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TASTE OF UNION BENEFITS DELAURENTIS AND DONNERSTAG

The Union community turned out in force for the fifth annual Taste of Union held of April 26 at the Knights of Columbus. All proceeds will benefit Lucy DeLaurentis and Daniel Donnerstag.

Lucy DeLaurentis was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis when she was six weeks old. Though her list of medications has increased over the years, along with the frequency of hospital stays, she has managed to keep a positive and determined mindset. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Photography and American Studies in 2010.

Daniel Donnerstag is a Union High School graduate. At the age of 15, Dan became an EMT and served as a volunteer with the Union EMS/Callmen's for seven years until he graduated from College. During all four years of college, Dan was enrolled as an Officer Candidate in the United States Marine Corps. In September 2008, Dan did his first tour overseas in Iraq and held the position of Platoon Commander In Charge of a group of 42 men. In November 2010 Dan received his second war-related assignment overseas serving in Afghanistan as the Officer In Charge of the Police Advisory team in Nimroz Province. However, five months into his tour, Dan was severely injured when his vehicle struck an Improvised Explosive Device. Dan spent the next several months in various hospitals where he underwent numerous surgeries and physical therapy for injuries sustained. Dan will be the Grand Marshal of the 2012 Memorial Day Parade on May 28th.



(above, l-r) Lucy DeLaurentis & her family: Nina Spinelli, aunt; Shelly DeLaurentis, mom; Lucy DeLaurentis & Greta Alexander, grandmother.



(above) Daniel Donnerstag will be the Grand Marshal of the Township of Union 2012 Memorial Day Parade on May 28th.

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KELLY POST HONORS STUDENTS

Submitted by Robert J. Knecht

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For the sixth consecutive year the Michael A. Kelly Post 2433, Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary has sponsored a Young American Award's program which is designed to recognize students who learn the pledge of Allegiance. Each student in a Union School that learns the pledge is presented with a certificate.

The multi-colored certificate is signed by officials of either the post or auxiliary and the teacher. It bears the Post's name, logos, pictures

of students making the pledge to the flag and indicates that the student has learned it.

About 700 are presented each year to students in the Union Public Schools as well as St. Michael's, Holy Spirit and Deron Schools. The support of Ms. Ponce at the Board of Education, the principals and administration of all schools and especially the teachers is paramount to the success of this program and is appreciated by the Kelly Post.

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(above) Mark Hoyt, Principal; Leo Graf, Kelly Post Commander; teachers Mrs. Hutchins, Miss Kiniery, Mrs. O'Grady, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Rutledge and Mrs. Mouna. Not shown: Mrs. Hickey and Mrs. Green.



(right, rear) Mark Hoyt, Principal; Leo Graf, Kelly Post Commander. Children: Alyssa Mahady, Matthew John, Harrison Mont, Cristina Terrezza, Jeffrey Field and David Holmes along with teachers Mrs. O'Grady and Mrs. Rutledge.

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KELLY POST CELEBRATES 80TH ANNIVERSARY

The Michael A. Kelly Post 2433, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Union, recently celebrated its 80th anniversary with a luncheon at the Suburban Golf Club. Joining with the post was its Ladies Auxiliary which will turn 80 in September.

In 1932 a group consisting mainly of veterans of WWI and the Spanish American War decided to form a VFW Post in Union and solicited help from a group called the Union War Dads and other township leaders. With the support of then Mayor Biertuempfel, the Township Committee and the War Dads, they organized and were chartered, taking the name of Pvt. Michael A. Kelly, a doughboy from Union who lost his life in France a few weeks before WWI ended.

About 75 members of the post and auxiliary, along with friends and relatives, were greeted by Commander Leo Graf and Auxiliary President Janet Cain. Graf, who has served as commander for 12 of the 80 years, spoke of the post's achievements in providing fellowship, supporting hospitalized and needy vets, community activities and the desire to keep the public aware of the service our veterans gave to their country. Cain greeted everyone and commended the auxiliary for its excellent ongoing support and leadership in all aspects of the

post's life.

Following the recognition of past commanders and past presidents, the leaders of VFW District 5, which encompasses most of Union County, brought greetings. President Paula Wojtczak, who is also a past president of Kelly's Auxiliary, spoke of Kelly's strength and commitment. Commander Dennis Clark, who is a past state commander, also spoke of the Post's commitment to its motto: "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living."

The celebration was honored by having Earl E. Courter, Jr., New Jersey State VFW Commander, in attendance. He spoke strongly of the importance to support our older veterans, but also of the need to help returning Gulf War participants with some of their special problems. He also addressed the need to keep our military at high levels of strength and readiness, and not allow it to weaken.

Bob Johnsen, a past commander of the Kelly Post who now serves as liaison between -the Veterans Alliance and the Township Committee, spoke of the excellent support veterans have enjoyed in their relationship with Union officials over the years. He introduced

Committeemen Anthony Terrezza and Manny Figueirdo. Both spoke of the importance of



(above, l-r) Leo Graf, 12-term Post Commander; Earl E. Courter, Jr., State Commander of VFW; Dennis Clark, past State Commander and present District 5 Commander Pictured at Kelly Post 80th Anniversary.

maintaining those relationships as well as a responsibility to remember the service of our veterans. They also highlighted the increasing importance of the Memorial Day parade and service at Veterans' Park. All stressed the importance of Union's Memorial Day observation and promised that this year's parade and ceremony at Veteran's Park will be outstanding.

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VAUXHALL HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOUNDING MEMBER TO SPEAK IN UNION



(left) Jonny R. Rosser will present "From Farmland to Community: A Brief History of Vauxhall and Its Early Land Development" at the Caldwell Parsonage, 909 Caldwell Avenue, Union, on Sunday, May 20, 2012, 2:30p.m.

As a resident of the Vauxhall section of the Township of Union since 1957, Mr. Rosser has been active in many community organizations, including the Vauxhall Civic Association, the Community Development Advisory Board, the Union Township Planning Board, and the Dr. Myra Smith Kearsse Family Health Center Advisory Board. He is also a member of Fountain Baptist Church in Summit. A graduate of Union High School and Seton Hall University, he has experience in retail, manufacturing, and international business. Mr. Rosser's interest in

history comes from his work in the family antique business.

His program will be part of the meeting of the Union Township Historical Society (UTHS), 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. Also, visit the UTHS's two websites: <http://www.uniontwphistoricalsociety.webs.com> / and <http://www.unionhistory.org/>

On Sunday, June 3, 2012, an open house will be held at the Parsonage from 2 to 5 pm. Lore Ullrich, a member of the UTHS, dressed in authentic colonial attire, will serve as docent.

Hannah Caldwell Day (June 7) will be commemorated this year on Saturday, June 9, and Sunday, June 10, on the grounds of the Parsonage and in the museum. Guests will include actor Jeffrey Tew as James Caldwell, 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.

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The health screening is May 15, 2012 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA of Eastern Union County, Five Points Wellness Center, 1000

Galloping Hill Road. Registration is recommended. Screenings will include: blood pressure, body mass index (BMI), and a blood glucose test. If your results indicate further screening for pre-diabetes may be needed an A1c blood test will be offered at no charge. (\$10 value). Results will be available immediately.

Contact: Alane McCahey, 908-249-4806 or amccahey@ymcaeuc.org or Michael Johnson, 908-349-9622 or mjohnson@ymcaeuc.org for more information or to make an appointment.

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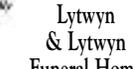
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Cozy Corner 908-688-8884
558 Rahway Avenue www.cozycornerdeli.net

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Fior D'Italia Pizzeria & Deli 908-688-8178
1400 Burnet Avenue

Fior D'Italia Pizzeria & Deli was established in 1985. Since then, Mauro, the owner along with his staff, has been providing the Union area costumers with superior service and attention. We offer a full menu of Italian specialty dishes and pizza. Delivery available.

Open Mon - Sat 10AM - 8PM

Garden Restaurant 908-558-0101
943 Magie Avenue

One of the oldest restaurant and banquet facilities in Union County! Operated under several names since the 1920's, the restaurant is owned by Karen and Andy Kontos. The restaurant is the ideal spot to socialize and enjoy spectacular food. We offer a varied menu using only fresh ingredients. A cheerful banquet room is ready to accommodate any special occasion. Catering is also available.

Open Mon-Fri for lunch and dinner from 11AM - 11PM,
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Good for the Soul (908) 378 - 5354
2170 Springfield Ave. Vauxhall, NJ

Good for the soul is a newly established family owned restaurant, serving the best home style southern cuisine. We offer a dine in or take out menu and serve daily lunch specials that include deep fried chicken waffles as well as on and off premise catering. We are open Tuesday thru Sunday. Please call for hours.

Kyoto II 908-688-6638
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Kyoto II was established in 2006. Since then we have been providing our customers with high quality sushi. We offer catering for all occasions. We have lunch specials, sushi, sashimi, special rolls, and hibachi dinners and a variety of desserts.

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Sun 1PM - 9:30PM

Magic Fountain Ice Cream (908) 687-1250
1081 Stuyvesant Avenue

Magic Fountain has proudly been a part of Union Center since 1985.

We are a family owned and operated ice cream store serving our community for 24 years. We take pride in our home-made products such as hard ice cream, Italian ices, and Gelato. All of our ice cream cakes are novelties are made on the premises. Our ice cream is made with the best ingredients, as we use premium bases and flavorings. Our Softserve is "out of this world" delicious. We make fresh ice cream cakes and ice cream pies daily and will customize the flavors at the customer's request. We have been told many times over that our ice cream "is the best they ever had" and that "nothing compares to Magic Fountain Ice Cream". With over 30 years of experience we have perfected our product.

Mark Twain Diner 908-687 -1680
1601 Morris Avenue

Try the new Mark Twain Diner menu, specializing in steaks, fish, Greek specialties, and gourmet salads. Senior Citizen menu is available. Fresh made desserts and breads made on premises.

Open Sun - Thru 6:00AM - 3:00AM, Fri - Sat. open 24 hours

Morris Thai Cuisine 908-688-5678
1975 Morris Avenue www.morristhai.com

When we opened in 1997 our goal was to spread the good taste of Thai food to the Township of Union. Orders to go accepted.

Open Mondays thru Saturdays 11AM - 10PM, Closed on Sundays.

Napoli Italian Deli 908-964-9030
336 Chestnut Street

Napoli Italian Deli was established in 1993. For the past nineteen years we have provided the community with specialty dishes, sandwiches, and the finest meats. Daily specials are offered five days a week, and we will provide catering for any occasion.

Open Mon - Sat 9AM - 6PM, Sun 9AM - 2PM

O Lagar Restaurant 908-687-7020
1252 Stuyvesant Avenue (formerly Don Antonio)

Located in the heart of Union, NJ O Lagar Restaurant has always been a staple in the community, serving outstanding Portuguese cuisine. We pride ourselves in our reputation for excellent service. Inspired by the beauty and panoramas of Northern Portugal and its people. O Lagar features an assortment of top quality dishes and carefully selected wines to make your meal or special occasion a memorable one. Quality ingredients, friendly staff and a warm and inviting atmosphere makes O Lagar the top choice for dining in Union County.

Open 7 days a week 11AM - 2AM, Kitchen open till 11 :30PM

The Red Cadillac 908-349-8411
2258 Morris Avenue

The Red Cadillac Mexican grill concept is being driven by Joseph Montes and has been featured in the NY Times. After working with and becoming friends with Chef Ralph Pagano, from Hell's Kitchen, they collaborated to create a Fresh Mexican Street Cuisine for the East Coast. We only use the freshest products available for our food. The name Cadillac has become synonymous with "Top of the Line" or "The Best" and that's our goal whether you're looking for Killer Mexican Street Cuisine or a Hip City Lounge to park for awhile with a Cadillac Margarita or a Lobster Tail Fajita. The cocktails will be as fresh as possible using seasonal ingredients and we serve many house infused nectars and liquors.

Open Wed & Thurs 1PM - 2AM, Fri 11AM - 1 :30AM

Sat. & Sun 1PM - 1 :30AM Closed on Mon & Tues

Rita's of Union 908-688-9060
1353 Stuyvesant Avenue

Rita's Italian Ice was founded by Bob Tomolo in 1984, the first location was opened in Bensalem, PA. We offer catering corporate events and excellent service. Our menu offers a large variety of sweet treats.

Open 7 days a week Mon - Sun 12PM - 10PM

Rockn' Joe 908-354-0550
900 Green Lane (at Union Train Station)

Rockn' Joe is the place to go for good music, great coffee and fun with friends. Our specialty drinks include the Van Halen- an espresso concoction with vanilla hazelnut syrups and steamed milk - as well as caffeine-free drinks like The Dark Side of the Moon (steamed milk with chocolate sauce and caramel). We also offer sandwiches, soups and desserts, all served while listening to your favorite music! Rockn' Joe was voted the best Coffeehouse by NJ Monthly in the 2012 Jersey Choice; The Best of NJ - Food and Drink.

Open Mon - Fri 6:30AM - 8PM, Sat. 8AM - 8PM, Closed Sunday

Rio Rodizio 908-206-0060
2185 Rt. 22 West www.riorodizio.com

Rio Rodizio is an "All You Can Eat" dining experience like no other.

Sit back, unwind and enjoy the truly unique Brazilian Steakhouse atmosphere where you will feast on a non- stop parade of freshly prepared food. This South American style barbeque is called Rodizio.

The savory cuts of meat and poultry are brought to your table and carved table-side by authentic Gaucho chefs. The vibrant colors and arousing aromas of every platter will be sure to attract your senses.

From fresh fruits and vegetables to traditional chicken salad, our selection of cold items will be prepared to please your taste buds.

Open: Mon - Thur 4PM - 10PM, Fri. & Sat. 4PM - 11PM,
Sun 12 noon - 9PM

Tiffany's Restaurant 908-688-6666
1637 Vauxhall Road www.tiffanysrestaurant.com

Tiffany's Restaurant has a casual dining theme that offers an array of American favorites, such as award-winning barbeque baby back ribs, freshly-prepared seafood, pasta, and burger entrees. Tiffany's uses trans fat-free oil for all of its menu items. Some of Tiffany's signature items include Grandma's Meatballs and its famous corn bread. Tiffany's Oak bar and surrounding area feature plasma flat screen televisions and trivia games that guests can play either alone, or with other patrons. Happy Hour is Monday - Thursday from 3PM - 7PM - 11 PM featuring \$5 appetizers, \$5 House wines and \$5 cocktails,

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Mon-Sat 11:30AM - 2AM, Sun 1PM - 2AM (Kitchen closes at 11 PM)

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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.

Mother Goose Time

Tuesday, 15th at 10:30am.

for children 1 ½ - 2 ½ and their caregivers

Toddler Time

Thursdays, May 3rd, 10th and 17th at 10:30am.

for children 2 ½ - 3 ½ and their caregivers

Our Saturday Storytime and Craft Program

Saturdays, April 5th, June 9th and 16th at 11:00am.

Children of all ages and their caregivers.

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, May 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th at 10:30am.

for children 3 ½ through Kindergarten

The children's film, "Hookwinked"

Monday, May 14th at 7:00pm.

Children of all ages and their caregivers.

"Spring Butterflies" Storytime and Craft Program

Saturday, May 19th at 11:00am.

Children of all ages and their caregivers.

Bedtime Storytime

Monday, May 21st at 7:00pm.

Come in your pajamas for songs, stories and games at our Bedtime Storytime.

Children of all ages and their caregivers.

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Mother's Day Storytime and Craft program

Thursday, May 10th at 11:00am.

for preschoolers, ages 4 - 5, and their caregivers

Space is limited. Signup is required.

Preschool Father's Day Craft Program

Tuesday, June 12th at 11:00am.

Children, ages 4 - 5, and their caregivers.

Space is limited. Signup is required.

Father's Day Craft Program

Thursday, June 14th at 3:45pm

for children in grades 3 through 6.

Space is limited. Signup is required.

Memorial Day Craft

Thursday, May 24th at 3:45pm

Children in grades 3 through 6 are invited to the library.

Space is limited. Signup is required.

A TALK ON THE HISTORY OF ENGLISH TEA TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012 AT 2 PM

Discover the fascinating history of this much-loved beverage! Tea was first introduced to England in the 17th century. At first it was used for medicinal purposes and sold in London's early coffee houses. Only when Catherine of Braganza (an avid tea drinker) of Portugal married England's Charles II did tea become a social beverage. In 1840, Anna the 7th Duchess of Bedford is credited with inventing the custom of Afternoon Tea, a tradition that was embraced by Queen Victoria.

Food historian, Judith Krall-Russo, will explain the difference between High Tea and Afternoon Tea and demonstrate proper tea etiquette and customs. Judith began studying the customs and traditions of this universal



beverage 30 years ago and has earned certifications as a Tea Specialist by The Tea School in Pomfret, CT and The Specialty Tea Institute of New York. Krall-Russo is currently studying the Japanese Tea Ceremony at the Uresenke Chanoyo Center and gong fu Chinese tea ceremony at The Tea Gallery, both in New York City.

The public is invited to this free program. Refreshments will be served. However, seating is limited – Make your reservations early. To RSVP, please call (908) 851-5452.

LIBRARY LEGO CLUB

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. This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17th from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. 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, Head of Children's Services, at mpritting@uplnj.org or 908.851.5450 x3 for further information.

INFORMAL MEETINGS FOR HOMESCHOOLING FAMILIES

The Union Public Library has started 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. This month's meeting will be held on Monday, May 14th 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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"Dream Big--Read" is our theme this summer at the Union Public Library. Join us as we explore all things nocturnal – dreams, stars and planets, bats, owls, spooky stories, and more through storytelling, crafts, music, dance, and other activities. The 2012 Summer Reading Club Program is open to young people, preschool through grade 8. Registration for the Summer Reading Club begins on June 1st. For more information, call the library at 908.851.5450 x3 or check the library website at www.youseemore.com/unionpl. All library programs are free of charge. Don't miss a great summer at the library.

FILMS FOCUSED ON OLYMPICS

In celebration of the upcoming Olympic Summer Games of 2012, the Union Public Library is presenting a series of films honoring the event with three selections beginning Tuesday, May 15, 2012 and continuing through June 5, 2012. The films will be screened on Tuesdays. Admission to the programs is free.

The following titles comprise the series:

Chariots of Fire (1981)

May 15, 2012 @ 2 PM

Charlie Chan at the Olympics (1937)

May 29, 2012 @ 2 PM

Olympia Part 1: Festival of the Nations (1938),

a documentary about the 1936 Summer Olympics June 5, 2012 @ 2 PM

"MUSIC OF THE 1950'S" LECTURE BY PROFESSOR OF MUSIC

The Union Public Library will present "Music of the 1950s," a lecture by Stephen F. Marcone, Professor of Music and former Chairperson, The William Paterson College of NJ, on Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to this admission-free event.

The program is funded by the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The lecture/discussion includes the massive changes in the listening tastes of America over the decade that evolved from the popular songs by Nat "King" Cole, Perry Como, Doris Day, and Pat Boone to the early rock and roll artists.

Audio and video examples include the above mentioned artists plus the early pioneers of rock. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, as a trumpet player in a rock music group, Stephen Marcone recorded for Epic Records and toured the country taking an active role in the creative and managerial aspects of the ensemble.



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