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COACH STUEBER INDUCTED INTO WRESTLING HALL OF FAME

Rahway High School's beloved teacher and wrestling coach, Mr. Fred Stueber, was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame at a banquet held at the Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune, NJ. He was one of only five people selected for a "Lifetime of Service to Wrestling." Among friends, family, colleagues, and former students who were there to honor him, Mr. Stueber, being characteristically modest, questioned his being selected for this prestigious honor. Those who know him feel that this award was long overdue. Fred was first nominated two years ago and won his position in the second round.

Coach Stueber is a graduate of Rahway High School's Class of 1970, where he played football, basketball and baseball. He left Rahway to attend Concord College in West Virginia, where he fell in love with wrestling, despite not being very good at first and wrestled to a 21-20 record. He returned to RHS in 1976 as a teacher and began his coaching career in 1983, having also become the 1976 New Jersey Golden Gloves runner-up. Again, he says that he was not good at first but improved with the help and support of other coaches and friends. His record of coaching six State Championships, a High School National Champion, four High School All-Americans and two College All-Americans is a testament to his talent, skill and dedication.

In the course of his career, Coach Stueber has earned many accolades and honors, including numerous "Coach of the Year" awards. In addition to wrestling, Fred has coached football, track, baseball, soccer and gymnastics and has never let the lack of funding or equipment stand in the way of his players' involvement. As a coach and Physical Education teacher, he has cultivated a better athlete, but more importantly, a better person. He instills in

his athletes the values of character, integrity, honesty and hard work. He exemplifies these attributes, once sacrificing a title for good sportsmanship and doing the right thing.

As his legions of current and former students, athletes and colleagues will attest, Mr. Fred Stueber is an exemplary teacher, coach, role model, and mentor. He is not just teaching wrestling skills—he is teaching life skills. The Rahway community and schools feel privileged to know and work with this humble, dedicated gentleman. When asked how he felt about winning this honor, he responded, "It's the icing on a career. I've been on a cloud ever since. It's also a pat on the back to all of the athletes who have wrestled under my tutelage and all of the coaches who have worked with me."

Congratulations, Coach Stueber, on your induction into the Wrestling Hall of Fame. It is well deserved.



STUDENTS TAKE ON DESIGN CHALLENGE

Students in Mrs. Natalie Polanin's 5th grade Science class at Roosevelt School in Rahway, recently designed vehicles using Kinex in order to complete a design challenge. After learning about technical drawings, they drew their own vehicle from several angles, and then tried to build a different groups's vehicle from their drawings.



(above, l-r) Alana Cabezas, Izabella Komperda, and Saoirse O'Hara

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DECEMBER EVENTS

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The event will begin at 10:00 a.m.

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11 CRITICAL HOME INSPECTION TRAPS TO BE AWARE OF WEEKS BEFORE LISTING YOUR HOME FOR SALE

Rahway NJ - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether. In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

To help homesellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free report entitled "11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved.

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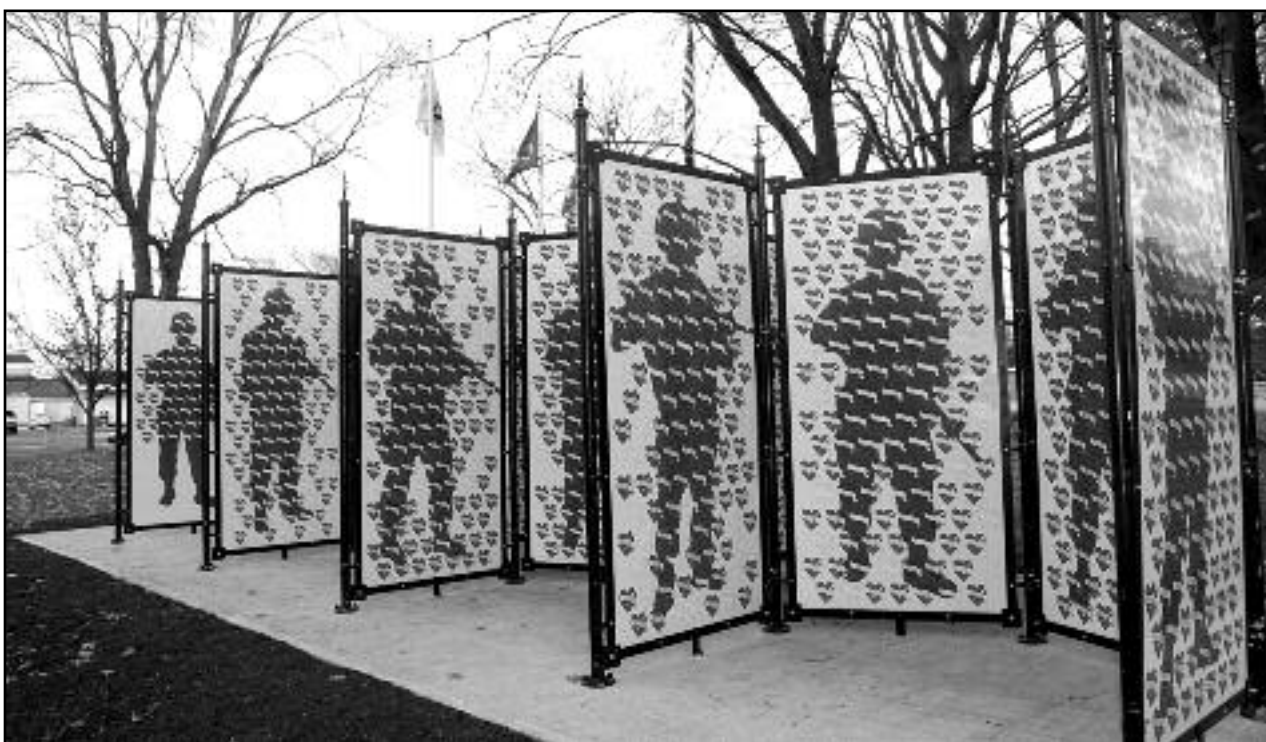
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The Broken Hearts Memorial will be permanently on display at Veterans Park located at the Corner of St. George Avenue and West Grand Avenue.

The vision for The Broken Hearts Memorial came to Rahway artist Jim McKeon one day during a conversation about iconic tattoo symbols with a friend who had a son serving in Iraq. It started out as a small idea to paint a cracked heart on a canvas and grew into a wall consisting of nineteen interlocking panels that, when assembled, stretch over 36' long and reach over 9' high. The shape of the wall is open

hexagons - vulnerable when standing alone, but strong when placed together. The design symbolizes how our soldiers protect each other every day in combat - sometimes giving their lives.

In honor of every U.S. Soldier who has lost his or her life in Iraq, along with their parents and families who have had to endure the loss, a broken heart with the word "MOM" will be painted on the memorial. It will be a small tribute to the great sacrifices these brave soldiers and their families have made for our country.



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The City of Rahway hosted Winter Wonderland on Friday, November 28, 2014 from 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Winter Wonderland is a free event full of fun for the entire family.

The Winter festival featured the City's annual

Tree lighting ceremony. Other activities included: horse-drawn carriage rides, ice skating rink, pictures with Santa Claus, outdoor showing of Disney's Frozen, a giant walk-in snow globe for pictures, inflatable bouncy snowman, inflatable winter obstacle course, choir performances, live music on stage, live storytelling, dance performances, Frozen characters at a Frozen castle picture set, crafts and games, all for free! There was also a heated food and drink vendors' tent and an indoor vendors' village.

The festival attracted a huge amount of visitors to the Rahway Downtown showing once again – Rahway is Happening!



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On Sunday, October 26th residents of Rahway and surrounding towns gathered at Rahway City Hall for Rahway's annual Crop Hunger Walk. There were approximately 125 people who participated in the walk. Along the 2.5 mile route the walkers stopped at five churches. Each church had members present to greet the walkers, take them into their sanctuaries, and give them bottled water and/or snacks. The walk concluded at Trinity United Methodist Church which is diagonally across from City Hall. Here the walkers were greeted by several members who were playing instruments in the sanctuary. Then they went to their fellowship hall for refreshments and to receive their certificate of appreciation for community service.

The Rahway CROP Hunger Walk was a huge success. More than \$4,000 was contributed by our neighbors and friends to support the hunger-fighting efforts of Church World Service, both here at home and around the world. Our local soup kitchen, "Food for Friends" will receive approximately \$1,000 to aid fellow Rahway residents in need, and some \$3,000 will make possible the global work of Church World Service.

Just think, the funds raised here in Rahway and in CROP Hunger Walks across the U.S. will make a difference in the lives of people around the world -- from supplying clean water to thirsty villages in Kenya, to aiding dairy farmers in Bosnia, to assisting earthquake survivors in

Haiti as they rebuild their homes and lives following massive devastation.

It is not too late to make your donation if you have not already done so. There are two ways to donate. You could send your check made out to: CWS/CROP to the walk's treasurer, JoAnn Roesch 920 Lakeside Drive Rahway, NJ 07065 or you could log onto the Church World Service (CWS) website for Crop Walks: www.cropwalkonline.org and make your tax-deductible donation on line. That web address will take you to a CWS website for Crop Walks. Begin by clicking on New Jersey, then Rahway Crop Hunger Walk, then donate and then make a general walk donation. Either way Rahway's local soup kitchen, "Food for Friends" and Church World Service's Global Mission Programs will benefit from your generosity.

Again, thank you to all who worked so hard to make this year's CROP Hunger Walk such a resounding success. Volunteering, walking, donating -- we all have shown that citizens of Rahway and its neighbors are truly citizens of the world. See you next year at the CROP Hunger Walk, and God bless!



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ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

Gianna Holmes and Jalen Hines use all of their reading strategies while working together in Mrs. Prakapas's 4th grade classroom at Roosevelt School in Rahway.



PRINCIPAL CLUB

On Monday, November 17, 2014, Mr. Giambrone, Cleveland's principal and Mrs. Hall, Cleveland's Vice Principal, honored the students participating in the "Principal Club". The students can be nominated by their teachers on the following criteria: Academic Achievement /Enhancement, Classroom Assistance, Act of Kindness, Behavioral Improvement, and Bullying Prevention.

(left) Second grader Kevin Solano was honored for academic achievement by his principal Mr. Giambrone.

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Students in Mrs. Natalie Polanin's Social Studies class at Roosevelt School in Rahway, calculated their ships' speed in knots using the method used by European explorers in the 1500s.



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When giving a houseplant as a gift it is important to consider its new home. If the recipient often says "I kill every plant I get" give them a plant that is easy to care for such as a Christmas cactus (Schlumbergera). Blooming during the holiday season these tropical plants are very easy to keep alive. The key to bringing this plant into flower every year is natural sunlight. As the days get shorter it triggers these plants to develop their flowers.

Orchids and Poinsettia, both popular gifts are very sensitive to drafts and temperature fluctuations. It is important to get your plant home from the shop without damaging it. Cover the plant with plastic or a paper bag, then move it from the store to a warm spot in your car, not the cold car trunk. Once home remove it

immediately from the wrapping (which will now hold the cold) and check the soil for moisture. When taking your gifts to their new home repeat the process. This care will avoid your orchids from dropping unopened blooms or your poinsettia from wilting away in just a few days. If the cashier is busy, step to the side and properly cover the plants before leaving the store.

Finally find the care instructions for your plant in a book or on the internet, make a copy and give this with the plant. It will help answer any questions, ensure proper care and give the plant a better chance for survival.

*Happy Gardening,
James*



Rahway resident gardener "Extraordinaire" James Keane, has been researching and answering garden questions since 1995.



(left) Orchids can be beautiful gifts but if not protected from the cold blossoms will drop and fall off.

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Submitted by Tina Wilson

Eyes Have A Dream will kickoff its first annual fundraiser in an effort to raise funds for Jamal Gaines. Eyes Have A Dream was founded in November 2014 as a fundraiser for the organizer's son Jamal Gaines. Swiftly the organization's mission grew to help kids achieve their dreams that otherwise couldn't come true because of the medical condition, Keratoconus.

The 2014 launch event will focus on Jamal Gaines. He graduated from Rahway High School in 2012. His senior year he was in a life threatening car accident. The car flipped over several times and he was thrown out of the passenger side window. Every day I thank God that he survived. Last year his dream came true! He opened a sneaker store in Rahway, NJ called East Coast located at 1546 Irving St. Soon after we found out he has a condition called Keratoconus. Without a procedure called cross-linking, a cornea transplant and special contacts lenses he will lose his sight.

Keratoconus is an abnormality of the eye in which the normal round dome-shaped cornea

weakens and becomes progressively thinner and irregular in shape. The resulting cone-shaped cornea can cause high levels of astigmatism (irregular curvature) and nearsightedness. The cornea is the clear window of the eye and is responsible for refracting, or bending, most of the light coming into the eye. Therefore abnormalities of the cornea can severely affect the way we see the world, making it difficult to perform simple tasks, such as driving, watching TV, or reading.

We are having a benefit show on December 19th at the Majesty Loft located at 180 Bloomfield Ave Montclair, NJ. The benefit show is to raise money for Jamal Gaines. All proceeds will go toward the procedures he needs. The event will consist of dance, acting, make up and modeling workshops. There will be a vendors fair followed by a fashion and talent show.

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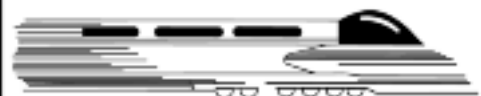
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- At least five school faculty members be certified in CPR and AED use. This list must be posted, updated as necessary, and made current yearly.



(above) Barbara Maher, the nurse at Franklin Elementary School recently facilitated a professional development workshop for teachers and staff. They learned about the law and the school's Emergency Response Plan so they know what to do in case of an emergency.

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ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS



In recognition of Red Ribbon Week, Franklin Elementary School in Rahway held an essay contest. Fifth graders were asked to write a one page essay explaining why being drug free was important to them and how they planned to accomplish this goal. All of the essays we were wonderful and shared great messages about being drug free. Nhi Nguyen and Thomas Tripodi were chosen as the winners and were awarded with a prize.

"WHAT'S MY ANTI-DRUG" POSTER CONTEST

Sixth graders from Franklin Elementary School in Rahway participated in Union County's Red Ribbon "What's My Anti-Drug" Poster Contest.

The students created a lot of amazing posters and did a great job explaining what keeps them drug-free. The school awarded first place to

Diana Bonola, second place to Timothy Garcia, and third place to Lezie Garcia. Diana Bonola's poster was then submitted to the county to be considered as an entry for their contest.

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(above, l-r) Lezie Garcia, Diana Bonola and Timothy Garcia

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YOUNG AUTHORS

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On the evening of November 13, 2014, a specially-selected group of 5th and 6th grade students from Franklin Elementary School in Rahway were invited to showcase their writing samples to the members of Rahway's Education Committee.

The students, along with their parents,

teacher and principal, traveled to Rahway's 7th and 8th Grade Academy to mark the special occasion. The young authors shared a mix of poems and essays based on the theme "The Best Part of Me," which was the district-wide focus during this year's National Day on Writing.



(above, l-r) Atalie Lopez, Alyssa Rivers, Diego Mendoza, Jack Blair, Vicki Nguyen, Nhi Nguyen and writing teacher, Mrs. Laura Lopez.



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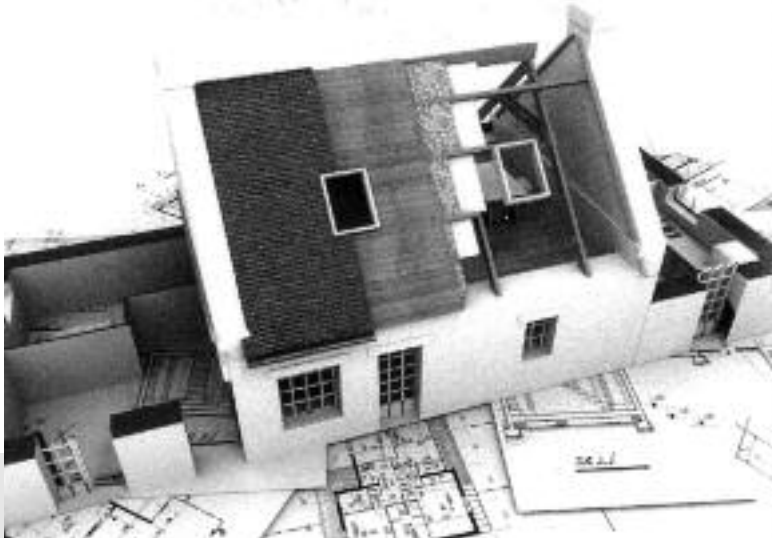


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YMCA IN RAHWAY DATES BACK TO 1879

Submitted by Al Shipley, City Historian and Rahway Library Research Consultant

The Young Men's Christian Association, commonly known as the YMCA or more simply the "Y," was founded by George Williams in London, England on June 6, 1844. Williams and his associates were concerned that the only leisure activities available for most young men were found in pool halls, taverns, and brothels and felt there was a serious need for a place that would offer healthy activities. To this end, they set out to create an organization that would "instill Christian principles into practice by developing a healthy body, mind, and spirit."

The concept grew and by the 1870s the YMCA had become a recognized organization with "Y" groups forming in several countries including the United States. The first reference to a Rahway group appears in a newspaper article dated May, 28, 1879. "A number of young gentlemen have arranged to organize a gymnastic club provided that at least 15 names can be procured as subscribers. Arrangements have been made for a suitable room and it is hoped that the necessary apparatus will be secured within a fortnight. Gentlemen who are interested can obtain information by inquiring of Christian Elrich, Irving Street, near Cherry."

Within the next six months, the interested gentlemen had organized to the point where they were ready to adopt a constitution, by-laws, and elect officers. Their stated objective was "To promote and advance the cause of religion and morality in the community, and to establish a reading room where the young men of the city may spend an evening in useful reading and social intercourse." The initial meeting was held on Thursday, November 13, 1879 in a room above the post office which was then located in the Woodruff Building on Irving Street.

YMCA membership grew and before the end of the 1880s, the group was able to construct their first home which was located on the same site as the present "Y." The building contained two bowling alleys, offices, and a gym. By 1918 a new, more modern building was needed and in March of that year, plans were underway for a new "Y." The staff reported, "It will be the best building in the city. It will be 3 1/2 stories high containing 46 separate bedrooms, and will contain a large gymnasium and a swimming pool, 21x60 feet. There are to be four Brunswick Balke bowling alleys and five billiard tables. The ground floor is to be one great long open room 93 feet long with a fireplace at one end.



The cost will be about \$135,000 when completed."

The official Grand Opening of the new "Y" took place on Monday, December 23, 1918 with over 1,000 people on hand to hear speeches and tour the complex. YMCA President, F. W. Rossell, accepted the key to the building and commented, "The Young Men's Christian Association of Rahway with this building and its fine appointments, we trust, will become the center of mental, physical, and spiritual advancement for its members and the city at large."

Baby Boomers born after both WWI and WWII kept membership high over the next 50 years with "Y" teams excelling in swimming, basketball, and bowling. A major highlight occurred on April 5, 1930 when the Rahway YMCA basketball team travelled to Oak Park, Illinois to capture the International YMCA Basketball Championship by defeating the team from Kansas City.

By the 1970s, due in large part to the economic and social changes of the times, and to a facility that had become antiquated, activity at the "Y" had waned. To re-energize the plant and the program, a modernization plan was initiated with the biggest project being the construction of a six-lane, Olympic sized, heated swimming pool in 1978.

Just as interest and activities were increasing,

a major setback occurred on the night of November 11, 1981, when a fire swept through the building causing substantial damage to the 2nd and 3rd floor dormitory rooms, the roof, the old bowling alleys, and offices. Fortunately the new pool, lockers, and gym were not affected.

In 1996, the "Y" was acquired by the YMCA of Eastern Union County, joining Union and Elizabeth as a third branch. The new group modernized the 1918 structure over the next two years with renovations done to the gym, locker rooms, and pool. A preschool childcare center and cardiovascular fitness training area were also opened.

In 2013, The YMCA of Eastern Union County changed its name to The Gateway Family YMCA and began a \$4 million dollar, 16,938 square foot renovation. The work included a new front entrance and lobby with four multipurpose rooms and a lounge area overlooking the pool with original fireplace. Renovations were done to the men's and women's locker rooms, two family locker rooms were added, and 27 new bathroom facilities were constructed. A new cardiovascular room and new strength training room were added and the third floor dormitory space was remodeled into five artist lofts.

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LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD

By Marilyn Scalia for Friends of the Rahway Library

Here we are at the end of 2014 (where did the time go?) and, based on the events reported previously in this column, it was a busy year for the Friends of the Library. Our latest offering was a classical guitar concert held at the library on Saturday afternoon, November 8th. Attendees enjoyed assorted selections played by Nick Cutroneo as well as complimentary refreshments.

The concert is one example of the ways the Friends support the Library's mission. The role of the library is changing as the way the community views the library is changing. The library has become a place where children are introduced to reading and music, where the web is made accessible to all and where patrons are entertained and challenged. Our mission at the Friends is to assist the Rahway Library in adapting to these changes, whether it be fundraising, supporting library programs or sponsoring our own events. The concert on November 8th was an example of an expanded offering; and, as we move into 2015, we hope to offer other presentations.

With that in mind, we invite you to attend our December meeting, where we will celebrate the holidays, enjoy treats, and hopefully, welcome new Friends. If you like to read, consider the library an important part of our community, and have some time to spare, we encourage you to join us on December 11th at 7pm in the library. Although our membership drive will begin in earnest in January, attending the December meeting will provide you an opportunity to meet us, learn more about our plans, and offer your own suggestions.

We are looking for help in another area: our annual Book Sale is planned for April and we are asking for your donations of books, DVDs, and CDs, starting now. You may drop off your donations at the circulation desk if you have a small amount (be sure to mention they are for the sale). If you have a great deal of books etc, please hold on to them for now, and we can arrange for a pickup as we get closer to the sale

date. The Book Sale draws book dealers as well as the general public and is one of our major fundraising events. We appreciate any support you can provide.

We thank all who have supported our endeavors this year and hope you will be as generous in 2015. Happy New Year!



MARCEL TRUPPA'S BOTTLES ON DISPLAY

Marcel Truppa's recent work - decoupage bottles after the style of contemporary iconic artists are on display at the Rahway Public Library in the lobby display cases. The exhibit will run through February 28th. Mr. Truppa is an acclaimed artist residing and working in Rahway. The lobby display cases were moved to the new library building from the Arts Guild of New Jersey building on Irving Street after being restored. They were formerly built-in bookcases for that building which was the first library in Rahway in 1869. "We are honored to have Mr. Truppa as the first exhibitor in these historic cases" said Gail Miller, Library Director.

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Book Bingo

Tuesday, December 9 at 2:00 pm.

Match up titles to win books and other prizes! This program is open to adults (age 18+). Everyone wins! One bingo board per person, per game.

Friends Meeting

Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 pm.

The Friends of the Rahway Public Library will meet at library at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday each month.

Reader's Circle Book Group

Wednesday, December 18 at 2:00 pm.

Loving Frank by Nancy Horan.

TEEN EVENTS

Teen Screen Presents

Monday, December 15 at 5:30 pm.

Guardians of the Galaxy. Rated PG-13. All are welcome to attend and popcorn will be served.

Teen Contest!

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All ages. Stop by the library to make a holiday card for someone special.

Polar Express Story time

Thursday, December 18 at 6:30 pm

All ages. Come take a ride on the Polar Express! Listen to the story, make a craft and enjoy some hot cocoa.

The Nightmare Before Christmas Movie

Monday, December 29 at 2:00 pm

Come to the library to watch The Nightmare Before Christmas! No registration required.

New Year's Noon!

Wednesday, December 31 from 11-12 pm.

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The Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce is the largest business association in the New York Metropolitan area with about 1,200 members. The group’s long history dates back to 1911 when it was founded as the Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce by John D. Rockefeller and other New Jersey industrialists. Today the Gateway Chamber serves as an umbrella organization for a dozen regional and local chambers and networking groups.

Each year the Chamber selects three businesses as their large, medium and small businesses of the year. They have selected Renna Media as the small business of the year for 2015. The honor of large company of the year goes to Linden petroleum company Infineum USA L.P. and Summit investment firm R Seelaus & Co. was named as the medium company of the year. The Linden Chamber of Commerce was named the Chamber of the Year.

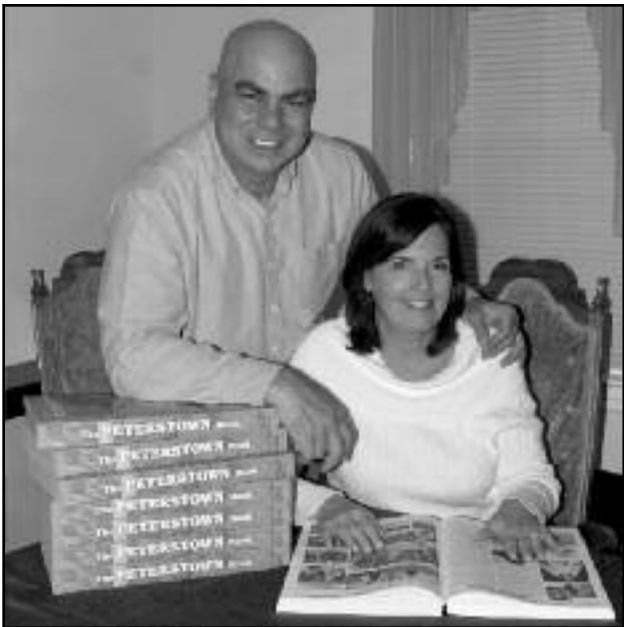
Joe and Tina Renna were nominated and selected not only for the success of their business but the community service aspect of their business plan. Renna Media publishes twelve community newspapers that are mailed free to 58,000 homes and businesses on a monthly basis. The focus of the newspapers is to support the community service organizations in the towns that they publish in. Non-profits can promote events at no charge. The publications also recognize individuals and businesses that perform community service. The newspapers also serve as a calendar of upcoming events for the towns, schools, and libraries.

Renna Media launched their newest publication Cranford Monthly in January of 2014, it is mailed to every home and business in town. It joins other Union County publications in Clark, Linden, Rahway, Kenilworth, and Union, along with six newspapers in their western zone, Warren, Watchung, Long Hill, Green Brook, Dunellen, and North Plainfield.

Tina and Joe also publish Around About Peterstown on a bi-monthly basis. This publication is less of a business venture and more of a labor of love. The Peterstown Newspaper attempts to record the oral history of the Elizabeth neighborhood Joe grew up in. In September of 2013 they published The Peterstown Book, a one hundred year history of the Italian American Neighborhood.

The biggest benefit to being a Gateway Chamber member is networking. The smallest companies have access to the largest. The Chamber hosts approximately 180 networking events a year. Prospective members are invited to events also. If a business is a member of one group then they are automatically a member of all groups.

- The groups include:
- Linden Chamber of Commerce
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 - Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce
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 - Somerset Hills Business Network
 - Irish Business Association
 - Gateway Association of Business Women
 - Workforce Education Committee



AWARDS DINNER:

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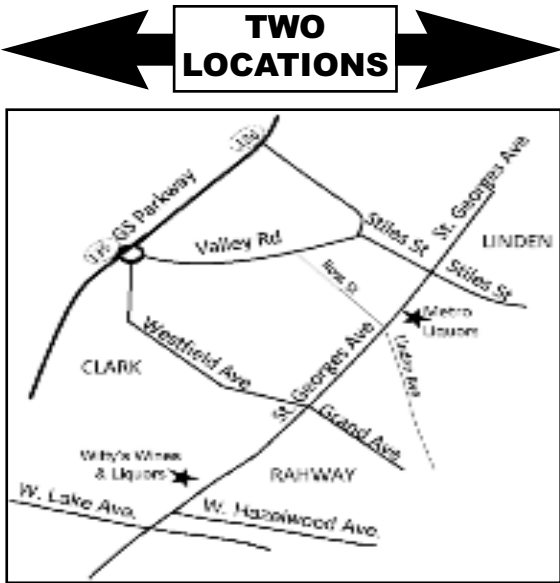
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Canadian Mist	1.75L	\$17.99
Chivas Regal	750ml	\$30.99
Chivas Regal	1.75L	\$56.99
Chivas Regal 18 yrs old	750 ml	\$64.99
Clan Macgregor	750ml	\$11.99
Clan Macgregor	1.75L	\$19.99
Crown Royal	750ml	\$26.99
Crown Royal	1.75L	\$46.99
Dewars 12 yrs old	750ml	\$31.99
Dewars 12 yrs old	1.75L	\$60.99
Dewars White Label	750 ml	\$19.99
Dewars White Label	1.75L	\$31.99
Gentleman Jack	750ml	\$28.99
Gentleman Jack	1.75L	\$51.99
Glenfiddich 12 yrs old	750ml	\$40.99
Glenmorangie 10 yrs old	750ml	\$37.99
Glenlivet 12 yrs old	750 ml	\$38.99
Glenlivet 12 yrs old	1.75L	\$74.99
Grants	750ml	\$13.99
Grants	1.75L	\$23.99
Jack Daniels	750ml	\$24.99
Jack Daniels	1.75L	\$43.99
Jameson	750ml	\$27.99
Jameson	1.75L	\$48.99
Jim Beam Whisky	1.75L	\$28.99
Johnnie Walker Blue	750ml	\$179.99
Johnnie Walker Blue	1.75L	\$369.99
Johnnie Walker Black	750ml	\$29.99
Johnnie Walker Black	1.75L	\$59.99
Johnnie Walker Double Black	750ml	\$38.99
Johnnie Walker Red	750ml	\$19.99
Johnnie Walker Red	1.75L	\$32.99
Knob Creek 9 yrs old	750ml	\$31.99
Knob Creek 9 yrs old	1.75L	\$56.99
Macallan 12yrs old	750ml	\$47.99
Makers Mark	750ml	\$26.99
Makers Mark	1.75L	\$49.99
Old Smuggler	1.75L	\$19.99
Seagram V.O.	1.75L	\$20.99
Seagrams 7	1.75L	\$19.99
Woodford Reserve	1L	\$34.99

GIN

Beefeater	1.75L	\$32.99
Bombay Sapphire	1.75L	\$40.99
Seagram's gin	1.75L	\$15.99
Tanqueray	750ml	\$19.99
Tanqueray	1.75L	\$37.99

COGNAC & BRANDY

Cardenal Mendoza	750ml	\$37.99
Courvoisier V.S.	750ml	\$25.99
Courvoisier V.S.	1.75L	\$54.99
E & J V.S. Brandy	750ml	\$ 8.99
E & J V.S. Brandy	1.75L	\$20.99
E & J V.S.O.P. Brandy	750ml	\$10.99
E & J V.S.O.P. Brandy	1.75L	\$22.99
Hennessy V.S.	750ml	\$30.99
Hennessy V.S.	1.75L	\$59.99
Leroux Blackberry	750ml	\$11.99
Leroux Blackberry	1.75L	\$19.99
Paul Masson Amber	750ml	\$10.99
Paul Masson Amber	1.75L	\$19.99
Paul Masson Peach	750ml	\$10.99
Remy Martin 1738	750ml	\$46.99
Remy Martin V.S.O.P.	750ml	\$38.99
Remy Martin V.S.O.P.	1.75L	\$84.99

VODKA

Absolut (regular)	750ml	\$19.09
Absolut (regular)	1.75L	\$31.09
Belvedere Vodka	750ml	\$27.99
Belvedere Vodka	1.75L	\$44.99
Ciroc (all types)	750ml	\$29.99
Ciroc (all types)	1.75L	\$58.99
Finlandia	750ml	\$15.99
Finlandia	1.75L	\$24.99
Fris	1.75L	\$18.99
Grey Goose	750ml	\$27.99
Grey Goose (all types)	1.75L	\$55.99
Ketel One	750ml	\$22.99
Ketel One	1.75L	\$38.99
Majorska	750ml	\$ 8.99
Majorska	1.75L	\$13.99
Pinnacle (all types)	750ml	\$12.99
Pinnacle (all types)	1.75L	\$19.99
Sky	1.75L	\$21.99
Smirnoff Vodka 80 proof	750ml	\$11.99
Smirnoff Vodka (all types)	1.75L	\$18.99
Sobieski	750ml	\$11.99
Sobieski	1.75L	\$19.99
Soplica	750ml	\$ 9.99
Soplica	1.75L	\$18.99
Stolichnaya (all types)	1.75L	\$29.99
Svedka (all types)	750ml	\$11.99
Svedka (all types)	1.75L	\$19.29
Tanqueray Sterling	750ml	\$19.99
Tanqueray Sterling	1.75L	\$29.99
Three Olives (all types)	1L	\$19.99
Three Olives (all types)	1.75L	\$26.99
Traveler's Vodka	1.75L	\$10.99

CORDIALS

Bailey's Irish Cream	750ml	\$21.09
Bailey's Irish Cream	1.75L	\$38.99
Carolans Irish Cream	750ml	\$10.99
Kahlua	750ml	\$16.99
Kahlua	1.75L	\$32.99
Krupnik	750ml	\$13.99
Licor 43	750ml	\$19.99
Licor 43	1.75L	\$39.99
Patron XO Café	750ml	\$22.99
Patron XO Café	1.75L	\$39.99
Southern Comfort	750ml	\$17.99
Southern Comfort	1.75L	\$26.99

RUM

Bacardi Light	750ml	\$14.99
Bacardi Light & Gold	1.75L	\$19.09
Captain Morgan Spice	1.75L	\$25.99
Malibu	750ml	\$16.99
Malibu	1.75L	\$24.99

TEQUILA

Avion Silver	750ml	\$33.99
El Jimador Reposado	750ml	\$19.99
El Jimador Reposado	1.75L	\$29.99
Jose Cuervo	750ml	\$17.99
Jose Cuervo	1.75L	\$32.99
Patron Silver	750ml	\$39.99
Patron Silver	1.75L	\$84.99

BEER

Becks (12oz) 24pk	24pk	\$21.99
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Coors Lite loose bottles	24pk	\$17.99
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Sam Adams Lager	24pk	\$28.99
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Super Bock	24pk	\$19.99
Tecate cans	24pk	\$16.99
Tyskie (500ml)	20pk	\$25.99
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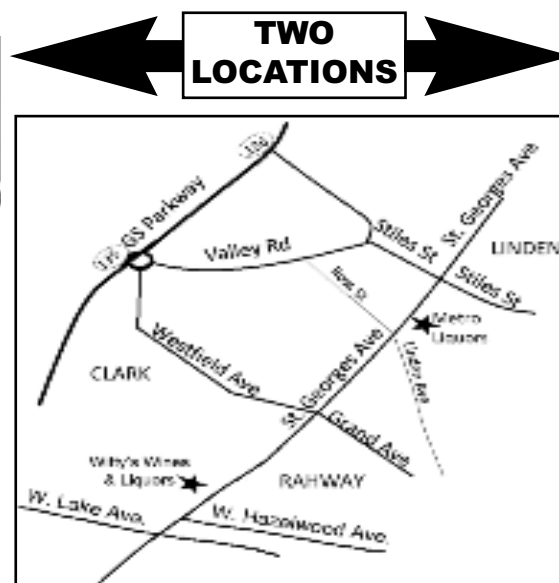




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Arbor Mist Deserts	750ml	\$ 4.99
Avalon (Cabernet Sauvignon)	750ml	\$ 9.99
Barefoot All Types	1.5L	\$10.29
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Beringer White Zinfandel	750ml	\$ 4.99
Beringer White Zinfandel	1.5L	\$ 8.69
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Blackstone (All Types)	1.5L	\$13.99
Bogle (Chardonnay and Merlot)	750ml	\$ 6.99
Bolla	1.5L	\$12.99
Cakebread Napa Valley (Cabernet Sauvignon)	750ml	\$59.99
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Chateau Ste. Michelle Columbia Valley Chardonnay	750ml	\$ 9.99
Chateau Ste. Michelle Columbia Valley Riesling	750ml	\$ 8.99
Clos du Bois Chardonnay	1.5 L	\$18.99
Clos du Bois Cabernet, Merlot	750m	\$13.99
Cockburns Ruby and Tawny Porto	750ml	\$10.99
Concha Y Toro Frontera	1.5L	\$ 8.99
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Coppola Diamond Chardonnay	750ml	\$11.99
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Cupcake (All types, except Prosecco and Moscato)	750ml	\$ 8.99
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Fish Eye (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 9.99
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Franzia (Crisp White, Blush, Sangria, Chilable red)	5L	\$13.99
Freixenet	750ml	\$ 9.99
Gato Negro (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 8.99
Gazela Vinho Verde	750ml	\$ 4.99
Ghost Pines (Merlot and Red Blend)	750ml	\$14.99
J. Lohr Cabernet and Merlot	750ml	\$13.99
Kendall Jackson Vintners Chardonnay	750ml	\$11.09
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La Crema Sonoma Pinot Noir	750ml	\$16.99
Liberty Creek (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 7.99

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Louis Jadot Beaujolais	750ml	\$ 9.99
Louis Jadot Beaujolais Villages	750ml	\$ 10.99
Louis Jadot Pouilly Fuisse	750ml	\$19.99
Luna di Luna (All Types)	1.5L	\$13.99
Mark West Pinot Noir	750ml	\$ 9.39
Mark West Pinot Noir	1.5L	\$18.99
Martini & Rossi Asti	750ml	\$11.99
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Papi (All Types)	1.5L	\$10.99
Ravenswood (All Types)	750ml	\$ 8.99
Real Sangria	1.5L	\$11.99
Rex Goliath (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 9.29
Robert Mondavi Private Select	750ml	\$ 8.99
Robert Mondavi Private Select	1.5L	\$18.99
Rodney Strong Sonoma Cabernet & Merlot	750ml	\$15.99
Rodney Strong Sonoma Chardonnay	750ml	\$11.99
Rombauer Chardonnay	750ml	\$27.99
Ruffino Chianti	750ml	\$ 8.99
Ruffino Chianti	1.5 L	\$13.99
Ruffino Pinot Grigio	1.5L	\$10.99
Ruffino Chianti Gold	750ml	\$29.99
Ruffino Tan label	750ml	\$19.99
Santa Margerita Pinot Grigio	750ml	\$20.29
Senor Sangria (All Types)	1.5L	\$10.99
Silver Oak Alexander Valley Cabernet	750ml	\$59.99
Simi Chardonnay	750ml	\$12.09
Sonoma Cutrer Chardonnay	750ml	\$20.99
Sutter Home (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 8.99
Woodbridge (All Types)	1.5L	\$10.99
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