, on the day on which students take the test, they will start their day with a school-provided breakfast.



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## RHS ALUMNI AND SENIOR STUDENTS HOLD ANNUAL TEA EVENT

On Friday, January 6, several members of the Rahway High School Class of 2011 joined current seniors for the annual Senior/Alumni Tea. During this event, recent RHS alumni volunteered their time to speak with seniors about their transition from high school to college life. Alumni in attendance represented post-secondary programs such as New York University, Loyola University New Orleans, Rutgers University and the NJ Stars Program. Among the topics discussed were expectations from professors, how to handle the newfound freedom that accompanies taking college classes and time management skills.

*(right) Rahway High School Vice Principal Mark Cantagallo, at center, and Guidance secretary Danielle Marsh, third from right, join members of the Class of 2011 during the annual Senior/Alumni Tea.*



## RAHWAY HIGH INDUCTS STUDENTS INTO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Recently, Rahway High School held its annual induction into the National Honor Society. A candlelight ceremony was held at the Union County Arts Center on December 12, conducted by Advisor John Odin and Principal John Farinella.

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. NHS honors those students who have demonstrated excellence not just in scholarship, but also service, character, and leadership,

requirements for membership in the organization since its founding in 1921. Today, it is estimated that more than one million students participate in activities of the NHS and its sister organization, National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) with chapters found in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, many U.S. Territories, and Canada. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

Members of Rahway High School National Honor Society include:

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*(above) National Honor Society members addressed by Advisor John Odin during candlelight induction ceremony.*



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## RETURN TO THE MOON MISSION



(above) Roosevelt School's 5th grader Billie Kluse, the Communications Specialist.

## RAHWAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SELECTED AS 1ST CHAIR IN NEW JERSEY ALL STATE SYMPHONIC BAND

Gabriel Rolon, a sophomore at Rahway High School, recently auditioned and was accepted into the New Jersey All State Symphonic Band as first chair in percussion. This is a rare honor, the third such student in the past fifteen years. To attain this honor, Gabriel competed against 150 of the best instrumentalists from schools all over the state. The All State Bands will perform at NJPAC on Saturday, February 25 conducted by Dr. Cynthia Johnston Turner from Cornell University. This performance will follow students gathering at Rutgers in New Brunswick for two days of rehearsals.

Earlier, at the Regional level of competition, Gabe and two other Rahway band students auditioned and were chosen for the New Jersey Region II Honors Bands. Freshman trumpet

player, Phillip Schroeder, was selected to perform with the Region II Symphonic Band, Robert Parson was chosen for the Region II Symphonic Orchestra on bassoon and Gabe attained first place as principal percussionist with the Region II Wind Ensemble. Bravo to all!



The year is 2015. For the first time since 1972, a crew of astronauts are returning to the Moon--this time to stay. The goal of the mission was to establish a permanent base on the Moon.

On Wednesday, January 18th, Rahway's fifth grade gifted and talented students visited Buehler Challenger & Science Center in Paramus, NJ. Students were immersed in a realistic Mission Control and Space Station environment: computers consoles, communication headsets, continuous messages on the loud speakers, electronic messages, teammates they can only see on video monitors, emergency sounds and flashing lights, and hands-on activities at science stations. The simulation provided students with an authentic encounter with science and technology.

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# PRESIDENTIAL INSPIRATIONS

Submitted by Colin Gittens, president of the Friends of the Rahway Public Library.



Colin Gittens

As you know from reading previous columns in this series, I consider our town's library a treasure and a hugely convenient asset for anyone looking to improve their knowledge, find entertainment, or simply take pleasure in reading. There was a time in this country's past, however, when libraries were anything but common and convenient, and those desiring to learn had to take matters into their own hands.

This month, we remember two great American presidents—George Washington and Abraham Lincoln—and it is inspiring to realize that these men who attained the highest office in the land were, for the most part, self educated.

There were almost no libraries in America in 1732 when George Washington was born, and only 9 colleges chartered prior to the American Revolution. Given the nature of colonial life, education was a much more haphazard affair. So it is not surprising that Washington received only the equivalent of an elementary school education from a variety of tutors, with plans for a further education in England shelved upon his father's death.

Abraham Lincoln, born in 1809 on what was then the American frontier, obtained approximately a year's worth of elementary education classes from itinerant teachers. An avid reader, Lincoln was for the most part a self-educated man.

Today, schooling is organized and mandatory,

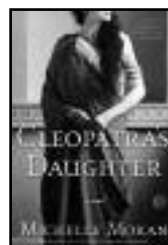
and libraries exist in practically every town. And getting to school or the library is nowhere near as arduous as in days gone by. So it is not required that you be a supremely motivated individual to acquire learning; you can simply take advantage of our wonderful library and the information it contains.

Presidents Washington and Lincoln were strivers and achievers who justly deserve our tribute for helping to build and preserve this county. But President's Day is also an ideal time to celebrate the power of education and to recognize the benefits the library has brought to you, and to consider becoming a Friend of the Library. Our organization provides volunteer support and runs fund-raising programs that help strengthen the library, and we'd love to have you join our group and/or make a donation. Membership forms are at the Library Reference Desk, and you can learn more about the group at our Facebook page (Friends of the Rahway Public Library).

## READER'S CIRCLE BOOK CLUB

The Rahway Public Library's Reader's Circle Book Club meets every month. Come join us for good conversation about recent works of fiction. All are welcome to attend. This month's selection is *Cleopatra's Daughter* by Michele Moran. The discussion will take place on Wednesday, February 15th at 2:00 pm.

For more information on how you can join this month's discussion call the reference desk at (732)340-1551 x. 212.



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Feb. 10th – Skunks emerge to mate about this time of year

Feb. 14th - Starlings begin their early spring whistling. Listen also for the songs of chickadees and titmice.

Feb. 17th - On a warm, sunny winter day, take a look at the base of a tree for snowfleas. They look like a sprinkling of pepper on the surface of the snow. Each speck you see is a snow flea. Once you find them, watch closely and see what they're up to

Feb. 20th – Purple finches begin singing their spring songs

Feb. 21st – New Moon which causes our Rahway River's high tides to be very high and our low tides to be very low

Feb. 24th – Maple sap begins running. Watch for little icicles at the tips of sugar maple twigs

Feb. 28th - If there is a snow melt, look for traces of tunnels dug by voles and shrews

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## STARTING A GARDEN

The mild winter of 2012 has given many people an early bout of Spring fever. It's hard to believe that the first day of spring is still six weeks away. This is the perfect time to start planning your garden.

For first time gardeners this can seem like a daunting task. Where and how do I begin?

I suggest you start with a camera. Take photographs of your yard, print them out and start a garden journal. This will have many benefits as your property turns from just a yard into a beautiful garden over the coming years. It will be your reminder of what you planted, when and where, and then it will be easy to add notes and plan for seasons in the future. A photo journal is easy to show friends and fellow gardeners the improvements that you have made over the years. You will be amazed at the transformation yourself. Then add photographs seasonally, including winter.

Secondly, decide where you will get the most enjoyment from your garden and begin there. A few suggestions are the view from the kitchen window, by the front door, or an area in the back yard where you like to relax. This is your garden and should get the greatest enjoyment from it. As time goes on, other areas will quickly fill in.

Finally, go to your local public library and take out a few gardening books. The Rahway library has garden magazines you can look at for inspiration. Soon you will be on the road to success in your new hobby.

Good luck and happy gardening!



(above) James Keane is a Rahway resident and gardener "Extraordinaire". James has been researching and answering garden questions sine 1995.

## GARDEN CLUB MEETING THINGS TO DO AROUND OUR GARDEN IN LATE WINTER

*The Garden Awakes: Why and how to take a soil test: Keeping a winter garden 'healthy'*

The Rahway Garden Club meets Thursday, February 16th at 7:pm till 8:30pm at the Rahway Public Library, 2 City Hall Plaza. The meeting is free and open to the public. This month's guest speaker is Rahway resident and gardener "extraordinaire" James Keane

The Club has formed under the umbrella of the NJ Garden Club and is open to anyone with a gardening interest. If you have a passion for flowers, vegetables, plants, trees or shrubs then this is the group for you. Additional information can be obtained by calling 732-388-1765.

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## LA FAYETTE LODGE HELPS HOME FRONT HEARTS



(above) 2011 Worshipful Master Larry Bodine presenting donation to Mrs. Randi Cairns, founder of Home Front Hearts.

In November Lafayette Lodge #27 of Rahway made a donation to Home Front Hearts. Randi Cairns, founder of the organization gave a brief talk to its members and the Master of the Lodge, Lawrence Bodine. Mr. Bodine, whose term ended in December, invited Mrs. Cairns to speak about the history and mission of Home Front Hearts. Randi, whose husband has been deployed several times in the last few years and is a recipient of The Purple Heart, explained that she founded HFH in Sept. 2008, and in that short time it has grown nationwide because of the needs it fills. She explained that military families struggle to “keep it together” on the home front and she knew many need assistance with finances, moral support, and mechanical support of home repairs etc. while their soldiers

are away from home.

She explained that the mission of HFH is to “serve the families that serve our country by: providing support and resources to the families of service members, increasing public awareness of the struggles and sacrifices, and ... in building communities that are responsive to the needs of these families.” She stated that donations may be made on the website, [www.Homefronthearts.org](http://www.Homefronthearts.org) and in closing said that HFH “was born of my desire to honor those who serve, and their families...to give voice to the families who also serve when their loved ones are called to duty, and to call to action the communities in which they live.”

Michael Romano may be contacted at [www.Lafayette27.org](http://www.Lafayette27.org) or 732-388-0309.

## SPECIAL CEMETERY TOUR TO MARK 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNSOLVED MURDER

By Alex Shipley, Research coordinator for the Rahway Public Library and City Historian,  
Director of Museum Operations at the Merchants & Drovers Tavern Museum.

On the cold, Friday evening of March 25, 1887, the life of a young woman, whose identity has never been established, was brutally snuffed out by a fiendish killer, who, like the victim, has never been named.

March 25, 2012 will mark the 125th Anniversary of the murder of the unfortunate soul who has become part of Rahway lore known as “Rahway’s Unknown Woman.” To observe the anniversary of the infamous crime, the Merchants and Drovers Tavern Museum Association will host a special tour in the Rahway Cemetery based on this intriguing mystery on Sunday, March 25th.

On the afternoon of the tour, visitors will be

escorted to the graves of more than a dozen persons who were in some way involved in the case. Costumed interpreters will be stationed at the sites to portray the individuals and tell their stories. Tour groups will meet Frank Worth, one of the brothers who found the body, Daniel Ryno, the undertaker, Dr. Cladek, who performed the autopsy, and Mayor Daily, whose city was unnerved by the murder. Reverend Gay will speak on the funeral, City Clerk Franklin Marsh will relate facts about the hearing, and Railroad Freight Agent Richard Feist will tell a story about a suspicious passenger. Visitors will also meet the editor of the local paper, a mother whose son was accused of the crime, a juror and

a witness, the town crier, and a young woman who will share the fears enveloping her community.

The Unknown Woman Murder Mystery Tour has been featured on two occasions over the past ten years during the association’s two-day October Cemetery Program and has proven to be their most popular theme. Because a large crowd is anticipated, reservations are strongly recommended. Tours will start at noon and leave every fifteen minutes. The last tour will go off at 4 PM. Admission is \$10 for Adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for students.

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