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#### 18 TEENS PARTAKE IN TRAINING FOR GRIEF SUPPORT



Imagine is so grateful for our dedicated youth and adult volunteers who provide the opportunity for grieving children and their parents to get the support they need.

(above) Giulia Gocci of Mountainside, Julia Zucosky of Scotch Plains, Kelly Greiner of Chatham, Dani Jayinski of Scotch Plains, Sara Miller of Westfield, Amanda Carrico of Mountainside, Jessica Friebely of Scotch Plains, Colette Franciscus of Scotch Plains, Brett Simons of Short Hills, Justin Zucker of Westfield, Abby Riordon of Westfield, Sara Joseph of Kenilworth, Kai Chiang of Mountainside, Will Sherry of Westfield, Tunji Oaadewole of North Plainfield, Jeremy Dranikoff of Short Hills, Ben Krauss of Scotch Plains and Kimberly Cruz of Union.

On Saturday, September 9th, Imagine held its sixth youth facilitator training. 18 amazing young people, ages 14 to 18, attended the full day training which sensitizes teen participants to the issue of childhood grief and prepares the youth to assist with the facilitation of peer-support groups for children who are coping with the death of a parent or a sibling. Through the development of listening and facilitating skills, these teens are now prepared to be loving listeners, group facilitators and advocates for grieving children in their community.

"We are so grateful for the participation of these youth. The teens bring wisdom, youthful energy and a wonderful presence and skill set to our volunteer program and grief support groups, facilitating groups right along with the adult volunteer facilitators," said Connie Palmer, Imagine Clinical Training Director. "We've been working with teen facilitators since 2012 and they have added a profound and powerful aspect to our programs."

Imagine provides free year-round peer support groups for children age 3-18 who have had a parent or sibling die, with concurrent groups for parents and guardians. Free support groups are also available for young adults 18 and up who have had a friend, sibling or parent die. Imagine also provides inhome support and support groups for children and teens who have a family member living with a life-altering physical illness. For more information about Imagine, come for a tour offered three times a month.

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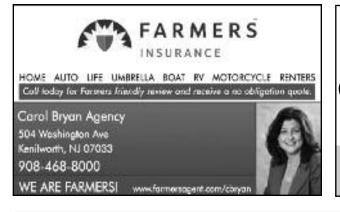
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## 102 YEAR-OLD SKYDIVER RECOGNIZED BY HOMETOWN MAYOR



(above): The Mayor and Committee of the Township of Union presented 102 year-old Kenny Meyer with a Mayor's Award in recognition of his fearlessness after skydiving from more than 14,000 feet in his attempt to break the Guinness World Record for oldest skydiver. His skydive was coordinated through Skydive Sussex in Sussex, NJ. Photographed with Meyer were Mayor, Suzette Cavadas; Deputy Mayor, Joseph Florio; Committeewoman, Michele Delisfort; Committeeman, Manuel Figuereido; Committeeman, Clifton People, Jr.; along with Meyer's wife, daughter and grandson.

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The Union Township Fire Department will be hosting their first-ever Fire Prevention Week Open House event on Saturday, October 7, 2017. The fun-filled, educational event will take place from 10:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Union Fire Headquarters located on Bond Dr.

During National Fire Prevention Week, a week dedicated to informing the public on the importance of fire prevention, the Union Fire Department hopes to promote prevention and awareness through fun, innovation and community.

Some of the day's activities are set to include:

- A dunk tank
- An obstacle course for kids
- Hourly Firehouse tours
- Seminars on basic first aid and CPR
- Extrication demos
- Meet and greet with local firemen
- Games and more

Complimentary refreshments and hot dogs will also be provided.

President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week on October 4-10, 1925, beginning a tradition of the President of the United States signing a proclamation recognizing the occasion. It is observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls, in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began October 8, 1871.

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme is "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out," and encourages having a clear and practiced escape plan with two exit strategies in the event of a

For more information on the Open House event, contact the Township of Union Office of Public Information at (908) 851-5096 or via email at publicinfo@uniontownship.com.



(above) Photo of Union Fire Department utilizing their life-saving extrication equipment which will be demonstrated at their Fire Prevention Week Open House event on Saturday, October 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at UFD Headquarters on Bond Dr.

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#### **UNION HIGH SCHOOL WELCOMES CLASS OF 2021**

Approximately 420 incoming freshmen attended Union High School's Freshman Orientation program hosted by the School Counseling Department. The day began with a brief informational session for parents led by the UHS administrative team. High School Principal Mr. Corey Lowery provided parents with goals for the school year and additional information regarding daily operations. The four viceprincipals were also on hand to assist parents with questions and concerns.

After, staff welcomed the Class of 2021. Students were then placed into smaller groups to attend five different workshop sessions. One session included a presentation by the counseling staff, "Navigating your Path", which outlined the role of the School Counselor, graduation requirements and updates, as well as where to find support if needed during the school year. Mrs. Kim Osty, 9th grade vice-principal, led a session, "Getting to know UHS" on transitioning to UHS and reviewed policies, procedures, as well as code of conduct. The Peer Ambassador Organization led an interactive piece, "Get Involved," designed to allow freshmen to ask questions and receive advice from the upperclassmen on a variety of topics. In separate computer labs the School Counselors presented their session "Get Connected" which led the students through registration onto Naviance, the college and career web based computer program that they will be utilizing throughout their high school career. Students were provided with their "Activities Sheet" which they can fill in to record

their many accomplishments leading up to senior year. Finally, the Peer Ambassadors gave a group tour entitled "Know your Way" and maps were provided to make navigating the halls on the first day just a little bit easier.

The day ended with the UHS PTA distributing some back to school snack bags for all in attendance. Chromebook distribution through the IT department was also scheduled for later that day.

Supervisor of School Counseling Nicole Ahern shared, "The event was a success and this was the highest attendance for a Freshman Orientation since the program's inception. Our goal is to have the 9th graders feel a sense of comfort versus anxiety as the school year starts. By allowing them to explore the high school and interact with peers and other students, it sets the stage for a positive transition to high school."





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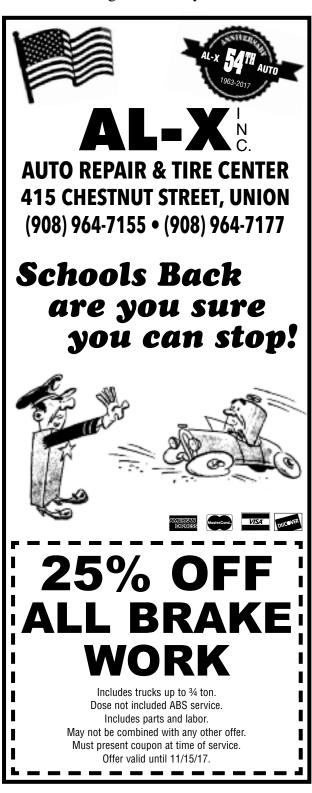
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with their Art Teacher, Mrs. Diane Esquivel, utilized the skills that were learned in the summer art program to complete this project. The Title 1 program will continue during the 2017-18 School year. Mrs. Patricia Frazier, Title

1 Coordinator at Burnet, believes that "in creating a positive school climate, students produce and help maintain this culture to breed success. The school and school community interaction harbors great success in our students' futures."









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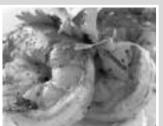
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Proceeds from this event help fund the Veterans Alliance annual Memorial Day Parade.

This year's event will feature a performance by the New Jersey band Park Avenue. The band is known for providing a memorable harmonic blend that has captured audiences across the New

Jersey area. Park Avenue is said to perform classical sounds of the past sixty years that will catch everyone's attention.

The tickets for the fundraiser cost \$65 per person and will include a dinner buffet as well as other refreshments. In addition to this, the event will also include a 50/50 raffle for participants to try their luck in winning some unique prizes.

For more information on the 4th annual Dinner & Dance Fundraiser and how to purchase tickets, contact Phyllis Monguso at (908) 851-5290.



(above) New Jersey's own Park Ave are set to perform at the Township of Union Veterans Alliance 4th Annual Dinner and Dance Fundraiser on October 20th.



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The Union Knights of Columbus recently donated checks to two nonprofit organizations, Community Access Unlimited of Elizabeth and the Center of Educational Opportunities of Union.

Cara Pavia, Director of Fundraising for Community Access, received a check of \$1,493.80. Community Access Unlimited is a 501c (3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the assistance of citizens with intellectual disabilities. Throughout their 37 years, Community Access has had a long and outstanding record of empowering people with disabilities. The organization has a support structure, comprising of over 6,000 people that assists in securing housing and employment for those in need. The organization also provides personal household assistance as well as home health services for those in need.

John Olivio, a Certified Special Education teacher for the Center for Educational Opportunities, received a check for \$2,000. The Center for Educational Opportunities is a 501c (3) nonprofit organization that assists individuals from ages 14-21 years with educational and physical disabilities, such as Autism and Down syndrome.

Every year members of Union Knights of Columbus, wearing their yellow vests, stand on the streets and sidewalks of the township collecting monetary donations ("shake a can" as they call it) for citizens with intellectual disabilities. Past Grand Knight Michael Peter has spearheaded this activity, known as the Intellectual Disabilities drive, for over 10 years.

The Union Knights of Columbus is proud to support these two incredible organizations and look forward to doing so in the future.



#### LIBRARY EXCITEMENT

The Union Public Library has exciting events planned for adults during the month of October 2017 at both the Main Library (MN) and Vauxhall Branch (VH).

The library never closes! With your Union Public Library card you can access our 24/7 Digital Library. Download e-books and eaudiobooks, movies and t.v., digital magazines, and music concerts. Visit our webpage at www.uplnj.org and click on the 24/7 Digital Library tab, to see all that we have to offer.

The library now has a Career Coach in our Mobile Job Search Lab to provide job-search and career navigation assistance to community members. During lab hours, the Career Coach will be available to:

- Assist job seekers in using the NJ Career Connections digital platform website
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- Distribute useful tools and valuable job search information
- Offer resume writing assistance and job interview preparation
- Conduct monthly Jersey Job Club Presentations
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Check in with a librarian to learn more about this initiative and computer lab hours at both the Main Library and Vauxhall Branch.





#### LIVE PERFORMANCES AT THE LIBRARY

performances planned this fall at the Main Library.

Raconteur Radio returns to the Union Public Library on Monday, November 6 at 7 p.m. with their staged production of Casablanca. Raconteur Radio stages theatrical presentation of vintage radio plays, classic works of literature, pop culture parodies, and more. Celebrate the 75th anniversary of this classic film with a live radio show themed event featuring costumed actors, sound effects, music, and even commercial interruptions.

If you have forgotten the film, we will be showing the original movie version on Thursday, October 12 at 1 p.m. Watch the film, and then make plans to come by Monday, November 6 at 7 p.m. for Raconteur Radio's adaptation of Casablanca.

On Saturday, December 2 at 3 p.m., join us for a special musical performance by acclaimed International Concert Violinist Dr. David Podles. His program titled The Big Stage- an Homage to

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> Acclaimed, International Concert Violinist Dr. David Podles of Riga, Latvia, is laureate of three prestigious international competitions and received a PhD in music from conservatory in Riga. He performed in symphony, chamber, opera and ballet theater orchestras both solo, in orchestra and on tour across Russia, including The Bolshoi and Kirov, throughout Europe and the U.S. David has performed at Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, 92nd Y and at Top of the Rock at Rockefeller Center.

> Both programs are free and open to the public, and elevator access is available. The Main Library is located at 1980 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ 07083. For additional information call 908-851-5450, or find us on the web at www.uplnj.org

#### **ADULT PROGRAMS AT VAUXHALL BRANCH (VH)**

The Vauxhall Branch Library is located at 123 Hilton Avenue, Vauxhall, NJ 07088. (908) 851-5451.

#### TAI CHI FREE EXERCISE PROGRAM

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#### **ADULT DINE IN MOVIE NIGHT**

Monday, October 16 from 6:00-7:30 pm Join us for an evening movie. Bring your own dinner, and we will supply the popcorn. Please call the library for the exact title.

#### NJHESAA FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Wednesday, October 18 from 6-8pm Teens and their parents are welcome to join the NJ Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to learn about grants, scholarship, and loans available to college students.

#### **HILTON READERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

Monday, October 23 from 6-7:45pm This month's book selection will be Never Caught by Erica Dunbar. Please contact the Vauxhall Branch for a copy of the book. New members always welcome.

#### **ADULT COLORING**

Monday, October 30 from 5-7pm Join us for a relaxing evening activity.

#### **ADULT PROGRAMS AT UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY (MN)**

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#### **COLLEGE PREP WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30pm Teens and their parents are invited to learn about the college prep process. Reservations required.

#### AARP SAFE DRIVING COURSE IN SPANISH

Saturday, October 14 from 9:30-4:30 Registration is required and space is limited. This class will be held entirely in Spanish.

#### **RAVENOUS READERS**

Monday, October 16 at 7pm Join us for a new monthly program for lovers of cookbooks, culture, and recipes. More details to follow.

#### **BOARD GAMES FOR ADULTS**

Wednesday, October 18 at 4pm

Games are not just for kids. Join us in the library for some good old fashioned fun.

#### **OFF THE SHELF BOOK GROUP**

Thursday, October 19 at 7pm

This month the group will read The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George. New members always welcome. Please contact the library to receive a copy of the book.

#### SENIOR RESOURCE CONNECTION: UNION COUNTY'S **MOBILE AGING SERVICE KIOSK (ASK)**

Tuesday, October 24 from 12-2pm

Union County's new mobile Aging Service Kiosk (ASK) will host free information events at the library on a monthly basis. The events are designed to provide residents with a convenient, friendly way to find out about services for the aging, and for their families and caregivers. ASK is staffed by professionals with the Division on Aging and Disability Resource Connection of the Union County Department of Human Services. They will provide information and guidance on home delivered meals, respite care, home care, adult day care and other services.

#### INTERNATIONAL FILM

Thursday, October 26 at 2pm

Join us monthly for a new foreign film. Please call the library for the exact title.

#### **UNION TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY OCTOBER EVENTS**

investigation of the Caldwell Parsonage:

On Saturday, October 14, members of NJ Paranormal will present findings from their August 19 investigation of the Caldwell Parsonage, 909 Caldwell Avenue, Union, and the adjacent Tool Museum. Then they will lead a group investigation of the premises. Session 1 will be held from 6:30 to 8 pm, and Session 2 from 8:30 to 10 pm. Attendance will be limited to 25 people per session. The event is not appropriate for children under 16. Tickets are \$15 each. For more information or to order tickets, please call 908-591-4377 and leave a message. Calls will be returned promptly.

#### **FOUR CENTURIES IN A WEEKEND:**

Union County's Four Centuries in a Weekend will take place on Saturday, October 21, from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, October 22, from 12 noon to 5 pm. Members of the Union Township Historical Society in colonial costume will host an open house at the Caldwell Parsonage, 909 Caldwell Avenue, Union, and tours of the Union Tool Museum in the adjacent carriage house (barn). There will be photo ops for children with prop tricorn hats or bonnets; and kids can participate in hands-on activities, such as the

NJ Paranormal will present findings from their making of "church" dolls and the playing of colonial games. "Rev. James Caldwell" will greet visitors between 2 and 5 pm on Saturday. Refreshments will be served. Kawameeh Middle School National Junior Honor Society students will serve as historic interpreters. Admission is

#### **DINNER TO CELEBRATE**

#### THE FOUNDING OF CONNECTICUT FARMS:

All are cordially invited to the celebration of the founding of our community of Connecticut Farms (1667)--now the Township of Union (1808)--on Saturday, October 28, at Suburban Golf Club, 1730 Morris Avenue, Union, from 7 to 11 pm. The evening will include musical entertainment by members of UHSPAC and an appearance by "Rev. James Caldwell." The highlight of the gala will be the induction into the Union Township Historical Society Hall of Honor of Louis Giacona (posthumously), founder of the Union Township Historical Society; Michael Yesenko, former president of the UTHS and of the Union County Historical Society; and Anthony Russo, former Mayor of Union. Tickets are \$75 each.

For more information or to order tickets, email mcanarelli1331@aol.com.

#### INTERXCHANGE ENSEMBLE BRINGS BRAZILIAN **JAZZ TO NORTHERN NEW JERSEY'S MOST INTIMATE COFFEEHOUSE**

The Salem Roadhouse Cafe proudly presents InterXchange Ensemble, who will be performing on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

"This is truly an international exchange blending Brazilian and American Jazz, with performers who are visiting from Brazil on stage with Jazz musicians who are local to New Jersey," explained Melanie Mitrano-Duffy, vocalist for InterXchange.

The InterXchange Ensemble includes Melanie Mitrano-Duffy (vocals), Gerson Galante (saxophone / flute / clarinet), Glauco P Lima (keyboard), Bill Moring (bass), Scott Neumann

Special musical guests include Michael Groschadl, Nikki Tucker, James Lee Carr, Brenda Todd, Gabby Salzarulo, Zachary Sebek, Cecelia Mielnicki, and Fred Guterl. There will also be an art exhibit and live portrait station featuring the work of Leticia Donato, Patricia Patalinjug, Vishva Rana and Bernadine Guimary. Original work of Nutley High School art students will be on display and for sale.

All ages are welcome. It's a wholesome show, so bring the entire family!

The show starts at 8:00 p.m. on October 14, doors open at 7:30 p.m. The Salem Roadhouse Cafe is located at 829 Salem Road, Union. Admission is \$20.00, \$10.00 for students with ID. Admission includes the show, snacks, beverages and a special anniversary dessert, plus the art gallery.

Union 34TV records the shows for broadcast — so check out past shows on cable TV34. See the Roadhouse on Union TV Channel 34's "Union After Dark" nightly music series.

About Salem Roadhouse Café:

Dedication best defines the Salem Roadhouse Café: dedication to good music and dedication to the community. As its tenth year begins, Salem Roadhouse Café reaffirms its commitment to

Started in 2008 by members of Townley Presbyterian Church with a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth, the Roadhouse Café continues to operate as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities. Thousands of dollars have been raised for deserving charities. The current season has been benefitting the Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program. That may be its social mission, but the Roadhouse Café is and has been a performance venue beloved by the musicians who play there because of its special intimacy with the audience.

The Roadhouse Café has always offered its stage to local and independent mainstream musicians. It's a clean, safe place for people who enjoy listening to live music, in a world of clubs and bars. Jazz, rock, folk and other groups have performed. During the past ten years well over 100 different entertainers have appeared. Local fine artists also display their works.

For more information about this event and the Salem Roadhouse Cafe, you may visit them

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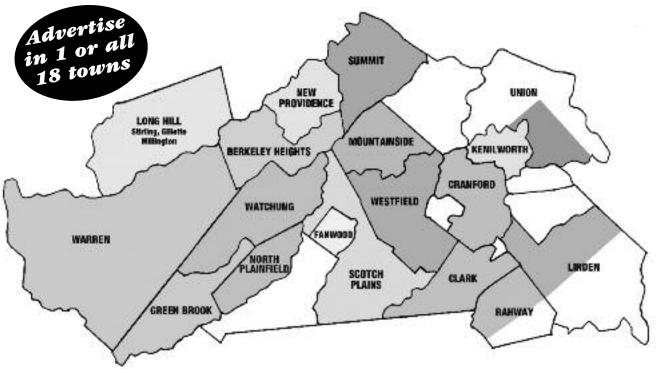
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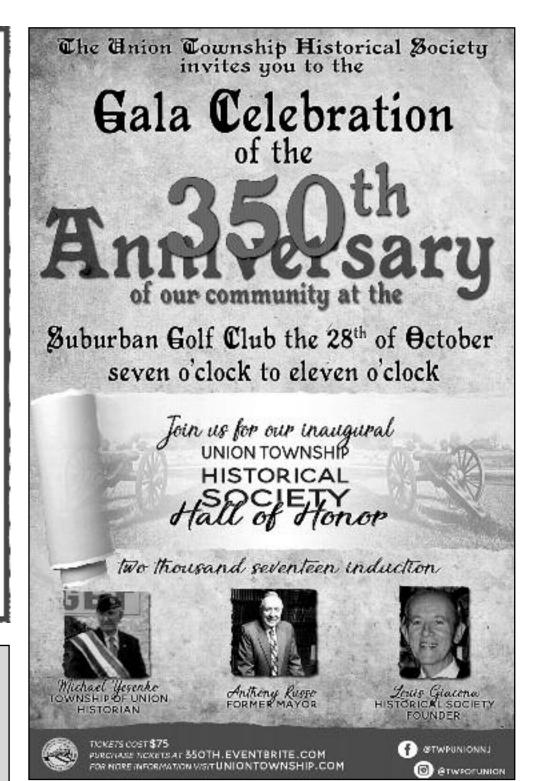


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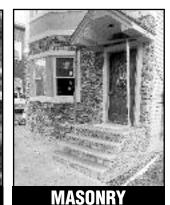
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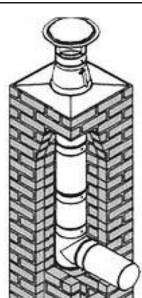
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