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The Kenilworth community celebrated the David Brearley Boys Soccer Team by having a Victory Parade on Saturday, December 14th. Participants and on lookers braved 25 degree weather and snow to celebrate the team's impressive 20-2 season record and their NJSIAA Group 1 title championship which was clinched on November 24, 2013 with a 3-0 victory over New Egypt. The parade stepped off at the High School and culminated with a presentation of a congratulatory resolution at Borough Hall.



(right, l-r) Boys Soccer Coach Vincent McGowan holding the NJSIAA Group 1 Victory trophy along with his wife, Kimberly McGowan, Head Cheerleading Coach.



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FROM THE 2014 REORGANIZATION SPEECH



As everyone knows, Merck filed a tax appeal in 2011 contesting the assessment of their facility. Our tax assessor, Paul Parsons, successfully negotiated a favorable settlement with Merck which resulted in the withdrawal of the tax appeal for the year 2011 and allowed the Borough to phase in the reduction in the assessed value of their facility over 2012 and 2013. In 2014, there will be no further downward adjustment in the assessed value of the Merck facility. This stabilization will allow the Borough a bit of breathing room in the current year.

Of course, the best news we received in 2013 is that Merck will be relocating its world headquarters to Kenilworth beginning this year. This is an enormous benefit to the Borough, its residents and our merchants. It is my hope that our future relationship with Merck will begin to mirror that which we had with Schering. I very much look forward to working with the Merck leadership and to establishing such a relationship. In fact, I will be attending a meeting in the next week with the Merck construction representatives to discuss their plans for renovating and reopening their headquarters building and related offices and how the Borough can make that process go more smoothly. While it will certainly be different than when Schering called Kenilworth home; Merck's relocation can only mean good things for Kenilworth's future.

2014 will be a year of change for the Borough. Hedy Lipke, our Borough Clerk for the last 15 years has retired and a new Clerk will take the helm in the near future. Hedy's absence will certainly be felt; she was a fixture at Borough Hall and a font of institutional knowledge. There will certainly be some growing pains during the transition period but I am confident that we will weather the storm which will be felt as a result of Hedy's retirement. I look forward to toasting her future at her retirement party.

The many volunteers who help the Borough with their service are most deserving of our thanks. The Beautification Committee has once again done a wonderful job of keeping the planter's along the Boulevard attractive during all seasons. The members of the Planning Board, Board of Health, Welfare Board and Library Board, are all volunteers who devote countless hours to assist the Borough and its residents. The volunteers on our Recreation Committee and Pat Boyle, as Recreation Director, have over seen many events and sports programs for the Borough's children.

We are blessed to have so many people who are willing to serve and volunteer their time and efforts. On behalf of all of the residents of the Borough, I thank you all.

I would also like to thank each of the members of council for the many, many hours they devote to the Borough. I don't think people really realize how difficult it can be sometimes to do this job. But each of you do it well and on behalf of the residents of the Borough, I'd like to thank each of you. Knowing that you have done good is often its own reward, but you should be thanked from time to time.

For the first time in a long time I am looking forward to the new year. I am as always very hopeful for the future of the town that I have called home all my life and thankful for having been given the opportunity of giving back to the community that has given so much to me.

I hope everyone has a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. May God bless America, the Borough of Kenilworth, each of you and all those serving in the armed forces.

Mayor Kathi Fiamingo

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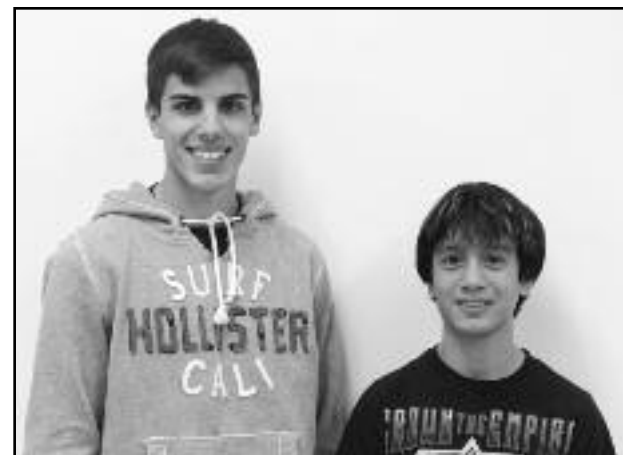
The David Brearley High School Student of the Month for December is senior Phil Costa. Phil has successfully balanced a rigorous academic schedule with a team sport. He is a member of the David Brearley chapter of the National Honor Society, and has been consistently named to the High School Honor Roll. Phil is also captain of the varsity boys' soccer team, the recently crowned Group 1 State Champions. Phil is also an All-State Selection of the New Jersey Coaches' Association, and has received a scholarship from NJIT, where he will study civil engineering. Congratulations, Phil!

Ms. Spampinato this month's High School Teacher of the Month. Ms. Spampinato has been at David Brearley for 5 years. She is a very creative, dynamic and enthusiastic teacher who makes learning about history a fun experience. Ms. Spampinato makes sure each lesson is entertaining and engaging for every student. When walking by her classroom, it is very common to hear her students being actively involved in the lesson that she is teaching. In addition to her teaching duties, Ms. Spampinato

also dedicates her time to peer leadership, the I&RS committee and coaching softball after school. Ms. Spampinato's students report that she "makes learning fun", "she's great at teaching" and "she is the best teacher ever!" Congratulations to Ms. Spampinato as being voted David Brearley's High School Teacher of the Month!

The December Middle School Student of the Month is Brandon Verno is our middle school 7th grade student of the month. His teachers feel that Brandon is a hard worker who is always cooperative during class. He is a major contributor to the classroom discussions, while eagerly listening to what his peers have to say. All the teachers agree that Brandon has an internal motivation to do well in and out of class. Congratulations Brandon on middle school student of the month

The December Middle School Teacher of the Month is Ms. Grimaldi. Ms. Grimaldi is described by her students as being a teacher who highly motivates and pushes her students to learn and grow. She makes her class interesting



(above) December 2013 Students of the Month
Phil Costa & Brandon Verno.

by making her students laugh with her sarcastic humor and by entertaining her students with her stories. Moreover, her students feel comfortable with her because she always understands what they want to say and because she makes herself available to her students for extra help. One student notes that she deserves the honor of teacher of the month because, "She teaches science. She's awesome." Congratulations Mrs. Grimaldi for being chosen as David Brearley's Middle School Teacher of the Month.

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The 6th and 7th graders from St. Theresa School in Kenilworth learned a special lesson about the Vietnam War.



(above) 7th grader Ana Bui proudly, along with her classmates, sat and listened to the war stories told by her dad, Ahn Bui, and his life in Vietnam. Mr. Bui talked about his life in Saigon during the Vietnam War and how he escaped. After living in Vietnam for 13 years with daily bombings and gun shots, he and his family escaped to America in the Spring of 1975.

A SEABRA OPENS COFFEE BAR IN 5-POINTS SUPERMARKET

A Seabra Foods, a super market located at 1350 Galloping Hill Road at 5-Points in Union has recently opened a Coffee Bar in thier facility.

The Coffee Bar offers a resting place for shoppers to relax and socialize. The shop features espresso, cappuccino, and regular coffee along with other refreshments. A large selection of pastry and deserts are available.

Lunch can also be purchased from a menu of sandwiches to eat on location or for take out.

A Seabra Foods is open Sunday through Saturday from 7 am to 9 pm. It is a full-service market that features fresh produce, flower shop, fish market, butcher shop and deli. A Seabra also sells beer and wines..

A Seabra Foods also has a variety of ethnic products that you may be looking for. They carry products from Portugal, Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, Mexico, Spain, and much more.



(above l-r) Coffee Bar barista Aylin serves espresso to Francesca Guercio, Nora Guercio, Joseph and Maria Manto.

ST. JUDE FUNDRAISER

Some of the students from St. Theresa School in Kenilworth took it upon themselves (with the help f their parents) to rent a table at the Craft and Vendor Fair held at the school, and raised money for the St. Jude Foundation. The children worked on making gel loom bracelets which sold from \$1.00 up to \$3.00. They raised close to \$300.00 which was all donated to the organization.



(left, l-r) 4th grader-Alex Han, 6th graders- Paige Vincent and Makayla Koski, Kindergartner- Abigail Han and 6th grader- Kevin McClave.

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Dr. Patel joins the group from a private practice in Philadelphia. She attended Stony Brook University and trained at the prestigious Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She received her Master of Public Health at Columbia University, continued her training in Pennsylvania as a fellow in minimally invasive gynecological procedures and published multiple research articles. Dr. Patel specializes in minimally invasive alternatives to surgery and speaks Gujarati and medical/conversational Spanish.

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St. Theresa's Social Concerns Committee would like to thank Kenilworth Cub Scout Pack 83 and the Kenilworth Girl Scouts for "Scouting For Food" and contributing to the committees' Thanksgiving Basket Project.

The scouts helped in filling over 180 baskets that were distributed to local families for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Social Concerns Committee welcomes nonperishable food and monetary donations for its pantry all year. The pantry is available for those in need by contacting the rectory at (908) 272-4444.

The Loom for Life program was organized by Isabel Allocco and Sarah Kossor of the Kenilworth Girl Scout Cadette Troop 40128 and ran on Friday, December 6, 2013 at the Kenilworth Recreation Center. The program was part of their Silver Award Project. The silver award is the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can earn.

Over 50 scouts for all ages from Hillside,

Kenilworth and Rahway attended and made over 180 bracelets to donate to the 2014 Kenilworth Relay for Life event scheduled for May 31, 2014.

Jaye Shear, the Kenilworth 2014 Relay for Life Event Chair attended the event as well and gave an overview about what the Relay for Life event is about and about the American Cancer Society.



(left) Samples of the 180 looms made by scouts.

(left) Isabel Allocco and Sarah Kossor of the Kenilworth Girl Scout Cadette Troop #40128 organized a Loom for Life event as part of their efforts to earn their Silver Awards.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



(above) Kenilworth Mayor Kathi Fiamingo (left) and Councilwoman Toni Giordano (right) congratulate Robert Herbert, St. Theresa School Class of 2014, at the conclusion of his Eagle Scout project which gave St. Theresa School a new cafeteria floor!

Many helped to make this happen, including the Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Dept., Kenilworth PBA, B&R Floor Covering, Hannon Floors, floor mechanic installers, local Unions, and many STS parents who donated materials, time, and service.

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SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER

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Students from Mrs. DeMaio's 2nd grade class and Mrs. Reyes' 1st grade class from St. Theresa School in Kenilworth visited the seniors at the

Community Center in Kenilworth. Students donning their Christmas hats and elf ears sang Christmas songs to the happy crowd.



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I Can Read

a reading program for children who are just starting to read on their own from ages 6 - 8.

Club Readsalot

a reading program for children ages 9 - 12.

Registration is required for:

Lap Sit

for babies ages 0 - 23 months

Tuesdays from 10:30 - 10:50am;

Jan. 14th, 21st & 28th and Feb. 4th, 11th & 18th.

Toddler Time

for 2 year olds.

Wednesdays from 10:30 - 10:50am

Jan. 15th, 22nd & 29th and Feb. 5th, 12th & 19th.

Stories, puppets and music just right for the youngest listeners will be introduced.

Story Time

for children ages 3 and up

Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:00pm

Jan. 16th, 23rd & 30th and Feb. 6th, 13th & 20th.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Talkin' Trash

Thursday, Jan. 9th from 3:30 - 4:15pm

during the regularly scheduled Story Time program. Children ages 3 and up will be educated about how to recycle, reduce and reuse. Registration is required. Children registered for story time do not need to register separately for this program. Kenilworth residents may begin to register one week prior to this event. Out of town residents may begin to register two days prior.

Registration is not required for the following:

Bingo For Young Children

for children ages 3 & up

Fridays from 3:30 - 4:00pm

Jan. 10th & 24th and Feb. 7th & 21st.

Games may include A-B-C Bingo, Number Bingo and Color & Shape Bingo. Parents must remain in the library.

Bingo For Children Who Can Read

Fridays from 3:30 - 4:00pm in the Activity Room

Jan. 17th & 31st, and Feb. 14th.

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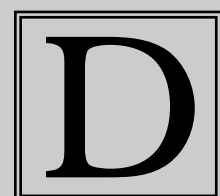
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Wed: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Fri: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Sat: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

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WATERCOLORS BY RITA INARILLI AT GALLERY ON THE BOULEVARD

The Gallery on the Boulevard at the Kenilworth Public Library will feature selections stunning watercolors by Kenilworth painter and collector Rita Inarilli, beginning January 6th 2013. "Watercolors" features images of idyllic locales, flora and scenes from nature.

Since 1999, Ms. Inarilli's work has been winning awards in the Union County Senior Citizens Art Show. When she was awarded first place in the Watercolor Category in 2000 and 2004, her paintings were displayed in the NJ Senior Citizens Art Show.

Ms. Inarilli registered for art classes at Union County College after her retirement, her interest inspired by a lifelong appreciation for the visual

arts and the urging of her son Jim, a graphic artist. After courses in art appreciation, drawing and acrylics, she found her true interest in watercolor. She studied under Carl Burger at Kean University, and currently attends a class for senior citizens taught by Tony Nicoli through the Union County L.I.F.E. program. Her paintings will be on display in the library through February 2014.

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SECRETS TO GETTING COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID

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Worried about the cost of college? Visit the Kenilworth Public Library on Thursday, January 30th at 6:00 pm for a valuable free workshop for parents of college-bound students, provided by Ian Welham of Complete College Planning Solutions.

Secrets to Getting College Financial Aid – Even in This Economy!, a 60-minute workshop, will focus on little-known ways of getting free money for college—even if you have been told you don't qualify for financial aid.

TOPICS DISCUSSED WILL INCLUDE:

The 3 biggest -- and costliest -- mistakes parents make when planning for college.

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Ways to simplify the complex formula that every college in the country uses to calculate how much financial aid you will receive and how making a few legal and ethical changes can dramatically increase your award!

HOW TO FIND SCHOOLS THAT GIVE MORE AID

The workshop will taught by Ian Welham, co-author of the book CASH FOR COLLEGE, and

a nationally known expert on getting into and paying for college. Mr. Welham has been featured on numerous TV and radio programs, including Channel 11 and News12 New Jersey, as well as in Forbes, Kiplinger, the Newark Star-Ledger... and as the college funding expert online on AOL. Mr. Welham will share time-tested strategies that parents can use to lower the cost of college by \$10,000 - \$40,000 a year. All parents are invited, regardless of your child's age or grade. Thousands of New Jersey families have benefited from this event. Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of the nation's most knowledgeable college funding experts, right here in our library. Parents who attend will receive a special edition of the #1 book on college funding, plus a handy checklist of "The Top 10 Strengths and Experiences Colleges Look For in a High School Student."

Please contact the library at (908) 276-2451 or maz@lmxac.org if you plan to attend. Arranged by Complete College Planning Solutions, and a member of the Gateway Chamber of Commerce.

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"Project Ready" Free Job Readiness Program begins February 18th in Elizabeth

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To qualify for the competition, a student must be a high school senior graduating June 2014 and member of the Credit Union. Or the student may open an account at the time of applying.

Deadline for submissions is April 1, 2014. For information and to download the application, visit www.atlfedcu.com or stop in Atlantic Federal, 37 Market St, Kenilworth, NJ.

SHOWING TREMENDOUS GRADUATION RATES

Dr. Scott Taylor, Superintendent, Kenilworth Public Schools (@KenilworthSuper)

Changes put in place by Brearley Middle-High School building leaders have already started to show benefits for the young adults whose preparation for post-secondary life we're trying so hard to improve. I reported on the school's improved High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) scores in the November issue of Kenilworth Life. Now, I am pleased to share the satisfying news that Brearley has improved its overall graduation rate to 92.98%. More impressive is the school's high ranking among the schools to which it is compared throughout New Jersey (the state's "peer group" cohort).

Brearley ranked first among its statewide peers in helping two groups of students graduate: the economically disadvantaged and Hispanics. In its efforts to support students with disabilities, Brearley succeeded with a 88.46% graduation rate, ranking nine out of 31 peer group schools.

We attribute these successes largely to the opening of a new program that was the

brainchild of Principal Brian Luciani. The Alternative Classroom Experience (ACE) serves students who are not experiencing overall success at David Brearley by providing them a highly individualized program in a nontraditional learning environment. ACE helps increase a student's ability to recover lost credit by gradually transitioning him back into the school under the supervision of mentors and through support services that meet his particular needs.

Brearley currently has 18 students enrolled (seven Seniors, one Junior, six Sophomores, and four Freshman).

Kenilworth's schools serve all of the community's children, but it is clear that some adolescents need more assistance transitioning through high school and into the post-secondary society than others. We'll continue to keep our eyes on kids who learn best in the traditional environment as the ACE program guides those who don't fit in to this pathway through high school.

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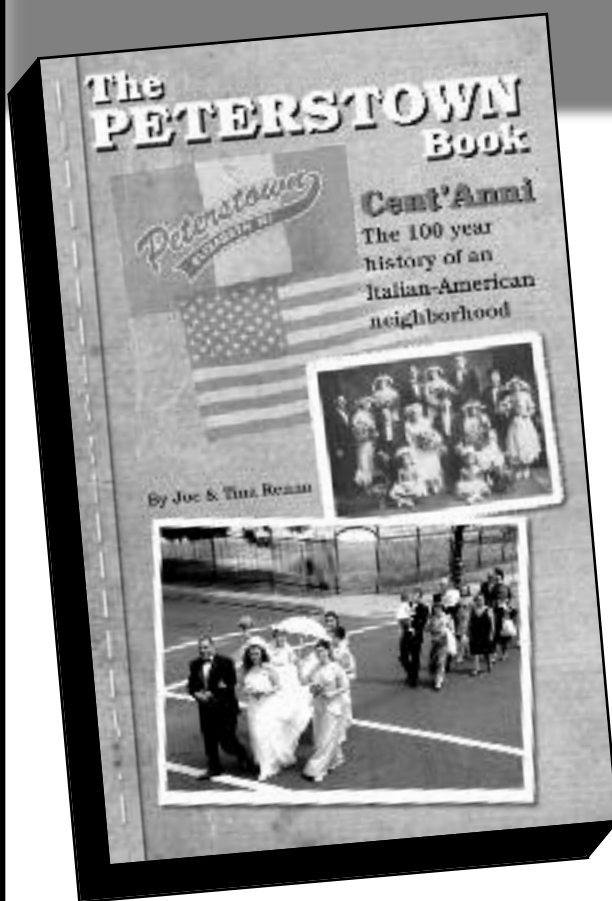
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