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FIREFIIGHTERS COMPETE AT FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL

Event Benefits Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation and the NJ State Firefighter's Mutual Benevolent Association.

On Monday, January 27, 2014, firefighters from around New Jersey competed at the Cooked and Uncorked Food and Wine Festival benefiting the New Jersey State Firefighter's Mutual Benevolent Association and Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation. The competition is part of the culinary extravaganza where participants are able to experience the tastes and flavors of more than 39 of New Jersey's finest restaurants, caterers and dessert shops all in one location. This event, which draws people from throughout New Jersey, was held at The Pines Manor, 2085 Route 27, Edison, NJ. Last year more than \$47,000 was raised from the event which was attended by more than 800 people.

Firefighters John Dillon, Dean Russamano, and Matt Steitz of the Cranford Fire Department served Cabernet Braised Pot Roast "If we go on a call, we can shut it off and leave it." Said Chef Matt Lubin: "I've been a career firefighter in Cranford for two years, having previously served four years as a volunteer. I became interested in cooking at an early age by watching Emeril Lagasse on the food network. I remember my father taking me to a live cooking expo with chef Paul Dillon in Union, which really accelerated my interest in it. My favorite type of food to prepare is that of the Mediterranean cultures; mainly Italian, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Greek. I've traveled to Italy, Greece, and France and absolutely love their food culture."

The Ultimate Fire Department Cook-off is an integral part of the evening as firefighters from the Bayonne, Belleville, Carteret, Cranford, Hamilton Township, Hillside, Elizabeth, Linden, Long Branch, New Brunswick, Plainfield, South Orange, Trenton and Union Fire Departments competed against each other. Event sponsors included: Allied Beverage Group, ShopRite, SEI, Christine Tower Home Mortgage Consultant, Paul Davis Restoration and Remodeling, McEnerney and Brady, AXA Foundation, Erol Kececi, Barnabas Health, O.C.A. Benefit Services, Barasch McGarry Salzman & Penson, Fox & Fox LLC, Campbell Supply Co. and Firefighter One are event sponsors.

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The mission of the New Jersey State FMBA is to educate, involve and affect those civilians who reside and work in New Jersey; to adopt fire safety practices and procedures that prevent and mitigate human and economic losses arising from the devastating effects of fire.

The goal of the New Jersey State FMBA Foundation is to provide financial assistance to children who are enrolled in the Connecticut Burn Camp and who have been treated at The Burn Center at Saint Barnabas Medical Center with fire-related injuries. Our other beneficiaries include Make-a-Wish Foundation, the Leukemia Society and Save the Children. Visit us at www.njfmba.org



(above, l-r) Cranford Firefighters John Dillon, Dean Russamano and Matt Steitz.

SAINT BARNABAS BURN FOUNDATION

Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation is the education and fund-raising arm of The Burn Center at Saint Barnabas Medical Center, New Jersey's only certified burn treatment facility. Its mission is prevention through education because "the best way to treat a burn is to prevent it from ever happening".

Established in 1987, the Burn Foundation supports The Burn Center by providing medical equipment, patient assistance, and comprehensive burn education and fire safety programs to schools, neighborhoods, firefighters, and medical professionals throughout New Jersey.

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VALENTINES FOR SOLDIERS

Submitted by Joan Krov

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The students at Orange Avenue School created Valentines for soldiers stationed in Afghanistan. These heartfelt notes and cards were shipped to two officers in the United States Army who graduated from Rutgers University in the ROTC program with Mrs. Krov's son, Edward. Edward, a 2008 graduate of Cranford High School, is on active duty at Fort Riley, Kansas. The narrative that follows is an excerpt from the letter that was included in the boxes with the handmade Valentines and candy, too!

Our students were thrilled to be able to show their support of the military men and women. Through their Valentines, they found the vehicle to be able to express their deep pride in their service. As you read through their notes, you will notice that a few have written from first-hand experience. I found some very special thoughts that I would like to share. They are as follows:

- Not all heroes wear capes.
- Thank you for giving people my age a chance to choose who we want to be.
- Thank you for your service. You make the stars on the flag shine even brighter.
- Every day that we say the Pledge of Allegiance, we think of you.
- You are my hero, and I hope one day I can be as amazing as you.
- Thank you for being brave. My Daddy was in the Army before I was born. He was in Korea and Afghanistan. Thank you.

- Whether you're in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard, I always have an American Flag flying outside my house for you.
- America is the home of the free because of the brave.

A middle school student chose an inspirational quote and personalized it with her own thought: "If you light a lamp for someone else, it will also brighten your path - unknown." I chose this quote because you are lighting a lamp to America's future path.

RECIPE FOR A HERO:

Ingredients
 1 c bravery 2 c determination
 a dash of loyalty a pinch of courage
 2 c devotion 1 pint love
 Mix slowly with training and discipline.
 Bake until ready to serve.

Our middle school students made felt pockets in Family Consumer Science which were then stuffed with candy. Every stitch was heartfelt and sewed with our servicemen and women in mind.

Mrs. Krov initiated this project for our school. Ms. Hayeck collected the Valentines from the elementary and Ms. Curti for finding an inspiring website that helped to get our students on board!

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The website features a calendar of events, archives of Cranford Monthly, photo albums, and advertisements.

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| | Oyster Cocktail (Raw) East Coast Blue Point Oysters, Horseradish Cocktail Sauce |
| Second Course | Little Neck Clams Spicy Tomato Broth, Sliced Fennel, Garlic Crostini |
| | Eggplant Rollatini Ricotta Cheese, Spinach, Parmesan, Mozzarella, Fresh Tomato Sauce |
| | Salada de Chevre Arugula, Goat Cheese, Beets, Lemon, Garlic Olive Oil |
| | Endive Salad Anjou Pear, Roquefort Cheese, Candied Walnuts, Red Wine Vinaigrette |
| Main Course | Mediterranean Salad Baby Greens, Feta Cheese, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Onions, Kalamata Olives, Lemon Extra Virgin Olive Oil |
| | New England Clam Chowder Fresh Diced Clams, Idaho Potatoes, Smoked Applewood Bacon |
| | Minestrone Soup |
| | Red Snapper Livornese Pan Seared Filet Snapper, Fresh Tomato Broth, Capers, Spanish Olives |
| | Shrimp & Scallops Pan Seared, Truffle Oil, Served over Wild Mushroom Risotto |
| | Ahi Tuna Sushi Grade Japanese Fresh Tuna, Sesame Seed Crust, Avocado, Crabmeat Salad |
| Seafood Fra diavlo Shrimp, Lobster, Scallops, Clams, Mussels, Calamari, Diavlo Sauce over Linguini Pasta | |
| Rack of Lamb Pan Seared Fresh Baby Lamb Chops, Fresh Berry Garlic Glaze, Garden Vegetables | |
| Surf & Turf Veal and Shrimp Francese, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Lemon White Wine | |
| Dessert Option Crème Brulee 4.00 Bread Pudding 4.00 | |

*** A \$8 charge will apply for prix fixe entrée sharing. Any of the above specials may be ordered ala carte without the first & second course for \$29. Bon appetit.

CRANFORD RESTAURANTS GENEROUSLY DONATE TO FIREFIGHTERS' CAUSE

Several Cranford Restaurants donated their time and food to the 2014 Cooked and Uncorked Food and Wine Festival held on January 27, 2014. The event benefits the New Jersey State Firefighter's Mutual Benevolent Association and Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation.

A photo album from the Cooked and Uncorked event can be found on rennamedia.com



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CRANFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES NEW BUSINESS AND MEMBER

CRANFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CELEBRATING OUR 70TH ANNIVERSARY!

The Cranford Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization comprised of a cross section of member businesses ranging from sole proprietors to larger corporations. We play a vital role with the Township and businesses throughout the area. Our programs include monthly networking events, spring and fall festivals, holiday events, a golf outing, scholarship programs, custom car shows and a Pride in Cranford Awards night. The Chamber also serves as an information center for the Township.

Visit www.cranford.com/chamber for more information about the benefits to joining the Chamber. Visitors may join on-line.

On January 29, 2014 MedExpress Urgent Care opened its neighborhood medical center to provide high-quality, affordable health care for illness and injury, as well as preventative care and employer services.

The business is located at 200 U.S. Highway 22, Springfield, NJ and will service Cranford and surrounding towns. MedExpress reached out to join the Cranford Chamber of Commerce in order to help them reach out to their neighbors. The Chamber assisted MedExpress with their Ribbon Cutting ceremony and several members turned out in a show of support. Cranford Mayor Andis Kalnins attended the ceremony to welcome MedExpress to the township's business community.

MedExpress has a physician-led, full medical team on-site 12 hours a day, seven days a week, with no appointment necessary.

"We care for people of all ages like we would our own families," said Paul LeGue, Area

Manager. "Everything about the Center is focused on our patients – so they get great care that's fast, but never rushed."

The new MedExpress offers convenient features that help most patients get in and out in under an hour. With an X-ray suite and on-site lab, the Center can diagnose and treat most health care needs in one location.

The MedExpress team works closely with other health care providers to coordinate appropriate follow-up care.

"We work hand-in-glove with primary care physicians, specialists and area hospitals to meet the needs of our community," said LeGue. "We are completely focused on providing high-quality care that is available when our patients need it."

The new center is the 10th in the state. An open house for a new location in Watchung is planned on Tuesday, February 11. For a full list of locations and services, visit medexpress.com.



(above) Manager Lisa Connell cuts a ribbon at the grand opening of MedExpress assisted by the Center's staff, Cranford Mayor Andis Kalnins and MedExpress Area Manager Paul LeGue.



(above, l-r) MedExpress Center Manager Lisa Connell conducts a tour of the facility for Cranford Mayor Andis Kalnins, Chamber Executive Director Bob Hoessler, and Cranford Chamber members.

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LADIES NIGHT OUT TO BENEFIT PROJECT HOME

Project Home of Cranford's annual event "Ladies Night Out" will be held on March 12, at 6:30 p.m., at the Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood.

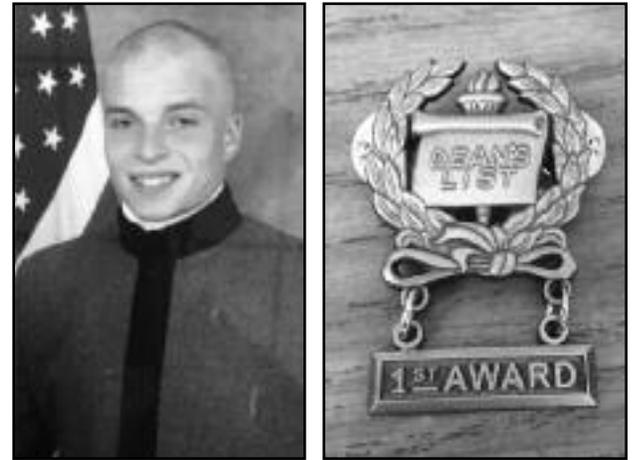
For 25 years Project Home of Cranford has been working through Cranford Family Care to keep Cranford families in their homes.

Ladies' Night Out is a very popular event that regularly attracts more than 300 women, and can

be the perfect opportunity for merchants to advertise. Unfortunately, funding to Family Care from other sources has been reduced making fundraising efforts critical and the group finds itself in need of sponsors for the event.

To participate, for ticket information for Ladies' Night Out or just to find out more about Project Home and its mission, email info@cranfordprojecthome.org, or visit cranfordprojecthome.org.

VICCI AT CITADEL



(above) Joseph Vicci, Cranford High Graduate Class of 2013, acquired Deans List status in his first semester Freshman year at The Citadel Military College in South Carolina.



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DON ALEX SERVES AUTHENTIC PERUVIAN FARE

(left) Mark Osoros prepares a serving of Choclo con Queso.



Don Alex's newest restaurant opened in Kenilworth in June 2012. It is the third location for the family owned business. The restaurant is managed by Mark Osoros, who grew up in the business learning the ins and outs from his parents. Don Alex offers authentic Peruvian cuisine in a casual setting.

The Kenilworth location offers a sitdown restaurant atmosphere and features live music on certain nights. Couples and family can dine to the sounds of Andean music played on the panflute, an ancient musical instrument.

All three locations (Kenilworth, Union and Elizabeth) have a robust takeout service. Don Alex's specialty is the authentic rotisserie chicken "Pollo a la Brasa". But the menu is rounded out by a mix of seafood and steak entrees which are uniquely Peruvian in their preparation. Sides like Choclo, a large kernel corn from the Andes, are the types of rare dishes not common to many restaurants. Jars of their popular home made hot sauce called Picante can be purchased. Don Alex is located at 625 N. Michigan Avenue in Kenilworth has been satisfying customers since 1998.



(above) Amanda Barone ladles servings of Picante, a home made Hot Sauce served on the side of all entrees and appetizers at Don Alex Restaurant.



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Robert E. (Bobby) Jeans, Sr. named Grand Marshal

The 2014 Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee proudly announces Robert E. "Bobby" Jeans Sr. of Kenilworth has been named Grand Marshal of the 18th Annual Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade. The 18th Annual Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade will step off at 1 p.m. sharp on Saturday, March 15, on Morris Avenue in Union.

Robert E. Jeans, Sr. was born in Brooklyn, New York and traces his Irish Ancestry on his mother's side (McTague) and his father's side (Jeans, Connelly) to County Cork. Bobby served in the United States Army from 1968-1974. He served in Vietnam from 1969-1970. He received the Purple Heart, 2 Bronze Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Ribbon, Presidential Citation, Valorous Unit Award, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, NJ Vietnam Service Medal, and the NJ Distinguished Service Medal Upon leaving the Army, Bobby joined the Kenilworth Police Department and retired from the force as a Lieutenant

His devotion to the Veterans is remarkable. He has been a member of VFW Post 2230 since 1970 and served as District 5 Commander. He is a Life Member of the American Legion Kenilworth Post 470, a Life Member of the



(above, l-r) St. Patrick's Day Parade 2014 General Chairwoman Ms. Kathryn Noonan, 2014 Grand Marshal Bobby Jeans, Parade Day Director Bernadette Sullivan.

Vietnam Veterans of America Westfield Chapter 688.

Bobby is a 3rd degree member of the Knights of Columbus Kenilworth Council 4168 since 1971. He is a member of the Emerald Society of Union County and the Nugent Association.

For more info about the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade, visit unioncountystpatricksdaysparade.com.



(left, l-r) Carol Azzolli, Barb Masterson, Ann Masterson, with celebrity Bartenders Kathleen Holmes and Maureen Sheridan Renna.

Photos from Celebrity Bartender fundraiser for St. Patrick's Day Parade 2014 held at Kenilworth VFW Hall on January 19th can be found on Spirit of Union Facebook page.

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Joe Renna of Renna Media became a certified merit badge counselor and is assisting scouts in earning their badges. He initiated the plans for the tournament along with Field Director at Patriots' Path Council Art Lobdell and Jim Parlapiano of Boy Scout Troop 80 in Cranford.

Scouts interested in playing can use Patriots' Path Council Munsee District Double Knot link to register on-line at ppbsa.doubleknot.com/event/1454371 or Email Jim Parlapiano jim.parlapiano@bankofamerica.com.



(above, l-r) Joe Renna instructs First Class Scout Matt Capone, 14, and his brother Tenderfoot Scout Sam on chess theory and strategy.

2014 White Castle



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- Wednesday 2/12 John Zinn: "Portrait of a Civil War Marriage"
 at 7:30pm @ Cranford Community Center
- Sunday 2/2 Museum Tours @ Crane-Phillips House 2-4 pm
- Sunday 2/9 Steven D. Glazer, "President Lincoln and Cranford"
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- Sunday 2/16 Museum Closed - President's Weekend
- Sunday 2/23 Museum Tours @ Crane-Phillips House 2-4 pm
- Monday 3/3 Jim Malcolm: "Private Heyward Emmerll of the 7th NJ"
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GREASE is slated for February 28, March 1 at 8PM March 2 at 2PM. Tickets are available from <http://chs.booktix.com>. There are 2 seating options offered with reserved seats \$15.00 and general admission at \$10.00. Tickets will also be available at the door 1 hour before the curtain. Senior Citizens are invited for dress rehearsal on February 27, 7:30 PM.

Cranford High School's 2014 production of GREASE is a fabulous merge of the show's original music including Summer Nights, Magic Changes, Greased Lightnin', Freddy My Love, Beauty School Dropout and We Go Together as well as the 1978 movie songs Grease, Hopelessly Devoted To You, Sandy and You're The One That I Want. The CHS Production is under the direction and choreography by Michelle Massa, music direction by Anthony Rafaniello and produced by Lynn Berry. Joanne Penrose is on staff working in costumes and David Marconi rounds out the staff as the technical manager.

Scenic painting and set design is by Michael D'Arcy. Student stage managers include Evan Perrotta, Erica Chiari, Susanna Jaramillo and Maria Schwartz. Technical Student leaders include Noah Lee, Katie Wakeman and Evan Perrotta. Cranford High School continues to be a proud participant of the Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star program.

CAST IN THE CHS PRODUCTION OF GREASE IS

Geddy Warner as Danny, Talia Gonzales as Sandy, Garrett Forrestal as Kenickie, Emma Schwartz as Rizzo, Tyler Beresford as Doody, Lauren Costa as Marty, Dylan Randazzo as Roger, Veronica Walton as Jan, Brian Rubin as Sunny, Gabbi Siani as Frenchy, Tom Stoke as Vince Fontane, Deirdre Koczur as Miss Lynch, Emily Norwine as Patty, Tyler McMahon as Eugene, Noah Belmont as Teen Angel, and Kelsey Kilpatrick as Cha Cha.

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The Friends of the Cranford Public Library are pleased to sponsor a lecture entitled "Film Musicals: Originals and Adaptations," on Wednesday, February 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. The Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue. Admission is free and all are welcome.

The lecture will be presented by Allen Cohen, an Associate Professor of Music at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Using audio and video examples, Professor Cohen will begin with Al Jolson's *The Jazz Singer*, range through the lavish productions of Busby Berkeley, the artistry of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, the MGM years, the rock era, Chicago, and beyond. The presentation will explore the differences between Hollywood and Broadway musicals, why the era of the great Hollywood musicals came to a close, and where film musicals may be going next.

BOOKS & BAGELS

The next session of Books & Bagels, the Cranford Public Library's monthly book chat program for adults, will take place on Saturday, March 1, from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in the library's Raddin Room. The program format is simple. Just bring a few of your favorite reads and tell the other members of the group what you like about them. The books can be new or old, fiction or non-fiction, classic or contemporary. There is no required reading, and you will have the opportunity to learn about books recommended by other group members. Plus, refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Friends of the Cranford Public Library. Registration is not required. The library is located at 224 Walnut Avenue. Subsequent Books & Bagels dates include April 5, May 3, and June 7. For questions about Books & Bagels, contact Sally Hanford at 908-709-7272, ext. 2104, or at s-hanford@cranfordnj.org.



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Historian John G. Zinn will present a program entitled "Portrait of a Civil War Marriage" on Wednesday, February 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue. The talk is based on more than 40 letters that William Lloyd of the 33rd New Jersey Regiment wrote to his wife, Mary, who lived in both Hoboken and Matawan during the war. Lloyd was a fascinating person. He never hesitated to speak his mind to his wife, yet, at the same time, he clearly cared a great deal for her. The talk focuses on the challenges facing a married couple during the Civil War, and uses excerpts from Lloyd's letters to illustrate those challenges and describe the experience of a newly married couple during that time. John G. Zinn is an independent historian. He is Chair of the New Jersey Civil War 150th Anniversary Committee. He is the author of *The Mutinous*

Regiment: *The Thirty-third New Jersey in the Civil War* (2005), co-author with Paul Zinn of *The Major League Pennant Races of 1916: "The Most Maddening Baseball Meleé in History"* (2009), and co-editor of *Ebbets Field: Essays and Memories of Brooklyn's Historic Ballpark, 1913-1960* (2012). He has contributed many articles to anthologies on New Jersey and the Civil War and on 19th century baseball. Admission to the program is free and all are welcome.

This program was arranged by the Cranford Historical Society and the Cranford Public Library. Part of the "Civil War 150 Project," it is presented by the Library of America in partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, and is supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In celebration of Black History Month, the Cranford Public Library is pleased to host a lecture by Dr. Lawrence Hogan entitled "The Forgotten History of African American Baseball: Slavery Times, Jim Crow, and the Negro Leagues." The program will take place on Thursday, February 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. The Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue. Dr.

Hogan is an Emeritus Professor of History at Union County College. He has taught, researched, written about, and lectured on African American history for more than 40 years. He is the author *Shades of Glory: The Negro Leagues and the Story of African American Baseball* (2006) and *So Many Seasons in the Sun: A Century and More of Conversations with Baseball's Greatest Clubhouse Managers* (2013). His latest book—upon which his lecture is based—is *The Forgotten History of African American Baseball: Slavery Times, Jim Crow, Negro Leagues*. Admission to the program is free and all are welcome. 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. For a full list of upcoming library programs, visit the library Web page at cranford.com/library and click on the Events & Programs tab.

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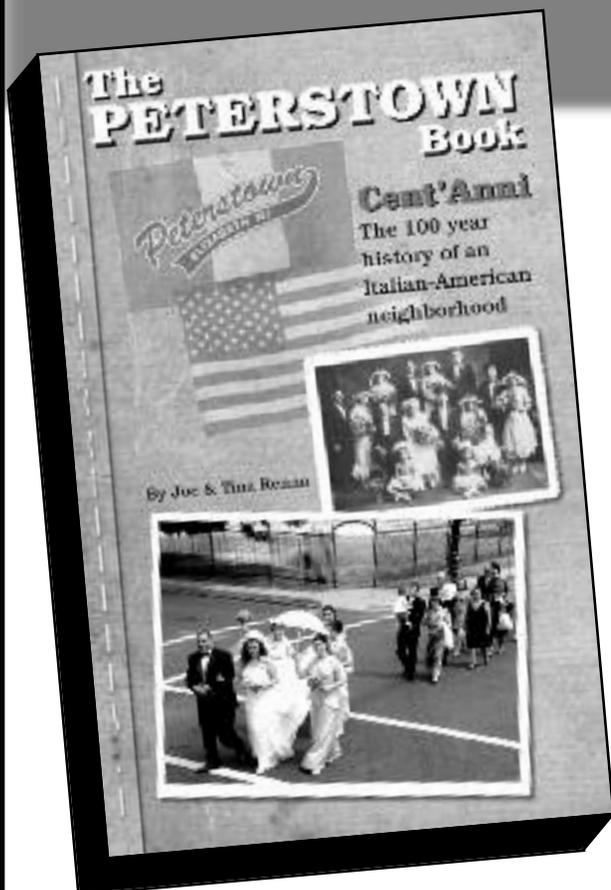
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