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GATEWAY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NAMES WINNERS AT 2012 MAYORS DINNER

The mayors and government officials of Union County held court at the annual Mayors Dinner of the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce Thursday, March 26, at the Newark Airport Marriot Hotel. Common themes included the state's 2 percent property tax cap, high store occupancy and area development.

Award winners were:

- Joseph Menza of Hillside as Mayor of the Year for his perseverance in promoting city interests despite significant opposition;
- Chris Cotter of Summit as Business Administrator of the Year for making Summit a business-friendly town;
- Police Chief Eric Mason of Cranford as Public Safety Official of the Year;
- Scotch Plains Mayor Nancy Malool as Speaker of the Night for her light-hearted poetry, accompanied by bongos.

The collective overviews of the county's municipalities included: the challenges and successes of meeting the state's property tax cap; Fanwood and Westfield retaining 100 and 90 percent store occupancy during the recession, respectively; Linden moving forward with development of 108 acres of former General Motors property; Rahway's continuing expansion of facilities dedicated to the arts; New Providence allowing alcohol to be served in restaurants; and more than 1,000 new jobs coming to Hillside due to business development.

"Each year the mayors' presentations reflect the issues towns and cities throughout the state are facing," said James Coyle, Gateway president. "While the night is light-hearted and fun we hear both the realities of economic pressures and the pride in addressing these challenges. Municipal government always is demanding and often thankless. Once each year we try to say thanks."



(above, l-r) Attendees sitting at the Township of Union table sponsored by Union Center National Bank were Committee Member Anthony Terrezza, Business Administrator Ron Manzella, Committee Member Manny Figueiredo, and Assistant Administrator Yammie Kopin.



(left) Union Mayor Joseph Florio extols the virtues of the Township. (below) Speaker of the Night Scotch Plains "Beatnik" Mayor Nancy Malool

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BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Enjoy a short stack for a tall cause! You're invited to an Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast to support the Township of Union Veterans Alliance Memorial Day Parade Fund on April 21st 2012 from 8am to 10am. Tickets are \$10.00 each and the meal includes: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and a beverage (coffee, juice, soda or tea.) The Applebee's of Union is located on 1721 Morris Ave. For ticket information you can contact Nancy Terrezza at (908) 687-8979 or Phyllis Monguso at (908) 851-5291.

SPRING FLEA MARKET

Grace Lutheran Church, 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union, will hold its annual spring flea market on Saturday, May 5, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., outside on the church grounds. The rain date is Saturday, May 12. Vendor spaces are \$25. Reservation forms for spaces may be picked up at the church, one can be mailed or e-mailed to you or they are downloadable from the church's website – www.gracelutherannj.org. Call the church office at (908) 686-3965 or e-mail the church office at gracelu4u@yahoo.com

In addition to individual spaces, the congregation will have its own sale tables inside its fellowship hall, along with a bake sale. Refreshments will also be available.

UNION GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club of Union meets Wednesday, May 2, 7pm, in the Bonnel Room of Town Hall, Morris Ave.

Our meeting will feature "Concrete Mel", who will demonstrate how to make your own cement planter. He will have his many charming and affordable garden figures for sale. He has everything from angels to lizards. You won't want to miss this meeting. We are also getting ready for our May 19 planting of the Town Hall gardens. Refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome.

"PROJECT READY" Free Job Readiness Program

Project Ready will be accepting applications for its free six week job preparedness program on Tuesday, May 15 at 9:30 sharp. Applicants should be prepared to stay until 12 pm. A six week program is offered to people seeking to improve their skills as they search for employment. Students receive training in basic business and computer skills. They learn interviewing skills, resume writing, Math and English. Upon completion of the program, staff assists students with job searches.

Project Ready is located within St. Joseph Social Service Center at 118 Division St. in Elizabeth. The staff of "Project Ready" consists of a staff director and several volunteers, most of whom are retired business and education professionals.

For more information please call (908) 353-1045, email projectreadyprg@yahoo.com or visit www.stjosephelizabeth.org



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Mira Kostak, Kean University Small Business Development Center Ronald Mowad, Planning Solutions, Inc.

Julie D'Aloia (filling the term of Mark Cardone), Union Center National Bank.

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KMS STUDENTS VISIT SPECIAL FRIENDS

Mrs. Stempniewicz and Mrs. Hrdina's Room 204, working on community based instruction, collected needed items for St. Hubert's Animal Shelter. They were assisted by KMS's Student Council, who posted flyers and help collect the items.

Room 204 students also baked animal dog treats, a recipe they found on the internet to bring along. They continued to assist St. Huberts by having a cupcake sale in which they collected money for a donation to the center.

On Friday, March 16, they visited the animal welfare center and learned about volunteer and paid positions that are available there. The students also learned about the care of animals, the responsibility of having an animal, and what services the center offers.

The center thanked the students for their donations of food and needed items. They explained to the students that people like themselves donating needed items and money allow the center to serve the community They also thanked the KMS students for their monetary donation.







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BRYCE WILSON BRINGS TUSKEGEE AIRMAN TO KAWAMEEH MIDDLE SCHOOL

Bryce Wilson, a Kawameeh Middle School seventh grade student worked to bring Shade M. Lee a World War II Tuskegee Airman to his history class. Bryce's father, James P. Wilson and Edward Graf, Bryce's history teacher, helped to coordinate the event.

Bryce led off the experience a few days before by presenting a poster and an oral presentation about the Tuskegee Airmen. He spoke about the infamous group of African American expert fighter pilots who helped defeat the axis powers in World War II. Bryce spoke of their heroism, training and equipment. His talk, as well as his poster, were very detailed. The students were quite impressed.

The students then felt as if they had a good foundational knowledge of the Tuskegee

Airmen when Mr. Lee and his wife addressed the class. Mr. Lee went into further detail and personal experiences. He also spoke of suffering through discrimination due to his skin color. Mr. Lee stated that the African-American servicemen had to fight the enemy and discriminatory practices. When asked why the men were so driven to serve, Mr. Lee stated that, even though there was blatant discrimination, he and the other Tuskegee Airmen still were proud Americans and did their duty to their country.

Bryce Wilson was instrumental in making this event a success. The students learned from a once in a lifetime experience. He helped to show the bravery and honor of the Tuskegee Airmen. Bryce clearly helped show why we should all be proud of these brave heroes.



(above, l-r) Ed Graf, James Wilson, Bryce Wilson, Shade M. Lee and Mrs. Lee.



UNION TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS "CLASS OF 19_: A HISTORY OF UNION HIGH SCHOOL"

Yearbooks dating from 1926 through 1970 will highlight David Arminio's talk—A History of Union High School—which will be given at the Caldwell Parsonage, 909 Caldwell Avenue, Union, on Sunday, April 15, 2012, at 2:30 p.m.

The presentation, including photos such as those shown here, will trace the evolution of UHS, from the time it was housed in Connecticut Farms School (and students completed graduation requirements at Battin High School in Elizabeth) to its relocation at the present site (with annexes)—formerly Burnet Junior High School—on North Third Street.

For his research, Mr. Arminio, president of the Union Township Historical Society and retired Kawameeh Middle School teacher, used yearbooks in the Union High School media center; photographs archived in the museum at the Parsonage; and the Society's website, http://www.unionhistory.org/

His program will be part of the meeting of the Union Township Historical Society, which will begin at 2 pm. Non-members are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free. For more information, please call Barbara La Mort at 908-687-0048.

On Sunday, April 29, 2012, an open house will be held at the Parsonage from 2 to 5 pm. Lore Ullrich, a member of the Society, dressed in authentic colonial attire, will serve as tour guide.

Hannah Caldwell Day (June 7) will be commemorated this year on Saturday, June 9,

and Sunday, June 10, at the Parsonage. Guests will include actor Jeffrey Tew as a Continental soldier, Cherokee Chief Fred Ross, French and Indian War reenactors known as "The Frontier Guard," Stan Gurski as a Connecticut Farms militia man, and Jack Soroka as George Washington. Additional information will be provided in upcoming issues of the Spirit of Union.



(above) Union High School freshman class in 1923 located on Styvesant Avenue.

(right) The original Connecticut Farms School, Stuyvesant Avenue, Union, built about 1906 (no longer standing), included high school students until 1926, when Union High School (now Burnet Middle School) was built on the corner of Caldwell and Morris Avenues.

(below) Union High School, as it looked in 1926, the year it opened.









DETECTIVE PATRICK BRADLEY HONORED FOR WORK ON TASK FORCE

10th Township Committee Meeting where Union County Prosecutor Ted Romankow honored Detective Patrick Bradlev for his outstanding contribution to the Union County

A special presentation started off the April Homicide Task Force. Detective Bradley was the first officer to spend 3 years in the Task Force. "We are extremely proud of the service that Detective Bradley gave to the Homicide Task Force," stated Mayor Florio. "The



(above) Union Township Committee, Mayor Joseph Florio and Union County Prosecutor Ted Romankow honored Detective Patrick Bradlev

commendations and acclamations that Union County Prosecutor Romankow gave indicated the excellent job he did. We are glad to have him back to our police force where I know he will be another great factor and contribute greatly."

Police Commissioner Anthony Terrezza congratulated Detective Bradley "on his great work over the last three years. I also welcome him back to the Township where I know he will continue to do top notch work." Detective Bradley received a replica of his badge enclosed in a glass frame.

"Detective Bradley gave his honor, his pride, gave his hard work and responsibility," Prosecutor Romankow stated during the presentation, "the time he spent with us gave him the experience to make him a better officer." Mayor Joseph Florio and Police Commissioner Anthony Terrezza along with the rest of the Township Committee offered words of praise to Detective Bradley and all the Bradley family. At the end of the presentation Detective Bradley thanked his wife for "giving him all the support that he ever needed."



PTA ANNUAL NATIONAL REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

The Parent Teacher Association believes that all children deserve a quality arts education and encourages students to pursue artistic expression through participation in its annual National Reflections Program. The program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to submit works of art in six arts areas: literature, dance choreography, film/video production, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts (which include, but are not limited to, art forms such as drawing, painting, printmaking, and collage). In its more than 30-year history, the Reflections Program has encouraged millions of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to explore their artistic talents.



(above) Burnet Middle School is very excited to recognize Tiffany Rivera who competed in three categories: visual arts, photography and literature. "We are very proud of her!"

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BREAKFAST MENU

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(above, 1-r) Career Day Coordinators Special Education Teacher Gillian Picone and Fifth Grade teacher Deanna Kovacs.

CENTRAL FIVE'S / HAMILTON'S 4TH **ANNUAL CAREER DAY**

On Friday, March 9, 2012 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. the fifth grade students of Union came together for their 4th annual school-wide Career Day event. It was held in Hamilton School's gymnasium. Career Day included ten professionals from the community with varied professions. These presentations afforded the 5th grade students in Union the opportunity to learn about interesting and exciting careers they can pursue in their future.

The professionals that kindly volunteered their time were:

- Chiropractor
- Dentist
- Firefighters
- Judge/Lawyer
- EMT (Emergency Medical Technician)



(above) Tyler Cole helped Roselle Municipal Court Judge Carl Marshall keep order in the court.



(above, 1-r) Union Township Firefighters Brian Klein, Frank Bradley, Jr., Captain Kovacs gave demons on how to use firefighting tools.



(above, l-r) Continental Airlines 757 Pilot Captain Mike Monteiro, Tonv Monteiro, 737 Pilot Captain John Tadros, and teacher Gillian Picone.



(left) Craig H. Wilson, DDS, of Newark Beth Isreal Dental Center displayed a giant tooth.

(right) Louis Allen, Lincoln Tech Automotive Instructor brought along tool sand diagnostic equipment.



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- Pilot
- Police Officers
- F.B.I. Agent (Federal Bureau of Investigations)

Photos of this and other events can be viewed and downloaded from SpiritofUnion.com

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(above) Donald Antonelli, DC of Antonelli Family Chiropractic & Physical Therapy describes the workings of the spine to Vodenscy Glaude.



(above) Sara George listens to her own heart beat with the assistance of Registered Nurse from Overlook Hospital Charles Smith.



(above) Christopher Boulin tries on gear with FBI Special Agent Brian Salanone.



(above, l-r) Fifth grade teacher Miss DelValle and student Jordon Bowles asks questions of Emergency Medical Technicians Ashley Ludo, Gary Merwede.



(above) Township of Union Police Department Officer Lisa Salerno watches as Isabel Salazar, Matthew Donnelly, Elisha Darby are fitted for uniforms by Dare Officer Karen Moro.



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STEAMPUNK FILMS FEATURED AT THE UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Union Public library will present a film series depicting the "steampunk" genre with five selections beginning Tuesday, April 24, 2012 and continuing through May 22, 2012. The films will be screened on Tuesdays. Admission to the programs is free.

Steampunk s a genre which came into prominence during the 1980s and early 1990s and incorporates elements of science fiction, fantasy, alternate history, horror, and speculative fiction. It involves a setting where steam power is widely used—whether in an alternate history such as Victorian era England or "Wild West"era United States, or in a post-apocalyptic time--that incorporates elements of either science fiction or fantasy. Works of steampunk often feature anachronistic technology, or futuristic innovations as Victorians might have envisioned them, based on a Victorian perspective on fashion, culture, architectural style, and art. This technology includes such fictional machines as those found in the works of H.G. Wells and Jules Verne.

The following titles comprise the series:

Hugo starring Ben Kingsley April 24, 2012 @ 2 PM The Time Machine (2002 release) April 24, 2012 @7 PM Sherlock Holmes starring Robert Downey, Jr. May 1, 2012 @ 2 PM 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea starring Kirk Douglas

May 8, 2012 The Wild Wild West (1960s TV Series) May 22, 2012 @ 6:30 PM





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THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT VAUXHALL BRANCH

Holiday Vacation Movie Day Tuesday, April 17th at 2:00pm

The film, "The Muppets' Movie" will be shown. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

Book Bingo

Thursday, April 19th at 2:00pm Do you like to play Bingo? Join us for Book Bingo. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

> School-Age Craft Program Thursday, April 26th at 3:30pm Children in grades 3 through 6. Space is limited. Signup is required.

LIVING RICH WITH COUPONS WORKSHOP

Cindy Livesey (livingrichwithcoupons.com) will conduct a "Living Rich With Coupons" workshop at the Union Public Library on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 7 PM. The public is invited to this admission-free program. Living Rich With Coupons is a one stop source to learn how to do extreme couponing the right way. Cindy is the force behind the workshop which provides her fans with all the resources they need to shop smart so they can get life's necessities for a lot less-allowing them to spend more on life's luxuries. Her family of five has saved over \$11,000 a year in groceries. Cindy resides in New Jersey with her husband Pat, her three kids Megan, Nikki, and Patrick, and her MINI Cooper.



THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT MAIN LIBRARY

of the Union Public Library has scheduled the following programs at the Main Library during the month of April: No registration required.

Bedtime Storytime

Monday, April 23rd at 7:00pm. Come in your pajamas for songs, stories and games at our Bedtime Storytime. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to attend.

Mother Goose Time

Tuesday, April 24th at 10:30am. for children 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ and their caregivers,

Preschool Storytime Wednesday, April 25th at 10:30am.

for children 3 ½ through Kindergarten. Toddler Time

Thursday, 26th at 10:30am. for children 2 ½ - 3 ½ and their caregivers,.

The children's film, "Toy Story" Monday, April 16th at 7:00pm.

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

"Fancy Nancy Book Party" Tuesday, April 17th at 11:00am.

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

"Dinosaur" Party Wednesday, April 18th at 11:00am. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

Color and Shape Bingo Thursday, April 19th at 11:00am. for preschoolers and their caregivers.

Book Bingo Thursday, April 19th at 2:00pm

for children who can read well. **The children's film, "Hugo"**

Friday, April 20th at 11:00am. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

"Robots" Storytime and Craft Program Saturday, April 21st at 11:00am

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited. Library Lego Club

Thursdays, May 17th and June 14th from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.

The Union Public Library, with the help of the Union High School Key Club, has started a Library Lego Club for children ages 5 through 12. This is an opportunity for kids to get creative and build anything they choose. The library will provide the Legos, while the kids provide the

imagination! All materials must stay at the library so bring your camera to document your creations.The Lego Club will meet on Caregivers are asked to stay in the library and are welcome to assist. We are also looking for donations of gently used or new Legos for

this program. Please call or email Mary Pritting, at mpritting@uplnj.org or 908.851.5450 x3.



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Financial Advisors, Vanessa and Juan Adames, will conduct a seminar on "Retirement IRAs (Roth vs. Traditional)" at the Union Public Library on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 7 PM. The public is invited to this admission-free program. Have you set up your Roth IRA or traditional IRA for the current tax year? How does it work? Why Should I? These types of questions will be answered in the seminar. Also covered will be an introduction to mutual funds: What they are, how are they structured, the diversification they provide, and the advantages of professional money management and dollar cost averaging. "Will I outlive my income?" is a risk facing many Americans today. Register for this workshop to get more answers on frequently asked questions. Vanessa and Juan Adames work for Primerica, Inc., a prominent financial services firm.

MEETING FOR HOMESCHOOLING FAMILIES

The Union Public Library is starting an informal Homeschooling Meeting for homeschooling families. This will be a place to meet and share information and ideas with others and also become familiar with the Library and the resources we have to offer. Families are encouraged to bring their own board games to the meetings. Meetings will be held on Mondays April 16th, May 14th and June 11th from 10:30am to Noon. Please call or email Mary Pritting, mpritting@uplnj.org or 908.851.5450 x3 for more information.



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TWO UNION STUDENTS WIN STATE READING AWARDS

receive Enthusiastic Reader Awards from the New Jersey Association of School Librarians (NJASL) and the New Jersey Reading Association (NJRA). Enthusiastic Reader Awards are presented annually to nine students in New Jersey who exhibit an enthusiasm for reading, sharing books, using books for a variety of purposes such as research and literature appreciation, reading independently on a

Students in two Union Township schools will voluntary basis, and using school and/or public libraries. Regional winners are selected from northern, central, and southern New Jersey at three levels: kindergarten through fifth grade, sixth through eighth grade, and ninth through twelfth grade.

> Both Union Township winners were nominated by their school librarians. Helly Florian, grade 8, was nominated for the statewide award by Kawameeh Middle School



(above) Lucia Lacourtna, Washington Elementary School, winner of the Enthusiastic Reader Award.



(above) Helly Florian, Kawameeh Middle School, winner of the Enthusiastic Reader Award.

Librarian Mary Lewis. Helly was a new seventh grade student at Kawameeh last year, and when she arrived, she spoke little English. However, she uses the school library regularly and reads extensively, and her teachers note that as her English has improved dramatically, her school work is often superior to that of her native-English-speaking classmates. According to Lewis, "I cannot think of another student more deserving of this award. I have enjoyed seeing the reading level and length of Helly's book choices increase, and this year, to accommodate her extensive reading, we've even borrowed books from other libraries for her."

Lucia Lacourtna, grade 1, was nominated by Washington Elementary School Librarian Lynne Mancinelli with a recommendation from Lucia's first grade teacher, Kathy Arminio. Arminio describes Lucia as an "endearing bibliophile," with a vast collection of books, a love of reading, and talent as a writer as well. One of Lucia's recent works is titled: "I Love Books." Mancinelli notes that Lucia loves to learn, and enjoys visits to the library as well as the book store.

The students will receive their awards at a luncheon celebration on May 5, where they and their parents and nominating librarians will have an opportunity to meet award-winning illustrator, Chris Soentpiet. In addition, the students will be recognized locally at the May 15 Board of Education meeting at Union High School. About 120 Enthusiastic Reader Award nominees from Union Township will receive certificates at a reception just prior to the board meeting.



RARITAN VALLEY AMERICAN RED CROSS INVITES STUDENTS TO YOUTH COUNCIL MEETINGS

leadership skills. Learn how to save lives. The Raritan Valley Chapter invites high school age students in Union County to join the Youth Council and be difference makers.

Youth Council members tackle important Red Cross projects within the community. These projects can include organizing and working at blood drives, inputting satisfaction surveys onto the web site, calling inactive volunteers to update the database and helping out at community events.

Through monthly meetings, the Youth

Help the Red Cross Mission. Develop Council provides interesting guest speakers and a real-life opportunity to develop group and individual leadership skills.

Senior staff works alongside youth volunteers to help them reach their full potential and build connections among volunteers of all ages. Suzanne Anderson, Regional Coordinator of Volunteer and Youth services, said that involvement in Youth Council strengthens the relationship between young volunteers and the organization. "Youth are the future of the Red Cross, and with leadership training we are preparing our future volunteers."

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Meetings are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8 pm at 321 Elm Street, Westfield. The next meeting is set for April 24th. For more information, contact Suzanne Anderson at (908)232-7090 ext 2019.

The Red Cross is a volunteer-led non-profit organization that provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. The American Red Cross Raritan Valley chapter is working to help make the community resilient, able to survive and recover quickly from disasters and emergencies. For info, call (908) 232-7090.



KENNY WILLS RETIRES



On March 27th at the Township Committee Meeting Kenneth "Kennv" Wills was presented a Testimonial Resolution signed by Mayor Joseph Florio. Mr. Wills served in the U.S. Army from 1966-1969 and has worked in the Department of Public

Works since May 1976.

The Township Committee congratulated Kenny as he retires with 36 years of service to the Township of Union with loyalty and dedication and extended its sincere wishes for much good health and happiness in the years ahead.

UNION VETERANS ALLIANCE HONORED ALTOMARE 22

On Monday, March 12, 2012 the Township of Union Veterans Alliance honored Altomare 22 Union LLC with a Certificate of Appreciation in special recognition of their charitable donation to the 2012 Memorial Day Parade. Nancy Terrezza, the Fundraising Chairman and Bob Johnsen, Parade Co-Chairman presented the certificate to Bill Troise, General Manager and Zuheir Bader, General Sales Manager. Union Volkswagen sponsored "The Cameo's" Benefit Concert on March 3rd.

MAYOR'S AWARDS PRESENTED TO HENRY WILEY, GEORGE CLARK, AND WARREN HENDERSON

presented a Mayor's Award to Henry Wiley, George Clark, and Warren Henderson.

Henry Wiley who began work in the county in 1978. Mr. Wiley has served on the Community Development Citizens Advisory Board for over 30 years and was honored for his exemplary service. Mr. Wiley is a member of the Union Township Zoning Board of Adjustment, The Golden Rule Lodge #24 and is the recipient of the Living Witness Award in 1974 and is currently at the board of Social Services Department of Human Services Child Support Unit since 1998 as a Human Services Specialist.

George Clark who has served on the Community Development Citizens Advisory Board for over 30 years and was honored for his exemplary service. Mr. Clark has been a member of the Boys and Girls Clubs for 30

On March 27, 2012 the Township of Union years where he held the position of Board of Directors Chairman and served in the United States Navy for five years during World War II receiving 12 Asiatic Pacific Medals. Mr. Clark was appointed to the Township of Union Fire Department and later promoted to Captain four years later and is a member of The American Legion, Knights of Columbus Council 4504 and The VFW.

> Mr. Henderson has been a member of the Boys and Girls Clubs, The American Legion, Knights of Columbus Council 4504 and The VFW and was appointed to the Township of Union Fire Department as a firefighter in 1949.

> The Township Committee and Mayor Joseph Florio congratulated Henry Wiley, George Clark, and Warren Henderson for their exemplary service to the community over the years and wish him continued success in all his endeavors.



(above, l-r) Union Township Committee, Mayor Joseph Florio with George Clark.

(above, l-r) Committeeman Peoples and Henry Wiley.





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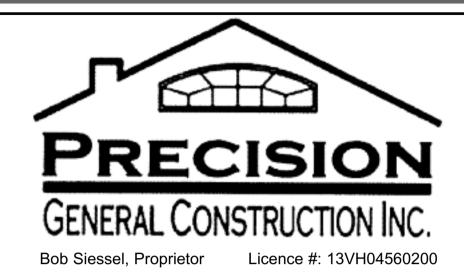
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