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Well over 60 guests and members attended the last Rahway Chamber General Membership Meeting held on Thursday, February 24th. There was a feeling of excitement in the air: a total of 15 officers and Board of Trustee members were elected; guest speaker Erich Peter of Union County Economic Development Corp. provided insights on his organization's role in assisting small businesses in Rahway and Nicole Stanley, Miss Black New Jersey, spoke of her passion for helping those in need.

The next Rahway Chamber of Commerce Meeting will be held on April 28 at 8:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge located at 1550 Irving Street. You do not have to be a member to attend, coffee and bagels are served.



(above, l-r) Former President Bill Brenner, newly elected president Bob Markey, Steering Committee Chairman Fred Oliveira listen to a presentation by Erich Peter.



(above) Tina Wilson owner of Elite Starz and her mom/assistant Hatty Manocchi with Nicole Stanley, 2011 Miss Black NJ.



(above, l-r) Rahway High School students Khari Hughes and Lucia Manzano who play Tony and Maria in the production West Side Story sang a duet at the Chamber of Commerce February meeting.

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Message from the President



LOOKS LIKE I MADE IT THROUGH

There's a party that just ended in New Orleans. I didn't make it again this year but maybe someday I will before I become too aged to be a reveler. Mardi Gras was over by midnight this past Tuesday. As the clock turned through that hour we began the first day of Lent. For Christians Easter Sunday will follow in about 40 days. This coming Sunday, March 13th, begins Daylight Savings Time so remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night. Then there's the day for wearing the green whether you're Irish or not: St. Paddy's Day of course on Thursday the 17th. Our full moon on Saturday night the 19th ushers in the first 1st day of Spring on the following morning, Sunday the 20th. Wow, another Winter past: looks like I made it through.

I saw 4 crocus flowers in my rear courtyard yesterday and popping through my garden soil were the shoots of daffodils and hyacinth. The daylilies are putting out new green leaves where their feet meet the ground. The starlings have begun to whistle and those aromatic male skunks are out at night looking for girlfriends.

I'll put away my 2 bird feeders pretty soon now that Winter is nearly behind us: but not too soon because even though the days and nights are warmer, our bird friends will still be hungry: they've foraged most of the wild seeds and very few insects are yet out and about. I'll keep my feeders filled through early April I suppose.

I'm oiling the creaky old garden gate hinges cause I'll be getting in there soon and adding some fresh compost to my soil. Maybe this spring I'll put in some early crops: peas & greens & perhaps a cabbage. I love gardening but I'm a lazy gardener as I don't wish to spend my time weeding and rototilling. That's why I'm a Square Foot Gardener; I can grow all I need in a small space not much bigger than my office desk and I hardly ever have to pull a weed; mostly what I do in my garden is enjoy it and harvest what I grow.

The magical shift of seasons is happening again. Over time I've become more and more appreciative of each of our seasons but my hands down favorite is Spring. My fingers in the soil and my heart in the clouds. Heaven and earth then become just about one for me.

Bob Markey, President

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CITY MEETING DATES & SCHEDULES

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, April 5, Pre-Meeting Conference

Monday, April 11, 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, March 15, Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, Regular Monthly Caucus

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Meetings are held in the Municipal Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, at 7:00 p.m. Please call (732) 827-2176 for any inquiries.

Monday, March 21

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, March 15

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, March 22

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings are held in the Municipal Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Plaza, Rahway at 7:00 p.m. Please call (732) 827-2176 for any inquiries.

Tuesday, March 29

RAHWAY CENTER PARTNERSHIP

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at Hotel Indigo, 1 Carriage City Plaza, 2nd Floor. Please call (732) 396-3545 for any inquiries.

Check for meetings; www.cityofrahway.com/rahway_center_partnership.htm

TRIPS LIBERTY HALL MUSEUM "STITCHES IN TIME"

Rahway Senior Services is planning a trip to the Liberty Hall Museum in Union on April 5, 2011 for a one hour guided tour of the exhibit, entitled Stitches in Time: Three Centuries of Hemlines, Necklines and Everything in Between. The exhibit will feature an array of fashion from Liberty Hall Museum's vast collection of material culture from the late 18th century to the mid 20th century.

The bus will be leaving from the Senior Center at 12:30 and return at approximately 3 p.m. The cost is \$10 and there will be no refunds after March 25th.

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

May 5, 2011 Rahway Senior Services will be going to see Singin' in the Rain at the Westchester Broadway Theatre in Elmsford, NY. We will leave from the Senior Center at 9:45 and be return at approximately 4:30 PM. The day includes salad, lunch, coffee or tea, bus transportation and the show. The cost is \$72 and there will be no refunds after April 15th.

SENIOR ART SHOW

The City of Rahway Arts District Council presents the Eighth Annual Rahway Senior Services Art Show at The Edge Gallery on the corner of Irving and Coach Street. The show will feature works by the artists of the Rahway Senior Services art classes. The art work will be on display First Thursday, April 7, 2011 from 6 – 9 p.m. and also on Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9 from 12 noon – 3 p.m. The Senior Art Show is being sponsored by Rahway A.A.R.P. Chapter #607.

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New communication forms continue to evolve and we believe this service will allow us to keep you informed in the most convenient, reliable way possible.

FREE JOB TRAINING

Project Ready will be accepting applications for its free six week job preparedness program on Tuesday, March 29 at 9:30 sharp. Applicants should be prepared to stay until 1:30PM. Basic computer skills will be taught including Microsoft Word, Excel and navigating the internet as well as resume writing and interview techniques. Project Ready is located within St. Joseph Social Service Center at 118 Division St. in Elizabeth. For more information please call (908) 353-1045 or visit www.stjosephelizabeth.org.

RAHWAY'S SPRING FISHING FLEA MARKET CELEBRATING 15 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday, March 19, 2011 the Rahway Spring Fishing Flea market will be held at St. Thomas Church Hall at 1400 St. Georges Ave., Rahway, NJ. 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. Door prizes will be given away every half hour which 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. For show or vendor information go to www.fishingfleamarkets.com or call 732-381-2165.

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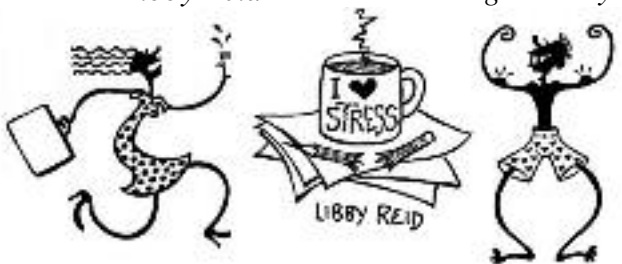
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LIBBY REID: ARTIST TURNED ARTS ADVOCATE

Rahway resident, Libby Reid, has been putting pen to paper and creating whimsy her entire life. Born in West Virginia, she was so enamored of the ink drawings in her favorite children's books, Mad Magazine and The New Yorker that she wrote and illustrated her first book, "The Mouse's House" at the tender age of 5. "I was so taken with the simplicity of the line drawings I'd seen in books like Stuart Little and Little Lulu I thought to myself, 'I can do this!'" recalls Libby. "I came up with a little story and drew pages of tiny mice then stapled everything together to form a book. I know this because my mom still has it!"

After earning her BFA, she tried her hand at jewelry-making in Connecticut and Philly, but, oddly, it was a stint as a public radio announcer at a Miami station that set her on the road to cartooning ... and New York City. "I was having a great time doing these funny drawings for the WLRN-FM newsletter and realized it was time," says Libby. "I think I always knew I'd make it to Manhattan, I just had to stall until I was ready."

And she was ready. Within a few years she found her niche, whimsical relationship observations for "women who notice too much" and created her own line of "Libby Reid" humorous postcards that sold across America and overseas. The cards happened to catch the eye of an eager book agent who pitched a book proposal to a prominent editor ... who happened to be staring at a "Libby Reid" postcard on her

wall at the same time!

Two fine cartoon books for Viking/Penguin Press followed, Do You Hate Your Hips More Than Nuclear War? and You Don't Have to Pet to be Popular as well as a write-up in People Magazine and a seat on the board of The Cartoonists Association. Libby's illustrations began to appear in major magazines like Glamour, McCall's, Cosmopolitan and Ms. and she was given two consecutive weekly columns in the New York Daily News: Dr. Trudy True, Cartoon Therapist and City Woman's Home Companion.

Then, the recession hit and Libby began to yearn for a slower pace and a gentler city and Portland, Oregon fit the bill; artistic and lively, it became her home for six years and allowed her to expand her talents into the advertising and promotion arena.

But the East Coast beckoned once again and this time Libby landed right here in Rahway, purchasing a charming Victorian home minutes from downtown and putting down roots at last. As Arts Coordinator for the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs for the past 10 years, she has gladly traded the transitory nature of the free-lance life for the satisfaction of encouraging the artistic talents of others.

"I love my life now ... when I want excitement I can hop a train into Manhattan," says Libby. "And I can finally sit down and draw for the sheer pleasure of it!"

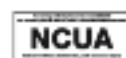


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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE RAHWAY RIVER WATERSHED

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As part of its continuing “Discover the Rahway 2011” series, the Rahway River Association is sponsoring three upcoming events in the area to educate residents about the Rahway River watershed.

On Tuesday, March 14 from 7- 9 p.m., Dr. Emile DeVito, Manager of Science and Stewardship at the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, will be conducting the popular Owl Prowl tour of Rahway River Park in Rahway. During our exploration, we learn more about the Screech and Great Horned Owls that live in this urban nature preserve. Bring binoculars and a flashlight. Dress in layers! Meet at the Ulrich Pool parking lot.

At 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22 at the Cranford Community Center 220 Walnut Ave.,

Cranford, Union County Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski and historian Kathleen Galup will give a fascinating presentation on how Union County had the foresight to establish one of the nation’s first urban “greenways” early in the 20th Century as part of the Rahway River Association’s “Olmstead Parks in Union County” lecture.

All events are free of charge and are open to the public, although participants are asked to RSVP at least 24 hours prior to each event. To confirm your attendance, or for more information, please e-mail info@rahwayriver.org.

The Rahway River watershed encompasses approximately 90 square miles in Essex, Middlesex and Union Counties and is the source

of drinking water for tens of thousands of area residents. For over 15 years, the Rahway River Association has worked towards protecting and promoting the health of the Rahway River watershed. For more information please visit www.rahwayriver.org or visit us on Facebook.



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(above) Kareem Taylor, Dominick Williams, & Xyaire Merriweather discuss their design.



(above) The teams and their vehicles before the big race!



(above) Natalie Quelopana & Ahmed Elsis are confident their orange wheels will roll right across the finish line for the win!



(above) Adrian Najjar, Noadia Charles, & Tia-Leigh Dorman believe the aerodynamic design of their vehicle will bring them the winning title.



(right) Hector Morales and Dana Wilkins hope they capture the win with their carrot-body design.



(above) Antionette Bryant & Wil'Lisha Jackson think their vehicle is ready to win the race!



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The Rahway Police Department would like to congratulate the newest members of the Rahway CERT team who recently graduated from the Rahway CERT training program. The Rahway CERT team now has 45 fully trained members in the Rahway community. The CERT team's training consisted of First aid, Search and rescue and basic emergency operations over an eight week training period. The Rahway CERT team has been instrumental in larger city special events. Most recently the team assisted in the H1N1 clinics in 2010.



(above) Members of the Rahway CERT team and staff training at the Linden Fire Academy.

LA FAYETTE LODGE #27 OF RAHWAY

In a ritual dating back to the 1800's, La Fayette Lodge #27 of Rahway held their annual installation of officers on Dec. 18, 2010. Lawrence C. Bodine of Rahway was installed as the Worshipful Master by Douglas A. Patrick, the outgoing Master, the first African American Master of the 157 year old lodge and probably one of the few in the entire District in which La Fayette resides. In a completely memorized dialogue, WB Patrick installed Bro. Bodine and all the officers for the ensuing Masonic year in an open Installation ceremony where friends and relatives could enjoy the fraternal and important occasion with their loved ones. La Fayette Lodge has been an integral part of Rahway's downtown and has a reputation for supporting the community with charitable donations and participation in citywide events. Information about the Lodge can be obtained by calling either 732-388-0309 or 732-388-7081 and leaving a message.



(above) Lawrence C. Bodine of Rahway was installed as the Worshipful Master by Douglas A. Patrick, the outgoing Master.

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(right) Students from Roosevelt School - Billie Kluse, Chris Sanders, Marcel Leach, Tianna Lee, Lee'Shae Lawson, and Rowena Songcuan.



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Forget the weatherman - according to Punxsutawney Phil, Spring is just around the corner and plots are now available for the Rahway Community Garden's third season of operation. Plot rentals for the 2011 growing season are affordably priced at \$25 each (\$15 for senior citizens age 62 and over). Quality soil, good sun, secure access, water, a shed and some small tools are provided. The garden is located on Central Avenue directly across the street from the Berzinec Park playground & tennis courts.

The garden opened in June of 2009 with 11 beds tended by 9 gardeners. In 2010, the garden was increased to its full capacity of 28 beds. All

plots were reserved by May 1 and there was a waiting list in 2010.

Plots may be rented for the 2011 season by Rahway residents only with a limit of one per household. Each plot is approximately 4'x8'.

Applications can be downloaded from the City website cityofrahway.com/recreation.htm. Completed applications may be mailed or returned to the Recreation Department, 275 East Milton Avenue with check or money order.

Weather permitted, the garden will open for Spring planting on March 20. There will be an orientation meeting at the garden in mid-May and gardeners are encouraged to participate in some of the general operating functions of the garden in addition to tending their individual plots. All plots are to be planted by May 30.

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(above) Rahway resident Andreana Hawkins and her two children, young gardeners Akyiah and Alijah, harvesting fresh, organic veggies last August.



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FIRE AND ICE

Some say the world will end in fire,
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From what I've tasted of desire
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Robert Frost (1874 – 1963)



*White Castle Contest
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(above, l-r) Former Chamber President Bill Brenner, Nicole Stanley and newly elected Chamber President Bob Markey.

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Rahway's very own Nicole Stanley, 2011 Miss Black New Jersey, was a featured guest and speaker at the Chamber's last general membership meeting which took place at the Masonic Lodge in downtown on Thursday morning, February 24th.



(above, r-l) Newly elected Chamber President Bob Markey thanks Charles Kurowsky, Secretary of the Lafayette Masonic Lodge for his organization's recent donation to the Rahway Chamber of Commerce. Rahway's Lafayette-Lodge has a long association with our town and its membership provides ongoing support for many city organizations and needy causes.

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(above, l-r) Carmen Tyler McLendon, Lena Perkins and Deborah Dadds of Healing and Helping Women in our community with Health Awareness, and Jay Skeete-Lee of Rahway Dance.

PHOTO ALBUM FROM THE RAHWAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FEBRUARY MEETING

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can be found on the newspaper website
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(above, l-r) Rahway Environmental Commission members Peggy Najjar and Denise Rolong with Nicole Stanley.



(above, l-r)
City Historian Alex Shipley
and RHS Band Director
Robert Van Wyk.



(above, l-r) RFD Captain &
Fire Official Mike Brothers,
Chick Bachmann owner
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(above, l-r) Marianne Power,
Owner of Saliga & Markey Real
Estate, Judge Andy Baron,



(above, l-r) RCC Secretary Lisa Jedic, Tom Jedic
and RCC Treasurer Walter Makarucha.



(above, l-r) Photographer Wayne Koslowski
of Studio 24 with Fr. Dennis Kaelin of Divine
Mercy Parish, formerly St Mary's & St
Mark's parishes, who said a benediction
prayer at the open of the Chamber meeting.



(above, l-r) Vice-President Nate Albano,
John Luchowski from Rahway P.A.L. and
Bill Brenner.

RWJ Rahway Foundation has announced its leadership for 2011. Newly-elected officers are Bernice "Bunny" Bowen, Chairman and Michele Chen, Vice-Chairman. Re-elected officers are Bonnie Josephs, Secretary, and Richard "Rick" Parker, Treasurer.

Bernice "Bunny" Bowen joined the Foundation in 1999. She is a New Jersey Real Estate broker and is Broker/Owner of Bowen Realty, LLC, Clark. She is a graduate of the American School of Business, and has served on the Board of the Union County Arts Center. In addition, Mrs. Bowen previously served as Vice Chairman and Secretary of the Foundation, is a member of the Foundation's Finance, Bylaws, Rose Ball, Golf Classic and Fashion Show Committees. Mrs. Bowen resides in Clark with

her husband John.

Michele Chen became a trustee in 1993. She served as Chairman of the Foundation from 1997-1999. A former co-chairman and founder of the Foundation's first Fashion Show, she presently serves as Reservations Chairman. She also serves as Reservations Chair on the Rose Ball Committee and is a member of the Golf Classic Committee, which she chaired from 1997-1999. Her husband, Dr. Michael Chen, is a member of RWJ Rahway's Medical/Dental Staff and is Director of Cardiology.

A Foundation trustee for fifteen years, Bonnie Maye Josephs, Station Cab, has previously served as Foundation Vice-chairman. She serves on the Nominating Committee and Rose Ball Committee, has been Co-chairman of both the

Golf Classic and Fashion Show, and still serves on both committees.

Richard "Rick" Parker was elected to the Foundation Board of Trustees in 2003 and is Chairman of the Finance Committee. An Executive Director with CBIZ KA Consulting Services LLC, he previously held the title of Vice President of Finance at RWJ Rahway. He is a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association, serving as Treasurer of the Board of Directors. He is a member of the Golf Classic Committee and served as the Honorary Chairman for the 2008 event.

For information about RWJ Rahway Foundation or to make a donation, please call the Foundation Office, 732.499.6135, or e-mail at foundation@rwjuhr.com



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RWJ RAHWAY FOUNDATION TO HONOR HOSPITAL BOARD MEMBER AND ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY

RWJ Rahway Foundation and the Rose Ball Committee are pleased to announce that Elizabethtown Gas Company is the 2011 recipient of the Order of the Rose and hospital Board of Governors member and former Chairman, Ron Kowalczyk, is being inducted into the 2011 Guardians of the Rose.

The honors will be bestowed at the Rose Ball Goes Hollywood gala to be held on Saturday evening, April 16, at the Hotel Westminster in Livingston. Reservations are \$225 per person.

"The Rose Ball Goes Hollywood" promises to be an exciting evening of glamour, glitz and glitter," said Christine Kline, Rose Ball Chairman.

Elizabethtown Gas Company is the 2011 recipient of the Order of the Rose for their outstanding support of RWJ Rahway. With roots that stretch back to 1855, Elizabethtown Gas today serves more the 269,000 residential, business and industrial natural gas customers in New Jersey. They believe in supporting the hospital in their service territory with their time, talent and dollars. Elizabethtown Gas has been a financial supporter of RWJ Rahway for several years, as well as providing guidance and support on the Foundation Board.

Ron Kowalczyk is the 2011 recipient of the Guardians of the Rose for his long-time dedication, commitment and support of

RWJ Rahway. He joined the RWJ Rahway Board of Governors in 1985 and served as Chairman from 1996 to 1998. He presently serves on the Board planning, finance, legal and audit and governance committees, and has chaired these committees during his Board

tenure. He is retired from the oil industry where he worked for 37 years. Mr. Kowalczyk was instrumental in navigating the hospital through some challenging times and providing outstanding leadership.

Bunny Bowen, Foundation Chairman said, "The Rose Ball Committee is fortunate to have Christine Kline at the helm for the past 13 years, along with her hard working committee." The Rose Ball Committee members are Marguerite Bejgrowicz, Trustee; Foundation Chairman, Bunny Bowen; Michele Chen, Vice-Chairman; Roberta Geyer, Trustee; Joe Gibilisco, Immediate Past Chairman; Lillian Heide; Bonnie Josephs, Foundation Secretary; Joan Katen; Rosanne Krewedl; Frank Light, M.D., Trustee; Foundation President, Marlene H. Lubinger; President & CEO, Kirk Tice; Maria Weinstein, Rahway Manager, Northfield Bank, and Timothy Williams, Trustee, Elizabethtown Gas Company.

Mrs. Kline said, "Why not give a gift that can give back by purchasing a Rose Ball 50/50 cash raffle ticket and help your community hospital at the same time! Only 1,000 tickets at \$50 each will be sold. The ten winners will share 50% of the amount received for all tickets sold.

Proceeds from the gala will benefit the programs and services of RWJ Rahway, helping the hospital to continue providing the state-of-the-art healthcare services for the community.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In honor of Black History month, Mrs. Faver's class at Roosevelt School in Rahway learned about Rosa Parks. Pictured are some of her students with the buses they made.



SINGING THE BLUES

In celebration of Black History Month, the students in Deborah Prakapas' 5th grade class at Roosevelt School in Rahway studied the history of blues music and then wrote and performed their own original blues songs for their classmates.



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(left, l-r) Roosevelt School students Julian Navarro, Kyle Sanders, Anthony Muschiatti, Amaya Morisseau, Brandon Alicea, Mrs. Rubino (GT teacher), Will Sanders, Jazon Andes, Cristian Huertas, and Samantha Nieves.



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The Roosevelt Elementary Playground Committee is asking for help because the Roosevelt Elementary School has no playground. Rahway's largest grammar school serving 680 students is our town's only public school without a playground and a group of parents of Roosevelt's kids are trying to change that. "Our children need quality recreation in addition to a quality education and that is why we need your help" explained school mom Joanne Andrews. "As a community we need to do something about this together. The Roosevelt School Playground Committee is committed to trying to raise funds to help our school, our neighborhood and our children" noted Ms. Andrews. If you would like to help, please contact Chermaine Sweeney, Roosevelt Elementary Playground Committee Chairperson @ 201-978-9887.



*I know we've come a long way,
We're changing day to day,
But tell me, where do the Children Play?
- Cat Stevens*

OH, THE BOOKS YOU WILL READ

Roosevelt School in Rahway celebrated Read Across America Day on March 2nd. This day is a nationwide observance, backed by the NEA, celebrating the birthday of Theodor Geisel (Dr. Seuss) who would have been 107 years old. Stephanie Keat, a Rahway High School teacher, brought Thespians Club members from Rahway High to read to the students at Roosevelt School.



(above) 4th grade students Victor Laurie, Roman Simmons and Elizabeth Jones enjoying a visit with the cat in the school library.

SHELVING PURCHASE FIRST STEP IN SUPPORT OF LIBRARY

The revitalized Friends of the Rahway Public Library made their first contribution to the library, providing funds raised in 2010 for purchase of a Blue-Ray DVD shelf at the beginning of this year.

The shelving will hold nearly 600 DVDs, providing storage in one of the fastest-growing areas of the library.

"It's wonderful to have the Friends contributing to the library with an improvement that can be seen and enjoyed by everyone," remarked Gail Miller, Director of the Rahway Public Library. The need for additional shelving was identified by library staff, who worked with the Friends group to arrange the purchase.

The Friends of the Rahway Public Library was reformed in June 2010, with the goal of providing financial and other support to the Library. Those interested in joining the group are welcome to attend any of the next monthly meetings at the library (March 10, April 14, or May 12, all beginning at 6:30 p.m.).

RAHWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY MARCH 2011 EVENTS

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING:

All are welcome to attend.

Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 pm

THE MENTAL HEALTH PLAYERS:

Two different performances of real life-role play, followed by interactive discussions between the audience and the performers.

Monday, February 14 at 2:00 pm

AND

Wednesday, March 16 at 6:00 pm

READER'S CIRCLE BOOK GROUP:

This month's title: "People of the Book".

Wednesday, March 16 at 2:00 pm

JERSEYAIRES: Musical performance.

Monday, March 21 at 6:30 pm

BOOK BINGO: for ages 18+; everyone wins!

Tuesday, March 22 at 2:00 pm

TEEN EVENTS

TEEN TECH WEEK:

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ANIME CLUB:

Watch Funimation anime and enjoy a snack!.

Monday, March 28 at 6:30 pm

ANTI-BULLYING WORKSHOP:

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CHILDREN'S EVENTS

TODDLER TIME: No registration required.

Tuesdays at 10:30 am

DR. SEUSS CELEBRATION: Stories and craft. For all ages.

Wednesday, March 2 at 6:30 pm

MARDI GRAS: After school craft.

Tuesday, March 8 at 4:00 pm

DISTRICT FAMILY READING NIGHT:

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Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 pm

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Spotlight on BUSINESS



It's the beginning of March which means almost a quarter of 2011 is gone. Now's the time to ask yourself, how well am I doing with those New Year's resolutions? Have you quit smoking, are you eating healthier, and how serious are you about getting in shape before summer time? If you've fallen behind on your goals now is the time to get moving. Luckily for Rahway residents we have the perfect place to shake off the extra lb's we packed on this winter. Power & Fitness Health Club opened in June of 2009 after a remodel which included a brand new lobby, painting of the entire interior and exterior building, a new hardwood suspension floor in the group fitness room, a new floor layout and all new equipment. The club was designed to fit each individual's needs by offering group fitness classes (i.e. Zumba, BootCamp, Spinning, Kick Boxing and more), personal training, sports specific training, state of the art equipment, a boxing room, private personal training room and over 50 pieces of brand new cardio equipment. Power & Fitness is open 24 hours and offers a staffed and video monitored childcare center, a juice bar and a tanning salon all for a membership that starts as low as \$19.95 per month.

Club owners Ray and Joe Giacobbe were born

and raised in Rahway. Both very athletic growing up, Ray played soccer, football, wrestling and baseball while Joe played football, wrestling and baseball as well. Ray graduated from Rahway High School in 1997 and attended American International University on a full football scholarship. Joe graduated Rahway High School in 2002 and walked on to the Rutgers Football team and earned a full football scholarship. The Giacobbe brothers take their time in the weight room seriously and gained a passion for fitness at an early age. Joe still holds the one rep squat max record of 625lbs in the Rutgers weight room and is one of Power & Fitness's premier trainers.

It's not too late to get started on your workout routine well ahead of the warmer months. If you're looking for a bright and fresh environment that will help motivate and keep you on track with your fitness goals, check out Power & Fitness Health Club. You won't be disappointed.

To find more information go to www.powerandfitness.net, like them on Facebook by searching keyword Power and Fitness Health Club and follow them on twitter @powerandfitness.

This article submitted by Chamber Vice-President Nate Albano. Nate and his family are Rahway residents. Nate is an insurance broker with Groendyke Associates and can be contacted at cell: 732-762-9975 or www.Groendyke.net

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Cabernet Sauvignon Tasting Notes: Beautiful and lively ruby red color with brilliant hues. The expression of cassis in this wine perfectly represents the Central Valley and its richness in fruit such as cherries and plums. Initially it shows its structure due to strong tannins that end elegant and juicy. The fruit flavors are confirmed by the long, elegant taste. (MUST PRESENT COUPON)

RUFFINO CHIANTI 1.5LT \$13.20

Tasting Notes:As always this Chianti features a deliciously vinous bouquet, where the floral and fruity notes lead towards a finish of slightly spicy scents of white pepper and hazelnuts. It is medium-bodied and is pleasantly fruity, harmonious and persistent. (MUST PRESENT COUPON)

SMOKING LOON (ALL TYPES) 750ML \$8.02

Cabernet Sauvignon Tasting Notes: Cedar, sandalwood, plum and cherry flavors carry over nicely to the palate, where the flavors are intense and well proportioned. Long, complex aftertaste. (MUST PRESENT COUPON)

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ESTANCIA CABERNET 750ML \$12.10

Tasting Notes: Pours deep garnet with crimson hues. Aromas of ripe, dark black cherry, chocolate and currant complement the spicy, peppery notes and hints of tasted sweet oak. On the palate, one gets jammy dark fruit accompanied by soft velvety tannins, followed with a long rich finish. (MUST PRESENT COUPON)

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