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### MEET THE MAYOR CHAMBER MEETING, NETWORKING STYLE

More than 75 members of the Union business community gathered at ConnectOne Bank for the Union Township Chamber of Commerce's annual "Meet the Mayor" networking event on Feb 18th.

"This is one of the Chamber's most popular events, said James Masterson, Chamber CEO. "It provides our members with a forum to hear the Mayor's vision for the coming year, and to meet and connect with various Township department heads."

He added that Mayor Manuel Figueiredo has been selected as this year's recipient of the "Spirit of Union Award," for his outstanding commitment

to the Chamber and the many businesses it serves.

The gathering was catered by Chamber member Express Latin Grill.

The Union Township Chamber of Commerce is a professional business association which works to promote, unify, strengthen and represent all of its member businesses who are located in or wish to interact with the Union community.



(above l -r) Chamber members Eugene Mitchell, Branch Manager, Spencer Savings Bank of Union; Angel Cartagena, Owner, Batteries Plus Bulbs; Vincent Spada, VP, Spencer Savings Bank of Cranford; and David Arminio, Union Township Historical Society.



(above l -r) Union Township Mayor Manuel Figueiredo, Julie D'Aloia, Senior VP; ConnectOne Bank and James Masterson, CEO, Union Chamber of Commerce.



(above l-r) Sharon Patel, owner of Patel Printing Plus in Union, Janice DeAvila, Union Township Special Improvement District (SID) Director, and Carmen Nunez, Janice's assistant.



(above) Chamber's Meet the Mayor event was catered by Express Latin BBQ & Grill located on Stuyvesant Avenue in Union, NJ.

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### **UNION HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY PRESENTS** THE DISNEY CLASSIC "MARY POPPINS" MARCH 10-13; 18-20, 2016

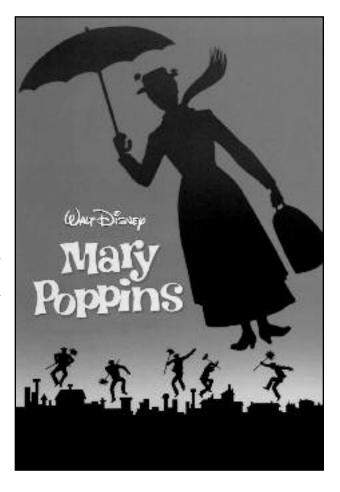
Union High School Performing Arts Company Presents Disney's Mary Poppins, the beloved classic of a spirited nanny who helps bring the heart back to the Banks Family whom she looks after. The Academy Award winning film starting Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke, transferred to the Broadway stage in 2006; and has been warming the hearts of fans for many years. Featuring classic songs such as "Jolly Holiday," "Supercalifragilistic-Time," expialidocious," "Chim Chim Cher-ee," and "Let's Go Fly a Kite," don't miss your chance to see the magic Mary Poppins brings live on the UHSPAC stage. Opening Thursday, March 10th, Mary Poppins at UHS will run the 10th, 11th, 12th, 18th, and 19th at 7:30pm; and March 13th and 20th at 2pm. Student pricing will be available to all Township of Union Students with a valid Union Township ID, tickets will be available to them for \$10 at any performance, purchased in person. A group rate of \$12 will be available for sale to groups of ten or more sold for any one single performance. Head on over to www.uhspac.com for more information and to purchase tickets.

Mary Poppins is not only filled with iconic songs, but tells a story that is sure to relate to audiences everywhere. When Mary Poppins first visits the Banks household, there seems to be a disconnect between the members of the Banks Family. Mary finds a way, through very inventive techniques to help teach not only the children invaluable lessons, but their parents as well, especially their father George who seems the end, it's George that Mary saves, allowing him to once again be a great father and husband bringing warmth back into their home. Director James Mosser shared: "Mary Poppins is about more than just wonderful songs and amazing spectacle. The show carries with it some wonderful messages of structure, caring, hard work, imagination and love. This magical nanny arrives to help rehabilitate a family who has lost their way. While the children's behavior is the symptom of the dysfunction the cause is deeper. Mary Poppins teaches the whole family how to do the right things and follow their dreams in the process."

The cast features Ashley Figueiredo as Mary Poppins, Jonathan Duvelson as the fun loving Bert, Joseph Laurino Jr. as George Banks, Grace Rivera as Winifred Banks; and sharing the role of Jane and Michael respectively are Gabriella Scott, Leilani Wiggins, Jaden Foreman, and Connor Van Tine. As with any UHSPAC productions you can expect a supporting cast of singers and dancers sure to make you want to jump out your seat and dance along to some of Disney's most classic songs.

The Union High School Performing Arts Company continues to remain one of the strongest arts training programs for high school students in the state of New Jersey. The UHSPAC is inclusive of an award winning theater department, a nationally rated instrumental music program, and a top-notch choral music group. The Theater Department has been nominated for

preoccupied with work rather than his family. In over 104 prestigious Paper Mill Rising Star Awards, an event that recognizes excellence in high school theater, similar to the Tony Awards. They have won 27 awards and currently hold the record for the most wins ever won by a single show for their 2015 production of Duke Ellington's Sophisticated Ladies, winning 9 awards.



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Written by Chris Reardon



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ANY DOG WASH With coupon only. Can't be combined. Exp. 4/15/16. The Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce last night honored three local businesses at its 104th Annual Awards Dinner, held at the Renaissance Hotel in Elizabeth on February 17, 2016.

Trinitas Regional Medical center was honored as the Large Company of the Year. Trinitas, a Catholic teaching medical center sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth in partnership with Elizabethtown Healthcare Foundation, each year serves more than 17,000 inpatients and administers 2,200 births, 73,000 emergencies and 450,000 outpatient visits.

Recognized as a Top Hospital by Castle Connolly, Ltd., Trinitas serves both the local community and every county in New Jersey through its 80 service locations. The medical center employs more than 2,800 employees and has a medical staff numbering more than 500 physicians. Trinitas also is a teaching hospital instructing more than 50 medical residents through a program affiliated with Seton Hall.

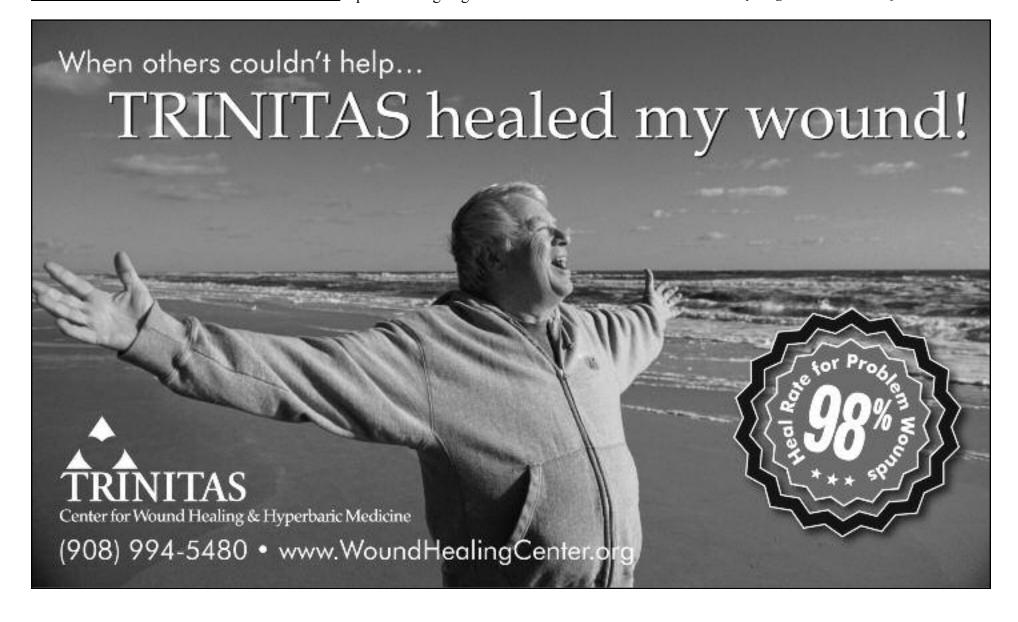
The Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel was honored as the Medium Company of the Year. The Renaissance is a three-star hotel catering to both business and social travelers. In addition to luxury rooms with marble bathrooms, the hotel features 17,000 square feet of event space, 24-hour business and fitness centers, an indoor pool and its signature restaurant, Ironbound.

Bevan, Mosca & Giuditta, P.C. was honored as the Small Company of the Year. Founded in 2007, the law firm is headquartered in Basking Ridge and has offices in Trenton, New York City, Washington, D. C. and Winchester, VA. The firm provides legal guidance and services with a special focus in those areas where law, government and public policy intersect. Affiliate bmgzstrategies is a strategic communications agency with services in public affairs, business development and graphic design.

"With more than 1,200 members, the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce is one of the largest regional chambers in the New York metropolitan area," said James Coyle, Gateway president. "These three businesses are prime examples of the outstanding performance that defines our membership. Their level of success and service to their customers and clients is unmatched."



(above) Bill Mosca of Bevan, Mosca & Giuditta, P.C. (left), Jeff Plamondon, general manager at the Renaissance Hotel (center), and Glenn Nacion, vice president human resources at Trinitas Regional Medical Center accepted awards on behalf of their companies at the 104th Annual Awards Dinner of the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce.



### BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS WELCOMES JENNIFER YOUNG TO ADVISORY BOARD



Join us as we welcome new Corporate Advisory Board Member Jennifer Young. Ms. Young is a senior associate at the law firm of Dughi, Hewit & Domalewski, P.C. in Cranford, NJ. Her practice specializes in alimony, child support and payment of

college expenses, equitable distribution of assets and liabilities, adoption, domestic violence, premarital agreements, civil unions and relocation out of the State of New Jersey. Ms. Young also has extensive experience in matrimonial appeals both interlocutory and final.

"We are excited to have Jennifer Young join our Corporate Advisory Board and bring her knowledge and enthusiasm to our organization," said Russell Triolo, Chief Executive Officer. "She will add great value as we work to extend our reach in Union County."

Ms. Young is an alumnus of Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County, who was a member of our Tidal Wave Swim Team from 1988 - 1994. Ms. Young received her juris doctor from Seton Hall University School of Law and her bachelor's degree from Rutgers College. She is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, Family Law Section, Women in the Profession Section

and the Appellate Practice Committee and also serves on the Seton Hall School of Law Alumni Council. Ms. Young is also a member of the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield and a volunteer with Kaleidoscope of Hope Foundation.

"Having been member of the Union Boys and Girls Club throughout my childhood, I am very excited to give back to the organization in this capacity," said Jennifer Young. "I hope to raise funds and awareness for the organization so that other children may have similar experiences to the ones I enjoyed during my years at the Club."

The Corporate Advisory Board of Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County works together to bring awareness to Union County, introduce us to new partners and supporters, and fundraise for the organization. Jennifer's commitment to our organization and passion for bringing support for our members is an immense asset.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County offers youth programs in 5 communities in Union County: Plainfield, Elizabeth, Union, Hillside and Roselle. 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 year. Aquatics instruction is available at our Union Club. For information on our clubs and programs, please visit our website www.bgcuc.org or contact us 908-687-2697.

### **NEARLY 600 UNION COUNTY KIDS NEED YOUR VOICE**

Meet foster youth Michael, age 8: Ever since I can remember, me and my siblings lived in our parents' car or motels. We ate lots of fast food but after a while we just wanted real food like a normal family. One day the police stopped my dad and said my little sister was really thin. They took her to the hospital and then came back for me and my siblings and put us in foster care. I'm really sad because we are in three different homes and don't see each other much. We now go to school but had never been to one before! There's so much to learn that other kids already know. We really miss mom but dad scares us. We saw mom again on weekend visits at grandma's and were excited because we thought we would get to live there. But one day, mom snatched us from the visit to bring us to dad, who the judge said she can't see. Mom and dad took us out of New Jersey and we drove through a bunch of states. We didn't have money and dad made us stand with him outside and told us to look sad while he begged for money. When the police found us we were so excited to come back to New Jersey. They arrested my mom and dad. Even though we're glad to be back, my brother and I have nightmares and miss our siblings who are in other foster homes. I feel terrible — I'm the oldest and should have protected them. Why can't we all just be together and have a regular life?

Michael is one of many children that CASA serves and hopes to serve, as its referral book continues to grow. CASA of Union County is seeking Union residents interested in being the voice for one of the nearly 600 Union County

youth, ages 0-21, in foster care through no fault of their own. Trained CASAs are sworn in by a judge and court-empowered to speak to foster parents, teachers, doctors, lawyers, tutors, therapists and more. CASAs visit the youth regularly and incorporate all findings into a report for the judge. CASAs attend court hearings quarterly, working to ensure a youth's time in care is as short as possible and their best interests remain the top priority for all parties. Although not required, there is an additional need for advocates who speak Spanish.

CASA's Spring training kicks off Thursday, April 14, 2016 and includes 10 sessions over several weeks, ending May 10, 2016 and soon followed by a swearing in at the courthouse. Training is 6 to 9 p.m. at the County Clerk's Building, 300 North Avenue East in Westfield, Second Floor, across from the Westfield Diner and a light dinner is provided.

Attend an information session in Westfield or Elizabeth. Evening sessions are 6 pm, Thursday, March 17; Tuesday, March 29; Monday, April 4; and Monday, April 11 at the County Clerk's Building in Westfield; Morning sessions are 10 a.m. Fridays, March 18, April 1 and April 8 at CASA, 1143-45 East Jersey Street, Second Floor, in Elizabeth.

Union residents are encouraged to contact Lisa at (908) 527-7048 or lporis@casaofunioncounty.org with questions, to RSVP for an information session or for details on the April training.



### **UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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### **MAIN BUILDING**

### MARCH EVENTS CHILDREN

Disability Awareness Activity with UHS

Saturday, March 5th @ 12:00pm

**Family Movie: Home** 

Thursday, March 10th @ 7pm

**Bedtime Story Time** 

Monday, March 14th @ 7pm

St. Patrick's Day Celebration: Stories and Crafts

Thursday March 17th @ 11am

Family Movie: The Nut Job Monday, March 28th @ 11am

Family Movie: Peanuts

Thursday, March 31st @ 11am

### ADULT

Tuesdays @ 2 Movie: Everest

March 15th

Tuesdays @ 2 Movie: Ant Man March 22nd

Off the Shelf Book Discussion

Thursday, March 17 @ 7pm

**Adult Coloring Club** 

Friday, March 4 @ 2pm

**Adult Coloring Club** 

### **FREE JOB TRAINING**

Project Ready is a free 6 week job readiness and computer skills training class designed for adults who are actively looking for work. Volunteer tutors help students identify skills, write resumes, practice interviewing, and search for jobs. Basic computer skills, including Microsoft Word and Excel, are also taught. The program runs Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm. The next session begins April 5, 2016 and ends on May 12, 2016. For more information, please call us at (908) 353-1045, Ext 8, or email Projectreadyprg@yahoo.com. Join us for our information and sign-up session on March 22, 2016 at 1pm (118 Division St. Elizabeth, NJ). Seats are limited – Student selection by lottery.

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### **MARCH EVENTS**

### **CHILDREN**

"Girls STEM Academy"

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Tween and teen girls will be introduced to nontraditional career paths in science, technology, engineering and media.

#### "Preschool Story and Craft: "The Lorax"

Tuesday, March 8th at 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Children Ages 3 – 5 and their parents/guardians are invited to attend. Sign up is required!

#### "Bedtime Story Time and Craft."

Wednesday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. children 8 years old and younger and their parents/guardians are invited.

Children are encouraged to dress in their pajamas and cuddle their favorite stuffed animal as we get you ready for sweet slumber. No registration required.

### Tween Make it @ your Library "Black Glue Salt Leaves Craft"

Thursday, March 10th at 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Children ages 9-12 are welcome to come and make a craft. Sign up is required!

### JOY (Jenkins Outreach for Youth) presents "Club Teen: College Bound Series"

Wednesday, March 16th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for high school students and their parents/guardians.

Sign up is required!

#### "S.T.E.A.M: Building a Galaxy with Code"

Saturday March 19th 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

School age program for children in grades 2 and 3 grade.

Introduces and demystifies computer programming or coding. No previous coding experience needed.

Students will use Hour-To-Code software from code.org to learn to program droids and create a Star Wars game in a galaxy far away. This workshop is sponsored by the Glen Rock High School National Science Honor Society.

Sign up required!

#### Preschool Game Time: "BINGO"

Tuesday, March 22nd at 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

This program is for children ages 3-5 and their parents/guardians.

(Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.)

Sign up is required!

#### Tween Movie: "Hotel Transylvania 2"

Thursday, March 24th at 3:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Rated PG; 89 minutes for children ages 9-12 Sign up is required!

### **ADULTS**

The Adult Department of the Vauxhall Brach Library has scheduled the following programs at the Vauxhall Branch Library during the month of March 2016.

#### "Tai Chi - Free Exercise Program"

Tuesdays, March 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. for Mature Adults.

Wear sneakers & comfortable clothing.

Space is limited. Sign up is required. **Pinkshoe Marketing presents:** 

### "Women Do Business Differently"

Monday, March 14th 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

This FREE workshop will empower women to build sustainable businesses for themselves and their families by focusing in on gender differences that give them a competitive edge while operating in business. This workshop will also assist women with developing and marketing their brand online. Sign up required!

### "Hilton Readers Book Discussion Group"

Monday, March 28th at 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. to discuss "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins. Bring dinner; beverage and dessert are provided.

Please contact the Vauxhall Branch Library Circulation Desk for help obtaining a copy of the book.

All are welcome to attend.

No registration required.

### SCOTCH PLAINS ARTIST JOSEPH LENTINI SHOWS WORK IN UNION

Throughout the month of March, Urban Artist, Joseph Lentini is showing his work at Van Gogh's Ear Restaurant in Union on Stuyvesant Ave. Lentini's work is

known to be unique and fresh, reflecting the

world as he sees it with a touch of whimsy. Lentini's work has been shown nationally. He is originally from Queens NY, but has lived in Scotch Plains for the past 10 years with his wife michelle and two sons, Avery and Jacy.



(above) Joseph with his wife Michelle.



### **ALL-DAY HOOP CLASSIC TO BENEFIT TEAM LEGRAND**

On January 17, NJ Allstate Representative Jimmy Cheng and his associates hosted an all-day Hoop Classic at Kean University to benefit Team LeGrand of the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation and raise funds for spinal cord injury research. The event is part of community program collaboration with the NJ-area Allstate agency, co-sponsor the Union County Interscholastic Athletic Conference (UCIAC), and Hoop Nation, a local basketball instruction and development program for young athletes in Highland Park, NJ.

High school basketball teams from Union County participated in the Hoop Classic including Colonia, Woodbridge, Union High School, Carteret, Rahway, Cranford, Roselle Catholic, Hillside, and St. Gil Bernard's to spotlight their athletic talents. During halftime of the 6 pm Gill St. Bernards vs. Roselle Catholic game, Eric LeGrand spoke about the past five years since he sustained his spinal cord injury and the importance of disability awareness.

"I want to thank everyone involved in this event, and for supporting my cause," Eric said in

his speech. "I know we will get to that end zone one day where we will find cures for spinal cord injury, and everyone's support in the community is what brings us closer every day."

After his speech, Jimmy and his Allstate associates awarded a \$5000 donation in support of Team LeGrand's mission to advance groundbreaking research and quality of life initiatives on behalf of the six million Americans living with paralysis.

About Team LeGrand: Team LeGrand of the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation launched in September 2013. In a matter of months, Team LeGrand rallied members nationwide with its mission: To help individuals living with spinal cord injury and their families by supporting quality of life initiatives and emerging therapies that will get us to the end zone -- cures for SCI.

About The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation: The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation is dedicated to curing spinal cord injury by funding innovative research, and improving the quality of life for people living with paralysis through grants, information and advocacy. For more information, please visit ChristopherReeve.org or call 800-225-0292.



(above) Eric LeGrand at the AllState Hoop Classic at Kean University



(above) LeGrand addressing the audience during half time of the Roselle Catholic vs. St. Gil Bernard's Game



(above) Eric and his Aunt accepting the \$5,000 donation from event host Jimmy Cheng

### UHS ATHLETE'S PART IN BACKSTORY OF RACE, JESSE OWENS BIOPIC, OUT FEBRUARY 19

The Caldwell Parsonage Museum, 909 Caldwell Avenue, Union, features an exhibit of some of Union's outstanding athletes. Unique among them is Eulace Peacock, UHS Class of 1933, the U. S. track and field competitor dreaded by Jesse Owens.

Owens said of Peacock in 1935, "Eulace is a great runner, and a very good jumper. [He] has been right behind me for quite a while. It looks as though he's more than caught up now.... I don't know whether I can defeat him again." He never did.

Peacock's New York Times 1992 obituary reads that the senior track star set a state scholastic long jump record (24' 4.25") that remained unbroken for 44 years until Renaldo Nehemiah of Scotch Plains, jumped 24' 11."

The Parsonage, once the residence of American Revolution heroes, Rev. James and Mrs. Hannah Caldwell, is listed on both the National and State Registers of Historic Places. Admission is free, but donations to preserve the site and its artifacts are greatly appreciated.

More information is available at the Society's websites unionhistory.org or uniontwphistoricalsociety.webs.com or by calling Barbara La Mort, President, at 908-687-0048.



(above) Eulace Peacock, 1933 graduate of Union High School and member of the UHS Athletic Hall of Fame inaugural class, is featured in exhibit at the Caldwell Parsonage in Union. Peacock defeated Jesse Owens many times in track and field events.

### **GALLERY U EXHIBIT SHOWCASES ARTWORK OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF UNION COUNTY**

Gallery U, at 435 South Avenue West in Westfield, hosted a special exhibition, The Kids Are Alright, featuring the artwork of members of Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County. Members participated in a professionally taught art program through collaboration with Elaine's Art Club. Their artwork was exhibited at Gallery U from January 29 - February 1, 2016. A public opening reception was held on Friday January 29, 2016 to honor and celebrate the artistic achievements of the students participating in the program. Our members had an opportunity to show their work to guests and discuss the creative process. The evening was a great success for all who participated in the program.

"Thank you to Gallery U and Elaine's Art Club for offering our members a professional art program and show experience," said Russell Triolo, Chief Executive Officer of Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County. "We are looking forward to the next exhibition in the spring."

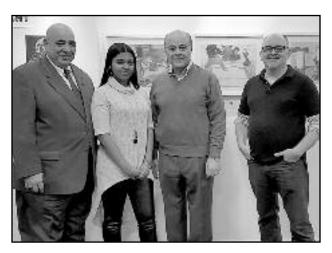
In collaboration with Elaine's Art Club, 15 members were immersed in the classical approach to drawing over 10 weeks. Starting with charcoal and then pastels, the young artists learned basic drawing technique and sharpened their observation skills through use of live models and still lifes. The free program was offered to members and also provided easels, aprons and art supplies. Elaine's Art Club Program will continue its Winter Session at our Union Club and has expanded their art program to our Plainfield Club beginning in January 2016. Stay tuned to see their artwork featured at Gallery U.

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Elaine's Art Club

The Elaine Raphael Arts Fund (ERAF), a division of Living for a Cause, fosters the talents of youth eager to find a guiding hand to help them express their creativity and provides art education programs such as camps, in-school workshops and student mentoring by professional artists. The ERAF is named in honor of noted





(above) One of our Artists with, Russell Triolo, CEO Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County; Gene Jannotti, GWACC Executive Director; Robert Langdon, Curator and Manager Gallery U.

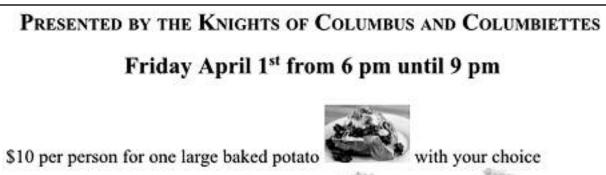
children's book writer and illustrator Elaine Raphael, whose last wish was to continue to help children discover their artistic nature. The ERAF provides much-needed funding to school art programs and has developed Elaine's Art Club to reach young artists in a variety of community settings.

Gallery U

Gallery U, a combination of a fully functional art space and shopping boutique located at 439 South Avenue West, Westfield. Gallery U is an extension of Universal Institute, a rehabilitation facility that services adults with traumatic brain injuries (TBI). The venue serves as a vocational training program whose goal is to introduce people with TBI back into the workforce and community. Clients at Universal Institute take part in all aspects of running Gallery U. Vocational, occupational and cognitive therapies are conducted in the back workrooms. Working at Gallery U provides an opportunity for adults with TBI to rejoin the work force, engage in the community, learn new skills, and experience the transformative power of art through exposure of existing art and creating their own artwork.

#### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF UNION COUNTY**

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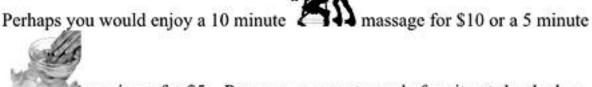
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At 2:30 pm on Sunday, March 20, 2016, the Union Township Historical Society (UTHS) will host a presentation given by Joe and Tina Renna, co-authors of The Peterstown Book: Cent'Anni (The 100-Year History of an Italian-American Neighborhood). The event will take place at the Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, 888 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union.

People of all ethnicities can relate to The Peterstown Book's universal themes - the struggles and triumphs of families in search of the American Dream that were achieved through hard work, strong values, and dedication to their church. The volume describes the section of Elizabeth, New Jersey, that's been called Peterstown. It relates the stories of the many generations who have lived in that area.

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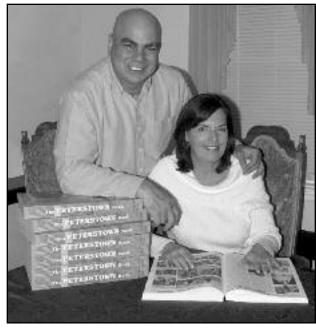
illustrates the traditions and customs of the tightknit community through thousands of photos, hundreds of recipes, and anecdotes shared by former and current residents.

The authors' presentation will be held in the sanctuary of Union's historic CFPC, following the 2 pm UTHS meeting, to which all are invited.

Come enjoy the presentation, join us for refreshments, meet the Rennas, and, perhaps, purchase an autographed copy of their book.

An admission fee of a \$5 donation will help the UTHS in its work to preserve its home, the Caldwell Parsonage, 909 Caldwell Avenue, Union.

For additional information about the book, please check out: PeterstownNJ.com To get more details about the presentation, visit the UTHS website: uniontwphistoricalsociety.webs.com You may also call Barbara La Mort, UTHS President, at 908-687-0048 or email her at babslamort@hotmail.com.



(above, l-r) Authors Joe and Tina Renna

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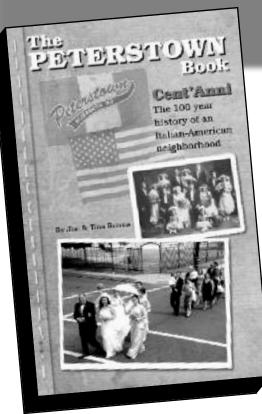
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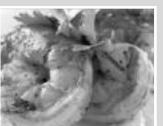
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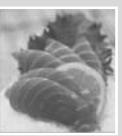
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