

2014 St. Patrick's Day Parade
Saturday
March 15, 2014
9:00 am
The Thornstick Mass
 in conjunction with
 the Elizabeth A.O.H.
 St. Patrick's Church, Elizabeth
 A welcoming reception
 in the church hall after Mass
12:00 Noon
Reviewing Stand
Festivities
 Morris & Stuyvesant
 Avenues in Union
The "Kid's Zone"
fun for all ages
 Stuyvesant Ave. (off Morris Ave.)
1:00 PM Sharp -
The Parade begins
 The Marching units gather at
 Morris Avenue and along
 Commerce and Jeanette Avenues,
 the parade route proceeds east
 along Morris Avenue to a turn at
 the Main Reviewing Stand and
 ends at Roosevelt Avenue
 Midway Reviewing Stand.

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THE CAST OF MISS SAIGON VISITS VETERANS MEMORIAL

To help give an honest portrayal of the Vietnam War as told in their upcoming production of Miss Saigon, the Union High School Performing Arts Company immersed themselves in all things Vietnam with a visit to the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Holmdel, New Jersey on Friday, February 21st. It was an emotional journey, led by two Vietnam veterans, that helped further expand the student's knowledge of the war and it gave them a first hand account of the hardships and heartache the soldiers experienced.

Both veterans were 19 at the time and recounted the moment when they received their draft cards, one veteran shared his experience living within the jungle, the other shared his experience being stationed outside of Saigon. It was moments like these that were shared all day as the students toured the facilities looking at statues representing different scenarios of the war, as well as photographs and videos. The men shared how much they had missed the little things in life and stressed the importance of cherishing those little moments to the students. "There was a statue of a wounded white soldier being treated by a Hispanic nurse while his African American comrade watched on. It was one that stood out to me because it showed the unity amongst the soldiers and those there to help them. While back at home there was lots of turmoil regarding this topic, it didn't matter to them what color you were, when you were on a team together you stood by each other no matter what" said junior Jazmine Ramos. Sophomore Jonathan Duvelson added, "While exploring the memorial I came across an area where dates were listed when veterans were killed in the war. It came as a shock and crazy coincidence to me that on my birthday two people by the name of John were killed. It was very emotional for me because the character I play in the show is John, I go by the name of John and it just really hit home and helped me almost put a face to my character."

Each year the production team, under the direction of James Mosser, tries to pick shows that will introduce the students to new styles and genres. Taking on a show with such an honest and truthful story behind it like Miss Saigon hasn't been easy, and the trip to the memorial helped the cast to learn more about the history of the war, what was going on in America in the late 60's and early 70's during that time and the impact and effect it had to those involved. Mosser states "Miss Saigon is an emotionally complex musical, exploring some events at the far reaches of the human experience like war and death. It has been difficult for the students to relate to the story and connect to something that is far removed



(above) The cast of Miss Saigon at Vietnam Memorial.

from their daily lives. We have been providing them with tons of resources in the form of photos, books and videos; but having the chance to speak to people who lived through it was invaluable. It is important to remember the effect that war has on the people who were involved in it, ultimately that is what Miss Saigon is about."

Miss Saigon: School Edition

*opens Friday, March 28th, 2014 with performances
 running March 28th, 29th, April 3rd, 4th, and 5th
 at 7:30pm and March 30th and April 6th at 2pm
 in the Theatre at Union High School*

located on 2350 North Third Street, Union, NJ.

Regular tickets are \$14.50; for groups of 10 or more tickets are available for \$10.50 (this rate applies to tickets sold prior to the performance you are attending ;). Student night for Township of Union residents will be on Thursday, April 3rd, tickets will be \$8.50 for students with a valid Township of Union Student ID. Tickets are available by visiting www.uhspac.com or by directly going to the showtix4u website at <http://bit.ly/1dcFkZc>. It is encouraged to purchase tickets prior to the performance to avoid long lines at the door. You can also purchase tickets by calling 866.967.8167.

Take an emotional journey with the amazing young cast which includes Emma Magbanua in the lead role of Kim, Calvin Orallo, James Fraizer, Raquel Martinez and Christian Rodriguez, Battle Hill Elementary Third Grader Patrick Quintos.

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SHUT UP, SIT DOWN & EAT

The Township of Union Veteran's Alliance Memorial Day Parade Committee presents "Shut Up Sit Down & Eat" on Sunday April 6, 2014 at Kawameeh Middle School at 2pm. The show is a combination of stand-up comedy, the intensity of a one-man show and the format of an innovative Off-Broadway play.

The basis of the show is when a therapist fails to arrive on time for a group therapy session, four impatient Italian-Americans take their issues into their own hands and invent a new type of therapy—Italian therapy! Enjoy the rollercoaster ride of laughter, insight and

revelation.

Tickets are \$25 for reserved seating and \$20 for general seating. For more information or for tickets call Nancy Terrezza at (908) 687-8979, Phyllis Monguso at (908) 851-5290 or the Clerk's Office at (908) 851-8501. Proceeds will benefit the Memorial Day Parade and will also benefit post parade refreshments for the Township of Union students who participated in the parade.

Come join us on Sunday, April 6th for a unique event filled with hilarious dysfunction—Italian style!

MUNICIPAL BAND PRESENTS ST. PATTY'S DAY CONCERT MARCH 17, 2014 AT 7:45 P.M

The Union Municipal Band, under the direction Dr. John Bunnell will present "A St. Patrick's Day Concert" on Monday evening, March 17, 2014 at 7:45 p.m. at Hannah Caldwell School Auditorium, 1120 Commerce Avenue, Union, NJ. Admission is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Two soloists will be featured on this program: Howard Toplansky will perform Carl Maria von Webbers clarinet Concertino and Matt Amato will play the favorite Irish Melody "Danny Boy".

The audience will be asked to participate in the program by singing "When Irish Eyes Are

Smiling". The following selections will be included in the concert:

"Garry Owen" – March, Niobe – A Romantic Legend, Chariots of Fire (Suite) British Eighth – March, The Student Prince – Selection, An Irish Ayre for Winds, The Best Loved Irish Melodies, Pop! Goes the Weasel, "Variations on the Theme", When Irish Eyes Are Smiling and On The Square – March.

The band would like to invite musicians from Union and the surrounding communities to join the group.

If you are interested please call the band director, Dr. John H. Bunnell, at 973-377-8058.

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One seat ride train service operating westbound from New York Penn Station will terminate at either Raritan or High Bridge train stations and will leave New York Penn Station between the hours of 10:44 a.m. – 2:39 p.m.

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| White House | | 9:32 | | | 12:32 |
| North Branch | | 9:39 | | | 12:39 |
| RARITAN | 8:43 | 9:48 | 10:47 | 11:47 | 12:48 |
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| Bridgewater | 8:51 | 9:56 | 10:55 | 11:55 | 12:56 |
| Bound Brook | 8:54 | 9:59 | 10:58 | 11:58 | 12:59 |
| Dunellen | 9:00 | 10:05 | 11:05 | 12:05 | 1:05 |
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| Netherwood | 9:08 | 10:13 | 11:14 | 12:14 | 1:13 |
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| Westfield | 9:16 | 10:21 | 11:23 | 12:23 | 1:21 |
| Garwood | 9:20 | | | | 1:24 |
| Cranford | 9:23 | 10:26 | 11:28 | 12:28 | 1:28 |
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| NEWARK | 9:45 | 10:44 | 11:50 | 12:47 | 1:49 |
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| NEW YORK | 10:09 | 11:10 | 12:12 | 1:12 | 2:13 |

| Departing from: | NY 5121 A.M. | NY 5123 A.M. | NY 5175 P.M. | NY 5127 P.M. | NY 5179 P.M. |
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| Union Station | 11:15 | 12:17 | 1:17 | 2:15 | 3:10 |
| Roselle Park | 11:18 | 12:20 | 1:20 | 2:18 | 3:13 |
| Cranford | 11:23 | 12:25 | 1:25 | 2:23 | 3:18 |
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| Fanwood | 11:32 | 12:34 | 1:34 | 2:34 | 3:28 |
| Netherwood | 11:35 | 12:37 | 1:37 | 2:37 | 3:31 |
| Plainfield | 11:38 | 12:40 | 1:40 | 2:41 | 3:35 |
| Dunellen | 11:43 | 12:45 | 1:45 | 2:46 | 3:40 |
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| North Branch | | | L 2:09 | | L 4:02 |
| White House | | | L 2:16 | | L 4:09 |
| Lebanon | | | L 2:22 | | L 4:15 |
| Annandale | | | L 2:27 | | L 4:20 |
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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF UNION COUNTY KEYSTONE CLUB SEEKS SPONSORS

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Members of Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County, Keystone Club are planning to attend the annual Keystone Conference April 10-13 in Anaheim, CA. Our goal is to have 25 youths, representing each club, attend the Keystone Conference. Members have been fundraising to offset their cost to attend the conference; however, we are seeking support to 'sponsor' a member. For more information on sponsorship opportunities please contact Lisa Sepetjian, Director of Development & Marketing, at lsepjetjian@bgcuc.org or 908-687-7976 ext. 4.

Keystone Club is a dynamic program for members ages 14-18, that allows teens to participate in activities in three focus areas: Academic Success, Career Exploration, and Community Service. Keystone's overall goal is to have a positive impact on members, the Boys & Girls Clubs, and community with the help of adult advisers. At Keystone's heart are the ideals of character and leadership development. Members learn first-hand the importance of exhibiting compassion, tolerance, responsibility, and citizenship. Members will have the opportunity to attend sessions that focus on issues currently impacting teens, and technological needs for Keystone groups. They will also celebrate what they have done over the year with Keystone members from all over the world. Attendees will also take part in a massive community service project, visit local colleges,

and shadow local businesspeople.

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The Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County seeks to inspire and enable young people, who need them most, to realize their full potential and have provided opportunity for youth since 1955. They are part of a national network of some 4,000 neighborhood-based facilities, Boys & Girls

Clubs of America, which serves more than 4.6 million young people annually, in all 50 states and on U.S. military bases worldwide. Known as "The Positive Place for Kids," the Clubs provide guidance-oriented character development programs on a daily basis for children 6-18 years old, conducted by a full-time Professional staff. Key Boys & Girls Club programs emphasize leadership development, education and career exploration, financial literacy, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation, and family outreach.

For more information on our mission and programs, please contact Lisa Sepetjian, Director of Development & Marketing at 908-687-7976 ext. 4.

UNION ELKS INVITES FAMILIES TO CELEBRATE ST. PATTY'S DAY

*The Union Elks Lodge #1583
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SATURDAY, MARCH 15*

4PM to 8PM

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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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Students of David Brearley Middle & High Schools will present The Wiz on April 4 & 5, 2014 at 7pm.

The Wiz is a retelling of L. Frank Baum's The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, which features music and lyrics by Charlie Smalls and is based on a book by William F. Brown.

Come watch as Dorothy (Vanessa Sierra) is swept away by a tornado and must find her way back home. Along the way, she befriends a brainless Scarecrow (Andrea Gaines), a heartless Tinman (Jenna Zimmerman), and a cowardly Lion (Orion Stubbs).

Will Dorothy be able to avoid the clutches of the Wicked Witch of the West, Evillene (Mariah Pogue)? Will the Wiz (Michael Mossucco) show her how to get back home?

Find out on Friday, April 4

and Saturday April 5 at 7pm!

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door.

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(above, l-r) Orion Stubbs, Andrea Gaines, Vanessa Sierra, Jenna Zimmerman, Michael Mossucco (Mariah Pogue not pictured).

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UNION SCOUTS EARN MERIT BADGES AT FIRST SCOUT CHESS TOURNAMENT

2014 White Castle Munsee District Boy Scout Chess Tournament



The Munsee District of the Boy Scouts of America is hosting their first Chess Tournament open to all registered Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers. The tournament was generously sponsored by White Castle and was held on February 22, in the Cranford Community Center.

This was the first tournament since the Boy Scouts of America introduces the Chess merit badge. Thirty one players participated. Representing Union Troops #85 and #63 were Roman and Rick Mioduszewski, Christian and Sean Glaser, Brennan Bischoff, Fabian Almeida, Hanson-Lee Harjono, and Logan Sutterlin.

(left, r-l) Steve Sutterlin checks his son Logan's score sheet after his first round game at the 2014 White Castle Munsee District Boy Scout Chess Tournament.

(right, l-r) Scout Fabian Almeida contemplates his next move.

(right) Scouts Fabian Almeida and Logan Sutterlin of SCA Troop #68 from Connecticut Farms Church in Union, NJ completed their final requirement and earn their Chess Merit Badges after completing the tournament.



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The "Glass Slipper Boutique" is a special formal wear sale held at The Jumble Store every year so that young women have the opportunity to purchase a prom dress at a very affordable price. The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield owns and operates "The Jumble Store", a non-profit thrift store, located at 110 Walnut Avenue in Cranford that serves to raise the necessary funds for the league's charitable programs.


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UNION CHAMBER PLANS 59TH ANNUAL DINNER BALL AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

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Plans for the Union Township Chamber of Commerce's 59th Annual Dinner Ball and Installation of Officers is underway, with the theme, "Once Upon A Chamber: Your Success is Our Story" chosen to mark the occasion.

Scheduled for Friday evening, April 11, 2014, at the Galloping Hill Caterers in Union, the event will feature a number of awards to be given to various business and community groups, including: "President's Award" to Northfield Bank; the "James T. Schaefer Civic Award" to Phyllis Monguso, Director of Union Township Senior Services; the "Spirit of Union Award" to Union's TV34; the "You ARE the Chamber Award" to Toni Johnson of Roselle Glass in Union and "Business of the Year Awards" to LifeStation, Inc./Affiliated Monitoring and AVE/Korman Communities, both of Union.

Additionally, the following individuals will be installed as officers of the board of directors for the coming year: President – Cecil Cates of CMIT Solutions; Senior Vice President – Angel Cartagena of Batteries Plus Bulbs; Vice President, Finance – Eugene Mitchell of Spencer Savings Bank; Vice President, Programming – Sharon Patel of Patel Printing Plus; Vice President, Community Relations – Julie D'Aloia of Union Center National Bank; Vice President, Membership – Joseph Stampone of Major Printing; and Immediate Past President – Sal Dovi of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Union County.

New directors being installed include: Laura

Bretzger of City Fire and Equipment; Miriam Mercado of Bayada Home Health Care; John Ferraz of Walgreens, David Arminio of the Union Township Historical Society; Jim Strole of Chick-Fil-A.

"This year, the Chamber has selected the theme, 'Once Upon A Chamber: Your Success is Our Story' in order to celebrate the hundreds of individual stories of accomplishment from our members," said Chamber Executive James Masterson. "Our organization is proud to honor and celebrate all that our members do for the local economy and the community."

He added that the chamber is currently accepting ticket reservations, sponsorships, and door prize donations for the event.

Persons interested in participating in the Dinner Dance are encouraged to contact him by calling 908-688-2777, or by emailing executivedirector@unionchamber.com.

In addition to the awards presentations and installation of officers and directors, the evening will feature a cocktail hour commencing at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing at 7 p.m. Music for dancing will be provided by Xtreme DJs and a photo booth will be available to all guests, sponsored by iPartyPix, Inc. Photography services for the evening will be provided by Allan Reider Studios.

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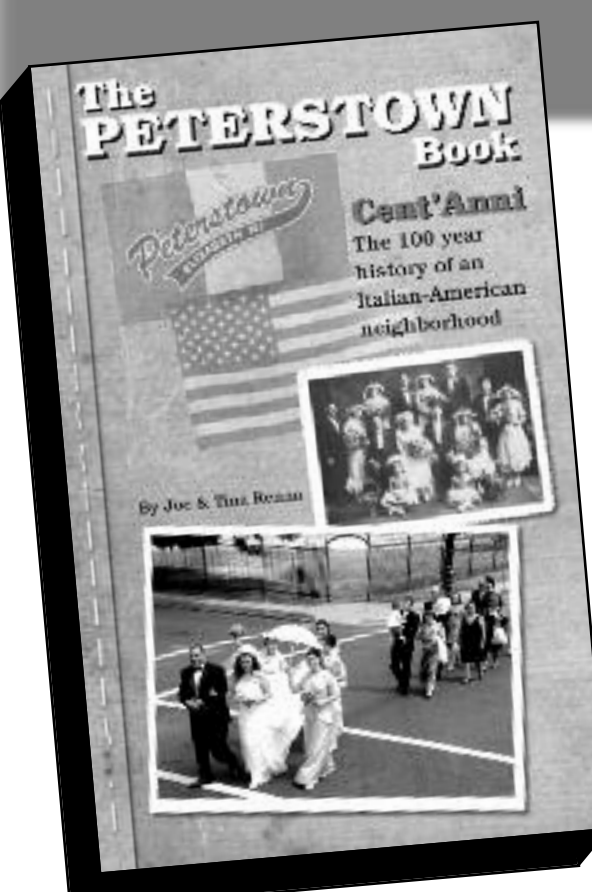
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