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RAHWAY YMCA PROVIDES SPECIALIZED ARTS PROGRAMMING

Thanks to funding from a Union County Heart Grant, The Gateway Family YMCA and The Jardine Academy had the opportunity to collaborate on a Specialized Arts program at the Rahway Branch YMCA, located at 1564 Irving Street in Rahway, NJ.

The YMCA offers a Specialized Arts Inclusive Learning (SAIL) program and views the arts as a creative outlet in which the uniqueness and individuality of each artist is celebrated, regardless of physical or cognitive abilities. The Jardine Academy, located in Cranford, NJ, is an approved private school of the New Jersey Department of Education. The academy provides elementary and secondary education for children and young adults, ages 3-12, with multiple disabilities.

Over the course of several weeks, the YMCA and The Jardine Academy worked together to provide the students of 12 classrooms with an opportunity to create their class's painting masterpiece. "Our goal was to provide each student with an opportunity to create and explore their artistic talents in an atmosphere that is fun, inspiring and supportive while offering opportunities for increased activity and social engagement – thereby boosting their overall spiritual, mental and physical experience," stated Krystal R. Canady, CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA.

"The concept of the project was to create a painting/collage that expresses each individual's method



(above) The Gateway Family YMCA – Rahway Branch Provides Specialized Arts Programming.

of moving forward," stated Rodger D. Koerber, Branch Executive Director of The Gateway Family YMCA Rahway Branch. "Each student has a different means of mobility, whether it is walking, walking with the aid of crutches or a walker or using a wheelchair." The paintings were created by putting the paint color choice of the student on the bottom of their feet, the wheels of a walker or the wheels of their chair and have them "move forward" over the canvas. The end result was 12 unique paintings/collages that are proudly displayed on the walls of the Jardine Academy's cafeteria.

The Gateway Family YMCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, community service organization of caring staff and volunteers dedicated to strengthening the foundations of community and stands For Youth Development, For Healthy Living and For Social Responsibility. The Gateway Family YMCA impacts the community by providing quality services to people of all ages, races, faith or incomes. The Y doesn't just strengthen bodies – it strengthens people, families and communities.

For more information about community programs and services provided by The Gateway Family YMCA – Rahway Branch visit www.tgfyymca.org or contact the Rahway Branch at Rahwayinfo@tgfyymca.org or 732-388-0057.

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LAUNDRY WAREHOUSE OPENS IN LINDEN

May 13th marked the official opening of the new Laundry Warehouse laundry superstore in Linden. Located in the Planet Fitness Shopping Center at 1143 West St. Georges Ave. Laundry Warehouse is a state-of-the-art laundromat offering self-service and expert drop off wash, dry, and fold service. The company choose the City of Linden for the tenth store in its growing chain.

The new Linden store is spacious, at 4,000 square feet, and contains over 110 washers and dryers of all different sizes to handle everything from the normal sized laundry loads to the biggest items like bedding, drapes, and rugs.

The brand new laundry features generous customer seating areas with five big flat-screen TVs and plenty of free on-site parking. The store is fully air-conditioned and always has a friendly attendant available to help.

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(above l-r) Nelson, Jorge, Linden Chamber of Commerce Chairperson Janet Miller, Linden Mayor Derek Amsted, Laundry Warehouse owner Mark Lustbader, Cliff Ross of Metropolitan Laundry Machinery, Chamber members Columbia Bank Branch Manager Ingrid Andrade and Ed Columbia's Branch Manager Witt Assistant, and Gladys.

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Rahway has a very special significance to me. At the young age of 20, when I graduated from Rutgers University with a degree in Education, I was hired as a full-time teacher at Rahway High. My students were 2 years younger than me and I had a wonderful teaching experience!!! My name at that time was Miss Flicker and I am sure many of my students will remember me from the 70's!!!!!!!

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DAPHNE LEE TO COMPETE FOR MISS BLACK USA TITLE



Photo by Ziggy Mack.

(above) *Rahway's Own Daphne Lee is the reigning Miss Black New Jersey USA.*

Professional dancer and Rahway's Own Daphne Lee will be competing nationally for the title of Miss Black USA. She will be representing her home state of New Jersey as Miss Black New Jersey USA. The pageant, a week-long event starting on the 16th of August and running through finals night on Sunday, August 20th, will be live streamed as 50 contestants vie for the title and a substantial cash prize in the form of a scholarship. Winning would assist in meeting costs including scholarships to her graduate school of Hollins University and pageant expenses. Donate to Daphne via www.gofundme.com/leedaphne to help with her expenses to nationals in a few weeks or Vote for her People's Choice Award at www.missblackusa.org/finalist16

Biography of Daphne Lee (New Jersey)

Collage Dance Collective (Memphis, TN)

Daphne Lee (Rahway, NJ) began her dance training at the Rahway Dance Theatre under the direction of Ms. Jay Skeete-Lee. She graduated with honors from the Ailey/Fordham BFA program in dance and is a recipient of the Denise Jefferson Scholarship award. She is currently receiving her MFA in Dance at Hollins University. Ms. Lee received scholarships to Jacob's Pillow, Boston Ballet, and Dance Theatre of Harlem and is a regional gold medal recipient in dance for the NAACP ACT-SO competition. Ms. Lee was also featured in the opening video for the Mrs. Carter World Tour for Beyonce and was featured in a short film, "Life of An Actress" directed by Paul Chau. Daphne performed works by Robert Battle, Benoit Swan- Pouffer and Amy

Seiwart among others and was an assistant choreographer to the Milwaukee production of the musical The Color Purple. She even judged the NAACP ACT-SO competition. She was a former member of Ailey II, Zest Collective, and the Oakland Ballet Company, and a back-up dancer for UK artist Sydney Jo Jackson. This is her third season with Memphis based company Collage Dance Collective and she is the current reigning Miss Black New Jersey USA. During her reign, Lee has assisted in raising over \$5,000 in scholarship money to help young women of color study dance through the Brown Girls Do Ballet organization. Her platform, Multiple Myeloma, gave Lee the opportunity to attend the Laughs for Life Event in New York City, which raised over \$150,000 for medical research. (www.daphnemlee.com)

ABOUT MISS BLACK USA

The Miss Black USA Organization empowers women to own their power and celebrates their unique talents, traits and beauty. Miss Black USA defines her own standard of beauty and celebrates the whole woman, mind, body and spirit, all shades of brown, hair texture and size. Miss Black USA is a non-profit corporation headquartered in the state of Maryland. (www.missblackusa.org)

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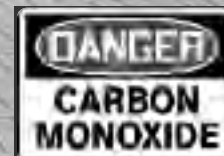
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Due to modern day tracking devices scientist now know that mourning doves mate for life; an old wives tale proven true. If a dove does lose its mate they will eventually find a new one.

At mating time the pair engages in an elaborate mating ritual with song, (coo-coo) feather displays and dance. The male then builds a loose nest five to twenty five feet above the ground out of twigs, grass, weeds and pine needles. The nest is so loose that you can see through it from below.

The female lays two white eggs which both parents incubate for 14 to 15 days. The male does the daytime shift and the female incubates at night. Since the pair look very much alike most observers assume it is the same bird. The switch happens quickly to keep the eggs warm and protected.

Pigeons and doves produce a very nutritious food for their young called 'pigeons milk'. The parent opens its mouth wide and the young eat the mixture from inside.

Once hatched the squab (young doves) leave the nest after only twelve to fourteen days. Both parents teach the fledgling for a few days before starting the next clutch. The pair can give birth to five clutches every year, often reusing the same nest.

Sadly the young mourning doves have a very high mortality rate of fifty to sixty percent. Hawks and other predators, human hunting, and the introduction of cats to our environment by Europeans takes a heavy toll on these indigenous doves. If young birds live through the first year they can live to be four or five years old.

If you are lucky enough to have a nesting pair of doves on your property try not to disturb them. Mourning doves will quickly abandon



(above) President of The Rahway Garden Club, James Keane has been researching and answering garden questions since 1995.

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their nest and even their nestlings if they feel endangered.

Part one: 'Mourning Doves, Backyard Bird Feeding' was published in Our Town, December 2016

Happy Gardening,

James



(above) A male Mourning Dove in Rahway during the height of his mating dance display.

Photo by Audra Loccisano.

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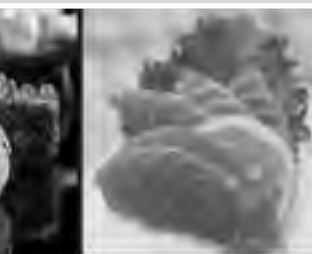
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REMEMBERING SUMMER AT THE RAHWAY PARK POOL

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

Growing up in the 1950s and 1960s, summertime meant Little League baseball games, activities at the city playgrounds, lazy afternoons playing board games on front porches, and of course, swimming at the Rahway Park pool. At a time when backyard pools were still a rarity, Rahway Pool was the oasis where young swimmers and their friends would go to cool off on hot, humid summer days.

We all called the park “Rahway Park” and to us the pool was “Rahway Pool” and we never thought of either as facilities operated and maintained by the county. It was our park, although we certainly were unaware of its history.

The initial proposal to create a park along the Rahway River basin goes back to 1919. It was just after World War I and community planners were advocating the need for open parklands, especially in urban areas. They contended that parks would afford the citizens living in congested cities both an open area for recreation and a place where one could go to get closer to nature. The Rahway River which runs through the central part of Union County cutting through seven municipalities, afforded an excellent



(above) Swimmers enjoy a day at Rahway Pool. Note the sand beach at left of photo and the large changing house behind the pool.



(above) Before entering the pool area, bathers had to pass through a shower stall. It was a challenge to go through as quickly as one could.

opportunity to develop a magnificent park system.

With a goal now set in mind, a Union County Park Commission was established in 1921. Within a year, on January 18, 1922, Arthur R. Wendell, President of the Wheatena Company and one of the five original commissioners, donated four acres opposite his plant between Elizabeth Avenue and the river to establish the first piece of the Rahway River Parkway. Over the next three years, 170 more acres were donated county-wide for the extended parkway. (Today, the parkway covers over 500 acres.). In Rahway, the city purchased and donated 63 acres of private property and transferred the deed of 40 plus acres of the former Poor Farm tract to the county to make up most of what is today the 129 acre Rahway River Park.

By the mid-1920s, plans were underway that would transform overgrown fields into a park. The Park Commission hired the Olmsted Brothers, the celebrated landscape architects who laid-out New York City’s Central Park, to do the design work. Their blueprints called for a man-made lake to replace a low-lying, swampy, garbage dump, fields for baseball, football, and softball, a regulation running track, and hard surface tennis courts. A children’s playground was constructed at the western portion of the park. There were tree-lined areas that were perfect for picnics and plenty of open space. But the main attraction would come four years later when the first public swimming pool in Union County was added to the complex.

Rahway Pool opened on Saturday, August 17, 1929, with over 1,000 residents from all over the county pushing through the turnstile for a chance to be part of opening day. The large 150 foot by 75 foot pool was six inches deep at the shallow end and gradually increased to a depth of 10 ½ feet at the deep end where diving boards and a diving tower beckoned the more talented and more daring swimmers. Sun bathers could lie out and relax on a sand beach (230 feet by 80 feet) which was adjacent to the pool. It was reported that the 100 tons of washed seashore sand used to fill the beach was “finer than any sand on any

beach at the Jersey Shore.” A refreshment stand was located in the beach area. The bath house, built in the classic 1930s style, contained changing rooms, lockers, showers, and bathrooms. Before exiting the bath house, a bather had to step into a foot trough to help prevent the possible spread of infection. All bathers had to also go through a shower stall before entering the pool or beach as a second sanitary safeguard.

The pool was open from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM (floodlights allowed for night-time swimming) and cost 15 cents for children and 25 cents for adults, Monday to Friday. Children were charged a quarter and adults 50 cents on Saturdays and Sundays. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, 10:00-noon, children could swim for free.

Not much changed at the pool over the next two or three decades, so by the 50s and 60s, the experiences one had were similar to the ones on opening day and the memories are probably likewise similar. The heavy turnstile was still in place and although prices went up a small amount, youngsters could still swim for free if they got there before noon. Bathers still put their street clothes in wire baskets that would be handed to attendants who put them on long, numbered shelves. In return, one was given a large pin with a number corresponding to the basket so at the end of the day, one could retrieve the right basket of clothes. Before leaving the bath house everyone still had to step into the foot trough that was filled with a murky, blueish-white colored, chlorinated liquid. It became sort of a rite of passage to be able to get across the trough without getting one’s feet wet. The shower stall, with its water jets shooting at all angles and hand rails constructed in zig-zag fashion, was also still in place and was an obstacle most tried to get through as quickly as they could. But in the end it was all worth it. Whether one stepped cautiously into the shallow end and slowly walked to deeper water, or jumped in from the side at the four foot mark, or dove off the high dive, it was always a great day to be at Rahway Pool.

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GIFTED AND TALENTED SCIENCE FAIR

The 5th grade Gifted and Talented students in Rahway attended the Union County GT Convocation titled "The Environment" held in March. The goal of this convocation is to promote environmental awareness in the community by providing activities that demonstrate environmental friendly ideas. One of the workshops attended was "Clean It Up". Students had to answer the question: What can I do to make this water clean?

(right, l-r) Roosevelt School students Anisha Subramanie and Jaylene Tineo.



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UNION COUNTY INTERFAITH COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Union County interfaith Coordinating Council, an organization of clergy and lay persons representing all faith traditions, held an Interfaith Prayer Unity Service at the First United Methodist Church, Westfield, NJ on July 20. This event followed a solidarity gathering held on June 28 at Temple Sha'arey Shalom in Springfield, NJ.

Additional programs are being planned including supporting Union County

Thanksgiving Services in November, a Homeless Sabbath in December and the Third Annual Day of Prayer Service at The Parish Community of St. Helen in Westfield on October 24.

For more information on the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council please contact Rod Spearman at rspearman@caunj.org or UCInterfaith@caunj.org or by phone @ (908) 354-3040 x 4324.



(above) The following clergy, spokespersons and musicians participated in this truly ecumenical service: The Rev. Dr. David Mertz, host pastor of The First United Methodist Church of Westfield, Rev. Anthony Randazzo of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church of Westfield, Rev. Carmine Pernini of Zion Lutheran Church, Rahway, Rev. Ann Marie Alderman of the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield, Zaghnam Chaundry of the Muslim Community Center of Union County, Eric Kussman, Jr. of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield, Rev. Mayra Castaneda of the First Baptist Church of Westfield, Rev. Richard Hogans, Chaplain of the Union County Correctional Center & Shiloh Baptist Church in Elizabeth, Rabbi Ethan Prosnit of Temple Emanuel, Westfield and Dr. Mohammed Ali Chaudry of the Islamic Society of Basking Ridge. Music selections were provided by Jonathan Evers of the First United Methodist Church of Westfield and Cynthia Manno of the Townley Presbyterian Church in Union.



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Gertrude and Otto started a rather simple alife in Newark, NJ, raising two sons.

Otto regularly lamented at how he missed, and might never see again, so many fellow shipmates and prisoners of war (many from Australia). At Trudy's urging he began the process of making contact with those approximately 268 men—an effort which led to the birth of the USS Houston CA-30 Survivors' Association & Next Generations® which is still alive and well to this day. From 1946 until the very day of Trudy's passing—71 years!—she served that association as its mentor, inspiration, and in so many ways: its major contributor.

Trudy Schwarz loved her immediate family including: sons Edward and John; daughter-in-law Sara Jane Jelin-Schwarz; granddaughters Jessica, Bessie and Willa and grandsons Jake and Marty. She loved her relatives, friends and neighbors, her Westfield YMCA exercise group and the Union Optimist family. She loved her church, Connecticut Farms Presbyterian, and her bakery family at Romano's, both in Union, NJ. She came to love her caretakers Anita and Eunice and her Doctor R. Solomon, as well as the entire Hospice Team who cared for her until her passing.

She loved and adored her Survivors' Association family and the best part is: all of the above truly loved her back!

The Schwarz family is thankful that Gertrude passed away as peacefully as one could ever hope for, at her home in Union, New Jersey on the morning of June 26, 2017.

God Bless and rest in peace this wonderful woman.

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Book Bingo

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Wednesday, August 16 at 1:00pm.

Readers Circle Book Club

Join us for the discussion of *Come Hell or Highball* by Maia Chance.

Wednesday, August 16 at 2:00pm.

Friends of the Library Fundraiser

Join us for a Friends of Rahway Public Library "Paint it Forward" fundraiser by Wine & Design and paint Galaxy Palms! Must be 21+. Ticket price: \$45.

Thursday, August 24 6:45pm

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TEEN EVENTS

Teen Summer Reading Challenge:

Pick up a Teen Reading Challenge sheet at the Reference Desk. Complete 3 of the challenges listed and bring the form back to receive a token prize. This will also enter you into a Grand Prize raffle for a Kindle Fire at the end of the summer.

Build A Better World Teen Movie Series:

Join us at 2:00pm on Mondays in August as we screen films that will inspire you to Build a Better World for you, your family, and your community! These films will be free, PG-13 rated, and shown in our surround sound auditorium.

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Storywalk

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Take and Make Mondays

On Mondays through August 21,

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Science for Kids

Volunteers from Union County 4-H will make science experiments with kids. Ages 7+.

Wednesdays, August 2 & 9 at 2:00pm.

Crafternoons

Join us to learn a new craft each week. Ages 5+.

Thursday 8/3 at 3:30pm.

Preschool Dance Party

Dance to the music & play some instruments!

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Friday 8/4 at 11:00am.

STEMtastic Tuesdays

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Color a Smile:

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Kean University hosted Union County's Teachers of the Year on Wednesday, May 24 with a breakfast and award ceremony at the New Jersey Center for Science, Technology and Mathematics. Sponsored by the Union County Superintendents' Roundtable, the Union County Teacher Recognition Program honors one outstanding teacher from each school within the county. Nearly 60 of the honored teachers are Kean University alumni.

Rahway teachers who were honored included Marianne Bargiel, Malgorzata Denkow, Susan Garretson, Camille Harrell, Thomas Hemsel, Alicia Scipioni, and Fred Stueber.

"There is no doubt that your impact will be realized beyond the scope of this state, this

nation, and indeed this world," Anthony A. Pittman, Ph.D., acting dean of Kean's College of Education, told the teachers. "You educate and empower our next generation of leaders."

The featured speaker at the event, 2016-2017 New Jersey Teacher of the Year Argine Safari, recalled a high school teacher who pushed her and encouraged her to reach for more.

"Think for a moment how incredible that power is that we have in our classrooms. Think of the influence that we all have," Safari said. "Every child deserves to have a champion. I had my champion, and I'm sure that you can name teachers who influenced you. We have to continue to work and advocate for our students."

Also speaking at the event were Interim Executive County Superintendent for Union County Juan Torres, Superintendent of Springfield Public Schools Michael A. Davino, and Union County Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen. Each praised the honored teachers for their dedication to the students of the county.

"Thank you is the best that I can come up with, but I think you know how much I appreciate you," said Davino.

Pittman left the assembled educators with an original poem that he wrote in the teachers' honor, which read in part, "One day soon I hope you find / You did more than help them pass / I hope you'll soon discover / That your wind helps them soar first class."



(above) Anthony Pittman, Ph.D., acting dean, Kean University College of Education (front, left) poses with the nearly 60 Kean University alumni honored as Union County Teachers of the Year at the New Jersey Center for Science, Technology and Mathematics at Kean University on Wednesday, May 24.

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What do a war orphan, a terrorist organization and an F-16 fighter jet have in common? The answer is the motive, method and means for revenge. Mr. Holling's debut novel, *The Falcon's Revenge*, was released on March 1, 2017. Since then many of his friends and family have enjoyed reading his book.

Shortly after its release Holling submitted the book to ReadersFavorite.com, an online review site. When asked why, Holling replied, "I was interested in getting an independent and unbiased review of my book. Friends and family are not exactly unbiased. ReadersFavorite.com uses volunteer readers to review books, so I submitted *The Falcon's Revenge* and held my breath."

Well, that breeze you felt was Mr. Holling exhaling. The reviewer gave *The Falcon's Revenge* a 5-star rating, the highest possible. Here's what the reviewer said:

"J. E. Holling has written a terrorist thriller that is nothing short of a masterpiece. The villain is well-crafted, a bad guy who is given a powerful motive and the means to carry out a deadly mission. The plot is very gripping and, from the

first page, the reader is already absorbed into the dynamics of the story. *The Falcon's Revenge: An Aviation-Based Thriller* has a fascinating and colorful setting, offers a compelling story with strong characters, and explores elements of radical beliefs and how the weak fall prey to them. Each page is loaded with action and intrigue and there is no way to part with the story until its satisfying end."

Reviewed by Divine Zape for Readers' Favorite

When asked for his initial reaction after getting the results, Mr. Holling said, "The review blew my mind!" He went on to say, "I am grateful for the kind words and the positive review. I posted the complete review on my Facebook author's page. The downside is I've set a high bar for myself as I work my way through composing the sequel."

The Falcons Revenge is J. E. Holling's debut novel. His first fiction novel draws on these lifelong interests and experiences. Mr. Holling is married, lives in New Jersey and has two children.



(above) Life-long Rahway resident James Horling, published *The Falcon's Revenge* under the name J. E. Holling.



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(above) 2017 O'Leary and Blumer Scholarship Award winners with their families.

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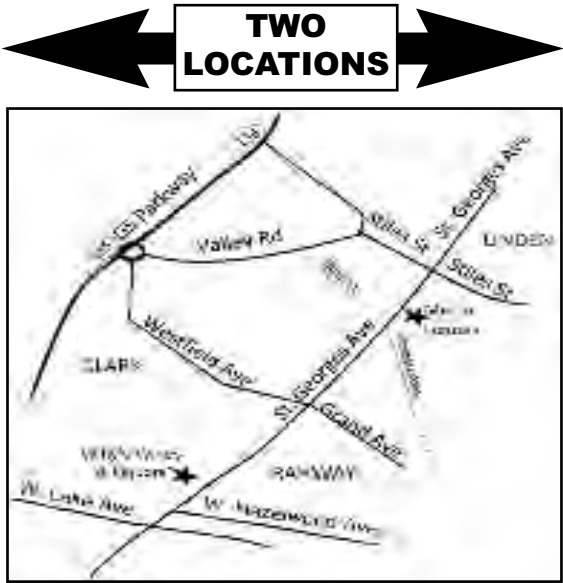
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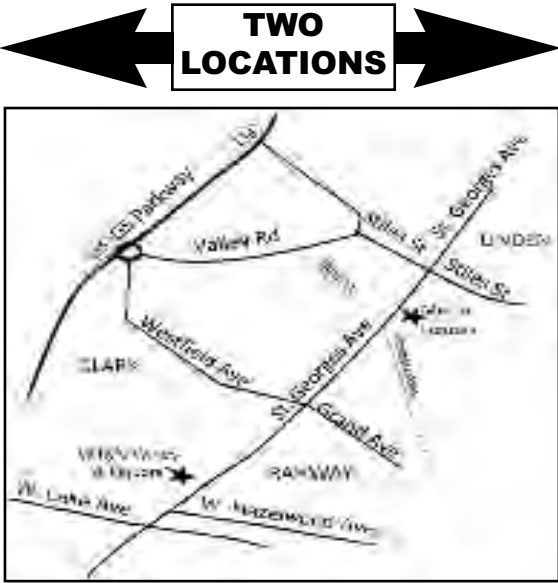


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