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APRIL 26. 2013 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

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Friday, March 8th was "Wear White to Unite Against Bullying Day" at Watchung Hills Regional High School.

Watchung Mayor Gerald Mobus presented a Proclamation to the WHRHS students in honor of a "White Out to Unite Against Bullying" campaign. The Borough staff and the students gathered at Borough Hall as Mayor Mobus presented and read the Proclamation aloud. All wore white in support of raising awareness for the campaign to wipe out bullying in our schools. White ribbons have been tied on the trees around Watchung Lake along with flyers to clarify what the ribbons represent.



BOROUGH MOURNS PASSING OF MAYOR

Watchung Borough Mayor Gerald "Jerry" Mobus passed away on March 17, 2013 at the age of 70. The Borough closed its offices on Thursday, March 21 in his honor and remembrance. The borough website expressed the sorrow felt by the Watchung community in a message posted describing him as "Our dear and beloved Mayor... our leader and highly respected of course but he was also thought of as a terrific friend." The tribute added "Nobody loved Watchung more than Jerry."

Mobus was a life-long resident of Watchung and has been involved in local government for over forty years. He was a volunteer firefighter and served as a councilman before being elected as Mayor in 2010.

The borough website entry asked readers to "Please remember his wonderful wife Mary, sons David (Lisa), Ron (Karen), Greg (Patti) and the grandchildren in your thoughts and prayers."



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Call or email Kate Conroy at 908-352-0900, or kateconroy@gatewaychamber.com for the special application and grow your business!

NEIGHBORS & NEWCOMERS CLUB!

The Neighbors & Newcomers Club of Watchung Hills has been welcoming both new and existing residents from Warren, Watchung, Long Hill and Green Brook for over 35 years. Members receive a monthly newsletter highlighting the Club's activities and events for the month. The Club offers a variety of activities such as monthly meetings featuring guest speakers; special interest groups including Bunco, book club, day trips, knitting, fun in the kitchen; evening socials including game night, wine tasting, candlelight dinner.

For additional information, please contact Laura Merizio at (908) 490-0140, or at ajmlam4@aol.com. Feel free to visit our website: www.nncwhnj.org.

WATCHUNG SENIORS CLUB

For Watchung residents (55 years of age and older) Regular meetings on the Second Wednesday of each month: 11:00 AM

Firemen's Exempt Hall (lower level, handicap accessible) 57 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung, NJ From September to June.

Refreshments served, guest speakers, trips, pizza parties, and an annual picnic in June. Come join us! For more information, call Grace Bell at (908) 756-8446 or Ruth Allen at (908) 756-9365.

WATCHUNG-WARREN ROTARY CLUB

Meets every Tuesday at 12:15pm at the Twin Brooks County Club, 600 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung, NJ. For more information about the club and upcoming events, please call Bob Aznar at (908) 755-8724.

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THE INFLUENTIAL **CONVERSATION**

Critical to business owners' and executives' success is the ability to influence others to take action. To do this, you need to dig deep into areas that motivate that other person, and guide the discussion appropriately.

Join the Somerset Hills Business Network on Friday, April 26th, as one of our long term members, John Hadley (www.JHACareers.com) shares with us a model for conducting truly influential conversions that will let you have:

- More rewarding networking conversations
- Meetings with prospects that motivate them to take action
- Job interviews that set you apart from all other candidates.

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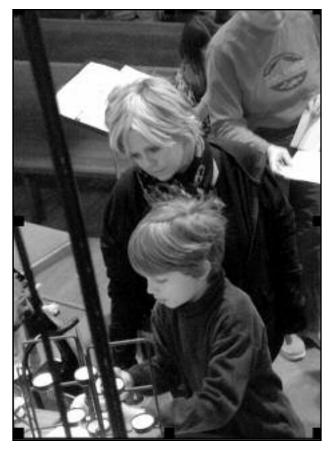




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WILSON CHURCH ADDRESSES THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF MODERN FAMILY LIFE

On March 2nd, Wilson Memorial Church in Watchung tried a bold experiment with their first Saturday evening family worship service. "Sunday mornings aren't the sacred time in communities that they once were," said Michael Droege, Director of Youth and Family Ministries for Wilson. "If families want to be involved in enrichment activities such as sports or other activities for their kids, they are often scheduling now on Sunday mornings. We are seeking to provide an outlet for families who also want to be involved in church." Mr. Droege co-led the service with the Rev. Barbara Peters who gave an interactive sermon that involved kids and adults. After the service, Rev. Peters reflected how fun and energetic the service felt and how much they looked forward to next month. Families walked away with a "souvenir" that could serve as a family activity and reminder of the priorities of their lives. It was an enriching time for all. The next Saturday Family Service is scheduled for April 6th at 5:00 pm. All services are held in the chapel.







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WATCHUNG WELCOMES JAZZ DIVA ROSEANNA VITRO

The Watchung Arts Center is proud to present the jazz vocal talents of Roseanna Vitro on Saturday, April 27th at 8 PM. Ms. Vitro will be appearing with her RNP band that will feature songs from their 2012 Grammy nominated album "The Music of Randy Newman." The group was recognized by the Academy for their arrangements and renditions of Newman's compositions through a confluent blend that mixes elements of jazz, blues, folk and country. Serving as backup for Ms. Vitro will be arranger and pianist Mark Soskin, bassist Dean Johnson, violinist Sara Caswell, and drummer Tim Horner. Songwriter Randy Newman has been writing popular music since 1968 during which time he won an Oscar for the best original song for the movie "Monster, Inc," along with 5 Grammys and 2 Emmys. He will be inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame this April. Ms. Vitro and her RNP group will also highlight material from their upcoming CD: "Bill Evans to Clare Fischer."

While this will be Ms. Vitro's premiere concert at the Watchung Arts Center, she has spontaneously appeared there with former Watchung resident and internationally recognized jazz pianist Kenny Werner. Their former collaboration on Half Note Records marked a study in improvisational genius described by company manager Jeff Levenson as being artistically strong enough to "change the planet one song at a time."

In addition to her 12 critically acclaimed prior recordings, Ms Vitro has held the Vocal Jazz Chair at New Jersey City University since 1998 as well as that of Vocal Jazz Teacher at NJPAC. Nationally, she has appeared at famous jazz clubs including New York City's Blue Note, Lincoln Center, and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Internationally, she has toured as our US Jazz Ambassador in 2004 and again in 2009.

In commenting on one of Ms. Vitro's appearances at Zebs in Chelsea in a recent edition of Downbeat Magazine, music critic



must have been 30 years ago when, nicknamed the Texas Tornado, she first blew into New York." At the suggestion of TV personality and jazz buff Steve Allen, Ms. Vitro spent a short period of time seeing what Hollywood had to offer before leaving from Texarkana and Houston to The Manhattan School of Music.

Currently a resident of Warren, Ms. Vitro continues to travel widely and to expand on her unique approach to vocal musical expression, predisposing one critic to describe her style as one of "a story teller with a penchant for touching an audience. She is a soulful communicator — expressive, melodically inventive and hard-swinging." This is a concert not to be missed.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Advanced price tickets can be purchased though the website at wathungartscenter.eventbrite.com using a credit card or by check made payable to the Watchung Arts Center, 18 Stirling Road, Watchung, NJ 07069. Advanced sale price will be given prior to the event only. To obtain more information about upcoming performances, classes and workshops or monthly art exhibitions please visit WatchungArts.org,



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Free Ballroom Dancing Lessons are offered every Tuesday and Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. followed by social dancing and practice at the Warrenbrook Senior Center in Warrenville, NJ. They will be lead by Bice DiFelice. Lessons are geared towards the older adult, 55 and over. The lessons are for Waltz, Cha Cha, Fox Trot, Swing, Rumba, Meringue, Tango, Salsa, Hustle and more.

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Bice DiFelice has over 20 years experience and has competed in shows in Los Angeles, New York City, Las Vegas, New Orleans, Florida, Copacabana, and many more. Also, Bice has performed Showcases with Frank Collins at the Touch Dancing Studio in Warren, NJ. She is also a member of the Warrenbrook Senior Center.



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Program information is subject to change, so also look online for updated programs and additions.

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Ages: Adult

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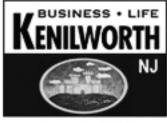
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WINNERS OF THE NJ IDOL VOCAL COMPETITION 2013

DANIELLE BELLOMO OF EAST HANOVER WINS GRAND PRIZE

The Watchung Arts Center concluded the exciting 2013 Vocal Competition - NJ IDOL for New Jersey residents ages 15 – 29 years of age on Saturday, March 1, 2013.

The contest which began with auditions in February was narrowed to 20 vocalists who moved on to two nights of semi-finals. Contestants traveled from Blairstown, Clark, East Hanover, Freehold, Gillette, Hamilton, Madison, New Providence, North Brunswick, Princeton, Rahway, Ramsey, Summit, Tinton Falls, Union Beach, Warren, Watchung, West Orange, and Wyckoff to vie for ten slots in the final round. Finalists included: Danielle Bellomo, East Hanover, Frederick "Freddie " Bourne, Union Beach, Joseph Gatti, Princeton, Caroline Hoynowski, Clark, Erica Kottler, Warren, Carl Martin, North Brunswick, Allison McKenzie, Freehold, Kandace Elaine Moore, West Orange, Kristin Morosoff, Tinton Falls, and Alice Tuberty-Vaughan, Gillette.

After being treated to an amazing collection of songs, the audience was given the difficult job of voting for their three favorites of the night. A total combined score moved, Alice Tuberty-Vaughan, Freddie Bourne and Danielle Bellomo

The Watchung Arts Center concluded the to the next round to sing for the following citing 2013 Vocal Competition - NJ IDOL for prizes:

1st Prize: \$500 cash prize provided by the Watchung Arts Center.

2nd Prize: 2 Hour recording session with S.R.A. Studios of Scotch Plains, NJ.

3rd Prize: Formal publicity portrait with photography done by Nancy Ori in Berkeley Heights.

After the three young performers finished their second song the judges, recording artist Lisa Coppola, Entertainment Attorney Lou Takacs, Esq., and Songwriter/Producer/Manager Mark D. Conklin retired to choose the winner and runner ups.

After deliberating and coming to a unanimous decision it was announced that Freddie Bourner was the second runner-up, while Alice Tuberty-Vaughan was the first runner-up and Danielle Bellomo won the competition.

Both the Watchung Arts Center and the judges would like to congratulate ALL the gifted vocalists who participated in the 2013 NJ IDOL as well as the volunteers without whom this event would not be possible. Volunteers included: Alex Canady, WHRHS Photographer,

Alex Carr, WHRHS Audio, Kaileigh Gannon, Volunteer, Minna Gannon, WHRHS Photographer, Mike Gorczyca, WHRHS Audio, Bim Semmling, Volunteer, Diane Semmling, Volunteer, Tim Semmling, Volunteer

Gabe Waldman, WHRHS Video. Special Thank You to Rosemarie Flores, Soprano/Vocal Coach, guest judge at the auditions.

This event is not associated or affiliated with American Idol, its sponsors, producers or participants.

WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER

For more information visit our website at www.watchungarts.org or to place a reservation call 908-753-0190 or email atwacenter@optonline.net.

The Watchung Arts Center is located at 18 Stirling Road, Watchung, NJ 07069.

The Watchung Arts Center's Gallery and office hours are 12 - 3 PM, Wed - Fri, and Sat by appointment.



(above) Danielle Bellomo
Winner
Above hotos by: Alex Cannady



(above) AliceTuberty-Vaughan 1st runner up.



(above) Freddie Bourne
Second runner-up
Below photo by: Minna Gannon





(above) 2013 Vocal Competition - NJ IDOL Semi-finalists with judges.



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