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PARADE HONORS THOSE WHO MADE SUPREME SACRIFICE

The Rahway community turned out to march in the annual organizations, and government officials. This year's Grand Memorial Day parade to honor those who have given their Marshall was Otto Hornlein. Hornlein was a PFC in the lives for our country. Veterans marched through the streets of Army, and served in the Korean War. He is a very active Rahway and were joined by students and youth groups, civic member of the American Legion, Post #5 located in Rahway.





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Message from the President SMILE! SOMEONE'S LISTENING. (CHANNELING MY INNER ANDY ROONEY)

Don't mind me I'm just a bit annoyed today. I've been on the phone all morning talking to clients, vendors and the always wonderful telemarketer.

It seems that everyone I speak to today, has a problem. I can't blame it on a full moon since its 11:30am, but something strange is happening out there.

The first call I made was to a vendor. The person answered or should say mumbled this greeting "So and So Paper Company". Now that may seem OK but it was said in a way that made me feel like I was annoying him. I asked for the person I wanted to speak to and I was put on hold. Not – May I ask who's calling? Not – He is not in, may I take a message? Not – I'll transfer you to his line. He just put me on hold. After a few seconds the line started ringing. It rang 5 times, paused, rang 5 times again, paused and rang another 5 times. After that it bounced back to the first person I spoke to. He answered with a sarcastic "Can I help you?" I said apparently not and hung up.

The next call I made was to a client. She must have been involved in another conversation because when she answered she didn't say hello, she continued talking to the other person. Now I was annoyed. I said hello so and so. She responded: Hold on, I am talking to someone. Wow! I thought. Is this really happening? Am I in the Twilight Zone? So I hung up.

Next, I received a call. It was a telemarketer. I know this because I answered – Mr. B Printing, may I help you? and there was silence on the other end. Then a few seconds later, I heard random voices in the background. Then finally, the caller, announced as fast as they could. Who pays the electric bill? Switch to us and we'll save you money! We will have someone stop by tomorrow to switch your service to our program. I quickly replied: No thank you and hung up.

Right about now, you are asking yourself has Tom gone over the edge? And is there a point to this story? Well, I'm not over the edge but I am close to it. The point to the story is simple. If you are speaking to a client, a vendor, a spouse, a friend or anyone else, consider saying it with a smile. When you smile when you speak, people can hear it.

Tom Bayone

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TRIPS TO SIGHT & SOUND

The Rahway Division of Senior Services is sponsoring a trip to Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania to see the show "Noah" on June 26, 2013. Noah and his family embark on a journey after they build a boat in a land that has never seen rain. Watch as hundreds of animals enter and live inside the great ark that surrounds the audience on three sides of a 300-foot stage. We will leave the Senior Center at 9:00 AM and if there is time a short stop will be made. The show is at 1:00 PM and immediately following the show we will head to Shady Maple Smorgasbord for dinner. The price is \$100 and the last day for refunds and to sign up is May 30th.

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(above, l-r) Rowena Songcuan, Marcel Leach, Steven Cuenca, and Elizabeth Jones

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

Fourth grade students in Mrs. Prakapas' class at Roosevelt School in Rahway recently began a science investigation of matter.



(above, l-r) Andrew Fernandez and Caitlyn Sorber explored properties of matter.







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EXCITING INTERNSHIP STORY SHARED WITH STUDENTS

Emmilyne Victor, 2009 graduate of Rahway High School, recently returned to her AP (Advanced Placement) English Language and Composition teacher, JoAnn Bertelo's class to share with Ms. Bertelo's current students the exciting internship opportunities she has had this year in Washington, D.C. For her former teacher, hearing of her student's success brings her great satisfaction. In September, Emmilvne will return to her senior year at Howard University, where she is a broadcast journalism major and minors in political science.

In September and early October, Emmilyne spent seven weeks on Capitol Hill, seeing government from the inside, while interning at the office of New Jersey Senator Robert Menendez. The past six months she has spent as the evening news intern at Washington, D.C. Channel 5, FOX television. She conducted research for the news team, went out into the field to record sound bites, some of which were used on-screen, and did studio interviews. She



by Maryjane Finne

actually spent election night at the White House helping the news team report. Currently, she is a finalist and awaits hearing from CNN about a full-year Washington internship.

While at Howard, Ms. Victor has worked on the student television station WHUT as well as being editor for The Hilltop, the student newspaper. This parallels her experience at Rahway High School, where she was part of Kudos broadcast journalism program, and at the same time Editor-in-Chief of the school yearbook and on the staff of the school newspaper, Rho Eta Sigma.



(above) Rahway High School AP English Language and Composition teacher JoAnn Bertelo, glowing upon hearing of the internship adventures of former student Emmilyne Victor.

NANCY HILL CELEBRATED HER 104TH BIRTHDAY

Nancy Hill was born in 1909 in City of Rahway. Crawfordsville, GA. She lived in Westfield, NJ for 60 years and currently resides at Alaris Health at Riverton located on Lawrence Street in Rahway, New Jersey. The Riverton staff hosed a 104th birthday bash for Nancy where she was surrounded by her family and over 2-dozen of her neighbors from Riverton. Rahway Mayor Rick Proctor attended and read a proclamation declaring May 10th, 2013 Nancy Hill Day in the

Nancy, whose parents also lived to close to 100, always loved to have fun and dance. She danced at the Cotton Club, loved cooking, gardening, knitting and crocheting. She was very sociable and belonged to several organizations throughout her life. She sang in the choir of Antioch Baptist Church in Springfield, NJ and is a long-time member of the Westfield Elks Club.



(above, 1-r) Some of Nancy Hill's family that attended her 104th birthday party: Bryan Green, grandson; Nancy Hill; Arlene Campbell, granddaughter; Jennifer Green, great-granddaughter; and great-great-grand-daughters Zena Green 1 1/2-vrs-old & Aria Green, 4-months-old. In total Nancy has 3 daughters, 5 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren.





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RAHWAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ENTERPRISE FUNDS EXCITING TRIP

On a beautiful sunny Friday recently, Rahway High School student members of CLAW (Children Learning About Work), directed by Ms. Patricia Williams, took the field trip of a lifetime, travelling by Hummer limousine to New York City to visit landmarks that included the Wax Museum. This trip was totally selffunded by the profits of CLAW's holiday gift sale conducted this past December, so it incurred no cost for the Board of Education. CLAW members are grateful to faculty and staff members for their support in purchasing gifts.

The purpose of CLAW is to give students hands-on learning in advertising, assembly, computation of profit margins, and operation of a cash register. The payoff for all their hard work comes in the form of an annual field trip, which has usually been by taken by public transit. Therefore, the limousine ride was a major upgrade and a source of great excitement for the students.



(above) Alberto Duran, a member of Rahway High School's CLAW program, is about to board the Hummer limousine for the annual field trip to New York City. The limo ride was funded by the profits of a student-run enterprise.



TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Just over the Rahway Linden border, tucked away where you would least expect it you will find 'HAWK RISE SANCTUARY'. The sanctuary opened May 30, 2012 thanks to Green Acres, the N.J. Audubon Society and the city of Linden. While in this 95-acre park, it is easy to forget you are in an industrial area. At Hawk Rise, the forest meets the salt marsh and grassy areas of the now closed Linden landfill.

This is perfect habitat for many birds and wildlife, including hawks, owls and even wild turkeys. Thousands of migrating birds can be viewed seasonally. Wooden pathways with interpretive signs lead you through the marsh land along the Rahway River, protecting the environment and plant life. It is a great location for a relaxing stroll or hike.

Hawk Rise is located directly across from the Linden Animal Shelter, on Range Road off Barrnet Street (East Grand Ave. turns in Barrnet). Be aware that it is not well marked so don't depend on signs to direct you to the sanctuary.

Due to the delicate balance of this environment, NO DOGS are permitted. Please remember: Take only photographs; leave only footprints.

Happy Gardening, James





Rahway resident gardener "Extraordinaire" James Keane, has been researching and answering garden questions since 1995.

REMEMBER TO WATER WELL

We can't stop the rain but we can shut off the faucet. Lawns, vegetables and garden plants require only one inch of water a week. When we get a heavy rainfall cut down on watering and turn off your automatic watering systems. Overwatering leads to roots disease and fungus.

KEEPING YOUR TREES HEALTHY SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday, June 20 @ Rahway Library 7pm Presented by Jim Nichnadowicz, of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, 4-H agent and 'Master Tree Stewards' program.

Mr. Nichnadowicz will discuss trees, detecting problems and keeping them strong and healthy. Hosted by The Rahway Garden Club, everyone is welcome and admission is free. After the lecture there will be a question and answer period. Tell your neighbors and bring a friend.







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"BULLY BUSTER" POSTER CONTEST

Students at Franklin School in Rahway participated in the "Bully Buster" poster contest. Students drew pictures of what a bully buster looks like to them and how a bully buster can help children in trouble.



(above) First Place winner fifth grade student, Xhunaxhy Lopez.

RAHWAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SPONSORS BLOOD DRIVE



(above, l-r) Students Nadir McLaurin and Liam Mark, and Teacher Adam Slack await their turn to give blood.

On the Friday before Memorial Day weekend, most people are looking to relax and ease into the weekend. Many students and faculty at Rahway High School, however, spent Friday, May 24, 2013 rolling up their sleeves, either to donate blood or to help others do so. Over 78 people, both staff and older students, made appointments to give blood to save the lives of others. Rahway High School's Student Government Association (SGA) sponsored this event with the help of teacher-advisors Donna Gerardo and Steve Radler through the auspices of the New York Blood Center. In addition to the blood actually collected, the drive also provided an opportunity to young people to establish the habit of giving blood, a habit that will benefit the communities in which they dwell throughout their lives.

6TH GRADERS STUDENTS SKILLED IN ROBOTICS

The 6th grade Gifted and Talented students at Roosevelt School in Rahway have completed a unit on Robotics. Students have designed, built, and programmed a robot. Working together as a team they have developed creativity and problem-solving skills along with other important mathematic and science knowledge. Students have also become more skilled in communication, organization and research, which helps them prepare for future success in higher levels of schooling and in the workplace.



(above, l-r) Elizabeth Jones, Steven Cuenca, and Marcel Leach

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PARTICIPATION IN ROBOTICS TEAM GAINS LOCAL STUDENT \$24,000 SCHOLARSHIP

Because of his involvement with the Rahway High School US FIRST Robotics Team 1228, Stevens Institute of Technology has awarded a FIRST merit scholarship to Robert Dinocento. Robert will major in Mechanical Engineering and minor in Business at Stevens. He has chosen Stevens because of its excellence in engineering and the small student to teacher ratio (8:1).

Dinocento attends the Union County Magnet High School, but as a Rahway resident, participates in Rahway High School's Robotics Team and has been involved since he was a student at Rahway Middle School, where he was on the Botball Team. Participation in US FIRST Robotics has made him aware of practical aspects of mechanical engineering and helped him learn how to create a competitive edge, a valuable skill when he joins the work force. Each year in January, a 45-day build season begins. During that period, robotics teams throughout the country each build a robot that fits the requirements for that year's competition. Over his years as a FIRST member, Dinocento has built and wired the robots, as well as competed against rival robots in the competition. Since colleges look for students to be well-rounded, Robert feels that his background in FIRST was definitely a plus in college admissions.

In support of the US FIRST mission, numbers of colleges offer FIRST Scholarships. The Stevens scholarship is merit-based and awarded to a high school senior who has participated on



(above) Robert Dinocento of Rahway High School's Robotics Team 1228 with the team's Excellence in Engineering Trophy. Robert won a \$24,000 scholarship to Stevens Institute because of his involvement in US FIRST Robotics.

a FIRST team during his or her junior and/or senior years and plans to study engineering, science, or math at Stevens. The scholarship is renewable up to a total of \$24,000 over four years, contingent upon maintenance of good academic standing.

Team 1228 at Rahway High School and its advisors congratulate Robert for his accomplishment and wish him well during his time at Stevens, but hope he returns as a team alumni member to support their work.

WES ZIENTEK CLAIMS 4TH EMMY AWARD



On what seemed to be a normal day at the office, Wes Zientek found out his work on the show "MLB Tonight" had helped earn the station an Emmy Award. "I was sitting in the control

room when we all found out," said Zientek. "The producers came in and brought in the Emmy Award they received on stage. We were ecstatic, because it was only our second year on air." Two years and three awards later, Wesley said that receiving each award was just as exciting as the first Emmy.

Zientek works as an associate producer on the MLB [Major League Baseball] Network. After graduating from High School in 1997, Zientek went on to Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., graduating in 2001 with a degree in sociology. Despite the doubt of others and a degree not related to the field, Zientek never let the dream of a job in sports travel too far from his mind, even when his prospects looked glum.

Wes's father is Dr. Mark Zientek who owns Dr.s Choice healthcare facility in Rahway, NJ. "A friend of my dad's knew the coordinating producer for College Sports Television in New York," Zientek said. "With the contacts Imade in the profession, I was able to land a job working for the MLB Network.





ACCOMPLISHED INTERNIST AND RAHWAY NATIVE, ARTHUR SANTIAGO, MD, IS A WELCOME ADDITION TO DR'S CHOICE

Dr. Santiago has stepped into the position of medical director. Arthur is well respected by peers in the medical community and patients alike. Dr. Santiago's renal (kidney) research generated world-wide interest and recognition from major pharmaceutical companies such as, Rahway based, Merck and Co.

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(above) Rahway High School's Teacher of the Year Alison Dooley, enjoying her new dance studio was director/choreographer of may production of Pippin.



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ALISON DOOLEY NAMED TEACHER OF THE YEAR

In recognition of her record of success with her students and her efforts in promoting the arts at Rahway High School dance teacher Alison Dooley has been named "Teacher of the Year." In announcing the award, Principal John Farinella issued thanks on behalf of the whole school community to Alison for her meaningful and memorable contributions.

Most recently, two of her students were chosen by Paper Mill Playhouse as members of their new Show Choir. Currently, because of her efforts, Rahway High School is participating in Paper Mill's "Adopt-a-School" project that extends over four years, giving her students the opportunity for on-site participation at the Playhouse and in-school residencies with extraordinary industry professionals.

Two years ago, Rahway won Paper Mill's Educational Impact Award when the school produced West Side Story, a play about gangs in New York City in the 1950s. The award was given for her efforts in marshalling the staff to connect the musical to the curriculum for actors and actresses and all school students. Classes in the school as well as organizations in the

community studied the issue of gangs at the same time as the play was being staged. Rahway's diverse school population allowed for authentic Latin casting of the Sharks and a sincere understanding of the triumph of spirit over the obstacles often faced by immigrants.

The most exciting of her achievements was in 2009, when Rahway High School's production of Will Rogers Follies won four of Paper Mill's Rising Star Awards, including the coveted Best Overall Musical, as well as Best Director for Alison. At that time, in receiving the award, she mentioned her philosophy, what she had been asking her students during the weeks of rehearsals, "Why would you settle for good, when you are capable of great?"

Teaching six classes every year, Alison has given many Rahway students an appreciation for dance that is obvious any time one views the school broadcast station, Kudos. Nearly every video they produce has some dancing in it, as do many fundraisers like Dancing with the Staff, where students choreograph for their teachers. Alison Dooley has enriched the whole community with her efforts.



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(above) Members of the Rahway Police Auxiliary Police Unit welcome Officers Michelle Gill and Jaquaonne Cooper (center) following a graduation ceremony held at Union County College. The Rahway Police Department congratulates and welcomes our newest Auxiliary Police Officers to the ranks.



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RAHWAY'S YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

The Youth Police Academy is designed to provide young adults with a better understanding of police in today's society. This academy will expose cadets to some of the training, procedures and technology utilized by police officers in order to provide the tools necessary to form objective opinions regarding police action. The Rahway Police Department hopes to increase the awareness and appreciation of law enforcement and our organization.

HOW DOES THE YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY WORK?

The Youth Academy is a one-week program, which will meet daily from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday, July 8th to July 12th.

Cadets will be required to participate to the best of their abilities in all scheduled activities, including fitness training, military drills, water safety, etc. The Youth Police Academy is not a "boot camp" for troubled youth. It is designed to operate like an actual police academy for those interested in law enforcement.

WHAT SUBJECTS ARE COVERED IN THE YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY?

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Written by: Tony Hall and Gerry Gessie

Located at the Lewis Street end of the Cherry Street Mall since 2005 is K & K Recognition Awards, Tony Ferraro, Proprietor. Tony was instrumental in restarting the Rahway Chamber back in 2010 and has served as a Trustee since its inception.

Originally from Union (U.H.S. class of 1970), Tony ventured west upon graduation, to Loris College in Iowa, attracted there by superior programs in sports and business administration. After graduating in 1974, Tony went on to become a traffic Manager for a major German steel company in the U.S., where he met his wife-to-be, Phyllis. They married in 1981 and have two children, Anthony III and Dana, both now in their early twenties.

In 1992, the steel company closed their U.S. operations. That same year, Tony, bought K & K located in South Plainfield. The move to Rahway came in 2003 in response to his

growing local customer base. A few years later he expanded the business and moved it to its present location in the Cherry Street Mall.

Tony frankly asserts that profit is the greatest pleasure in running a business, although he values highly, his many friendships that have arisen from among his numerous customers. He sums up his work ethic simply "competition cures complacency," an observation he coined upon returning from a visit to Romania shortly after its collapse.

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(above, l-r) Michael Elchoness and Lucy Biller of TD Bank with Rahway Chamber of Commerce President Tom Bayone.



(left, r-l) Freeman Chandler with Rev. Dr. James W. Ealy of Second Baptist Church. He has been serving the community through the church, which was established in 1896, for 46 years.



New Chamber members Akhilesh Singh of Papa Johns Pizza (left) and Rodney Hillsman of ITEX Business Bartering (right).

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RAHWAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND FACULTY PRESENT "A DAY IN PARIS" BENEFIT

On Friday, May 10, the students and faculty of Rahway High School presented "A Day in Paris," a tribute to fashion and song in the "City of Light," sponsored by YWL (Young Women Leaders) to benefit a local non-profit organization, Healing and Helping Women In Our Communities. The event, which raised nearly \$1,000, was coordinated, staged, and directed by Ms. Annette Gust-Goodman and Mr. Rob Kinch, teacher of French. Purchase of an admission ticket gave students entitlement to select one of the donated prom dresses modeled that evening.



(above) Rahway High School teachers Toni Robertelli, Vice-principal Mark Cantagallo, and teachers John Marks and Sheila Schmid dance as part of the entertainment at the annual fashion show of prom dresses.



 (above) Rahway High School teachers Tammy Taggart, Vince Vinci, Annette Goodman,
 William Picone and Maria Hennessy as part of a 1960's singing group at the recent Paristhemed fashion show.

RAHWAY HIGH SCHOOL STAFF CREATES EXCITING PROGRAM FOR BRING YOUR CHILD TO WORK

Exciting experiences awaited 23 young people whose parents are employed on the staff of Rahway High School during Bring Your Child to Work Day Events. Staff members teamed together to expand the program offered beyond spending time in classes or offices where the parent worked. Teacher Diane Pescatore and Social Worker Eryn Latorra coordinated all activities, recruited teachers, and accompanied the children along with Paraprofessional Yamira Burnjeko. Math teacher Tammy Taggart taught students to create tangrams, mathematical puzzles. In the computer lab, teacher Maryjane Finne helped the students considered their future plans by utilizing an online dream calculator. She also taught them how to use Microsoft Photostory, enabling each to create and bring home a personal DVD recording the day's events. One student included a photo she labeled "My New Best Friend." Diane Pescatore created a science experiment utilizing Skittles candy, quite popular since the children were allowed to eat the results (Skittles) at the end of the lab. Fred Stueber led the group in physical activities in his role as a gym teacher. History teacher and lawyer, Clifford Herrington taught them about "The Art of Cross Examination" using popular movie, My Cousin Vinny. When students stopped by school nurse, Charlene Lesinski gave them a chance to pick out small gifts like necklaces and robots.

Administrators were accessible to the children. Principal John Farinella met with the children while they were working on their videos in the computer lab and they told him about their day. Vice Principal Chey Rivera invited them to her office and spoke to them about the importance of education. She showed them the prom dresses that a student organization, Young Women Leaders, had collected for a fashion show and resale to students that will take place soon. Superintendent Edward Yergalonis dropped in



(above) Students visit Vice Principal Chey Rivera's office, site of prom dresses for the annual Rahway High School Fashion Show and Sale soon to take place. From left, Aubrey Walker, Cassaundra Stradford, Shayna Romano, Abigail Schmid, John Brighouse, Raj Taparia, Secretary Michaela Kallinosis, and Jessica Perkins.

during lunch as did Vice Principal Cantagallo. Students were treated to a pizza lunch by the school administrators.

Many staff members were enthusiastic at the end of the day about what had taken place. Gym teachers Maria Hennessy and Ricky Ortega and chemistry teacher Janet Tuohy both have already volunteered for next year to create activities for the children.

Both children and their parents gave rave reviews to the event and planning that went into it. Teacher Jeffrey Romano said his daughter wanted to return the next day because it had been so much fun. John Brighouse told his father David that he wished his father taught an afterschool class so they could stay longer, because "this place is awesome." Elijah and Abigail Rodriguez, Carmen Sierra's children are already excited about next year, and Gary Mendes' daughter Zara already has convinced her brother to join her next year. Kudos and thanks to all those who helped out.



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(above) Winners of the best race attire--Team Red, White, and Blue-yah!



(above) Race staff



(above) A mid-race break to pet the puppy!



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



Colin Gittens

Saturday, May 4. And the reviews from participants taking part in this scavenger hunt event were glowing.

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"The Amazing Rahway Race may be one of the most fun things I've done in a while!" said Rachael Faillace, who, when not running around downtown Rahway searching for clues is executive director of the Rahway Arts District.

The hunt involved a series of clues that took participants around various downtown locales these could be an intersection, a restaurant or store, or simply to meet a Friends volunteer along the way—to either pick up information or complete a task. And along the way, many participants learned something new.

For example, although much of downtown Rahway is familiar to residents, numerous racers came back to the finish line and said the race had provided their first introduction to Hellhound Studios on Coach Street. Other racers had no idea that it was possible to move an Oreo from their foreheads to their mouths without using their hands! They (especially children) certainly had a great time acquiring this knowledge!

The team from Classic Comics set a new course record, completing the event in 1:17:50. This was the top time overall and the first among

the business entrants. The Outsiders had the top time among general participants (1:32:06), while Red, White and Blue-yah! garnered the award for best costume.

"Great clues, great weather, great people...fantastic day!" raved Helene Leprince. Pam Okaly, another participant, signaled her appreciation and eagerness to do it again, saying "Thanks for organizing a great race. Extremely well organized. Can't wait for next year!"

With this event complete, the Friends now look ahead to Saturday, June 29. In partnership with Innovative Document Imaging of East Brunswick, we'll be sponsoring a Digital Conversion Day. Those who took part last year know that this service allows photos and images from older formats—think 8 and 16 mm film, VHS tapes, slides, and photos (including entire photo albums)—to be scanned and saved into a more up-to-date format viewable on televisions, computers, and other digital devices.

This service seems even more timely and important in the post-Sandy world. I know from our recent book sale that last fall's "superstorm" caused much water damage to homes, either by flooded basements or roof damage, and the number of book donations was down. Perhaps your photographs and memories were damaged, or perhaps you were lucky. Either way, making additional copies of these in a more current format is wise.

Best of all, 20% of the fees associated with these digital conversions will go to support the library. Please bring your materials to the library lobby on June 29, between noon and 3 PM.

RAHWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY: JULY 2013 EVENTS

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING: Thursday, July 11 at 7:00 pm All are welcome to attend. READER'S CIRCLE BOOK GROUP Wednesday, July 17 at 2:00 pm This month's title: "The Fig Eater" by Jody Shields

TEEN EVENTS BENEATH THE SURFACE

Pick up a flyer beginning June 24 Read for prizes and take part in special programs.

TEEN SCREEN MOVIE

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BRAIN BOWL

On May 30th Gifted and Talented 3rd grade students from Rahway attended the Union County Brain Bowl. This convocation was sponsored by the Union County Gifted and Talented Association. After teams were formed, students competed for points in activities such as estimation, building structures, brainstorming, and other problem-solving brain games.



(above, l-r) 3rd grade Gifted and Talented students from Roosevelt School in Rahway: Brian Alicea, Izabella Komperda, Lola Wong, Darryl Ansah, Jayson Echavarria, Jazshua Andes, Lourdes Torres and Nicole Moncada.







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Well, we have a number of these homes that we all know and love that have become 'distressed' due to illness, recent storms, loss of a loved one, financial difficulty or other reasons.

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whose patents and theoretical work form the basis of modern alternating current (AC) electric power systems. He also made contributions in the fields of robotics, ballistics, computer science, nuclear physics, and theoretical physics. His admirers often refer to him as "The man who invented the 20th Century." Citizens of Rahway can be proud that this important genius has a connection to our city.

Tesla came to the United States in 1884 with a letter of introduction addressed to Thomas Edison from the English inventor, Charles Batchelor. In part, the letter said, "I know two great men and you are one of them; the other is this young man." Edison hired the twenty-eight year old scientist, but their union was confrontational from the start and lasted less than a year. Tesla's insistence on the potential of alternating current and the need for more strenuous research with AC was dismissed by Edison. Their disagreements caused continual tension and after a misunderstanding over a \$50,000 bet, Tesla left Edison's employ and formed a company under his own name. The headquarters of the newly formed Tesla Electric Light Company was Rahway, New Jersey.

The year was 1885 when Tesla set up his laboratory in the Randolph Ross Building which was located on Irving Street between Coach Street and Elizabeth Avenue. Within a year, he had perfected his electric arc lamp and approached the Common Council with a proposal to light the city streets with electric lamps. Edison had lighted a few Roselle streets in January, 1883, and Tesla was anxious to better his rival by demonstrating the superior quality of alternating current. The Common Council voted to grant Tesla a contract in June, 1886, making Rahway one of the first cities in the world to have street lighting powered by AC.

The two-year contract called for the number of lights not to exceed thirty-five, spaced a quarter mile apart. Cost of each light would be fixed at \$75.00/lamp/year, which was less than the cost for lighting by DC. The lamps would burn from dusk to 1:00 a.m., eighteen nights per month. (They were to be lit on moonless nights only. A member of Council was assigned to instruct the company to light the lamps on evenings when the moon was obscured by clouds).

The system ran well, but the contract was voided before the two years were up. The Rahway Gas Company, a powerful lobby in town and suppliers of gas for street lamps since the 1840's, was incensed when Council opted for the new power source. Gas Company representatives attended Council meetings and lodged complaints about everything from pole placement, to destruction of curbing, to poor service, to exorbitant costs. (The Gas Company's cost for lighting the streets was \$17.50/lamp/year). Council members ultimately acquiesced to the pressure and voted to cancel the contract with Tesla.

Tesla left Rahway and went to New York City where he continued to build on what would become and incredible legacy of achievements. Rahway can boast that it is part of that legacy.





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Franzia (Crisp White,Blush,Sangria,Chilable red)	5L \$12.99	Verdi (All Flavors)	
Freixenet	750ml \$ 8.99	Verdi (All Flavors)	-
Gato Negro (AllTypes)		Woodbridge (All Types)	•
Gazela Vinho Verde	750ml \$ 4.95	Yago Sangria	
Hess Select Chardonnay		Yellow Tail (All Types)	
J. Lohr Cabernet and Merlot		Zonin Pinot Grigio	-
Kendall Jackson Vintners Chardonnay	750ml \$11.99	Zonin Prosecco	
Korbel (All Types except Natural and Organic)	750ml \$11.99		

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