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UNION FIREFIGHTERS WIN TOP HONORS IN COOK-OFF

Fifth annual event to benefit NJ State Firefighter's Mutual Benevolent Assoc. and Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation

On Monday February 23, 2015, firefighters from around New Jersey competed at the Cooked and Uncorked Food and Wine Festival benefiting New Jersey State Firefighter's Mutual Benevolent Association (NJSFMB) and Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation. The competition is part of the culinary extravaganza where participants experienced the tastes and flavors of more than twenty-eight of New Jersey's finest restaurants, caterers and dessert shops, as well as 34 tables of liquor vendors all in one location.

The event, which drew more than 1,000 people from throughout New Jersey, was held at The Pines Manor in Edison. Some of the quotes heard were "Amazing Event", "The Food and Beverages were incredible", "The Fire Departments out did themselves this year", "Tried so many different kinds of beverages", "I'll be back next year and bring my friends".

The Ultimate Fire Department Cook-off was an integral part of the evening as twenty-five fire departments competed for top honors in "Gourmet Cooking", "Firehouse Cooking", and "Peoples' Choice". Union competed against teams from Rahway, Cranford, Bayonne, Carteret, Elizabeth, Hillside, Hamilton Twp., New Brunswick, Long Branch, Linden, Plainfield, South Orange, Trenton, Roselle, Millburn, Rahway, Maplewood, Nutley, and Paterson.

The Union Fire Department team consisted of Lead chef: Louis Ferroni; and Sous chefs: Stephen Moro, Brian Luizza, John Sorrentino. The line for their table didn't subside all night. It was no surprise when they took away two awards including 1st Place "People's Choice Winners", and 2nd Place "Gourmet Cooking". Their menu: Fresh Maine Lobster Sliders served with lobster cream on a toasted bun, homemade old bay potato chips, and coleslaw. Union took



home first place "Gourmet Cooking" in 2011.

Established in 1987, Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation serves as the education, research and fundraising arm of The Burn Center. It provides essential financial support to burn patients and their families, fire safety programs for the community, training programs for professionals, as well as medical equipment for The Burn Center.



(above, l-r) The Union Fire Department chefs John Sorrentino, Louis Ferroni, Brian Luizza, and Stephen Moro were presented with the winning team cake provided by Cake on Heels. Union Fire Department won 2nd Place "Gourmet Cooking" and 1st Place "Peoples' Choice".

(right, l-r) Louis
Ferroni, and Brian
Luizza. The Union team
had to work tirelessly
preparing food
throughout the evening
as the line for their
table was constant. It
was no surprise when
they won 1st Place
"Peoples' Choice"

(left, l-r) Union firefighters putting fire to good use John Sorrentino, Brian Luizza, Louis Ferroni and Stephen Moro.



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UNION HIGH PRESENTS DUKE ELLINGTON'S "SOPHISTICATED LADIES" A HIGH ENERGY JOURNEY THROUGH "THE DUKES" MOST CLASSIC HITS

Performing Arts Company as they present their larger than life production of Duke Ellington's Sophisticated Ladies; March 20th, 21st, 26th, 27th and 28th at 7:30pm and March 22nd and 29th at 2pm in the Theater at Union High School, located at 2350 North Third Street, Union, NJ. Please visit www.uhspac.com for ticket information.

Sophisticated Ladies takes you on a musical journey through "The Duke's" most iconic hits in this revue style musical, sighting the evolution of his sound and style through exhilarating Broadway style arrangements. Some of those classics include: "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)", "Take the "A" Train", "Hit Me with a Hot Note and Watch Me Bounce", "Sophisticated Lady", and so many more. The original production, starring tap dance legend Gregory Hines, was a critical success, noting Frank Rich from the New York Times "the new musical revue...is an Ellington celebration that just won't quit unit it has won the audience with dynamic showmanship...it rises so high on affection, skill and of course, stunning music. What's more, this is the only Broadway revue of recent vintage that operates on a truly grand scale." That energy is sure to be brought to the UHS stage with a young crop of triple threat performers waiting to show off their skills.

Join the award winning Union High School Choreographer Jennifer Williams had this to say regarding the young cast "It's crazy to think these are only high school aged students. What they are doing out there, some professional performers wouldn't be able to do. The show is nonstop energy from start to finish – I get tired just watching them! To me it's like a Las Vegas stage show complete with elaborate costumes, a rocking band playing the best jazz classics and of course two hours of high energy dancing sure to blow the audience away. Some of our students have never stepped in dance studio in their life and here they are performing jazz, swing and tap numbers like seasoned professionals, this truly is a show not to be missed."

> That young cast includes: Kristian Adap, Katrina Adap, Monique Bingham, Deanna Bullock, Alyssa Carbonell, Michael De Los Jonathan Duvleson, Angeles, Figueiredo, James Frazier, Javon King, Joesph Laurino Jr., Leanne Laurino, Bernice Onanuga, Anissa Prescott, Charlene Puertollano, Lyndsay Richeme, Manuel Ruste, Andrea Santiago, Asia Suggs, Crystal Wright, Jason Yanto, Jackie Yoselevich.

> The Union High School Performing Arts Company remains to be at the top of its game in the world of High School Theater. Their most recent productions of Cats and Miss Saigon:

School Edition went on to be nominated for over 20 Paper Mill Rising Star Awards bringing their 8 year total to over 100 nominations in all of the major categories. They have taken home awards for Best Musical, Best Director, Best Musical Direction, Best Choreography, Best Chorus, Best Orchestra, Best Supporting Actor, Best Actress, to name a few. Their actors have also continued to be a force in the theater world working on Broadway, National Tours, Disney Theme Parks, Paper Mill's Summer Music Conservatory, and the Paper Mill Show Choir. Last Spring, UHSPAC alumni Emma Magbanua went to represent Union High School in the Jimmy Awards, a national musical theater competition for young actors, after her win for Best Actress at the Rising Star Awards. Sophisticated Ladies promises to continue the tradition of high level theater produced by the staff and students of Union High School.

For more information regarding the UHSPAC please visit www.uhspac.com and follow them on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter -@UHSPAC. For More Information:

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"MEET THE MAYOR" EVENT A SUCCESS

The Union Township Chamber of Commerce's annual "Meet the Mayor" networking event drew more than 70 attendees who came to hear Mayor Manuel Figueiredo share his vision for the Township. The event was held at ConnectOne Bank in Union.

The program featured time for Chamber business owners to hear from the Mayor, who provided the group with information on several initiatives affecting the business community, which included updates on the Merck site, a property tax rebate program for Union residents who shop locally, the opening of the new Union Theater and other news about local businesses and industry coming into the area.

Additionally, the event provided a social setting for local business owners to meet and speak with various Township department heads.

"This annual networking opportunity is one of the Chamber's most popular offerings," said James Masterson, Chamber CEO. "We are grateful to Mayor Figueiredo for taking the time to meet our members and speak about issues relevant to them, and we thank our friends at ConnectOne Bank for their hospitality."

The Union Township Chamber of Commerce is a professional association dedicated to strengthening, uniting, promoting and representing member businesses located in Union and the surrounding area.



(above, l-r) James Masterson, Union Chamber CEO, joins with Union Township Deputy Mayor Suzette Cavadas, Mayor Manny Figueiredo and Committeemen Clifton People, Jr and Joseph Florio at the Chamber's annual "Meet the Mayor" event.



UNION RESIDENTS AMONG CLASS FROM TRINITAS SCHOOL OF NURSING

With nursing diplomas and Associate in Science degrees from Union County College (UCC) in hand, the January class of the Trinitas School of Nursing celebrated their completion of the program at graduation exercises held recently at the UCC campus in Cranford. The class included 75 women and 13 men, continuing a trend of increasing numbers of men seeking nursing careers.

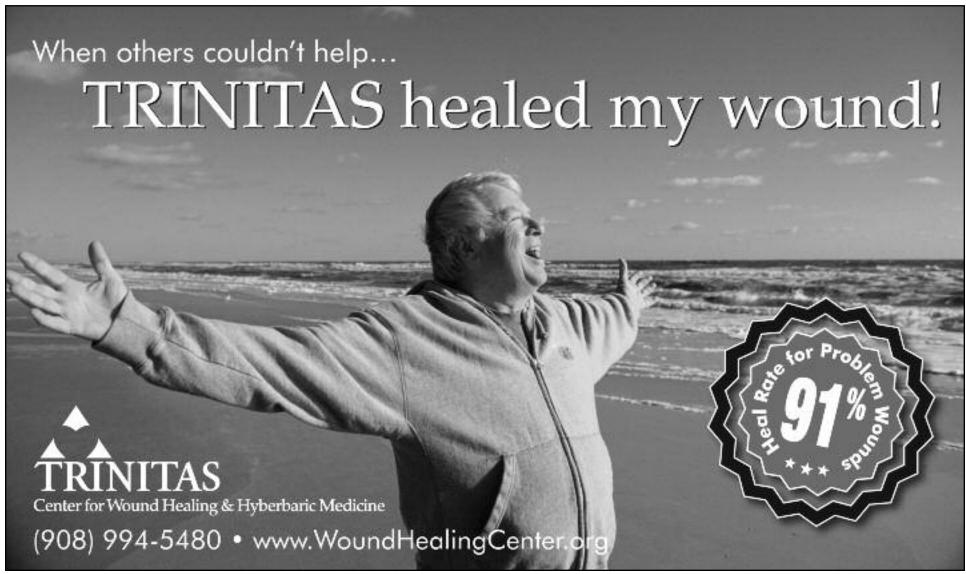
The graduates included Union residents Reuben Acevedo, Frantz Delouis, Cynthia

Almonte, Judith Amorosa, Jameela O. length of employment of the faculty, all of Madriaga, Mary Mathenge, Marie Leslie St. whom hold certification as Certified Nurse Fleur, Tamisha L. Thermitus, and Donna S. Educators (CNE); the School's fostering of excellence among students with English as a

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length of employment of the faculty, all of whom hold certification as Certified Nurse Educators (CNE); the School's fostering of excellence among students with English as a second language; the School's nurturing environment for student support that encourages success among the entire student body, and the excellent relationships among the Trinitas Regional Medical Center nursing staff, clinical unit managers, faculty and students.







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UNION MUNICIPAL BAND WINTER CONCERT MARCH 16

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For information regarding any programs or events please visit our website, www.uniontownship.com/147/recreation or call 908-686-4200.

FREE ESL CLASSES

Grace Lutheran Church, 2222 Vauxhall Road, is offering free ESL classes on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30, beginning April 1 and running for twelve weeks until Wednesday, June 17. The instructors are either retired teachers with a background in ESL or individuals trained in teaching ESL. Three levels of instruction will be offered. To determine the level assignments, testing will be held on Wednesday morning, March 25.

To register for these classes call the church office at 908-686-3965 or email the church at gracelu4u@yahoo.com.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL'S 7TH ANNUAL CAREER DAY

Jefferson School had their 7th annual schoolwide Career Day event on February 13. The event is coordinated by teachers and Student Council Advisors, Gillian Pilone, Deanna Kovacs and Kelly Piano. There were 13 professionals present from all around the community. These presentations afford the 5th grade students the opportunity to learn about interesting and exciting careers for their future. The goal is for the students to feel that the possibilities are endless. Participants included: Chiropractor (Dr. Donald Antonelli), Martial Arts Instructor (United Taekwondo Academy), Make-up/Hair Stylist (Dina Cirelli, make-up artist and Jennifer Pareira, Hair Stylist, Dieci Salon), Mechanic from Lincoln Technical Institute (Lou Allen), Municipal Court Judge from Union Township (Judge Jonathan Rosenbluth), Nurse from Overlook Medical Center (Michelle Velasquez), Personal Trainer/Group Exercise Instructor from Club Metro Fitness Club in Union (Denise Lucarello), Pet Groomer (Kelly Ford), United Airlines Pilot (Mike Monteiro), Union Fire Department, United States Coast Guard, Union Township Emergency Response Team, and United States Department of Justice-Drug Enforcement Administration (Special Agent Nick Calleo).

We would also like to thank the Board of Education Attorney Jim Damato and the Union Board of Education members that attended our worthwhile event. Board President, David Armenio, Vice President, Vito Nufrio, Nancy Zuena, and Dr. Guy Francis.



(above) United Airlines Pilot Mike Monteiro looks on as students try his hats on for size.

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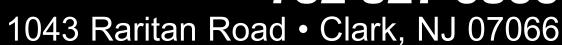
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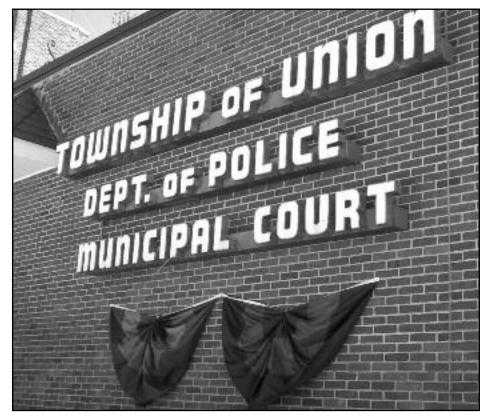


BLUE RIBBONS SHOW SUPPORT FOR POLICE

After riots broke out in Missouri and New York, and NYPD officers Wenjian Liu and Rafeal Ramos were shot and killed as they sat in a marked squad car in Brooklyn on December 20, 2014, Kenilworth's borough clerk Laura Reinertsen was dismayed by the anti-police sentiment that was being reported in the national news. She had an idea of placing blue ribbons around Kenilworth Borough Hall to show support for the police and she called the Kenilworth Garden Center for help. It was right in the midst of the Christmas holiday bustle, but owners Gail and Art Russo thought it was a great idea and they tracked down some blue ribbon for the effort. Gail and Art along with Art's mom Mary, created the bows and installed them at Kenilworth's Borough Hall free of charge.

The Russo's thought it was such a great idea that they offered their services free of charge to other towns. Laura sent a blast email to other Union County clerks asking if they'd like blue ribbons to decorate their municipal buildings. The response was overwhelming. To date the Russo's have placed blue ribbons to show support in Union, Cranford, Winfield Park, Elizabeth, Springfield, Fanwood, Scotch Plains, Clark, Roselle Park and Kenilworth.

Remembers Gail Russo, owner of Kenilworth Garden Center, "The police were getting a bad rap. We wanted to show our support."



(above) Union Township Municipal Building was decorated with blue ribbons to show support for police.







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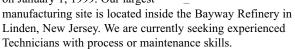
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The garden is an organic garden. While there is no universally accepted definition for the term "organic gardening", here it will be defined as using only animal or vegetable fertilizers rather than synthetics, seeds and seedlings that are identified as organic by the packing or the distributor, using natural pest controls devoid of industrial insecticides, companion planting and attractants to control pests.

ToUCG is now accepting applications for a 4'x8' raised organic bed to help cover garden expenses. The cost is \$25 which includes bed soil, water source, access to the tool shed and

compost pile. Please visit our website unioncommunitygarden.org or our facebook page, or contact Adrienne 908-347-7736 or Veronica 908-687-0237.

TOWNSHIP OF UNION GARDEN CLUB MEETING SET FOR APRIL 1ST

The Township of Union Garden Club will host speaker Dean Alcott, Master Tree Steward and Master Gardener. He will discuss the Union County Rutgers 4-H Tree Steward Program, which includes Maple Sugaring. The meeting takes place Wednesday, April 1, 7:00 pm in the Bonnel Room of Town Hall, Morris Avenue. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome.



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Melanie Mitrano is an ASCAP composer, singer, and teacher whose vocal and compositional styles span many genres, including classical, jazz, theater, Brazilian music and Portuguese Fado, the traditional music of Portugal. Her music has been performed in a variety of venues from concert halls to jazz clubs. Brazilian and European influences factor heavily into her artistic profile. Fluent in Portuguese, she pens and performs her own Portuguese-language songs. Melanie has received numerous composition awards from Billboard, ASCAP, and the Songwriters Association of Washington.

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ARE THERE BULLIES IN YOUR WORKPLACE?

The Union Township Chamber of Commerce will address the topic of bullying in the workplace at its March networking event, scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2015, from 5-7 pm, at Café Z, 2333 Morris Avenue, Union (at the Ideal Professional Park).

"The topic of bullying has certainly been addressed in the school systems, but there is also a need for greater awareness on the effects of bullies when they grow up and operate in the workplace," said Chamber Executive James Masterson. "Whether your business is large or small, your employees can experience bullying on the job, and it can contribute to absenteeism, high turnover and litigation."

Presenting that evening is Mary Anne Kochut of Champions for Success, LLC. She is an author, motivational speaker, coach and trainer who specializes in the areas of leadership, communications and financial services.

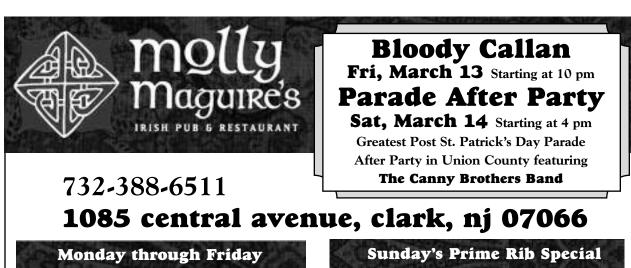
Admission for the event is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. Preregistration is required.

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GATEWAY CHAMBER HONORS LOCAL BUSINESSES AT 103RD ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce recently honored three local businesses and a local chamber of commerce at its 103rd Annual Dinner Meeting, held in February at the Newark Airport Marriott.

Renna Media, publishers of the Spirit of Union, was honored as Small Company of the Year. Founded and operated by Joe and Tina Renna, the small publishing house publishes 13 hyper-local newspapers in Union, Somerset and Warren counties.

Other honorees included Infineum USA L.P. of Linden, Large Company of the Year; R. Seelus & Company, Medium Company of the Year; the Linden Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of the Year.

The Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce is the fastest growing and largest Chamber in Northern New Jersey. To learn more visit www.GatewayChamber.com.



(above) Kamal Assad, owner of Sign-A-Rama of Kenilworth, presentes Tina and Joe Renna, publishers of the Spirit of Union, with the Small Company of the Year Award on behalf of the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce.

PROJECT READY AT ST. JOSEPH SOCIAL **SERVICE CENTER**

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CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT THE MAIN LIBRARY

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${\bf Read\ Across\ America/Dr.\ Seuss\ Birthday\ Party.}$

Monday, March 2nd at 3:30pm

Stories will be read, songs will be sung, and birthday cake will be served. This program is for children of all ages and their caregivers. Don't miss a great party.

Bedtime Storytime

Mondays, March 2nd, 9th and 30th at 7:00pm. Come in your pajamas for songs, stories and games at Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to attend. No registration required.

Mother Goose Time

Tuesdays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st at 10:30am.

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Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, March 5th, 12th and 26th at 10:30am. for children 3 ½ through Kindergarten

No registration required.

Saturday Storytime and Craft Program

Saturday, March 14th at 11:00am.

Children of all ages and their caregivers are welcome to attend. No registration required.

The Union Public Library Lego Club

for children of all ages

Thursday, March 19th at 3:30pm.

This is an opportunity for kids to get creative and build anything they choose. The library will provide the Legos, while the kids provide the imagination! All materials must stay at the library so bring your camera to document your creations. Caregivers are asked to stay in the library and are welcome to assist. No registration required.

THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT VAUXHALL BRANCH

Bedtime Storytime

Monday, March 2nd at 7:00pm. for children of all ages and their caregivers

No registration required.

"Paper Plate Windsock" Storytime and Craft Program

Tuesday, March 3rd at 11:00am. for children, ages 3-5, and their caregivers, Space is limited. Signup is required.

Let's play chess

Tuesdays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st at 3:00pm.

Learn to play or improve your game with instructors, Mr. Perry and Mr. Outlaw, Children, ages 8 through 16, are invited to attend. Space is limited. Signup is required

Read Across America/ Dr. Seuss Program

Thursday, March 5th at 3:30pm. for children in grades K through 6

Join us for stories and crafts as we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. Space is limited. Signup is required.

"Who Am I? A Teen Brunch 'n Series"

Saturday, March 7that 11:00am. presented by Someone's Daughter Inc.

This series will focus on self-esteem and confidence building for girls between the ages of 10 and 17.

Space is limited. Signup is required.

"Paper Bag Windsock" School-Age Craft Program

Thursday, March 12th at 3:30pm.

This program is for children, grades 1 and up, and their caregivers. Space is limited. Signup is required.

Our After School Movie Presentation of, "Boxtrolls"

Thursday, March 19th at 3:00pm.

Children of all ages are welcome to attend.

Game Day

Tuesday, March 24th at 11:00am. for children ages 3 – 5 and their caregivers Space is limited. Signup is required

Game Day

Thursday, March 26th at 3:30pm. for children, in grades 1 and up, and their caregivers Space is limited. Signup is required.



LORDS & LADIES TAKE PART IN MOCK INTERVIEW DAY AT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

Program at Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County had their first introduction to life after high school by participating in "Mock Interview Day" at our Union Club.

Lords & Ladies Program works with high school members to discuss and learn etiquette in professional, social and dating environments. The professional segment includes college and career preparation; mock interviews are an important part of preparing for future careers. Teens had an opportunity to interview in a variety of settings including one-on-one, two-oone and in a group.

Many thanks to our local partners who came out to help the teens and serve as interviewers: John Ferraz, Community Leader, Walgreens; Mr. Angel Cartagena, Owner, Batteries Plus Bulbs, Board Member of BGCUC; Joseph Stampone, Owner, Major Printing Company; Brian Castell, CEO, BSFC Marketing; Gregory

Twenty-five members of the Lords & Ladies Cromwell, Manager, Red Lobster; and Ariel Rodriguez, Manager, Blink Fitness. Without your support and time we could not have given our teens this valuable experience.

> "This is a wonderful opportunity for our teens to have an introduction to what to expect as they enter the workforce", said Russell Triolo, Chief Executive Officer. "Thank you to everyone who participated; the teens who took so much effort to prepare for the interviews and our partners who donated their time to helping our members."

> Teen Programs are available at our Union. Plainfield and Elizabeth Clubs. Members participate in character, leadership, career preparation and community service activities throughout the year. Youth programs are available in Hillside, Roselle, Linden, Union, Elizabeth and Plainfield. For information on our clubs and programs, please visit our website www.bgcuc.org or contact us 908-687-2697.

"BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS HOST 2ND ANNUAL **GREAT FUTURES COLLEGE FAIR**

pleased to announce the Second Annual Great Futures College Fair on Wednesday March 11 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Union Club, 1050 Jeanette Avenue, Union, NJ.

Students will have an opportunity to meet with representatives of area colleges who can answer questions on admissions, financial aid and studies. A representative from United Negro College Fund will be in attendance to discuss scholarship opportunities. Mr. Lenny Williams, Admissions Counselor and Professor at New Jersey City University, is scheduled to speak to students and parents about the college admissions process, facts and myths about college, choosing a major and financial aid. Mr. Williams inspires teens to realize "A College Degree is Possible".

"We are all looking forward to the Second

Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County is Annual College Fair. Last year's fair was such a great success", said Russell Triolo, Chief Executive Officer. "Students from the community had an opportunity to meet face to face with colleges and universities. This year's event will be bigger and better".

> At this time, the following schools have confirmed their attendance: Rutgers, Union County College, Fairleigh Dickinson, Berkeley College, Lincoln Technical Institute, Ramapo College, Caldwell College, Monmouth University, and Felician College. Information from Kean University, William Paterson, and TCNJ will also be available.

> BeYOUtiful Gifts, Inc. is hosting a Prom Dress Drive during the fair. Students will be able to select dresses, shoes and accessories for free. Thank you to BeYOUtiful Gifts, Inc. for your generosity.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF UNION COUNTY 2ND ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

On Monday, June 22, 2015, Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County will be hosting our 2nd Annual Golf Outing event at Bella Vista Country Club in Marlboro, NJ from 10:30am-8:00pm.

Proceeds from the event will benefit our 15 After School Programs held in Union, Hillside, Elizabeth, Roselle, Linden and Plainfield. Your support and participation is needed. Join us for a full day of golf, lunch, cocktail/dinner and prizes! Registration deadline is Friday, May 29th!

For more information, to purchase player packages or to be a sponsor, please contact: Joe DeMaio jdemaio@bgcuc.org 908-687-2697.

ABOUT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF UNION COUNTY

Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County offers youth programs in 6 communities in Union County: Plainfield, Elizabeth, Union, Hillside, Roselle and Linden. Teen leadership programs for ages 14-18 are available in Union, Elizabeth and Plainfield. Members participate in character, leadership, career preparation and community service activities throughout the For information on our clubs and vear. programs, please visit our website www.bgcuc.org or contact us 908-687-2697.







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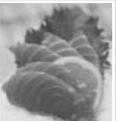
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