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PLANNING FOR RAHWAY DAY IN HIGH GEAR

On Saturday May 4th, the Rahway Chamber of Commerce will host the 2nd annual Rahway Day. The celebration will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, at the Rahway Public Library, 2 City Hall Plaza.

A scavenger "Race Around Rahway" organized by the Friends of the Library, will also take place starting at the Public Library and continuing around the downtown area. The event, similar to television's "Amazing Race," pits teams of contestants against each other in a search for items hidden around the downtown area. Each team must solve the nine clues, gather needed items from various locations, and return to the starting point before any of the others.

"The purpose of Rahway Day is to showcase our spectacular Public Library and all that this community has to offer to residents and businesses while at the same time welcoming new comers to our town," said Bob Markey, President of the Rahway Chamber of Commerce. "The overall theme of our celebration is 'Think Rahway First'. The atmosphere will be festive and there will be activities for all ages."

Admission to Rahway Day is free and open to the public. Volunteers are needed. A donation will be made to the Friends of the Rahway Library from the proceeds of the tabling fees and 50/50 raffle. Tables may be available for day-of registration.

For more information visit rahwaychamberofcommerce.com or email rahwayday@rahwaychamberofcommerce.com.



(above, l-r) Chamber Marketing Chair Nikki Ahmetaj of Allume Events and Rahway Day Chair Carmen McClendon of Striker Realty.

NETWORKING EVENT AT WAITING ROOM IS SMASH SUCCESS

The Rahway Chamber of Commerce held a "Matchmaker Networking" Event on February 26, 2013 at The Waiting Room located at 66 Cherry Street in Downtown Rahway. The event was free to attend and businesses from Rahway and other towns showed up to meet each other and promote their businesses. Complimentary food was available accompanied

by live music performed by singing and guitar playing duet Kartickter. The event was successful with approximately 50 people mixing.

Businesses interested in attending the next Chamber of Commerce event could visit their website for more info.

(Additional photos from the event can be found on page 8.)



(above, l-r) Tom Bayone of Mr. B. Printing with duet Kartickter, who supplied live music for the event.



(above, l-r) Waiting Room staffers Danielle, Taylor, Pete.



(above) Kim Cabbagestalk of Kims in the Mix, Celeste Santana, Clea Carchia of Chameleon Design House and Nikki Ahmetaj of Allume Events.



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Message from the President THE TALKING #48 BUS... URBAN NOISE POLLUTION HITS A NEW HIGH!

I live in our downtown on the corner of West Main and Elizabeth Avenue. About 5:30AM each morning the NJTransit #48 bus passes by on its way north from Carteret to Elizabeth. I know its schedule well because the bus generally wakes me up. I don't get out of bed: I reach over and turn up the volume on my Brookstone white noise machine and try my best to get back to sleep for another hour or so. You see, bus engines are really noisy and they are smelly too. I don't smell their exhaust in the cold weather cause' my balcony door is closed. In warmer weather I get a double whammy, as my balcony door is generally open and the noise from that diesel engine becomes even noisier: its engine fumes make me catch my breath.

So you might think "hey Markey ... what's the row, you wanta live in downtown, you gotta expect that". I may have to agree to an extent with that thought, however having said that, there really must be limits cause my story ain't over yet. Get this, there's a new element to the racket now the #48 bus also talks out loud announcing by a pre-recorded blurb to passengers and to the people on the street that "the bus is turning" and just in case you didn't get its message in English, it repeats the same in Spanish too not just at my corner but the blurb repeats at every corner that the bus turns throughout its route!

I haven't yet seen the 2007 film "Noise" starring Tim Robbins portraying Henry Bean, the real life batterer of NYC car alarms on whose life the movie was based. Bean could not stand the sound of car alarms blaring for up to four hours in his Manhattan neighborhood, and when car owners didn't address their blaring alarms soon enough, Bean took matters into his own hands. I can certainly sympathize with his frustrations.

Urban Noise pollution has become in NYC the number one complaint. According to the World Health Organization, in Europe traffic noise alone is harming the health of almost one in three people. Noise pollution is more than an annoyance, it's become a critical health problem effecting all ages from our children to our seniors.

I'm not moving back to the farm country to escape this problem so I best do battle here in our old urban core. I'll fight the talking buses as well as the loud motorcycles, the airplane noise, the indiscriminate honking of horns and the rest of the noisemakers: not with sticks and stones but through our political system, as best I can. Hey, your help is needed so let's get together and all make some NOISE too!

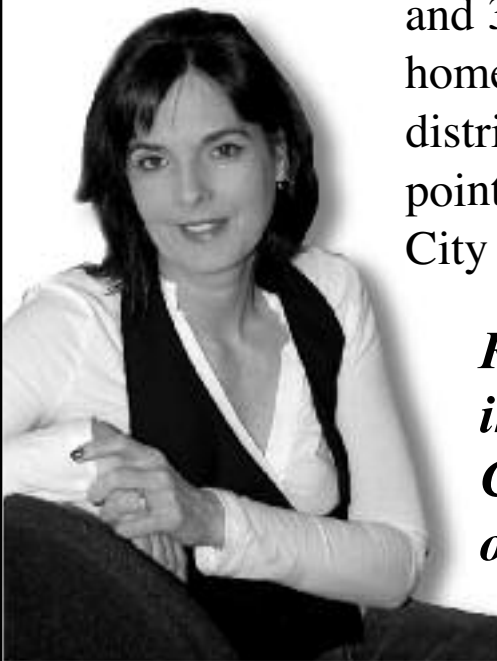
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RAHWAY GARDEN CLUB RECEIVES THANK YOU FROM CITY FATHERS

The Rahway Garden Club received a resolution commending their members for assisting in the care of city owned Arts Park during 2012. Arts Park is at the corner of Irving Street and Central Avenue across from Union County Performing Arts Center. Garden Club members planted summer flowering plants, watered and weeded and deadheaded old blossoms during the growing season as well as setting out holiday greens and bows in December.



(above, l-r) Pat Marlinski, outgoing president Bob Markey, Councilman David Brown, Debra Stuart and incoming President James Keane. Further information about the Garden Club can be obtained by contacting James Keane at telephone 908 499-1082.



BIRD BATHS

You can easily attract many birds during the spring and summer months by supplying a source of clean water. Garden centers offer a wide assortment of baths from the traditional pedestal bird baths to those with newer 'water features'.

A bird bath doesn't have to be big or expensive. Even a simple plant saucer filled with clean water will be used by many birds. There are a few things you can do to make your bird bath more user friendly. Since birds come in many different sizes, a stone placed in the bath creates levels for the birds to enter the water. This will make it more attractive to many birds from smaller wrens and sparrows to the larger colorful blue jays and cardinals.

Many migrating birds are attracted to the sound of moving water. These water features have the added advantage of a relaxing sound which is enjoyed as much by people as it is by animals. I'm going to be honest; they are harder to clean, but the extra effort is well worth the rewards. Most garden centers and stores place these baths on sale in the autumn, a good time to buy one.

Protection from cats and hawks is a major concern. Keep your bath about ten feet from shrubs or a fence that can be used for a quick escape. This will give birds time to hide but



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

prevent cats from using the bushes to hide and wait. Cats are born hunters.

It is important to keep your bird bath clean and filled with fresh water. This will prevent it from becoming a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Once a week I empty mine out and scrub it with baking soda and steel wool. I keep those items together in zip-loc bags so they are always handy.

When selecting your bird bath, get one which you know you can easily tend. Otherwise the bird bath will become an annoying chore rather than the enjoyable experience it should be.

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JLINE DANCE CREW TOUTS ANTI-BULLYING

Students at Franklin School in Rahway received a valuable lesson on February 27, 2013. Those lessons included intervening when they witnessed someone being bullied and to focus on their passions. These lessons were conveyed through a N.Y based dance group called JLINE Dance Crew. JLINE Dance Crew delivered an anti bullying message to fourth, fifth and sixth graders while doing a 30 minute skit and dance routine. JLINE was bullied as a child and now performs songs he's written about his experience. JLINE uses his personal experiences to inspire other kids to focus on their future, educate themselves and most of all, find a passion in life and a way to cultivate that passion every day.



(above) Members from JLINE dance crew

OPENING DAY FOR RAHWAY BALLBUSTERS

Submitted by Coach Mark

The 16U boys' baseball team will be starting the 2013 season Vs. a team from The United States Amateur Baseball League. Come support our guys! It's free!

Soups to Dogs will be open for business. The first game is scheduled for April 7th at 12:30 p.m. at Madison Ave Park (Rahway Middle School). Anyone purchasing a ticket for the June 22nd game at Newark Bears Stadium for \$7.00 will receive a free hot dog and soda on our opening day. A special thanks goes out to Lt. Gene DeCarlo for his support over the years.



(above) Rahway BallBuster Baseball team at Newark Bears field.

FISHING FLEA MARKET

On Saturday, March 23, 2013 the Rahway Spring Fishing Flea Market will celebrate their 17th year 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. Door prizes will be given away every half hour including rods, reels, tackle and more. Food and refreshments are sponsored by St. Thomas Holy Name Society. Show hours are 9 am to 2 pm. Admission is \$4.00 per adult, children 12 and under are free. For show or vendor info go to www.fishingfleamarkets.com or call 732-381-2165.



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PHOTOS FROM CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT



(above, l-r) Staff members from Attorney Christopher Armstrong's Office Michele Bizzoco, Morgan Pulcine, Lauren Wison and Nina Alberti.



Amy Garcia Phillips of Contento Dance, Myra Schram of Robert C. Schram Accounting Services, Stacey Schram of Dove Chocolate and Flowered Creations, and Erika Schmid of Mandies Candies 16.



(above, l-r) Anna Marie Williams of Willit Concierge in Rahway and Robert Cardiello of The Pen Connection, Clark.



(above, l-r) Linda Chandler Freeman of Striker Realty, with Shekira, and Celeste Santana, who are both event planners and designers.



(above, l-r) Chamber guest with Rahway Chamber of Commerce President Bob Markey and Lenora Maple of Striker Realty, Maria Flores and Wendy Gomez of Venturas Moving, Event Planner Celeste Santana and Chamber guest.



(above) Tony Ferraro of K and K Recognition Awards

Photos of this and other Rahway events can be found on-line at www.ourtownrahway.com

The Rahway Chamber of Commerce ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2012 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR.

The criteria for consideration are as follows:

- The business must have been operating for the entire 2012 calendar year.
- The business must have contributed to the enhancement of Rahway, during 2012.
- The business must have a permanent, physical Rahway address.

Please submit your nominations to Tony Ferraro, either by E Mail: tonyferraro@comcast.net,

or fax: 732-499-7660,

or Mail: K and K Recognition Awards, 75 E. Cherry Street, Suite 1A, Rahway, NJ 07065.

- Nominations only will be considered if they are signed and dated with a return address.
- Deadlines for submissions are April 1, 2013. Voting will open soon after.
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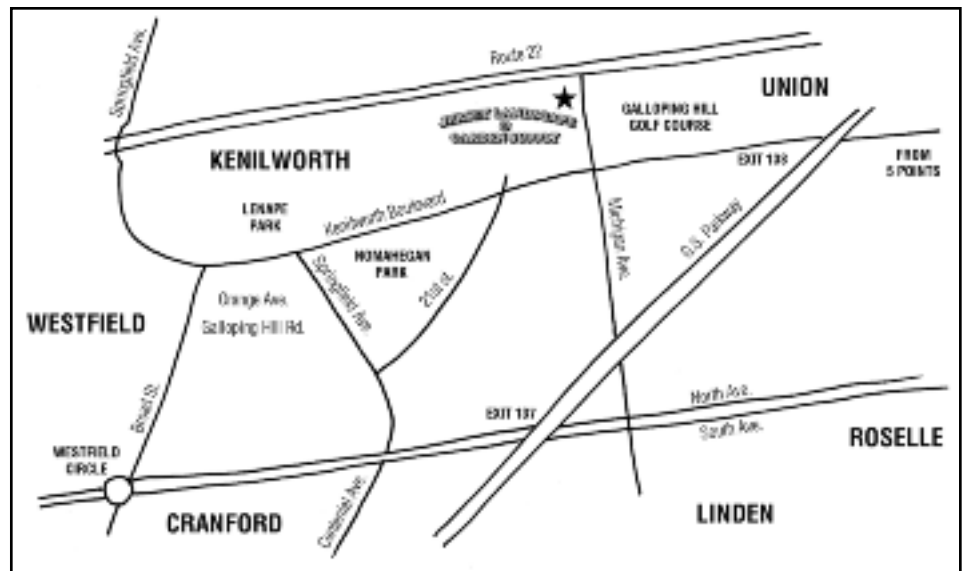
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Mrs. Polanin's 5th graders at Roosevelt School in Rahway like to help Mrs. Tourtellot's kindergarten students. They meet throughout the year to work on different projects. For the month of March in honor of Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss's birthday, the 5th graders read Dr. Seuss books to their little friends.



(above, r-l) Dmitri Lee reading to Ashton Baez.

HATS OFF TO READING! READ ACROSS AMERICA

NEA's Read Across America Day took place Friday, March 1st at Roosevelt School in Rahway. The day honors the birthday of Dr. Seuss. All across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participated by bringing together kids, teens, and books. The event is the beginning of a month-long celebration of reading. The Read Across America day encourages teachers, parents and older siblings to pick up a book and read to younger children, and to model good habits by reading themselves and sharing their love of books with others.



(above) Rahway High School Drama students (along with the Cat in the Hat) were readers at Roosevelt School. Pictured are 2nd graders Daniel Edmonds, Nikki Sae-Heng and Elijah Solomon with the Cat in the Hat and Rahway High School Readers.

CAT IN THE HAT

On Friday, March 1, 2013, the students at Franklin Elementary School in Rahway celebrated Read Across America and Dr. Seuss's Birthday. Students in Ms. Lindsey Lerner's bilingual kindergarten class learned about Dr. Seuss and had fun making hats. The students were also very excited when their guest reader, Ms. Lorraine Aklonis, came to read "The Cat in the Hat Comes Back" to the class.



(above, l-r) Students Kevin Mendez, Ayleen Celis, Cesar Pena, Brandon Elizondo, and Christian Soriano proudly show Ms. Aklonis their "Cat Hats!"

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The Rahway Band Boosters is holding an “Argyle Fish and Chips Dinner” fundraiser on Friday, March 22nd.

The world famous “Argyle Fish and Chips” is coming to Rahway on Friday, March 22nd at the American Legion, Post # on Maple Ave from 5 – 7 pm. Reservations are recommended (call 732-396-2910 or email rhsbanddirector@gmail.com). Tickets will be available at the door.

The Rahway Band Boosters are hosting this event to raise funds in support of the various band programs.

There are many great community service organizations within the City of Rahway. The Rahway High School Band Boosters are proud to lead the charge in giving back to their community. Formed over a half-century ago, the Band Boosters have been supporting performing arts events and programs throughout the community influencing thousands of children. Many of the Band Booster Parents are indeed past members of the Rahway Bands program and enjoy giving back the opportunities that they enjoyed within the school program.

The Band Boosters provide vital logistical support for the activities of the band program. Whether its refreshments, equipment transportation, uniform maintenance, fundraising, chaperoning, providing scholarships to seniors or a bevy of other jobs, the Rahway High School Band Boosters are always busy helping students have a fantastic experience.

Throughout the year, the Band Booster Association also puts on a number of community event fundraisers to build awareness and financial support for band programs. Spaghetti Dinners, Pancake breakfasts and more help provide the organization funding. Band Director, Robert Van Wyk adds, “For generations, the parents that make up our Band Booster Association have led the way in giving back to our community. We are so fortunate to enjoy the fruits of that passion for supporting the arts and our student musicians. Beyond all the great work that they do, they have a great time doing it!”.

LEARNING THE “POWER OF ONE” CAN HELP STOP BULLYING

Students in grades K-3 at Franklin School in Rahway know the power to stop bullying is in their own hands. Members of Soren Bennick Productions performed, The Power Of One, an anti-bullying show that focuses on helping students identify types of bullying. The Power of One is a series of skits presented by actors who use boxes, colors and masks to vividly portray what bullying is, what can be done about it, and how every child has the power of one, the power to report bullying when they see it. At the end of the performance, the school was presented with a poster with an Anti Bullying Oath, which will be signed by all students and put up in the school.



(above, l-r) 2nd grade students Caleb Santos, Gianna Rettino, Bryan Monterroso with Members of Soren Bennick Productions



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members, as well as from their family members and Friends emeritus.

But there is another group that is even more important in this sale. And who might that be? I'd suggest that the most important participants of all are you, the citizens of this town.

For without you, no donations come in, and no sale happens. It's that simple. Of course we sell books that have been weeded from the library's collection, but if we relied solely on the library's discards, our sale would be very short indeed (and unprofitable!).

So that's why you are important to us. But why is the sale important to you? Let me count the ways.

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IT BUILDS COMMUNITY

Attending and spending time at the sale allows you to meet new people and make new friends. Sharing notions about good books, asking whether someone has read something, or finding out that a person lives just down the block are just a few of the small pleasures I've had as I've talked with attendees at previous sales.

IT INSPIRES YOU TO BECOME A FRIEND

Coming to the sale allows you to see just what the Friends do, and perhaps to discover that we're a positive and productive bunch. The sale may just convince you that the mission of the Friends—helping to build up the library—is one that you need to get behind.

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A lifetime resident, Lopez worked his way through high school and college by making deliveries for the once-booming establishment. "I can remember nights when there were more orders than I could handle," recalls Lopez. Many area families had a weekly tradition to gather around the dinner table and take them up on their slogan "Don't Cook Tonight...Call Chicken Delight" by having freshly-prepared chicken delivered in the classic yellow-and-orange bucket.

He always imagined that he'd own Chicken Delight one day. Last fall, that day came when previous owner, Joseph Gorzenik, approached Lopez with the prospect of purchasing the business he had dedicated his life to building. Lopez struck a deal with Gorzenik, and is excited about the prospect of bringing back some of that same nostalgia by maintaining top quality and personalized service to each and every customer.

In the few months since its acquisition, Lopez, along with his business partner, have given the interior a face lift and revamped the menu by introducing a healthier-options lunch menu and updating the traditional chicken, ribs, and seafood combination offerings. In addition, the pair has returned to serving its made-to-order chicken in the iconic Chicken Delight bucket. They look forward to serving the residents of Rahway for the next 40-plus years.

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TEENS FOR JEANS



Students at Franklin School in Rahway participated in the "Teens for Jeans" campaign sponsored by Aeropostale. Students donated their old jeans to help fight teen homelessness. Franklin School collected 121 pairs of jeans which will be donated to homeless teens.

FAMILY READING NIGHT

Roosevelt School and Grover Cleveland School in Rahway held their Family Reading Night Monday, March 4th, at the Rahway Public Library. Roosevelt School Librarian, Mrs. Susan Rubino said, "It was the best turn out ever. We had over 50 families attend!" The evening began with Superintendent of School, Mr. Edward Yergaloni, reading a story to the children. Then children made bookmarks and/or book bags, refreshments were served and all children went home with a free book. Pictured are 4th grade Roosevelt students with their book bags.



(above, l-r) Julie Schroeder, Kailey Beckford, Gina Delbene, and Gianna Muschiatti.

FAMILY WRITING NIGHT

On January 16, 2013, for the sixth year in a row, Rahway Public Schools' second graders, their families and various staff met at the Rahway Public Library for Family Writing Night. Each child received a book kit called "Klutz Build a Book". This kit was instrumental in helping them create their own book. The children wrote an original story about a family event and then illustrated it with the help of their families. This family writing activity was successful and everyone had a fun evening.



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THE REGINA MUSIC BOX COMPANY

Rahway Remembers by Al Shipley

A new American industry whose products found their way into countless thousands of homes, cafes, hotels, and beer gardens was born in September of 1892 when Gustave Brachhausen left his native land of Germany at the age of thirty-five and arrived in New York. Within the year he established the Regina Music Box Company of Jersey City, New Jersey.

It was Brachhausen's plan to exhibit his music boxes, get a few orders, and then begin production. His venture spread more rapidly than anticipated, however, and the newly-formed company was soon in need of more space. The young businessman found exactly what he was looking for in the city of Rahway. Located across from the rail lines, a twenty-five thousand square foot building at 54 West Cherry Street was vacant and Brachhausen quickly

bought it. The massive three story building became available when the former owner, the successful Mershon Printing Company, moved to larger quarters on Elizabeth Avenue. Brachhausen would also purchase a second building to house his cabinetry shop.

The new facility would be manned by over three hundred workers, many of them skilled craftsmen who came from Europe by way of Brachhausen's invitation. In the years between 1892 and 1915 Regina would manufacture more than one hundred thousand boxes. The company handcrafted several dozen models ranging in price from \$10.00 for the very basic model to \$350.00 for the deluxe player.

In a time before radio and television, the music box was an early version of a home entertainment center. An advertisement from

1897 explains how a music box could make a home more cheerful, especially during the long, dreary evenings of winter. "Dullness is unknown in the households that own a Regina, the queen of all music boxes. It is like having a skilled musician always at ones command. Plays 1000 tunes and plays them well. Furnishes music for impromptu dances – amuses the children – soothes the invalid – and is a never-failing source of pleasure to everyone. Runs from 20 to 30 minutes with one winding, is strongly made and does not get out of order. The quality of tone has never before been equaled in a music box."

In 1897 Brachhausen invented and patented an automatic record changer and went into the field of commercial boxes. This automatic disc changer music box was the forerunner of the modern juke box. Company personnel were responsible for the installation and service of the coin-operated machines, the collection of coins, and the periodic changing of the discs.

Unfortunately for Brachhausen the music box business would only last as long as progress would let it. By the early 1900's Thomas Edison was working on a cylinder type phonograph. Although the sound was scratchy and lacked clarity, people were intrigued by the new invention which could bring an entire orchestra and/or a vocalist into their homes. Ironically, Brachhausen had an opportunity to get in on the ground floor of this new medium. When the technology was just starting to change, a visitor came to the Rahway plant and demonstrated his new invention—a machine that played wax discs rather than metal ones. Brachhausen thought the sound was horrible and sent the man away. The stranger would travel to Camden, New Jersey and find a less critical partner and become one of the founders of the Victor Talking Machine Company (later to be known as RCA Victor).

The new technology all but put the music box industry out of business forcing Brachhausen to sell his interest in Regina in 1915. The Regina building was bought by Lannon Mead, a businessman from the west coast who kept the Regina name but retooled the plant to manufacture vacuum cleaners and floor polishers.

In the late 1950's the Regina Corporation left the Cherry Street building and moved into a newly constructed twelve acre complex in another part of Rahway. After being vacated by Regina the old building housed a number of businesses for the next thirty years until it was converted into the Heritage Square Condominiums.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Students at Roosevelt School in Rahway celebrated Black History Month. Their culminating activity was a gallery walk around the school on Friday, February 22nd. All classes displayed their projects in the hallways.



(above, l-r) Miss Seeburger's 4th graders Jordan Walker, Rokhsana Najjar, Jaycee Lopez, and Maria Garcia reading Miss Dagen's class bulletin board titled "Extra, Extra, Read All About It, Music, Freedom Fighters, Sports, Movies, Inventors"

STUDENTS CREATE BOARD GAMES

As a culminating project for Ancient Egypt, sixth graders at Roosevelt School in Rahway created their own board games. Each aspect of the game had to relate to Ancient Egypt. Students created 30 multiple choice questions, along with their answers on game cards, an actual board, a rule/direction sheet, and pieces that all related to Ancient Egypt. Students played the games in their homeroom class as review for their upcoming test on Ancient Egypt. The top winners from each class were then selected for the entire sixth grade to play.



(above, l-r) Steven Cuenca, Victor Laurie, Valerie Rodriguez, and Chris Sanders.

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MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE: Story time & craft.

Tuesday, April 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 10:30 am
TODDLER TIME: Story, craft, and playtime
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Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 pm
EARTH DAY BINGO

Thursday, April 11, 18 and 23 at 4:00 pm
LOL STORY TIME & CRAFT: All Ages

Saturday, April 20 at 9:00-4:30pm
EARTH DAY DROP IN CRAFT

Monday, April 22 at 6:30 pm
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Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 pm
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TEEN EVENTS

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This month's title: "31 Bond Street" by Ellen Horan

MEET A MUSICIAN

On February 21st, Mr. Dennis Kobray came to Franklin School in Rahway to educate students about Scott Joplin, a forgotten American genius and the "King of Ragtime". Mr. Kobray played Scott Joplin's most popular pieces on the piano and taught the students the life story of one of the greatest musicians in history. Students learned about the struggles Scott Joplin endured and about his perseverance to rise above the prejudice of the times in order to achieve his place as one of America's greatest composers.



(above) Mr. Dennis Kobray playing one of Scott Joplin's most popular pieces, "The Entertainer".



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HIGH SCHOOL COMBINES BIOLOGY WITH GASTRONOMY WITH ITS EDIBLE CELL CONTEST

Each year Rahway High School Biology classes engage in the Edible Cell contest which is an activity designed to expand students' knowledge and engage their palates. The goal of this activity is to help students understand the organelles composing the cell. Because the cell models they create with food, cake, candy, nuts, fruit, and frosting are three-dimensional, the project helps students expand their understanding beyond what they would learn from two-dimensional diagrams in a book or on the internet.

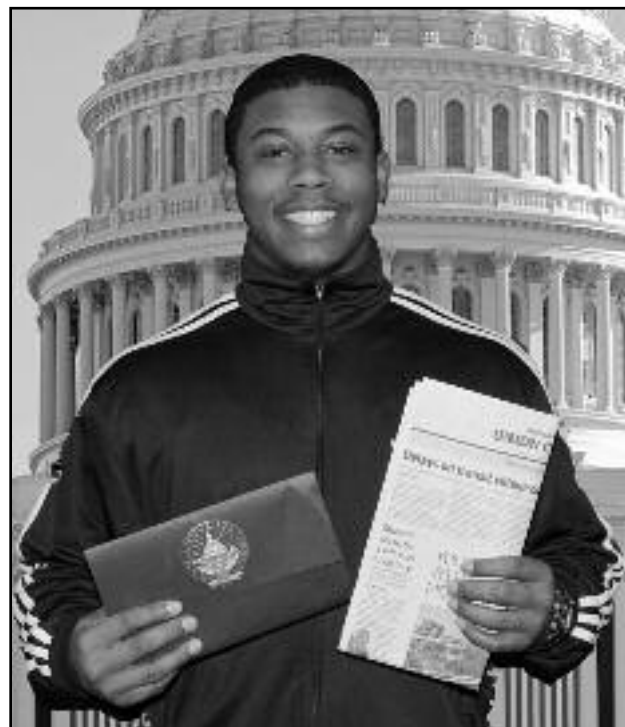
Grand prize winners for Ms. Adrienne Barnes' Honors Biology students were Kaitlyn Fleischman (1st) and Juliet Mendoza-Castillo (2nd) with two Runners-up, Kaleigh Marquez and Kanishka Parikh.



(above) This edible concoction which portrays the organelles of a functioning cell in three dimensions won First Place status for its creator, Kaitlyn Fleischman.

STUDENT EXPERIENCES THE INAUGURATION

Austin Jackson, a junior at Rahway High School, was privileged to witness the recent inauguration of President Obama in Washington, D.C. through his participation in the High School Presidential Inaugural Conference in the nation's capital from January 19 to 23. He earned the invitation through his participation at a summer National Young Leaders State Conference held in the Princeton area. Austin found experiencing the amount of energy created by the numbers of patriotic people remarkable. His group was able to be seated near the Reflecting Pool on the Mall, but many people were crowded in the streets outside the viewing area. In addition, during the Conference, Austin had the opportunity to meet Condoleezza Rice, National Security Advisor and Secretary of State in the administration of George W. Bush; Austin found her speech to the group especially inspirational. Also, Bob Woodward, the Washington Post investigative reporter who helped uncover Watergate, interviewed George Clooney for the group. Clooney was quite funny. Being in Washington for the Inauguration was the experience of a lifetime that Austin will long remember.



(above) Austin Jackson, Rahway High School Senior was at the Capitol where he witnessed the Inauguration and also met Condoleezza Rice, George Clooney, and Bob Woodward as part of the National Young Leaders High School Presidential Inaugural Conference.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ATTEND ELKS 25TH ANNUAL YOUTH PEER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Three Rahway High School students, Jacqueline French, Austin Jackson, and Alliyah Still were selected to attend the New Jersey State Elks 25th annual Youth Peer Leadership Conference held February 1 to 3 in Long Branch, New Jersey. These senior leaders are members of the Rahway S.P.I.T Club (Strong Powered Inspirational Teens), which is funded by and associated with Prevention Links. At the conference, these students were able to increase their ability to make healthy decisions for themselves and others around them. The three students are all motivated and enthusiastic, as well as positive leaders. They listened to and worked with motivational speakers as well as other peer leaders from all over the state.



(above, l-r) Seniors, Jacqueline French, Austin Jackson, and Alliyah Still recently attended the NJ Elks Youth Peer Leadership Conference.



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SOPHOMORE SELECTED FOR STATE SYMPHONIC BAND AND ORCHESTRA

Rahway High School sophomore trumpet player, Phillip Schroeder, auditioned and was accepted into the New Jersey All State Symphonic Band and Orchestra. Phil performed with the symphonic band on February 23rd at NJPAC and will perform with the orchestra next fall in Atlantic City during next year's NJEA Convention. In addition, for the past two years, he has been selected for and played with the New Jersey All State Jazz Ensemble. The High School faculty and administration applauds the achievements of this fine young musician.



(above) Phillip Schroeder, Rahway High School sophomore, played both at NJPAC in February and also at the next annual NJEA Convention in Atlantic City as part of the New Jersey All State Symphonic Band and Orchestra.

DRESSED FOR SUCCESS

Students at Roosevelt School are "Jazzed Up About Learning". On Friday, March 8th students dressed up and enjoyed a musical assembly program performed by The Rahway 7th & 8th Grade Academy. The day's events were

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RAHWAY STUDENTS VISIT HOLOCAUST MUSEUM AND LINCOLN MEMORIAL

On January 19, a group of students from Rahway High School spent a day with teachers, Ms. Debra Maller and Ms. Susana Monteiro, visiting the Holocaust Museum and also the Lincoln Memorial and the Martin Luther King Memorial in Washington, DC. The people they met as well as the exhibits in the Museum carried powerful messages. Michael Rubell sponsors Morris Rubell Holocaust Remembrance Journeys in honor of his father, Morris Rubell, a Holocaust survivor. Also accompanying the students were Peter Fleishman, a Czech survivor and Fred Heyman, who was a hidden child in Germany when Hitler was in power. Students were able to meet and hear Nesse Godin, who tells visitors about when

as a child she survived “the Holocaust by the grace of the Lord above and by the kindness of Jewish women that gave me a bite of bread, wrapped my body in straw to keep me warm, held me up when I was hurt by the guards, gave me hope, but also asked me to promise them that

if I survived I would not let them be forgotten.” Next, students visited the Lincoln Memorial where they read the names of victims of the Holocaust from the ID cards given earlier at the Museum. The trip ended with a visit to the new Martin Luther King Memorial.



(above) Teacher Debra Maller and a student meet with survivor Nesse Godin, who tells the story on behalf the women who sheltered her as a child in the concentration camps.



(above, l-r) Michael Rubell, son of a Holocaust survivor, sponsors trips to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC in honor of his father Morris. At the Museum, Rubell, Rachna Misra, Peter Fleishman, a Czech survivor, Sherley Rios, Bernadette Perez, Yuleisy Ortez, and Fred Heyman, who was a hidden child during the Holocaust.

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(above-r) Eric Kleinert, RN of RWJ Rahway Emergency Dept, Mary Phillips, Community Relations Coordinator, Phillips 66 and Lynn Kearney, RN, RWJ VP Patient Services.



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Rahway Retired Men's Club

Meets every Monday at 1 PM

Merck Retirees

Meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 1 PM.

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Meets every Wednesday at 12:15 PM

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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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