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"The Waiting Room has enhanced the City of Rahway by providing a positive business influence as well as unmatched civic participation. Their generous and selfless assistance provided to the Superstorm Sandy relief effort was second to none. Our community is proud to have the Waiting Room in our city and we sincerely congratulate them on their success," stated chamber president Tom Bayonne.

The Waiting Room was chosen through nominations solicited from the community. Some excerpts:

"Chris Wenson the owner of the Waiting Room has been in business many years and has experienced many ups and downs. His business was taken away through eminent domain and he was forced out for a period time. He searched high and low for another Rahway location, while most of us would have packed our bags, waved goodbye and re-planted roots somewhere else. Last year during Superstorm Sandy the City of Rahway was out of power and closed. During this impossible time Chris found a way to open for business. Once he opened his doors, he invited in and fed all of the emergency workers, Police, Fire, DPW and government officials who were working around the clock to bring the city back to life. He kept these people going through an extremely difficult time and is one of the heroes of Superstorm Sandy that does not seek any attention or accolades for his contribution."

"The Waiting Room has a great atmosphere, friendly, comfortable and neat. More importantly, the Waiting Room brings folks to Rahway. Chris Wenson (the owner) personally supports the community service organizations in town along with our schools. He supports various fundraisers with his time and service. There are many people who support Rahway, but what makes Chris stand out in my eyes is that he is so



(above, l-r) Rahway Chamber President Tom Bayonne and Carmen McClendon present award to owner of The Waiting Room, Chris Wenson.

modest about what he does. Chris's involvement in community service is not motivated by self-promotion, of himself or business. For this reason I think he would be a great choice for Business of the Year. Just the fact that he does not seek the limelight is reason enough we should shine it."

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(left) Members of the Rahway High School Robotics Team 1228, put their robot in action during a demonstration at the 2013 Rahway Day Celebration. The team's story can be found on page 12.

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## Message from the President

**RAHWAY DAY... WOW! WHAT A DAY.  
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SMILES WERE CONTAGIOUS.**

The Rahway Chamber of Commerce held its 2nd annual Rahway Day on Saturday, May 4th. The participants comprised of businesses, organizations, churches, schools, clubs, a wide variety of food vendors and a photo station. Just about everything Rahway has to offer was there that day.

Rahway Day also shined a light on our city's state of the art Public Library as well as helping to promote the Friends of the Library and their challenging scavenger hunt "The Amazing Rahway Race". My wife and I, along with a few friends, participated in the race and although we did not win, we had a great time competing.

The 4-hour event was filled with musical and dance talents from Rahway's best. Rick and Karen the husband and wife jazz duo Karickter, was our premier musical act performing all day long. Other performances were provided by the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires, students from the Rahway High School music department, Rahway Dance Theatre, Carlini the Magician and many others. Rahway's children were also treated to the moon bounce, face painting and plenty of ice cream.

The Chamber also presented our first business of the year award. The recipient "The Waiting Room" was chosen by the Rahway community for their civic participation and selfless assistance that they provided during Super Storm Sandy. We are proud to have The Waiting Room as our first recipient and we congratulate them on their success!

Thank you to everyone who sponsored and participated in our second annual Rahway Day. Special thanks to the Rahway Day Committee: Carmen, Cheryl, Bob, Linda, Shakira, Ray, Lucy, Dennis, Erin, and Gretchen. Without your dedication and hard work, Rahway Day would not have been possible.

*Tom Bayone*

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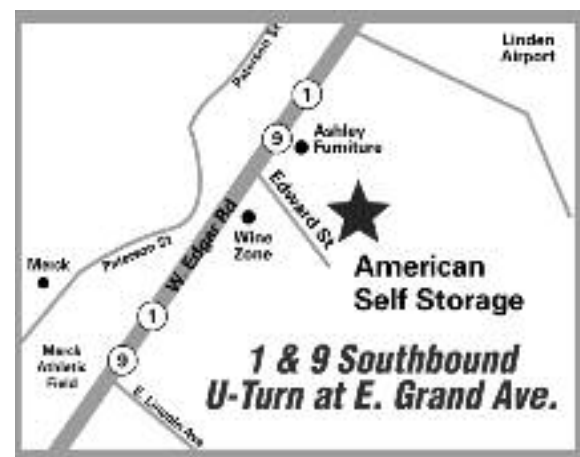
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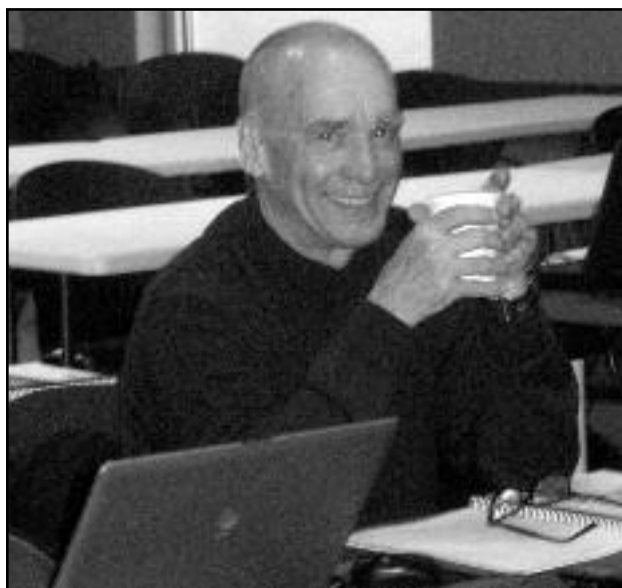
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For more information on how to become a member of the Rahway Chamber of Commerce call 732-396-3990 or visit our website at [www.rahwaychamberofcommerce.com](http://www.rahwaychamberofcommerce.com)



(above) Rahway Chamber past president  
Bob Markey in Excel class.

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## RAHWAY'S L.A. SMITH EARNS NATIONAL JUDO CHAMPION TITLE



(above) L.A. Smith (18 years old) of Rahway, NJ defeated Ajax Tadehara to take the Senior National Judo Champion title at 100 kg. L.A. Not only won at the senior level, he also won the Junior Nationals as well holding both titles in one year! He trains at Cranford Judo and Karate Center and will be attending San Jose State University in the fall. San Jose has produced the most Judoka Olympians and L.A.'s goal is 2016 Olympics!

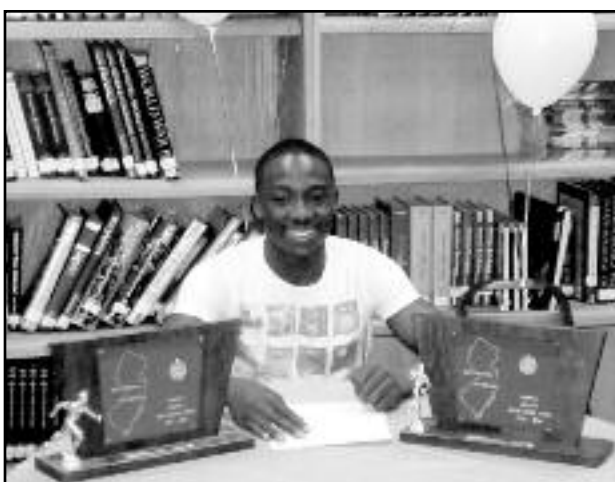
## CIANCHETTA IS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Ms. Stephanie Cianchetta! She is Teacher of the Year at Franklin Elementary School in Rahway. As a third grade teacher, she excels in the classroom. There is a unique communication in her room that is centered around high expectations, professional knowledge, trust, and respect. The students are engaged and motivated as they work in cooperative learning groups and utilize SmartBoard technology. She plans creative and challenging learning experiences which are tailored to the unique needs of her students. Ms. Cianchetta is also an asset to the school community. She takes on leadership roles and organizes school wide-events for Character Education. Often, she shares her innovative ideas of school related activities, and takes the initiative to bring them to life. She makes a positive difference in the lives of children every day and is committed to excellence. We applaud her performance in and outside the classroom.



(above, r-l) Teacher of the Year Stephanie Cianchetta, Christine Salcito, Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Mr. Edward Yergalonis, Superintendent of Schools.

## ATILOLA SELECTED FOR PENN RELAY AND RECEIVES FULL SCHOLARSHIP



(above) Emmanuel Atilola, captain of the Rahway High School Track Team shown with trophies for Sectional Championships, as he signs a letter of intent to attend Saint Peter's University in Jersey City in the fall with a full tuition scholarship

Emmanuel Atilola, captain of Rahway High School Track Team, Sectional Champions, has been selected to compete in the Invitational Long Jump at the prestigious Penn Relays in Philadelphia on Saturday, April 27. Emmanuel is one of only two New Jersey athletes chosen. They will compete against top high school athletes from not only the United States, but also Jamaica and Zimbabwe.

In addition, on Monday, April 15, Emmanuel signed a letter of intent to attend Saint Peter's University in Jersey City with a full athletic scholarship.



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(above) Chaela Stradford and Kayla Le from Ms. Richert's class observing the mealworm in the larva stage of the life cycle.

## EARTH DAY

On Monday, April 22, 2013, the kindergarten classes at Franklin Elementary School in Rahway celebrated Earth Day. Parents were invited to come to school and listen to songs sung by the kindergarten students about helping to keep the Earth clean. The students planted a flower as a way to keep the Earth pretty.



(above) Twins, Eric and Bryan Chavarria from Ms. Lindsey Lerner's class work hard to decorate their flower pot!



## THE CICADAS ARE COMING

Noise to some and music to others, every summer the whirring sound of cicadas fill the air.

In a few weeks a dramatic event will take place that many may remember from 1996. The emergence of the 'Periodical 17 year Cicadas'. The sudden appearance of so many critters lead early Americans to confuse them with 'locust'. Actually true locust are swarms of grasshoppers, not cicadas.

As you walk through parks and fields you can already see the 1/2" holes the cicadas have prepared, patiently waiting underground for the correct evening to begin this timeless ritual.

Temperature plays a key part in this timing.

Within 6 to 7 weeks the cicadas will have mated, laying their eggs in the twigs of trees where they will hatch, fall to the ground, dig into the soil and live until the next emergence in 2030.

Dogs and cats gorge themselves on these insects, sometimes making themselves sick. Thankfully cicadas are not toxic. Keep a close eye on your pets during this time.

Cover small young trees with a protective cloth in June to protect them from the egg laying females. This will not be a major problem for mature trees which can withstand a 'natural pruning'.



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

Get more information on this incredible wonder of the insect world from Rutgers Cooperative Extension fact sheet #220 entitled "Periodical Cicadas: 17 Year Locust". The Helpline phone number is 908-654-9852.

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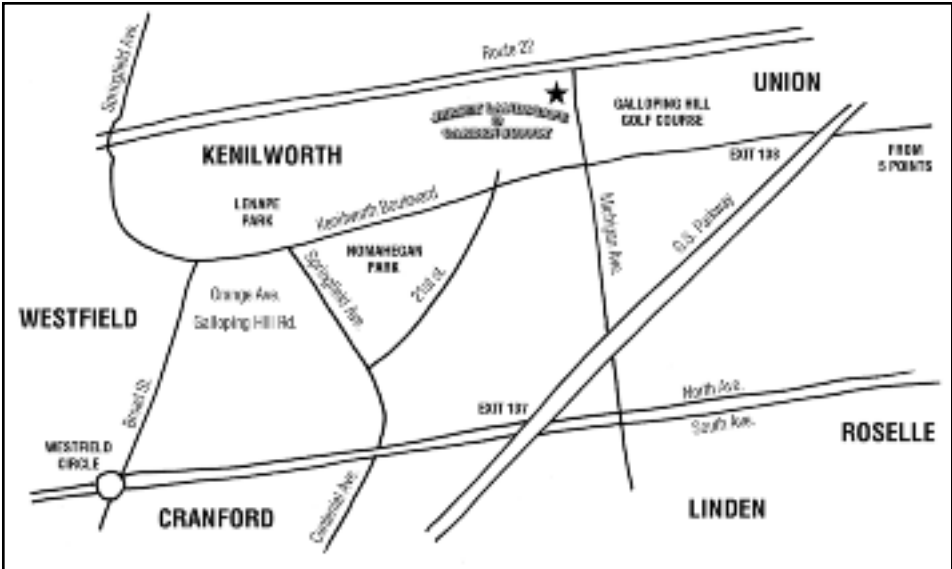
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## RAHWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY JUNE 2013 EVENTS

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING:

Thursday, June 13 at 7:00 pm

All are welcome to attend.

### BOOK BINGO

Tuesday, June 11 at 2:00 pm

For ages 18+; everyone wins!

### READER'S CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, June 5 at 2:00 pm

This month's title: "The Paris Wife" by Paula McLain

### HOMEOPATHY - What's it all about?

Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 pm

Presenter: Carol Moy, Mind Body Homeopathic Health

### OBAMACARE AND YOU

Monday, June 3 at 6:15 pm

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## TEEN EVENTS

### BENEATH THE SURFACE

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### TEEN SCREEN MOVIE

Monday, June 17 at 5:00 pm

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All are welcome to attend. Popcorn will be served.

### SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS

Titles can only be borrowed for two weeks. We have limited availability and want to have them accessible to as many teens as possible. Pick up your book early!

## CHILDREN'S EVENTS

### MOTHER NATURE VISITS THE LIBRARY

Thursday, June 27 at 2:00 pm

Summer reading club kick-off

### BOARD GAME CHALLENGE

Friday, June 28 2-3:30 pm



Colin Gittens

The Friends of the Library keep an active schedule, with monthly meetings at which planning for upcoming fundraising events is perfected. Then there are these events themselves - they are often fairly involved, with many "moving parts" and interactions between many parties. Finally, there is the physical side of it, with sometimes heavy lifting required (during the book sale), or time spent outdoors in the hot sun or rain (for example, during the Amazing Rahway Race).

I don't want to sound like a complainer, however - we love to support the library, an institution that we all deeply believe in. And that is never more apparent than when the fundraising events are over and it becomes time to write the checks, and see what good we do.

One event that we have supported over the past few years, and that never fails to make me feel good, is the library's summer reading program. I have my own fond childhood memories of going to library and taking out a stack of books to devour on the back porch in the hot days of July and August, so it's nice to keep this tradition going with today's youngsters. Through this present-day program, children are encouraged to continue reading during the summer, building on the skills they acquired during the preceding school year.

## FRIENDLY SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

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

In a twist this year, rather than counting books read, kids' reading assignments will include either reading to a younger child or having a book read to them by an older child; attending a library program; or creating a cover for the best book they read this summer. In addition, children will be awarded small prizes as they achieve their reading goals.

To encourage participation and start the program off with a bang, the Friends are pleased to help support the appearance of Kit's Interactive Theater, a one-woman show that combines history or literature, improvisation, period dance, and music. Best of all, audience members are cast right into the show! By spurring imaginations and fostering fun, the program should provide an ideal introduction for children to make reading an essential part of their summer activities. A second program supported by the Friends, Ann Wilde's Music to Move By, is another interactive musical program for very young children.

The reading program, formally titled the Rahway Public Library Children's Summer Reading Club, begins on Thursday, June 26, 2013 - the day after school ends in Rahway. The interactive theater program will take place on Thursday, June 27 at 2:00 PM. Participation in the 2013 Summer Reading Club is free and open to all children up to 6th grade.

For more information, please call 732-340-1550, ext. 222, or visit the library website at [www.rahwaylibrary.org](http://www.rahwaylibrary.org).

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## CHICK PROJECT

The kindergarten classes at Franklin Elementary School in Rahway recently completed their annual chick project. Farmers from Quiver Farms visited the classrooms and the students were very excited to be able to see and touch a live hen and a rooster. The students learned many different things including how to take care of the eggs in the absence of the Mother Hen and Father Rooster. They were all very excited when their eggs hatched and they saw the baby chicks come out. It was a wonderful learning experience.

(right) Kevin Mendez and Cesar Pena from Miss Lindsey Lerner's class pet the chicks.



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## RAHWAY SENIOR CENTER

If you would like to get a copy of our latest newsletter or more information about any Senior programs please call 732-827-2016.

## SENIOR CLUB SCHEDULE

Come join a club at the Rahway Senior Center starting in September. The meeting schedule for the clubs follows:

### Rahway Retired Men's Club

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### Union County Minority Task Force

Meets 1st Friday bi-monthly at 12 Noon

## 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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## RAHWAY HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM 1228 EXCELS AGAIN

Rahway Robotics Team 1228 had an extremely successful experience at the US FIRST Mid-Atlantic Robotics Region Championship held at Stabler Arena at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania from April 11 to 13, reaching the quarter-finals and ranking 19th out of a hundred teams in the entire region covering New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, and Delaware.

In the quarter-finals, the team lost two tight matches, the first by two points and the second by 6 points. Rahway's robot averaged over 48 points per match in the event and was selected to be part of the second seeds team. This competition closed an extremely successful

season.

Previously, Team 1228 also made the quarter-finals at the district level competition held at Bridgewater-Raritan High School in Bridgewater, New Jersey on April 6 and 7. Here Rahway won the Imagery Award! The Imagery Award celebrates attractiveness in engineering and outstanding visual aesthetic integration from the machine to the team appearance.

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In Grades 9 through 12, 50,960 high-school students compete in 2,548 teams to build robots in six weeks from a common kit of parts provided by FIRST. These robots typically weigh up to 150 lbs. Two words summarize the ethos of FIRST: Gracious professionalism, treating one another with kindness and respect while competing fiercely, and "coopertition," the notion that "that teams can and should help and cooperate with each other even as they compete." Being on a FIRST team increases the likelihood of becoming an engineer four times and over \$16 million in scholarships are offered through FIRST.



(above, l-r) Members of the Rahway High School Robotics Team 1228, put their robot in action during a demonstration at the 2013 Rahway Day Celebration.



(above) Rahway High School Robotics Team 1228 shows the Imagery Award they won at the Bridgewater FIRST Robotics District Competition. From front left (floor), Richard Montigo, Ahkil Shaw, Billy Both (in costume), Sheyk Kordelski, Row 1, Peter Cvetojevic, John Marks, Robert Dinocento, Lauren Bodine, Adam Slack, Maria Alves, Rodney Tappen, Josue Michel, James Blake, Cassidy Starr, Mike Shimmel, Bob Dinocento, Row 2, Nafis Harris, Kim Secor, Nathanael Luna, Ryan Secor, Sean Kozick, Jerime Trigo, Catherine Corrigan, Kabeer Downey, Scott Secor, and Row 3 David Koplan, and Nick Cvetojevic.

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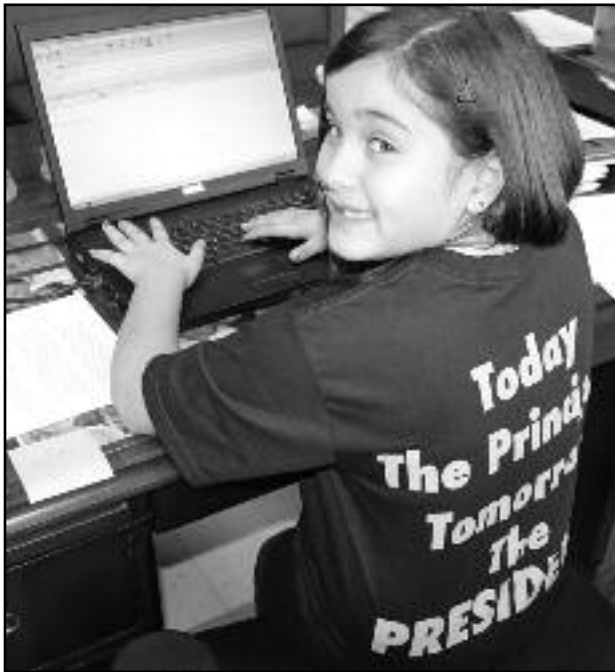
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# FRANKLIN SCHOOL PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY

Each month, Franklin Elementary School in Rahway recognizes one student that demonstrates outstanding character traits and academic excellence to be 'Principal for the Day'. This special honor goes to great student and who are role models for her peers. Honorees are treated to lunch by the principal, Mrs. Robinson and proudly wear a shirt which reads, "Today the Principal - Tomorrow the President."



(above) Second grader, Tatiana Rivera,  
February Principal of the Day.

(left) Kindergarten student, Nathania Ramirez  
was chosen April Principal of the Day.

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As part of the second annual Rahway Day on May 4, the Friends of the Rahway Library hosted the race which is styled after the television scavenger hunt programs that took America by storm not long ago, the race pits teams (of up to 4 people) against one other in a bid to solve clues hidden around downtown Rahway locations, collect evidence or proof of these visits, and then return to the starting point at the library.



(above) "The Amazing Rahway Race" Team Red, White, and Blu-Yah!!! Included Tom Draghi, Lauren Goreczny, Josie Mauceri & Walter Serafyn.



(above) Rahway Garden Club



(above) Karickter performed



(above) The 6th NY is a family friendly Civil War Artillery Unit based out of Rahway, NJ.



(above) Carlini Master of Illusion



(above) Kim's in the Mix

(left, l-r) Rahway Chamber President Tom Bayone and Carmen McClendon present Business of the Year award to owner of The Waiting Room, Chris Wenson.

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"Our town is special to us and we love living here and have raised our family here as well. Karen and I are really pretty basic people and what we do music wise is what we love to do...especially making music for the community; and something really special is when our performances at local nursing homes and assisted living facilities brings smiles to the



(above, l-r) Rick and Karen Pasek

resident's faces" Rick noted.

Check Karickter's website for more information [www.karickter.com](http://www.karickter.com) or call Rick & Karen at 732-648-1631.

## FIRST THURSDAY ORGAN CONCERT

Bernie Anderson will perform on the historic Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ on June 6, 2013 at the Rahway Senior Center. Bernie is a popular theatre pipe organist and is known for accompanying silent films. He also has appeared on many Broadway shows and at the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular.

The organ is a 3-manual, 10-rank pipe organ built by Wurlitzer and was installed in the Rainbow Room in NYC in 1934, where it entertained patrons until 1954. It is now in its 4th home at the Rahway Senior Center, the pipe work in virtually original condition, lovingly relocated and restored by the Garden State Theater Organ Society.

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## HAIL TO THE CHIEF!

The staff and students of Roosevelt Elementary School in Rahway happily welcomed Principal Rocco Collucci back after knee surgery.



(above, l-r) fourth graders from Mrs. Prakapas's class Leon Lawson, Justin Quelopana, Principal Collucci, Jocelyn Woo, and Zanjah Wilson.

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## 1ST PLACE WINNER AT THE 4TH GRADE LEVEL

Zanjah Wilson of Roosevelt School in Rahway was chosen as the First Place Winner at the Fourth Grade Level in the 2013 Young Writers of Union County Arbor Day Poetry Contest for her poem "Green Friend" which expressed how important trees are, and the vital role they play in our environment. In recognition of her accomplishment, Zanjah, her parents, and teacher, Mrs. Prakapas, are invited to an Awards Ceremony where she will be presented with a monetary award and a Certificate of Accomplishment. Zanjah's award winning poem will be temporarily displayed in the Administration Building in Elizabeth, NJ.



(above, l-r) Mrs. Prakapas congratulates Zanjah on winning first place.

## 1ST PLACE "BATTLE OF THE BOOKS"

The 3rd and 4th grade gifted and talented students at Franklin Elementary School in Rahway recently won First place in the district's annual Gifted and talented "Battle of the Books".

This event, held in Franklin School's cafeteria, requires that each team reads 10 books and answers questions in "round-robin" fashion. Medallions are awarded to first, second and third place winning teams.



(above, back, l-r) Matthew Rodriguez, Gabriella Pavon, Desiree Johnson, and Taylor Reilly. (Front, l-r) Jack Blair, Lucas Cano, Nhi Nguyen and Ariann Munoz.



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## THROW A LITTLE LIGHT ON SCIENCE


The fourth grade students in Mrs. Prakash's class at Roosevelt School in Rahway recently began a science investigation of light. The students used mirrors to experience the reflection of light and discover how to see objects behind them. Flashlights and mirrors reinforced the idea that light can reflect from surfaces.



(above, l-r) Kailey Beckford, Taylor White, Yasmeen May, and Matthew Daal reflect light in numerous ways.




(above, l-r) Gianna Muschiatti and Washington Jaramillo adjust their mirrors to reflect light in different directions.




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## SUN SAFETY

Fourth grade students at Franklin School in Rahway participated in the Sun Wise poster contest. The contest was sponsored by SHADE Foundation of America and the Environmental Protection Agency. Students drew pictures about ways to protect themselves from the sun and decrease their chance of developing skin cancer.



(above, l-r) Winners Chiane Ekweon, Daniel Darius Rodriguez and Jack Blair

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## RAHWAY REMEMBERS THE CHARLES B. HOLMES MEMORIAL

*Submitted by Al Shipley, City historian and Rahway Library research consultant*

Most motorists drive past the small granite memorial situated in front of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on the triangle formed by Irving Street, Main Street, and Central Avenue without giving it much notice. Perhaps those walking on the sidewalk might take note of the inscription etched in the stone, "Erected by Friends under the auspices of the Civic Club of Rahway, N. J., 1916." If the curious pedestrian then walked around to the front they would find the words, "Dr. Holmes Memorial." After this brief survey the questions would be obvious: Who was Dr. Holmes, why was a monument erected in his memory, and why was it placed at the curb on Irving Street?

Dr. Charles Brigham Holmes (1848-1913) came to Rahway in 1874 and became a well-loved and respected physician who would take care of the needs of the Rahway citizenry for the next forty years. It was said that he was "A faithful physician and friend, who always showed kindly sympathy and interest for those under his care. To the poor and needy his heart and hand were always open. He knew neither creed, caste, nor color where duty called."

Besides his work as a doctor, Holmes was also involved with the city in official and civic affairs. He became Rahway's twenty-third mayor, first filling the unexpired term of Mayor John Daly who died in office in 1897, and then went on to win the next seven elections (back then the term for mayor was only one year). In civic affairs he was known to support any program that promoted the welfare and prosperity of the townspeople. He had a deep interest in educational matters and always paid close attention to anything connected with the schools.

When Dr. Holmes passed away on March 2, 1913 all business in the city was suspended during his funeral service. In his eulogy the Reverend L.Y. Graham, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, related, "He had the love



of all because he loved all. He was one of the kindest men I ever met. He was a man of wonderful helpfulness."

Shortly after his death a proposition was forwarded by prominent citizens to construct a drinking fountain in his memory that would supply refreshment for people, horses, and dogs. At the time there were no public fountains for man or beast within the city limits. A number of them had previously been located in various parts of Rahway, but all were shut down in 1908 by the Board of Health due to a glanders epidemic which effected horses. By 1913, because sanitary safeguards were in place that would ensure a clean water supply, it was agreed a fountain would serve as a fitting memorial to honor the beloved doctor.

A public funding campaign was established and in 1916 the 5'3" x 3'6" Vermont granite monument was ready to be unveiled. The structure was complete with a trough for watering horses (facing Irving Street), a place for dogs to drink (on both sides), and a fountain for pedestrians (on the sidewalk side).

At the dedication ceremony it was stated, "This fountain stands as a reminder of the great-hearted physician who invariably considered his own needs last of all, and gave his life to the aid of his fellow citizens, regardless of recompense."



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## LINDEN/RAHWAY RESIDENTS TO BE HONORED AT YWCA TRIBUTE TO WOMEN AND INDUSTRY 34TH ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Rahway resident Deanna McMahon and Linden resident Lois I. Bass will be among 44 women who will be honored at the 34th Annual Tribute to Women and Industry Awards Dinner, sponsored jointly this year by the YWCA Eastern Union County and the YWCA of Central New Jersey at the Hanover Marriott Hotel on May 13th. Ms. Bass is Community Relations Coordinator at Infineum USA L.P.,



(above, l-r) Deanna McMahon and Lois I. Bass

located in Linden, NJ. Ms. McMahon is Mechanical Planner at Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery, located in Linden, NJ. Deanna was nominated for this special honor by Mary Phillips at Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery.

Ms. Bass joined the company in 1999 as an Administrative Assistant and was quickly promoted to Community Relations Coordinator in 2008. In this role she manages all of the internal and external community outreach activities and serves as an Ambassador for Infineum. She leads the Community Advisory Panel for the Bayway Complex CAP, coordinates the Junior Achievement Program for colleagues and is a member of the North Board for Junior Achievement of New Jersey. She provides professional support to the manufacturing units in the Bayway Chemical Plant and in addition, serves as an Administrator for the plant's Operational Integrity Management System. She participates in extensive volunteer activities within the community and was named "Lady of the Year" by the Ladies Auxiliary – Linden Knights of Columbus in 2012. She attended Union County College, earning an AS in Business Management.

Ms. McMahon is responsible for planning of maintenance and construction work in the largest business team within the refinery. Deanna's role is very challenging, and requires her to be focused on maintaining a safe work place, while developing very detailed repair strategies and plans that keep our plant running reliably. Deanna is innovative and passionate -- she achieves results. She was heroic in responding to Superstorm Sandy.

The YWCA of Central New Jersey and the YWCA Eastern Union County's joint Tribute to Women & Industry (TWIN) Award is a nationally-recognized honor for women. Since creating the TWIN award 34 years ago, the YWCA has honored women in executive,

managerial, and other professional roles who have made significant contributions in their fields. This important award recognizes successful women executives for their outstanding achievements and honors those companies that have provided opportunities for women to achieve their potential.

The TWIN Program also supports the Center for Career Options at the YWCA of Central New Jersey, which provides lifespan career services for women, men and teens through individual and group counseling, workshops, seminars and career development programs. It also benefits the YWCA Eastern Union County's programs for abused women, such as emergency shelters. Its TWIN Management Forum (TMF) is a network of TWIN honorees that meets regularly to take part in a variety of programs on career and personal development. TMF attracts diverse and talented members who experience personal and professional enrichment through its networking programs. In addition, this group provides an opportunity to help other women achieve their educational and career goals through the TMF Scholarship Fund.

Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery and Infineum USA L.P., long-time supporters of TWIN, have made generous donations as co-sponsors of this year's dinner. Mary Phillips, Community Relations Coordinator of Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery and Joan Evans, Global Industry Liaisons Manager for Infineum USA L.P. are serving as co-Chairs of the TWIN Gala this year. They are assisted by a cadre of dedicated volunteers from companies throughout the state, including Novartis, PSEG, DSM NA, Wakefern Food Corp. ExxonMobil Research & Engineering, Johnson & Johnson Family of Consumer Companies and many others. For more information on the TWIN Awards Dinner, contact Bonnie Sirower, TWIN 2012 Coordinator at (201) 446-1814 or visit the website at [www.YWCA-MidJersey-TWIN.org](http://www.YWCA-MidJersey-TWIN.org).



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J. Lohr Cabernet and Merlot.....	750ml	\$12.99	Zonin Pinot Grigio.....	1.5L	\$10.99
Kendall Jackson Vintners Chardonnay.....	750ml	\$11.99	Zonin Prosecco.....	750ml	\$ 9.99
Korbel (All Types except Natural and Organic).....	750ml	\$11.99			

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