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## PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE'S "NEW VOICES 2014: OH, WHAT A NIGHT!"

It's an exciting summer for the students of the Union High School Performing Arts Company, as four young actors and actresses will participated in Paper Mill Playhouse's Summer Conservatory. The students, who auditioned earlier in the year to be a part of the program, joined the cast of 120 students from around the state, ranging from the ages of 10-18 for a five-week summer musical theatre intensive culminating with two performances live on the Paper Mill stage August 1st and 2nd.

### UHSPAC PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE:

#### RAQUEL MARTINEZ:

2014 Paper Mill Rising Star Nominee for Best Supporting Actress for her role as Ellen in Miss Saigon: School Edition; Martinez will be attending Montclair State University this fall as part of their BFA Musical Theatre program.

#### BRIANNA JAVIS:

A recent graduate of Union High School, Javis was featured in several UHSPAC productions this year including Gigi in Miss Saigon: School Edition and Camilla in UHSPAC's fall production of In the Heights.

#### JAMES FRAZIER:

2013 Paper Mill Rising Star Nominee for Best Supporting Actor for his role as Rum Tum Tugger in Cats; Frazier also received an Honorable Mention for Best Actor at the Rising Star Awards for his role as Chris in Miss Saigon: School Edition.

#### JONATHAN DUVELSON:

2014 Paper Mill Rising Star Nominee for Best Supporting Actor for his role as John in Miss Saigon: School Edition.

Also representing the UHSPAC this summer will be Jennifer Motta, a graduate of Union High School's class of 2013; Motta is currently a BFA stage manager at Montclair State University will be working as a full-time intern part of the Paper Mill's stage management team. UHS Senior Patrick Phillips will also be on hand assisting Paper Mill's Musical Director Meg Zervoulis.

The Union High School Performing Arts Company continues to be a top training program for students pursuing a career in the arts. Having six students representing the UHSPAC in a variety of different areas at the Paper Mill is a testament to the program and it's commitment to giving students a well-rounded theatre arts education. For more information on the UHSPAC please visit their website [www.uhspac.com](http://www.uhspac.com) or visit them on Facebook @UHSPAC.



## MOTHER SETON REGIONAL CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

Mother Seton Regional High School Clark, New Jersey is pleased to announce a 50th Anniversary Gala Evening of Celebration and Recognition. Six women with long-standing bonds and over 200 years of combined service to the school will be honored. Sister Regina Martin Keane, Principal from 1975 until 2014, will be honored posthumously. The other honorees include Sister Jacquelyn Balasia, Sister Theo Furniss, Miss Joan Barron, Mrs. Maureen Serzan Connell, and Mrs. Marge Egan.

Alumnae, family, and friends are invited to attend. The event will be held on Thursday evening, September 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at The Gran Centurions, 440 Madison Hill Road, Clark, NJ 07066. For more information, visit the special website [MSRGala.org](http://MSRGala.org). To purchase tickets, contact the school at (732) 382-1952 or email [gala@motherseton.org](mailto:gala@motherseton.org).

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The Union Animal Hospital, a recent addition to the Township, is hosting a grand opening and open house to introduce itself to the community.

Scheduled for Sunday, June 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the event will feature tours of the facility, face painting, door prizes, refreshments and more. The hospital is located at 1067 Commerce Avenue, Union.

"We are so pleased to be a part of the Union community, and this open house provides a wonderful opportunity for residents to learn more about us," said Dr. Isabel Perez, one of three veterinarians who staff the new hospital. "We look forward to meeting our neighbors –

and we promise a fun time!"

A full service veterinary center, the Union Animal Hospital provides wellness care, surgery, x-ray, ultrasound, emergency services and dentistry for most animals. The hospital treats cats, dogs and most exotic pets. It is staffed by veterinarians Dr. Isabel Perez, a 19-year practitioner; Dr. Robert Markowitz, a 20-year practitioner; and Dr. David Fuerst, a 30-year practitioner. The hospital is affiliated with the Boulevard Veterinary Clinic in Kenilworth.

Further information on the hospital or the open house may be obtained by calling Dr. Perez at 908-378-5188.

## HOT FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME

For the past three years the Township of Union Recreation Department has offered an affordable Summer Camp at Rabkin Park. This three-week session camp provided students entering fourth and fifth grade with a wide variety of daily field trips.

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## UNION TOWNSHIP CHAMBER PLANS FOURTH ANNUAL MAYOR'S DAY 5K RUN

Get up, get active and join the Union Township Chamber of Commerce again this year at its Fourth Annual Mayor's Day 5K Run on Saturday, September 20, 2014. Club Metro USA has signed on again this year as Event Sponsor.

Held rain or shine, the event will start at Union High School on Cooke Drive. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the actual race commencing at 10:00 a.m. Participants will traverse a USATF – certified course beginning and ending at the high school.

"This event is a proud part of the always popular community-wide Mayor's Day, featuring the 5K Run in the morning and the Festival on the Green in the afternoon," said Chamber Executive James Masterson. "We are grateful to the Township of Union Board of Education for generously hosting this event, and to all of our sponsors and volunteers."

Prizes will be awarded for various categories, and t-shirts and gift bags will be distributed to the first 400 participants.

Masterson added that a portion of the proceeds will go to benefit a local resident, three-year-old Aiden Khi Shanklin of Union, who was diagnosed with several neurological conditions a few months after his birth. Aiden's daily care and medical needs can be quite costly, but he continues to make strides, thanks to intensive physical, occupational, speech and developmental therapies.

To register, go online to [www.unionchamber.com](http://www.unionchamber.com). Further information is available by contacting the Chamber directly at 908-688-2777 or emailing the Chamber at [executivedirector@unionchamber.com](mailto:executivedirector@unionchamber.com).

The day will also feature a Kid's Run for grades K through 5 at the high school's Cooke Memorial Football Field. This event will begin at 9:00 a.m., with registration from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. The cost to participate is \$5.00, payable at the gate. There will be no preregistration – all participants must register that morning.

In addition to Event Sponsor Club Metro USA, the following is a listing of local businesses who have signed on so far as sponsors: Gold Sponsors: Northfield Bank and the Gateway Family YMCA; Silver Sponsors: JAG Physical Therapy, Union Municipal Drug Alliance, Sunburst Gymnastics, Union Animal Hospital and Maplecrest Ford Lincoln; Bronze Sponsors: Hehl and Hehl; Friends of the Chamber: The MAX of Springfield and Major Printing Company; Supporting Sponsors: Township of Union Board of Education and Cozy Corner Deli and Caterers.

Businesses wishing to become a sponsor may contact Masterson at [executivedirector@unionchamber.com](mailto:executivedirector@unionchamber.com) for a listing of the various levels of support. All sponsorships include a table at the event for businesses to showcase their companies.

## YMCA HOSTS JULY CHAMBER MEETING

Guest speaker Judy Weinger gave a presentation about Online Marketing at the July 2014 meeting of the Union Township Chamber of Commerce hosted by Wellness Center Branch of the Gateway YMCA located at 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union, NJ

Businesses interesting in hosting a meeting can contact James Masterson at the Union Chamber of Commerce at 908-688-0338 ~ [info@unionchamber.com](mailto:info@unionchamber.com).



(above, l-r) Union Chamber President Cecil Cates of CMIT Solutions, Executive Director James Masterson, Vice President Angel Cartagena of Batteries Plus Bulbs, Janet Sullivan of JKS Web Design, and guest speaker Judy Weiniger of The Weiniger Group.

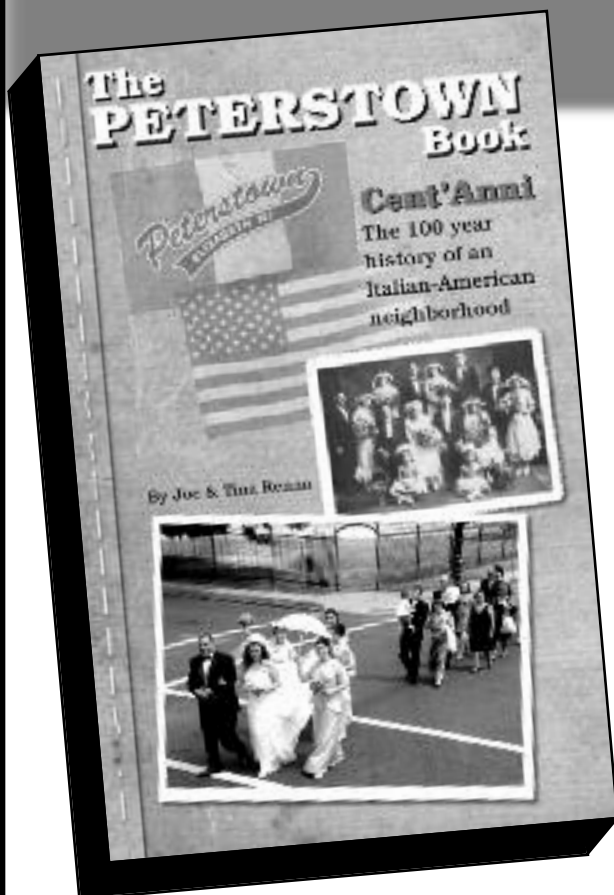
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salad with feta cheese and olives, tiropites (cheese puffs), spanakopites (spinach puffs), dolmades (stuffed grape leaves) and meatballs. Don't forget to treat yourself with the homemade, tasty desserts and pastries the festival has to offer! And to complete your taste of Greece, sip Greek wine or Ouzo, the liqueur of the ancient Gods.

Fully enjoy the sounds of Greece with live music and authentic folk dancing, featuring several dance groups of all ages. Opa!

A variety of vendors will be selling handmade copper and silver artwork, oil paintings, jewelry, and other wares. Don't forget to bring the kids to the festivals' many rides and games!

The festival will be held at 721 Rahway Avenue, Union, NJ. The hours are: Thursday 9/4, 6pm-10pm. Friday 9/5, 6pm-12am. Saturday 9/6, Noon - Midnight. Sunday 9/7, Noon - 8pm. Admission is \$1 donation and ample parking is free.

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This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market.

The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of homesellers don't get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and - worse - financially disadvantaged when they put their homes on the market.

As this report uncovers, most homesellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable. In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "The 9 Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar".

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## TRYOUTS FOR THE RAPIDS SWIM TEAM ANNOUNCED

The Gateway Family YMCA "Rapids" Swim Team is back for its third season. After a very successful 2013-2014 season the Rapids swim team is looking to keep on growing! We will have a Boys Team and a Girls Team this year and compete against other YMCAs that have a boy's team and a girl's team. Our team consists of 62 swimmers from all over the area; Avenel, Carteret, Colonia, Clark, Elizabeth, Port Reading, Union, Rahway, Roselle, Roselle Park, Sewaren, Winfield Park and Woodbridge.

Last season the Rapids Swim Team finished its dual meet season with 4 wins and 2 loses, but had another great championship meet season with 95% of the team getting their personal best times at the championship meets. We participated in 8/under Championships, Bronze YMCA Championships, YMCA Silver States Championships and YMCA State Championships.

Our swim season runs from September through March with dual meets starting in

October and the Championship meets starting in February. Our swim meets are on Saturdays and can be home at the Rahway Branch of the Gateway Family YMCA or at the site of the YMCA team we are competing against that week. We will be attending additional meets this year to give our swimmers more experience and more competitiveness.

Coach Ed Soder believes that the Rapids are more than just a swim team. He strives to help each team member be the best they can be in the pool and throughout their lives. Coach Ed believes that every swimmer has untapped potential that is waiting to come out. One of the Coach Ed's key quotes is "Personal Best, Leads to Success!" Meaning that if you improve one small aspect of your race each time you swim, it will lead you to more and more success in that event.

The Rahway branch of the Gateway Family YMCA will be holding a Summer Tune-up Clinic August 11 through August 21, 2014. The

clinic will meet on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. This clinic is a great way to get ready for the season as we will be working on endurance, starts and turns. Tryouts for the Rapids will be held August 25, 26, and 27 at the following times.

**Monday August 25, 2014 – 5:30 -7:00 pm**  
for 10/under age groups

**Tuesday August 26, 2014 – 5:30 -7:00 pm**  
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**Wednesday August 27, 2014 – 5:30 – 7:00 pm**  
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Also, individual tryouts are available if a swimmer cannot make the dates above. Please call Ed Soder at 732-388-0057 to schedule a tryout.

The Rapids are looking to make some waves in 2014-2015 – so come be a part of something bigger-join the Rapids!



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Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County, in collaboration with Newark Chess Club, celebrated a great spring session for Chess instruction, which ended June 26. Members 8 years to 18 years old participated in learning skills during the Chess for Success program. Students learned the fundamentals of chess and improved their chess talents by playing chess each session under instruction from a member of the Newark Chess Club, culminating with a chess tournament.

"Our members had a great time being introduced to chess and refining their skills," said Ron Brangman, Associate Club Director. "Chess teaches youth strategy-planning and other life skills that will be valuable throughout their lives."

The Fall Session of Chess for Success begins Saturday October 4th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM for eight weeks to November 22. Lunch is served daily. Instruction is available to members only at the Union Club, 1050 Jeanette Avenue,

Union, NJ. Fee is \$10 per session; a one-time registration fee includes a chess board and Newark Chess Club tee shirt. Register in person on September 27, 2014 between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM at our Union Club. For more information please contact Ron Brangman at 908-687-2697 ext 106.

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. 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



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