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TASTE OF UNION TO BENEFIT CAITLIN GOERLICH'S DREAM

The sixth annual Taste of Union is set for April 25, 2013 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus located at 1034 Jeanette Avenue, Union, NJ. The cost is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Admission provides the opportunity to sample food and wine from a variety of local establishments and a door prize raffle ticket. Additional raffle tickets will be sold the evening of the event for: 40" Flat Screen TV, iPad, Yankee Tickets, Golf Outings and more! Tickets may be purchased at the Clerk's Office located in the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Ave., Union, NJ, (908) 851-8501.

All proceeds will benefit Caitlin Goerlich of Union. Caitlin was born on April 21, 1993 with some birth defects. At the age of one she was diagnosed with Kypho-scoliosis. By three, the scoliosis progressed to a stage where surgery became urgent. She underwent numerous surgeries on her spine and developed complications affecting the spinal nerves. The complications included two spinal compressions



Caitlin Goerlich

and a severe wound infection, all of which ultimately led to Caitlin's paralysis.

In spite of her disability, at the age of six Caitlin joined the lightning wheels sports team based out of Children's Specialized Hospital. She started racing track and throwing field events. Currently she shoots archery, races in the 100 meter track, and throws three implements in field events. Caitlin has competed in the National Junior Disability Championships. Caitlin currently attends Kean University and is majoring in English Writing. She aspires to have a career as an author.

Since Caitlin was seven years old she has always talked about driving. Last year she began taking driving lessons at the Kessler Rehabilitation Institute. With hard work and dedication she passed her driving test this year. A vehicle that would accommodate Caitlin's disabilities is complex and extremely expensive. The Tastes of Union would like to assist Caitlin and make her dream a reality.

UNION MUNICIPAL BAND OFFERS FREE PUBIC CONCERTS

By Viktoria Morozovska

The Union Municipal Band began before World War I; it legitimately got its start after the war, when many servicemen, who had either played while on duty or in high school, returned and formed the band listeners know today. At Hannah Caldwell School on Monday April 8th, they held their St. Patrick's Day Concert, which had to be postponed in March due to unfavorable weather. According to current director John H. Bunnell, this is the first time he has had to cancel a show in his twenty-three years with the band.

Union resident and trumpeter, Joe Azzarello has been with the band even longer, since 1955. In fact, most of the forty-eight members have been performing under the direction of Bunnell for several years, only changing the roster when a performer retires and moves away.

The performers come from all around northern New Jersey, which makes it all the more impressive that they gather for rehearsal every Monday. They hold a concert every five or six weeks and it is easy to see that all their rehearsal pays off. For their St. Patrick's Day Concert, the group played a tremendous variety of, as Bunnell puts it, "familiar and entertaining songs that are challenging for the

players." Entertaining to say the least, their rendition of "Themes Like Old Times," had the first two rows excitedly singing and tapping along. During the Phantom of the Opera medley, I found myself singing along as well.

Thanks to the sponsorship by the Township of Union's Recreation Department, the Union Municipal Band put on a spectacular show and will do so again at Hannah Caldwell Auditorium located at 1120 Commerce Avenue, on May 13 and June 10 at 7:30 pm. The Concerts are free and opened to the public.

Photo by Viktoria Morozovska



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(above, back r) Master of the Self Masters:
Andress Floyd is shown with a group
of his residents.

GARDEN CLUB OF UNION

The Garden Club of Union meets Wednesday May 1, at 7 p.m., in the Bonnel Room of Town Hall, Morris Ave. We will discuss many upcoming activities, among them the planting of the Municipal Gardens in front of Town Hall, on May 4th, from 9am to 12 noon. Rain date is May 5th. Our next important discussion is about the Community Garden, which is open to all Township residents wishing to participate. We are also collecting recipes from the garden for the Garden Club cookbook.

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Beisler and Haggerty, trustees of the Union Township Historical Society, will narrate a slide

presentation with facts and anecdotes about the residents of the unique complex, which was located on approximately 50 acres in the center of Union—the present site of Union's Municipal Building, Public Library, and Friberger Park on Morris Avenue. The only original structure that remains from the experimental community on the property is now the Girl Scout Field, once one of the men's cottages.

The 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; donations are appreciated. For more information, call Barbara La Mort at 908-687-0048.

KELLY POST HONORS UNION'S CHILDREN

Submitted by: Robert J. Knecht

For the past six or seven years the Michael A. Kelly Post 2433, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and its Ladies Auxiliary, has honored Union school children when they have learned the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance. Each of these students in the public schools as well as those in St. Michael's, Holy Spirit and Deron schools has received a certificate entitled the Young American Award, signed by his or her teacher and executives of the Post. Close to 700 certificates are presented every year.

It was a very special time for one student, Haley Graf, daughter of Tammy and Mike Graf, because she not only received the award at her school but was also invited to visit the Kelly Post by her grandfather and grandmother, Leo and Jane Graf who are Commander and Auxiliary Secretary respectively. In commenting about the importance of the Pledge, Commander Graf highlighted the fact that in some countries "many children are not allowed to go to school and are denied the opportunity to learn, but here



(above) Haley Graf visits Kelly Post in Union, and is congratulated by her grandparents, Leo and Jane Graf, for learning the pledge of Allegiance.

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UNION HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY

By Viktoria Morozovska

Andrew Lloyd Webber's CATS opened on Broadway in 1982 and ran until September 2000. Union High School's Performing Arts Company undertook this legendary musical as their spring production for seven performances in March. The cast and crew were in forty-hour week rehearsals since January and all their hard work paid off. It was a smashing success.

The show revolves around a tribe of cats attending the Jellicle Ball and presenting a case to Old Deuteronomy as to why they should be reborn. The show begins with the cats breaking the fourth wall and interacting with the audience, to explain what is a Jellicle cat. The tap dancing in "The Old Gumbie Cat" number is spectacular, made even more so by the fact that many of the performers did not have previous tap experience. The flirtatious Rum Tum Tugger, played by James Frazier, interrupts them and his lively performance stirs the female felines into frenzy. He is followed by Emma Magbanua's beautifully tragic Grizabella detailing her fall from grace. Also appearing in this act are the

mischievous Mungojerrie and Rumpleteazer, twin cat thieves played by Kim Henson and Amanda Figueiredo respectively, take pride in the havoc they wreak upon human families as they jump around the stage.

In the second act, we see the infamous Macavity, the villain of the group, played menacingly by Adrian Hopkins abduct Old Deuteronomy, only to see his plan foiled and lead to a fight between himself and Munkustrap and Alonzo (Christopher Damas and Tyler Kubicz). A performance that led the children in the audience to gasp in awe as Macavity shorts out the lights and Mr. Mistofolees, played by Kristian Adap, arrives in his glittering suit to save the day. Emma as Grizabella, sings her haunting rendition of "Memory" and wins over Old Deuteronomy, and is chosen to be reborn.

Yet, the show never revolved around one character, a testament to the level of talent within the company. Congratulations to all those involved with this wonderful show, the next production will undoubtedly not disappoint.



(above) Calvin Orallo as Skimbleshanks

Photos submitted by
director/choreographer Jennifer Williams



(above) Emma Magbanua as Grizabella

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(left, l-r) Kim Henson and Amanda Figueiredo as Mungojerrie and Rumpleteazer



(left) Kathleen Mae Ramas as Victoria

(below) Cast of CATS



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Roselle Catholic students attended an assembly and had the privilege to hear from one survivor of Buchenwald concentration camp tell his story of the brutal conditions he experienced as a child. For the students, the display and hearing from the survivor was overwhelming and very emotional to absorb.

All items and materials at exhibit were provided courtesy of the Holocaust Resource Center, Allentown, PA, Shari Spark, Coordinator, and the private collection of Marylou Lordi.



(above, l-r) E. Noonan from Elizabeth and Kate Reilly of Union.

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All items must be bagged in sturdy plastic bags. Shoes must be bagged separately. Items that can be donated are usable and wearable clothing for all seasons – men's, ladies, and children's. Some examples of accessories are pocketbooks, belts, baby accessories, backpacks, hats, scarves, briefcases, gloves and ties; household items made of fabric in good condition are blankets, bed sheets, bedspreads, pillows, quilts, comforters, kitchen and bath

accessories made of fabric, tablecloths, drapery, curtains, towels, and bath rugs; soft toys such as stuffed animals, rag dolls, and beanie babies are also included; and hard toys are cars, trucks, airplanes, action figures, dolls, and doll houses and should fit in a box 24" x 24" x 21". Bicycles, small, medium and large, as well as shoes and hard toys are urgently needed.

Please note that books, VCR tapes, CDs, kitchen appliances, furniture, stroller, high chairs, car seats, cribs, play centers, bouncers, walkers and swings are NOT accepted.

The students will benefit by payments per pound for what is collected on that day where trucks will be waiting for the donations. Clothing will be shipped to Ghana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Nicaragua, Poland, Republic of Georgia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and will be sold at local markets and thrift stores at low, affordable prices. No usable articles are shredded or cut into industrial rags. For further information, contact currybucu@verizon.net.

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BATTLE HILL SCHOOL - BUBBLES 4 AUTISM

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April has been designated as National Autism Awareness Month. Because of the spring break, Battle Hill Elementary School in Union Township, recognized the event on March 27th. The occasion was highlighted when all of the Battle Hill students and staff gathered in the playground and blew bubbles at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of Bubble Day is to help children with Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC), burst out of their bubble of isolation and raise awareness and understanding of autism in the community.

Details about the event are available on their website at: www.faces4autism.org.

Local police and fire departments attended, as well as Channel 34. The event was coordinated by Ms. Alison Brehm and Mr. John Bogner, 4th grade teachers at Battle Hill. Prior to and during the event staff and Student Counsel assisted in collecting donations. A total of \$1,155 was collected and donated to the Face4Autism organization.



(above, l-r) John Bogner, 4th grade teacher; students: Rachel Mendoza, Nicholas Vasquez, Ava Camargo, Alexis Orallo; and Alison Brehm, 4th grade teacher.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SPRING FLEA MARKET

Grace Lutheran Church, 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union, will hold its annual spring flea market on Saturday, May 4, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., outside on the church grounds. The rain date is Saturday, May 11.

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.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH DINNER THEATER

On Friday, April 26 at 6 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union, will have another of its Dinner Theaters. This one is entitled, "The Last Voyage of the S.S. Gigantic". As the title suggests, this is a ship-based dinner theater and theme. Cost for this dinner theater is \$15 for adults and \$6 for children ages 5-12. To get you name on the boarding list, call the church office at 908-686-3965 or e-mail the church office at gracelu4u@yahoo.com.

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VAUXHALL BRANCH CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Bedtime Storytime

for children of all ages and their caregivers.
on Monday, May 6th at 7:00pm

Mother's Day Preschool Storytime and Craft Program

Tuesday, May 7th at 11:00am
This program is for children, ages 3 – 5, and their caregivers. Space is limited. Signup is required
“Tulip Card” Mother's Day School-Age Craft Program
Thursday, May 9th at 3:30pm

This program is for children, grades 1 and up, and their caregivers. Space is limited. Signup is required.

Game Day

for children ages 3 – 5 and their caregivers
Tuesday, May 21st at 11:00am
Space is limited. Signup is required.

Game Day Part 2

for children in grades 1 through 6 and their caregivers
Thursday, May 23rd at 3:30pm
Space is limited. Signup is required.

Movie Matinee

“The Little Mermaid: Ariel's Beginning”
May 28th at 10:45am

Children of all ages and caregivers are invited to attend.

Our After School Movie Presentation

“Hotel Transylvania”

Thursday, May 30th at 3:30pm
Children of all ages are welcome to attend.

MAIN LIBRARY CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

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Toddler Time

for children 2 ½ - 3 ½ and their caregivers
Wednesdays, May 1, 15th, 22nd and 29th: 10:30am.

Preschool Storytime

for children 3 ½ through Kindergarten
Thursdays, May 2nd, 9th,
16th, 23rd and 30th at 10:30am.

Bedtime Storytime

Come in your pajamas for songs, stories and games
Mondays, May 6th, 13th and 20th at 7:00pm.
Children of all ages and caregivers are invited to attend.

Saturday Storytime and Craft Program

Saturdays, May 11th and 25th at 11:00am.
Children of all ages and caregivers are invited to attend.

Mother Goose Time

or children 1 ½ - 2 ½ and their caregivers
Tuesdays, May 14th, 21st and 28th at 10:30am.

Homeschooling Group Meeting

Monday, May 20th at 10:30am

This is a place to meet and share information and ideas with other homeschoolers 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. Please call or email Mary Pritting at mpritting@uplnj.org or 908.851.5450 x3.

The Union Public Library Lego Club

for children, ages 5 through 12
Thursday, May 23rd at 3:30pm

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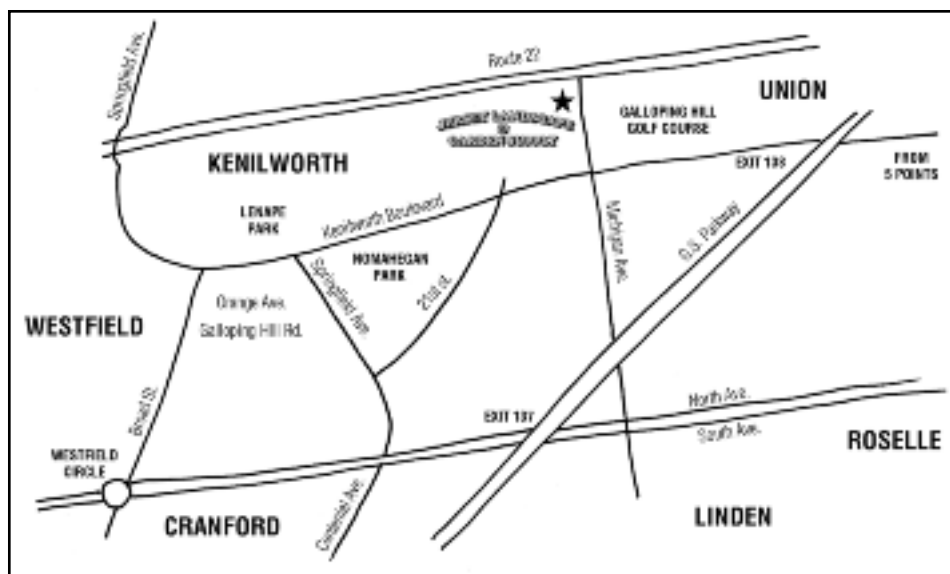
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