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The Union community turned out in force for the sixth annual Taste of Union held of April 25th at the Knights of Columbus. All proceeds will benefit Caitlin Goerlich of Union, NJ.

Twenty five restaurants and food service providers generously gave of their time and served hundreds of attendees. *(Additional photos on page 6.)*



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GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Garden Club of Union will have its annual Rose Contest at our June 5th meeting. Come and see the beautiful, stunning, and fragrant roses grown by our members. We will also be collecting recipes for our Garden Club Cookbook. Visitors are welcome to join us the first Wed. of June in the Bonnel Room of Town Hall, Morris Ave. at 7 PM. Refreshments will be served.

HADASSAH MEMBER RECOGNITION RECEPTION

Hillside-Union Chapter of Hadassah, Northern New Jersey Region, will hold their annual member recognition reception on Sunday, May 19, 2013 at 12 noon at Exquisite Caterers in Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael in Springfield. Chairperson is Barbara Klinger of Hillside.

Entertainment will be provided by the Wild Rose Duo, the combination of Grace on lead vocals, percussion and Guy on vocals, keyboards, guitar and saxophone. This high energy duo entertains their audience with interactive singing and dancing from a broad musical selection.

Toby Brooks is donor credit chairperson and Bernice Davis is donor reservations chairperson. Speaker will be Lila Barsky of Hillside. Ms. Barsky is a Life Member of the Hillside-Union Chapter and Vice President of the Northern New Jersey Region. Chapter President Irene Goldie-Petrus of Union will speak about the fundraising events that the chapter held during the year and other events in which chapter members participated. She will also recruit volunteers for

the Chapter's annual volunteerism visit to the Community FoodBank of NJ during the summer. All board members who have worked to keep the events of the Chapter going will be honored. Due to a change in Region and National's fiscal year, the board members will continue in their positions until December 31, 2013 when the 2014 officers and board members will be installed. Items donated by members and local merchants will be raffled!

The annual ad calendars will be distributed to all in attendance. Many thanks go to these women and all the members and businesses that placed ads. This is the chapter's biggest fundraiser.

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THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION VETERANS ALLIANCE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE FUNDRAISER SOFTBALL GAMES FRIDAY, MAY 17th 2013 BIERTUEMPFEL PARK 6pm

Teams from the 20th Legislative office,
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Tickets for the games are \$5
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MAIN LIBRARY CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

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Mother Goose Time

Tuesdays, May 14th, 21st and 28th
and June 4th, 11th and 18th at 10:30am.
for children 1 ½ - 2 ½ and their caregivers

Toddler Time

Wednesdays, May 15th, 22nd and 29th,
and June 5th, 12th and 19th at 10:30am.
for children 2 ½ - 3 ½ and their caregivers

Saturday Storytime and Craft Program

May 25th, and June 8th and 22nd at 11:00am.
Children of all ages and their caregivers are welcome.

Homeschooling Group

Mondays, May 20th and June 10th at 10:30am.
This is a place to meet and share information and ideas
with other homeschoolers and also become familiar with
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Bedtime Storytime

Mondays, May 13th & 20th, & June 24th - 7:00pm.
Come in your pajamas for songs, stories and games.
Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

Musical Entertainers, "Melody and Pressley"

Friday, June 28th at 11:00am.
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Bedtime Storytime

Monday, June 3rd at 7:00pm.
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Preschool Father's Day Fun Program

Tuesday, June 11th at 11:00am.
Children, ages 4 – 5, and their caregivers are invited.
Space is limited. Signup is required.

Father's Day Craft Program

Make a "Daddy's Goodie Bag" for grades 1 through 6.
Thursday, June 13th at 3:30pm.
Space is limited. Signup is required.

Game Day

Tuesdays, May 21st and June 18th at 11:00am.
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Game Day Part 2

Thursdays, May 23rd and June 20th at 3:30pm.
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Movie Matinees

"The Little Mermaid: Ariel's Beginning"
Tuesday, May 28th at 10:45am
"Bob the Builder: The Knights of Fix-a-Lot"
Tuesday, June 25th at 10:45am.
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No registration required.

After School Movie Presentations

"Hotel Transylvania"
Thursday, May 30th at 3:30 pm
"Frankenweenie"
Thursday, June 27th at 2:00pm.
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LIBRARY LAUNCHES ITS 2013 SUMMER READING CLUB "DIG INTO READING"

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2013 Summer Reading Club Program is open to
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Registration for the Summer Reading Club
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Submitted by: Charlie Oliva

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Representatives from the following organizations and agencies provided valuable information to attendees: Aramark, Atlantic Health Systems, Boys & Girls Club, DHS & VA, Good Grief, Division of Child Protection & Permanency, Harbor Heaven, Holy Redeemer Community-Based Services, Home First, Homeless & Homeless Children, Jenkins

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On Thursday April 11th, Township Administrator, Ronald Manzella, was awarded Business Administrator of the Year at the 24th Annual Mayor's Dinner. The gala event, sponsored by the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce, was held at the Newark Airport Marriott hotel. All in attendance, including the mayors of Union County and its other government officials, recognized Manzella's continuing work and dedication to his position while celebrating his outstanding impact in developing the Township of Union.



UNION TRAIN STATION MARKS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Union Township celebrated the 10 year anniversary of its very own train station on April 16th. Mayor and Master of Ceremonies, Clifton People Jr. proudly addressed the audience and expressed his gratitude to the community during his speech.

Since its induction, Union Station has been a pivotal element of growth and change spurring both social and economic development within

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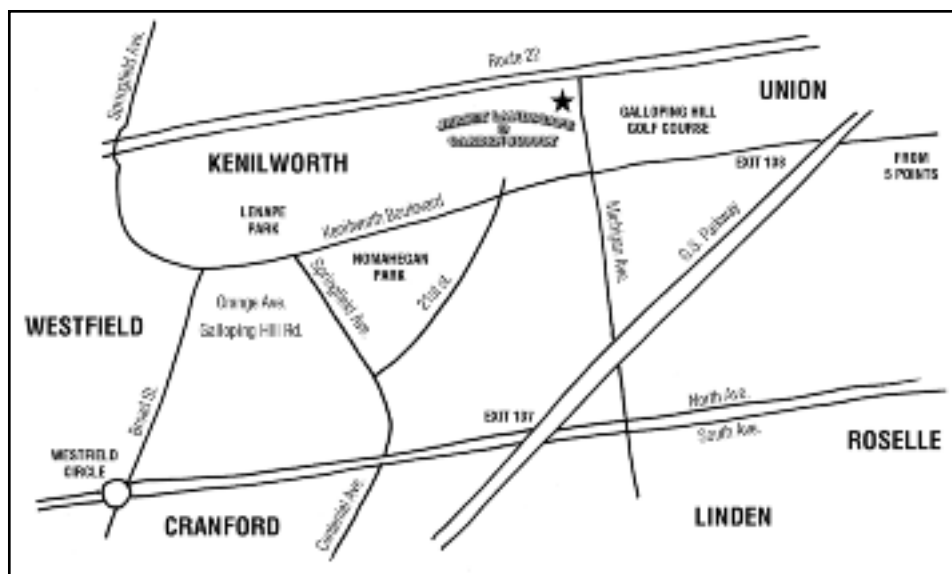
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Trinitas Regional Medical Center Provides a More Direct Route
to Critical Care for Heart Attack Patients

Elizabeth, New Jersey When the recommended timeframe of emergency angioplasty treatment for a heart attack is only 90 minutes, every minute is crucial.

When a healthcare facility is able to cut 15 to 20 minutes off its “door-to-balloon” time, the potential for saving lives soars.

At Trinitas Regional Medical Center, that life-saving potential is realized every time a heart attack patient is en route. Field assessments of emergency responders trigger an early call to the Cardiac Catheterization Lab. The Cath Lab team calls the Emergency Department where doctors can assess the patient and confirm the diagnosis immediately upon arrival resulting in reduced time spent in the Emergency Room.

Trinitas is one of the only medical centers in New Jersey to offer this direct line to cardiac care. Patients experiencing STEMI (ST segment elevation myocardial infarction, a heart attack brought on by a blocked coronary artery) have traditionally been forced to make a first stop in a hospital’s ER before being brought to a cardiac unit for treatment – a practice the American Heart Association is lobbying to change,” says Trinitas Mobile ICU Coordinator Ken Reardon.

“It comes down to doing what’s in the patient’s best interest,” Reardon says. “Now when we have a patient in the field showing STEMI, EMS responders have a 20-minute head start in notifying the hospital and the cath lab. They can perform a 12-lead ECG and transmit those results [from the truck] to the hospital and on-call staff via e-mail and fax, and they can keep that patient on a stretcher all the way to the lab.”

Reardon, along with Chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine John D’Angelo, DO, FAAEM, Faye Shamoon, MD, Medical Director of Cardiovascular Services, and RNs Denise Loneker and Janice Lynch were among the key players in helping transform Trinitas’ response to STEMI emergencies. For D’Angelo, who’d seen the system succeed at the Florida facility where he worked before joining Trinitas, the premise is simple. “Time is muscle,” he says. “Symptom onset [when a patient experiences chest pain] to opening the blocked artery is critical. Our patients need to recognize signs of a heart attack and present to the Emergency Department immediately. Every second counts—every second we save means we’re saving heart muscle and potentially preventing complications like fluid retention and shortness of breath.”

D’Angelo continues, “Our approach is to view medicine through the eyes of our patients. The team at Trinitas recognizes that the quicker we get blood flowing again to a patient’s heart muscle, the better the outcome. A patient’s quality of life depends on our ability to respond with a best-practice approach.” For patients arriving in an ambulance, that means being able to remain on the paramedic stretcher all the way to the cardiac lab without spending extra time at an ER stop and transferring to another stretcher. Patients who walk into the ER and present cardiac arrest symptoms are given an EKG and evaluated on the spot.

With so many departments either directly or indirectly involved in emergency cardiac patient care, effective collaboration is vital in ensuring the initiative runs efficiently. To that end, D’Angelo holds monthly meetings to assess recent cases and identify ways that “door-to-balloon” time can be even further reduced.

“We have monthly ‘door-to-balloon’ meetings of all critical personnel to scrutinize where we can pick up more time in the process,” he says. “The idea is to create a feedback loop so that everyone’s sharing information and best practices, to make sure everyone is educated on the best way to do this.”

As Reardon points out, it wasn’t difficult to bring the staff together in making the new system work. “There’s no downside to it,” he says. “It’s what’s right for the patient, which makes it what’s right for the hospital, and it’s a win for everyone.”

“This is a total collaborative effort,” D’Angelo adds. The team consists of EMS, Emergency Department Personnel — secretaries, nurses, technicians, doctors and the leadership team—catheterization lab members, the interventional cardiologist and the intensive care team who receive the patient post-procedure. Our senior administrators, Trinitas’ President and Chief Executive Officer Gary Horan and Chief Nursing Executive Bernadette Countryman are committed to making Trinitas a leader in cardiovascular care.”

That Trinitas is served by a relatively small, concentrated paramedic unit ensured that training on the new procedure could run quickly and efficiently; since September, STEMI patients from Elizabeth and the surrounding area have seen the benefits. About three patients per month are expected to be transported to the cardiac lab under this new procedure, and that can translate into dozens of lives saved every year by shaving precious minutes off the front end of a response time.

“Reperfusion is the most important part of this process,” Reardon says. “The quicker you get patients on the table [in the lab], the more heart you can save. By saving more heart muscle, you’re decreasing recovery time and patients can spend less time in the hospital.”

In conjunction with the American Heart Association’s Mission: Lifeline initiative to change the way STEMI patients are transported, received and treated, Trinitas Regional Medical Center is leading the way in providing more efficient, effective care when these types of coronary blockages threaten lives. The AHA estimates that less than half of STEMI patients around the country receive treatment within their recommended timeframes; Trinitas is taking the lead among New Jersey hospitals in changing that life-or-death trend.

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Photo Caption:

Dr. Faye Shamoon, Director of Cardiovascular Services (left), confers with Dr. John D’Angelo, Chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine, about the life-saving potential of field assessments of patients suffering heart attacks caused by blocked arteries, known as STEMI.

YMCA of Eastern Union County's Healthy Kids Day® on April 27 Aims to Help Kids Exercise Minds and Bodies

On Saturday, April 27, the YMCA of Eastern Union County is celebrating YMCA's Healthy Kids Day® with a free community event that encourages kids in the communities of Avenel, Carteret, Colonia, Elizabeth, Hillside, Kenilworth, Linden, Rahway, Roselle, Roselle Park, Union, Winfield Park to get moving and learning, and families living healthier. Healthy Kids Day, the Y's national initiative to improve families' health and well-being, takes place at 1,900 Ys and kick-starts healthier behaviors now and throughout the summer, a critical out-of-school time for children's health.

Many U.S. children do not get the daily recommended hours of physical activity and reading, and daily amounts of healthy foods. According to the latest findings of the YMCA's Family Health Snapshot – a survey of parents that gauges their children's activity levels during the school year – only 19 percent of children get 60 minutes of physical activity, only 17 percent read books for fun, and only 12 percent eat at least eight fruits and vegetables daily.

"At the YMCA of Eastern Union County, we know parents struggle to keep their kids physically and intellectually active every day. We want to help ensure fewer kids are at risk of childhood obesity and more kids excel in school," said Krystal Canady, Chief Executive Officer, YMCA of Eastern Union County. "YMCA's Healthy Kids Day will get kids moving and learning while also helping families get a jump on creating a healthier summer, and ultimately a healthier future."

Research shows that without access to out-of-school physical and learning activities, kids fall behind academically and gain weight twice as fast during summer than the school year. On April 27, YMCA's Healthy Kids Day will help parents begin thinking early about what their kids need to grow and achieve all summer long.

The YMCA of Eastern Union County's Healthy Kids Day takes place at the following branches: Elizabeth Branch, 135 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth; Rahway Branch, 1564 Irving Street, Rahway; Five Points Branch, 201 Tucker Avenue, Union, from 12:00 pm – 3:00 PM and features fun, active play and educational activities, such as Family Zumba, Healthy Snacks, Healthy U/CATCH games, Raffles, Story Time, Give-a-Ways, and more.

YMCA's Healthy Kids Day is supported by Healthy U and the Horizon Foundation of NJ, Sprout, and Lazy Town. The YMCA of Eastern Union County is proud to host representatives from local libraries, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Karsons Food, and School Superintendents, who will be providing the healthy snacks, lead Story Times, and provide healthy tips and suggestions.

YMCA's Healthy Kids Day is supported by national media partners Sprout and Lazy Town, who are committed to encouraging kids to lead a healthy lifestyle.

For more information, contact the following people: at the Rahway Branch; Lindsay Sudia at 732-388-0057 or lsudia@ymcaeuc.org; at both the Five Points Branch and Elizabeth Branch; Jessica Samolewicz at 908-688-9622 or jsamolewicz@ymcaeuc.org.

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YMCA of Eastern Union County Five Points Branch & Five Points Wellness Center Branch Launches Annual Campaign

Funds will help make Hillside, Kenilworth, Roselle, Roselle Park, Union, Vauxhall a stronger community for residents

Every day, the YMCA of Eastern Union County Five Points Branch and Five Points Wellness Center Branch serves as a gathering place for the community. Kids pour in to our after school programs to play and do homework. Adults connect with one another through exercise classes and group activities, families learn how to eat healthy and grow together, and our WISE Adult Day Services provides quality care to elders in a supportive, safe and stimulating environment. To ensure that the Y can continue to provide Union, NJ and its surrounding neighborhood residents with life enhancing services, the Five Points Branch and Five Points Wellness Center Branch is launching its Annual Campaign.

"Through our Annual Campaign, we want to educate people that in addition to providing a very unique and supportive environment for people to develop healthy lifestyles, they Y is a charitable organization that does vital work thanks to the support of the community," said Paul Mickiewicz, Associate Branch Executive, Five Points Wellness Center Branch. "The Y contributes to improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods by providing critical programs and services to needy members of this community that otherwise would go without."

Last year, \$202,213 in financial assistance made it possible for 70 children to learn, play and grow in our summer camp, school age child care and child care programs! 45 individuals had the opportunity to be a part of the WISE Adult Day Services and their caregivers could feel peace of mind knowing their loved ones were taken care of. 168 families & individuals were able to reconnect and grow together at the Y.

The Annual Campaign kick-off event will take place at the Five Points Wellness Center Branch at 1000 Galloping Hill Road in Union, NJ on Tuesday, April 16th from 7 – 8 p.m. The Y will feature a meet and greet with YMCA staff and members – open for the community to attend; light refreshments will be served.

To learn more about how you can support the Y's cause, please contact Paul Mickiewicz, Associate Branch Executive at 908-349-9622, pmickiewicz@ymcaeuc.org or visit www.ymcaeuc.org for more information.



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The Township of Union Education Foundation is proud to announce that it is awarding a record number of grants to teachers for the 2013-2014 school year. Twelve grants are being awarded to teachers in eight schools in the district.

Mini-grants of up to \$750.00 have been awarded to:

Greg Pardo, for Gifted and Talented in grades three and four at Connecticut Farms for a project entitled "Past Meets Present: Geocaching through Time." Students with adult supervision will use a special GPS enabled device to search for a geocache in historical places in our community. They will find out factual information, take pictures and blog about their experiences.

Kelly Royal, second grade teacher at Livingston School, has been awarded funds for Math Whiz "Fact Attack." Students in her class will utilize an interactive hand-held "math whiz" which provides a differentiated, tiered and interactive way to learn math facts, which will help students in their math studies throughout the year.

Adam Raffaele, environmental science teacher at Union High School, has been awarded funds for a large compost bin which will be used to teach students about decomposition of organic materials. It will generate compost for plants in the greenhouse, which is installed in a courtyard of the High School. The greenhouse was purchased with funds provided in a grant received from the Education Foundation last year.

Nina Meyerhoff and Donna Courtney, third grade general and in-class resource teachers at Washington School, will receive an iPad. This tool will facilitate full inclusion in the classroom in all subject areas-writing, literature, vocabulary, spelling, reading comprehension and math. It is especially useful for students with communication difficulties.

Michele Moynihan, who will be the media specialist at the newly renovated Central 5/Jefferson School when it reopens in September, will receive 3 Chromebooks to enhance the abilities of students to do on-line research in the school library, with the long range goal of having a class set of Chromebooks available to every child during library class. Learning to use the OPAC, websites and subscription databases are essential skills for students in the 21st century.

Marcel Royal, teacher of special education in grades 3-4 in a self-contained class of autistic children at Connecticut Farms will receive 2 iPads. iPads target areas of specific difficulty that many autistic students may have.

Macro-grants of up to \$5,000.00 have been awarded to:

Mr. Ian Perry and Ms. Debra Coppola, sixth grade language arts and in-class resource teachers at Burnet Middle School. They will receive funds to set up 5 learning stations with tiered lessons which students will use throughout the year for a more student centered, multi-sensory learning environment.

Stephen Piotrowski and Amie Osborne, science and environmental science teachers in grades 11 and 12 at Union High School will receive a grant for a self-sustaining garden in the courtyard where the greenhouse is located. Six raised garden beds with rain barrels and soaker hoses will be placed in a center courtyard. Students will have hands-on growing activities which will supplement the already established greenhouse activities. Union High School will now have a full-fledged growing center.

Catherine Holdright and a team of teachers at Burnet Middle School have received funds to expand last year's "Chasing Vermeer" grant. Three of the sixth grade clusters at Burnet will utilize this grant for interdisciplinary and cross curricular activities, which will be done in English, social studies, math and science class.

Cara LeBlond and Patricia Bogda, third grade teachers at Battle Hill Elementary School, will use their grant to establish an outdoor garden, "Battle Hill's Garden of Knowledge." Children will experience a hands-on learning environment including butterfly garden, vegetable garden, birdhouses and an observation area. This will be the fourth school garden established by the Education Foundation.

Mary Ellen Patricco, fourth grade teacher at Connecticut Farms School, will utilize her funds to establish a STEM pilot program. This STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) program will focus on creativity, communication, critical thinking and technology. As part of her grant, all fourth grade students at Connecticut Farms School will have access to an on-line math program which can be used both at school and at home.

Peter Jarmulowicz, Laura Detjen and Helen Soto, World Language teachers at Kawameeh Middle School, received a grant for laptops which they will use to connect their students to on-line resources. Students will be able to communicate with students in other countries and the teachers will combine the laptops with Smartboard activities to greatly expand the curriculum.

All of these teachers will be honored at a reception on May 9th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Liberty Hall, Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey. The cost to attend this reception, which is open to all members of the community, is a donation of \$30.00. Checks may be made payable to "Township of Union Education Foundation" and sent to Susan Lipstein, 2569 Jackson Ave., Union, New Jersey 07083. For further information, please call 908-851-9869.

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