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## SPEED NETWORKING

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 21**  
8:30 am–10:00 am

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1050 Jeanette Ave.  
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Admission is \$10 for Chamber members  
\$15 for non-members.  
Pre-registration is required by contacting the Chamber office at 908-688-2777 or by emailing [executivedirector@unionchamber.com](mailto:executivedirector@unionchamber.com).  
A light breakfast will be provided.

## SEVENTH ANNUAL TASTE OF UNION HELD ON APRIL 24

The Seventh Annual Taste of Union was held on April 24, 2014 at the Knights of Columbus located on Jeanette Avenue in Union. All proceeds will benefit Nicole Martin of Union.

Nicole (Nicky) was born with cerebral Palsy and is non-ambulatory. Nicky grew up in Union and has flourished throughout her school years. She is a young lady who is loved by all her teachers and peers. Nicky is currently a 17 year old senior at Union High School, she is an excellent student with a 4.0 GPA, and will be graduating in June, and will attend Union County College in Cranford, New Jersey in the Fall.

Nicky is very compassionate, intelligent, articulate, friendly and always willing to help, she is a brave young lady who despite her disabilities is eager to thrive and work hard to succeed. Nicky's family recently purchased a minivan, unfortunately the family cannot afford to have a lift installed for Nicky's electric wheelchair.

This year's goal is to assist the Martin Family with the expense of a lift for the family's minivan. This purchase will alleviate the stress on Nicole's mother who currently has to disassemble and reassemble Nicole's wheelchair when transporting her to and from school.



(above) Nicole Martin and family.



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(above) Coldwell Banker  
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(above, l-r) Chick-fil-A: Jules Renna,  
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(above, l-r) Kyoto II:  
Ricky, Evan & Conran Chen



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## ST. BARNABUS VISITS BATLE HILL



The third grade students of Battle Hill Elementary School were visited by the St. Barnabus Fire Safety House. Each class had the opportunity to visit the mobile trailer during the school day. The program was designed to teach children important burn prevention and fire escape techniques by using a fun, but safe demonstration of common household hazards. The house has the ability to release a non-toxic fog to teach children to crawl and stay low during a fire and also a heated door that teaches them to use the right exit. Fun was had by all the third grade students, while learning important strategies of burn and fire prevention.

## UNION REC RACES IN LINCOLN TUNNEL 5K RACE

On April 27, 2014, five Union residents who are members of the Union Recreation Jersey Joggers represented the township in the Lincoln Tunnel Challenge 5K race. This single-day Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics New Jersey event continues to raise significant dollars through pledges collected by participants and donations from sponsors. The Lincoln Tunnel Challenge 5K has helped Special Olympics of New Jersey to fund the creation of new programs, as well as expand existing programs. Each year an estimated 3,500 participants can either run or walk through the south tube of the tunnel.



(above, l-r) John Moretti, Alison Moretti, Bridget Barney, Karen Wright-Borkowski, Daniel Borkowski

## COMMUNITY GARDEN HOLDS A GRAND OPENING

The newly formed Township of Union Community Garden (ToUCG) held a grand opening of its Township of Union Community Garden on May 3rd. The garden is located at Eleanor R. Erickson Park on Liberty Avenue, Union. It is a nonprofit membership organization of professionals, volunteers and supporters of community greening. This is a community outreach that will provide numerous benefits to the town. It stimulates community development, social interaction, self-reliance, recreation, exercise, food, beauty and it reduces family food budget.

Those looking for ways to give of themselves can volunteer their time and resources to help

maintain the property.

The goal of the ToUCG is to offer township residents a place to organically grow flowers, fruits and vegetables. Residents can lease a raised 4' x 8' bed of untreated wood for one year at an affordable cost of \$25. The cost includes organic soil, access to water, a hose and some tools. There will be two handicapped-accessible beds as well. The park is gated to keep out the deer. Gardeners and volunteers will have access to the park from dawn till dusk. They must apply for the lease by October 31st.

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## ACCEPTING REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMP & TENNIS CLINIC

The Summer Camp is for girls and boys entering 4th and 5th grade in September 2014. Tennis Clinic is for boys and girls ages 6 to 14.



(above) On April 24, 2014 in recognition of both Earth Day (April 22) and Arbor Day (April 25), the students from Mr. John Olivio's class at Union High School planted a tree on the premises of Union High School. The students blissfully helped plant the Weeping Cherry tree with assistance from members of the Public Works Department. "The whole point of this activity was to celebrate and raise awareness for trees and the role trees play in our lives," said Matty Magliacano, Director of Recreation for the township. Events like this may not sound so flashy to the average student, but Recreation and Public Works officials say that those who help out begin to take more pride in their community and inspire others to become more environmentally conscientious.

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# A JOURNEY TO STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Kawameeh Middle School, in Union, hosts a Multicultural Festival annually in the spring. The Eighth Grade Honors English Classes, under the direction of their English teacher, Mrs. Lina Blanchet, wanted to take their multicultural research a step further this year, not only learning about a different culture, but actually connecting with that culture, by fundraising for a particular group in need.

The Multicultural Charity Project began in January 2014. Groups of 4 students researched charities using several charity navigators provided by their school librarian Mrs. Mary Lewis, on a specially prepared project pathfinder. The groups then picked a reputable charity whose mission they felt a connection to. In continuation, the groups wrote and presented a persuasive speech to present to their classmates. All the classes voted on their favorite charity. The two finalists were the groups that chose Heifer International and LOVE 146. In the end LOVE146 had the most votes, and the classes are working to raise money for this organization. (<http://love146.org>)

LOVE146 is a non-profit organization that works towards the end of child trafficking & exploitation by caring for survivors, prevention & empowering a growing Abolition movement. The Eighth Grade Honors English Classes then had the difficult task of raising money for LOVE146, not an easy endeavor considering the amount of fundraising that happens in schools these days for class trips and other causes. A team developed and they have been meeting every Tuesday afternoon to make handmade bracelets. These bracelets were then sold for a minimum of \$3.00 at lunch to students and faculty. Currently they have raised \$566.00, and the fundraising efforts continue.

A documentary of the whole experience was also made, led by eighth grade student, Jeric Brual and assisted by Marion Afante. This summary of their journey can be viewed on you tube at: [youtu.be/XPxmWBT-IPk](http://youtu.be/XPxmWBT-IPk). The President and co-founder of LOVE146, Rob Morris, saw this video and contacted Mrs. Blanchet and her students to thank them for their efforts. He was so impressed with these students and honored by


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their efforts, that he is currently planning on visiting Kawameeh Middle School to personally thank them and further discuss the issue of child slavery and LOVE 146's efforts to abolish this.

What began as a simple multicultural project has become a great breath of fresh air and hope to many.

## FLEA MARKET MAY 31

Grace Lutheran Church, 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union, will hold its annual spring flea market on Saturday, May 17, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., outside on the church grounds. The rain date is Saturday, May 31. Vendor spaces are \$25. Reservation forms for spaces may be picked up at the church, one can be mailed or e-mailed to you or they are downloadable from the church's website – [www.gracelutherannj.org](http://www.gracelutherannj.org). Call the church office at (908) 686-3965 or e-mail the church office at [gracelu4u@yahoo.com](mailto:gracelu4u@yahoo.com). The congregation will have its own sale tables inside its fellowship hall, along with a bake sale. Refreshments will also be available.




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# HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CO WINS TOP PRIZE

The Union High School Performing Arts Company hit the road this past weekend to participate in the World Strides Heritage Festival; a national competition featuring participants from across the United States and Canada. This year the UHSPAC traveled to Boston, Massachusetts with over 90 students who participated in various ensembles including instrumental, color guard and swing choir. Participating in these activities helps enrich the lives of students through music and performance. The World Strides Heritage Festival has been following this mission for nearly 35 years, giving opportunity for students to perform in some of the nation's most prestigious venues as well as working with professionals in various performing fields, with the ability to be recognized for their countless hours of hard work.

Embracing the mission of the World Strides Heritage Festival, the UHSPAC has been participating in the event for many years traveling to various locations across the country taking with them performing arts groups to help

the students continue to have a well-rounded, multi-faceted arts education. This year the groups featured were the UHS Jazz Ensemble and UHS Wind Ensemble under the direction of Laura Muller; the UHS Marching Band under the direction of Muller, Carlos Esquivel and Michael Hamilton; the UHS Indoor Color Guard under the direction of PJ Tankard; and the UHS Swing Choir under the direction of Melissa Abbate, James Moser and Choreographer Jennifer Williams. The UHSPAC walked away with the top prize, the Festival Sweepstakes Award, which is given to the school with the combined highest overall average of all their groups, recognizing the well-rounded performing arts program at Union High School. The UHSPAC also walked away with three Adjudicator Awards for the Jazz Ensemble, Marching Band and Swing Choir. The Adjudicator awards are chosen by the judges, and are touted as "one of the most difficult awards to receive." These awards honor the schools with the Best Overall Ensembles in the completion. Five soloist awards, the most of

any school participating in the competition, were also given out to choral soloists Kerry Jules, Javon King and Raquel Martinez; and instrumental soloists Simón Crosby (alto saxophone) and Christian Rodriguez (guitar).

Full list of their accomplishments: UHS Jazz Ensemble – Gold Rating; UHS Marching Band – Gold Rating; UHS Indoor Guard – Silver Rating; UHS Wind Ensemble – Silver Rating; UHS Swing Choir – Gold Rating; UHS Jazz Ensemble, UHS Marching Band, UHS Swing Choir - Adjudicators Award; Maestro Award (Soloist Award) – 5 recipients; Choral Soloists: Kerry Jules, Javon King, Raquel Martinez, Instrumental Soloists: Simón Crosby and Christian Rodriguez; Festival Sweepstakes Award (Best Overall Music Program)

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(above, l-r) are Russell Triolo, CEO Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County, Marlisa Shaw 2014 Youth of the Year, Marcy Metz Board President Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County.

## UNION HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE MARLISA SHAW NAMED 2014 YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County named Union High School Sophomore Marlisa Shaw 2014 Youth of the Year. Marlisa, 15, was chosen by a panel of 7 judges and is planning to attend University of Pennsylvania to study pediatric medicine. At school, she participates in basketball and volleyball, and maintains a 3.6 GPA. Her favorite subjects are Math and Science.

Marlisa has been a member of Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County for 9 years, and is a member of the Tidal Wave Swim Team. She is the current president of our Union Keystone Club and has participated in our Summer Fun Club, Teen Leadership Camp and Torch Club. At Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County, Marlisa has participated in numerous community service activities and volunteers at our Buddie After School program where she works with members 5-11 years old.

"Youth of the Year is the highest honor for

Club members", Russell Triolo, CEO, proudly stated. "Members are recognized for their contributions in promoting service to our clubs, community and family, academic success, strong moral character, life goals, and poise and public speaking ability. It is a joy to see these youth grow and develop as young adults."

Marlisa will compete against other Boys & Girls Club members across New Jersey for the state title and \$1,000 college scholarship from Tupperware Brands Corporation. The State Youth of the Year will then vie for the distinction of becoming one of five regional representatives across the country, and ultimately contend for the title of National Youth of the Year of Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

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The courageous stand taken by the troops of the New Jersey Brigade and the local militia at that three-hour battle on June 7, 1780, as well as the one fought two weeks later in Springfield, prevented British and Hessian forces from reaching George Washington and his Continental soldiers encamped in Morristown.

The Americans were commanded by Brigadier General William Maxwell and Colonel Elias Dayton. As a result of the Patriots' success, the British leadership, realizing it had been thwarted in its efforts to capture our Commander-in-Chief, abandoned strategies in the North and focused attention on the South.

Mr. Yesenko served as president of the Union Township and Union County Historical Societies and is the author of Brigadier General William Maxwell and the New Jersey Brigade During the American Revolutionary War (1996),

and General George Washington's Campaigns of 1775, 1776 and 1777 (1999).

His program will be part of the meeting of the Union Township Historical Society, which will begin at 2 pm. Non-members are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free; donations are greatly appreciated.

For more information, please visit the Society's websites [www.unionhistory.org](http://www.unionhistory.org) and [www.uniontwphistoricalsociety.webs.com](http://www.uniontwphistoricalsociety.webs.com) or call Barbara La Mort at 908-687-0048.

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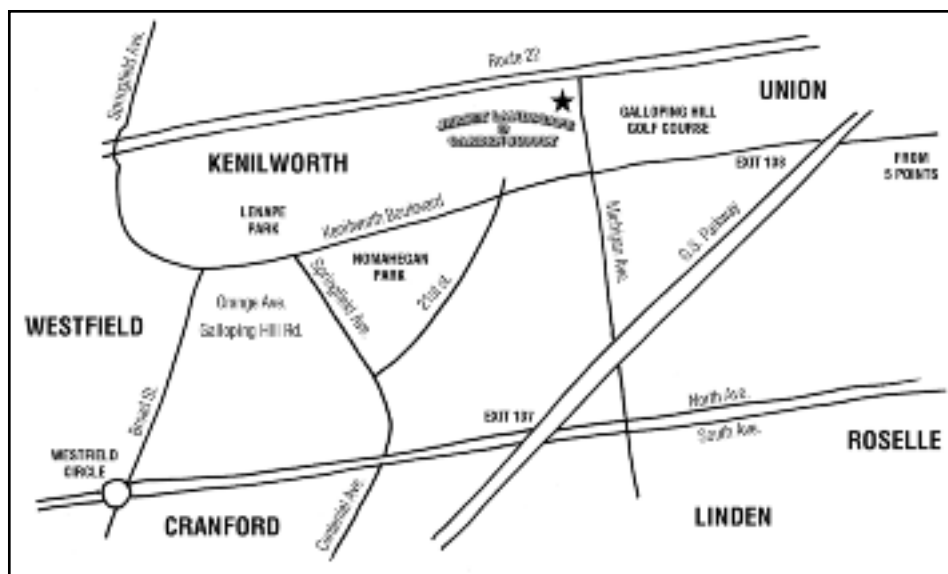
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