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RAHWAY GIRL SCOUTS HOLD CAMPOREE 2018

Submitted by Robyn Koenig

The Rahway Girl Scouts (50 girls and adults) recently embarked on their Camporee held at Camp Lou Henry Hoover in Newton, New Jersey. The weekend was packed with fun from minute one.

The Daisies and the Brownies (Kindergarten to third grade) participated in boating, did a nature craft, went on a camp-wide scavenger hunt, and did the ropes course with their guide "Mustang."

The Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors (fourth to 12th grade) participated in boating, geocaching, archery, game time and dipped their own candles. When the campers returned to their sites, they finished the day with tasty S'Mores, a tradition started by the Girl Scouts in 1927.

All the girls, leaders, and volunteers had a great time. For many, this was their first time camping or tent camping; and with high winds and rain for the weekend, the Girl Scouts had the full camping experience.

Rahway Girl Scouts are planning for another Camporee for next year. But this Camporee was a little extra special. Why? It was a prize given to the Rahway Girl Scouts from Girl Scout Heart of New Jersey (GSHNJ) Council for having the highest increase in enrollment last year. Thank you GSHNJ!

Do you want to come to the next Camporee? Girls from Kindergarten to 12th grade are welcome. Register to join for the 2018-19 year by emailing us directly at girlscouts07065@gmail.com

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FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS SPEAR HEAD CLOTHING DRIVE

Submitted by Linda Lampert

Student leaders, Nirvaan Misir and Julian Munoz recently spear-headed a clothing drive project for their school. The boys are students at Franklin Elementary School in Rahway, New Jersey. They collected over 100 bags of used clothes over a period of a few months.

These young men are members of the Blue and Gold Club, which is a school-based club. They volunteer their time throughout the year to help with different community service activities. They continually do a great job and work diligently to make a difference in their community. The club is overseen by the school's nurse, Mrs. Barbara Maher, and Ms. Kym Adams.

On April 13, 2018, club members helped load the donated bags, which totaled 1199 pounds onto the truck. The clothing will be distributed to people in need and local thrift shops. In an effort to help keep America green and clean, none of the clothing ends up landfills. Their efforts raised

\$167.89. The money will go towards future projects for the club. The school club is a self-funded entity so this money will be put to good use. Great job!



*(above, l-r) Julian Munoz, Tim Nemeth,
and Nirvaan Misir*



(above, l-r) Nirvaan Misir, Tim Nemeth, Julian Munoz, Jenna Birney, & Jaziel Quiles.

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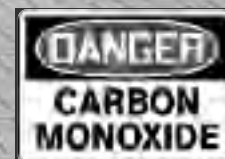
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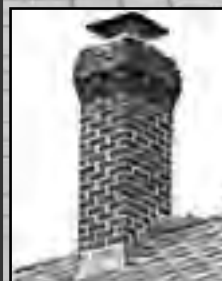
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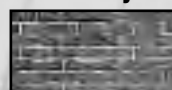
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COLEUS

Many of us have early childhood memories of coleus (KO-le-us) as the purple houseplant on our grandparent's windowsill. Today they are most commonly used as an annual in the shade garden or as potted plants.

Coleus are members of a large family with 150 species, but only two are sufficiently ornamental to be used by today's American gardeners.

In their native environments of India, tropical Asia and Java coleus grow to be a shrub like perennial with soft leaves.

The most popular species is 'Common Coleus' (C. blumei) native to the island of Java in Indonesia. This coleus has vibrant colored or variegated leaves of green, yellow, crimson, mauve or pink. This is the likely parent of most of the coleus we plant today.

The second is 'Spanish-thyme Coleus' of the topics, an aromatic herb that is sometimes grown as a houseplant.

Coleus can easily be propagated by rooting 6" stem cuttings in water, which results in an identical plant to its parent. This is an excellent project for gardening with children.

Seeds planted indoors in early spring will produce many variations of color and leaf patterns.

In the garden coleus require light shade to part sun. Indoors they need bright light at all times including a few hours of direct sun every day. Insufficient light will produce weak spindly growth. They are perfect for folks looking to add a splash of color in shady spots.

Being from the tropics where there is daily rainfall, coleus require moist soil. When dried out the leaves wilt quickly. Although the plant seems to bounce back when watered, the lower leaves will drop off giving the plant an unpleasant leggy appearance.

When growing in flower pots use 'soil' based potting mix rather than 'soil-less' mixes and give the roots plenty of room to grow. These plants do not like to be root bound and benefit by being repotted when they grow too big for their pot, even during the heat of summer.

During the growing season feed every two weeks with a standard liquid fertilizer.

Mature coleus develop spikes of blue flowers. To keep your coleus robust pinch off these flowers stems as often as possible. The energy



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

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the plant uses creating seeds will deplete its vigor and life span. It is important to also pinch back the leafy tips of the coleus to maintain its bushy appearance.

Despite coleus' popularity as a house plants they lose vigor indoors. To over-winter coleus take a stem cutting in late summer and root it in water. With so many easier houseplants now available on the market most gardens treat them as annuals and buy new plants the following spring.

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ST. GEORGES AVENUE – TWO MILES OF HISTORY

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

Rahway's oldest north/south thoroughfare, St. Georges Avenue, is indeed a historic road. Important, even as far back as the days when Native Americans inhabited the area, it has been a witness to much of Rahway's history and has always been a link in the development of transportation systems in our country. Before and during the American Revolution it was a part of the road that connected New York City to Philadelphia. In 1913, it became a piece of the newly created Lincoln Highway, the first graveled transcontinental highway to stretch across the United States.

One is usually surprised to learn that St. Georges Avenue is a section of the Lincoln Highway, a road affectionately known as "The Main Street Across America." Formally dedicated on October 31, 1913, it runs from Times Square in New York City to Lincoln Park in San Francisco covering a distance of over 3,000 miles. The highway crosses the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, and California. Over certain times in its 105- year history, with some changes in its configuration, the highway passed through 14 states, 128 counties, and more than 700 cities.

This important and historic road, which bisects Rahway, was originally part of an ancient Indian trail. Native Americans who migrated from the Watchung Mountains to the coast during the summer seasons followed a path that is today Westfield Avenue to what is now St. Georges Avenue. Upon reaching this trail, the

Indians could make their way to the river to navigate to the Arthur Kill or travel south to the more southern regions. Over the years, artifacts left by these early visitors have been found in several spots along the river banks.

As our country grew, New York City and Philadelphia became major cities. The main route connecting the two was St. Georges Avenue (at that time called the King's Highway), which gave the road strategic importance during the Revolutionary War. Life along the road was dangerous in those days and it was the site of numerous skirmishes and battles between colonial forces and British redcoats. The Battle of Spanktown was fought at the river crossing near the entrance of what is today the Rahway County Park.

Rahway's first church, established in 1741, was located on St. Georges Avenue and the community's earliest graveyard was established next to the church. Abraham Clark, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, is buried in the historic cemetery. In 1786, the first state mint was built on St. Georges near the branch of the river that flows parallel to River Road. The coins minted there were the first to be stamped with the words "E Pluribus Unum." George Washington travelled the road on his inaugural journey from Mount Vernon, Virginia to New York City and came through Rahway on April 23, 1789.

By the early 1800s, the road was a busy stagecoach route and a number of hotels, including the Merchants and Drovers and the Terrill Tavern, were built on its roadside to

accommodate weary travelers. In the mid-1800s, the "grand" avenue became the preferred location for prominent families when choosing a site to build their stately mansions. Many handsome estates dotted the highway between Linden Avenue and Central Avenue. Rahway's first high school was built overlooking the avenue in 1873.

By the 1930s, those living in cities north of Rahway found St. Georges Avenue to be the best route to take when planning a day trip or a weekend excursion to the Jersey shore as it was a natural link to Route 35. With so much traffic on the road, it was only natural that businesses would be established on the highway. For almost seventy years (1930-2000), almost every major automobile company had a dealership on St. Georges.

Although the character of St. Georges Avenue has changed many times over its long history, today, the two-mile stretch is still a major artery with an estimated 25,000 cars traveling the road each day.

Author's note: The annual convention of the Lincoln Highway Association, a group dedicated to promoting and preserving the road, will be held in New Jersey from June 20-24. On Friday, June 22 members of the association will visit the Merchants and Drovers Museum and the Rahway Cemetery for tours of both historic sites. The Association, which has a membership of over 800 members, meets annually in one of the states through which the Lincoln Highways passes. The 2017 national convention was held in Denison, Iowa.



(above) Large estates once lined St. Georges Avenue as shown in this postcard circa 1910.



(above) This illustrated postcard, circa 1930's, shows a stream of traffic in both directions passing Lederle's Garage, located at the junction of Routes 27 and 35 in Rahway, New Jersey.

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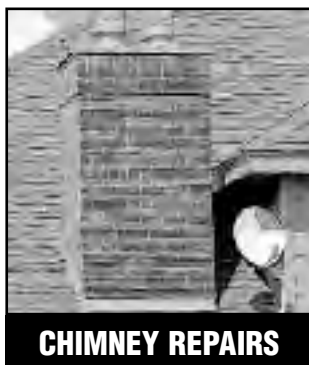
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(above, l-r) First runner up Lillian Brittain, 7, Plainfield; Miss Black New Jersey, Tarah-Lynn Saint Elie, 23, Rahway; last year's princess, Zoey Smith, 5, Newark; 2018 Spring Ball Princess, Mikayla Hightower, 6, East Orange, N.J.; and second winner up Ajee Monzon, 7, Newark.

MISS BLACK NEW JERSEY, TARAH-LYNN SAINT ELIE OF RAHWAY GUEST JUDGE OF THIRD ANNUAL SPRING PRINCESS BALL

Submitted by Shavon Williams

Girls; Live, Love, Laugh, Inc. hosted its third annual Spring Princess Ball on Saturday, April 28, 2018, at The Clubhouse in Newark, New Jersey.

Miss Black New Jersey, Tarah-Lynn Saint Elie, 23, of Rahway, NJ, and last year's Princess Zoey Smith, 5, of Newark, NJ crowned Mikayla Hightower, 6, East Orange, NJ, 2018 Spring Ball Princess. Lillian Brittain, 7, of Plainfield, NJ was the first runner up and Ajee Monzon, 5, of Newark, NJ was the second runner up. They were judged on confidence and smiles and were selected from 80 contestants.

"Our vision is to make a difference in our girls' lives," said Allison James-Frison, founder for Girls; Live, Love, Laugh, Inc., a non-profit girls mentoring program in Newark.

"Instilling girls with the confidence that regardless of race, status, or their environment, they too can be princesses is one way we're making a difference," said James-Frison.

Saint Elie was featured as a guest judge at this year's Spring Princess Ball. "I truly believe in training our girls to believe that they are more than what the world tells them; their worth is immeasurable and they are seen as precious treasures by God. With my title as Miss Black New Jersey 2018, it was important for them to see a young woman of color with a crown so they are reminded of their own," said Saint Elie. The Haitian-American beauty graduated

Summa Cum Laude from Rider University with a 3.9 GPA. She is currently pursuing her Master's in Advertising at Syracuse University. Other judges include Girls; Live, Love, Laugh, Inc. Legal Aid Advisor and CEO of Groundwork Agency Tish Johnson, of Newark, and lead singer of T.J. & Company Band, Jaleesa Koonce, of Linden, NJ.

Kamouri Terrell, 18, of Newark, an alumna of Girls; Live, Love, Laugh, Inc., was recognized for her outstanding achievements and her commitment to academic success. "Girls; Live, Love, Laugh, Inc. had a positive impact on my life. It introduced me to things young girls living in the inner city usually don't experience at a young age. I will always take the etiquette I learned with me everywhere I go," said Terrell. Terrell is a senior at Newark Collegiate Academy where she belongs to the National Honor Society and is a member of the varsity girls' basketball team. Terrell has been accepted to seven universities, which include Spelman College, Clark Atlanta University, Lycoming University, Tuskegee University, Rider University, Dillard University, and William Patterson University. In the fall, she will be attending Lycoming University in Williamsport, Pa., which awarded her the Dean Scholarship for \$22K and an academic scholarship of \$20K equating to a full ride to the university. Terrell plans to study biology and forensic science with a goal of becoming a forensic scientist.

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RAHWAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WINS SKILLSUSA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

By Rob Kinch and Heidi Nielsen

Rahway High School sophomore, Vanessa Spangle, was recently honored with a Gold Medal award in a statewide SkillsUSA Esthetics competition. SkillsUSA, the event sponsor, is a partnership dedicated to helping students prepare for entering a skilled workforce. The event was comprised of 130 categories and held at Somerset Vocational Technical High School, with 2,00 students all 'going for the gold.'



(above, left) RHS sophomore, Vanessa Spangle, was honored with a Gold Medal award in a statewide SkillsUSA Esthetics competition.

Along with the other contestants being assessed for their technique and professionalism, Vanessa was tested in the following areas: an oral skin consultation, a written exam covering the fundamentals of skin care, sanitation, skin analysis, a hands-on basic facial demonstration, and a fantasy make-up application. Rising above all other contestants, Vanessa stole the show winning the entire competition.

RHS Guidance Counselor Robert Zech offered, "Vanessa performed with outstanding distinction and is a source of tremendous pride for both Rahway High School and the Union County Vocational Technical High School."

Not new to the world of cosmetology, Vanessa has been practicing esthetics since the age of 7, applying make-up for friends and family and experimenting on herself. She has been hired to

do make-up for weddings, proms, bridal showers, and baby showers. Vanessa is especially excited to be doing make-up for some of the RHS students attending this year's prom!

When asked about her future goals, she stated confidently, "I have big plans; I'm going to open my own business; a salon that will offer everything: hair, make-up, nails, spa, etcetera."

Although Vanessa feels "honored to have competed against such talented individuals and won," she hopes to achieve the same level of excellence as she takes her skills to the next level on June 25, 2018 when she will represent New Jersey and compete for the SkillsUSA National title in Kentucky. The entire Rahway High School community wishes Vanessa the best of luck when she competes in Kentucky and the best of success in all her future endeavors.


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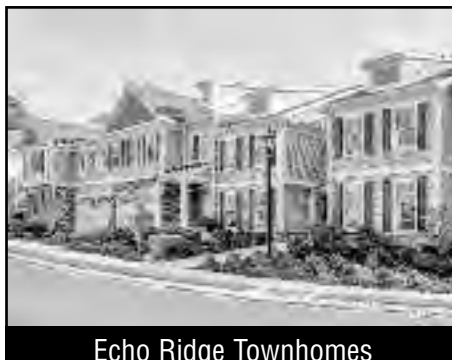
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Submitted by Keisha Smith-Carrington

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(above) Rahway's preschoolers learning more about transportation through hands-on exploration of Harley Davidson motorcycles.

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YMCA LAUNCHES ANNUAL SUPPORT CAMPAIGN

The Gateway Family YMCA has announced the launch of their 2018 Annual Support Campaign. Annual Campaign donations help to ensure that everyone in the community has access to vital community programs and resources that support youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. The 2018 campaign goal is to raise \$575,000 in donations to support those in need in the communities surrounding Elizabeth, Rahway, and Union.

The Gateway Family YMCA works to support the people and neighborhoods that need it most by addressing unique challenges within each community they serve. The Gateway Family YMCA uses financial gifts to help individuals and families in need participate in programs such as: Early Learning Readiness (school readiness), Diabetes Prevention Program (chronic disease prevention), teen leadership programs, supportive housing, and social services. In 2017, The Gateway Family YMCA provided over \$635,000 in financial assistance for membership, programs and services to the communities served in Northern Middlesex County and Eastern Union County.

“As a non-profit charitable organization, we believe all kids deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve, we help people and families build and maintain healthy habits for spirit, mind and body in their everyday lives and we take on the most urgent needs of our community, providing support to our neighbors,” stated Joseph Venezia, Leadership Council Chairperson. The Gateway Family YMCA is a leading child care provider in the community, supporting nearly 400 children in traditional YMCA child care programs and 130 children and caregivers through Early Learning Readiness (ELR), a community program for preschool children.

“The Y is a positive force in this community. Together, we take on the challenges that shape our community’s future. From tackling the achievement gap to teaching healthy habits for a lifetime or giving people the chance to strengthen our community through volunteering, everything the Y does is in service of building a better us,” stated Krystal R. Canady, CEO. “Every day, our

community faces new challenges that create a greater need for the work we do. YMCA donors, volunteers, members, and partners make the difference in the communities we serve.”

Dedicated to building a healthy community, The Gateway Family YMCA provides free Diabetes screening programs, a Diabetes Prevention Program and LIVESTRONG at the YMCA, and a free program for cancer survivors. In 2017, charitable gifts from YMCA donors helped to make it possible for 1300 children to have a safe place to learn and build confidence after school; 1000 children to experience lasting memories and friendship in summer camp, 2600 to learn safety and confidence in swim lessons, for 23,600 members to reconnect and grow together as a family, for over 700 people in need to gain a support system and a place to live; and countless others to access education and training to reach their full potential.

“We rely on the support of our neighbors in the local community to partner with us to continue to provide the programs and services our community so greatly needs, including housing and social services, child care and summer camp, water safety and older adult services,” stated Melynda A. Mileski, EVP/COO. “With our doors open to all, the Y brings together people of all backgrounds and supports those who need us most. Our donors, members, volunteers, supporters and staff demonstrate the power of what we can achieve, working together to build a better us.”

The Gateway Family YMCA, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, health and 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. All donations to the Annual Campaign are tax-deductible.

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All games are played in Warinanco Park, on the border of Elizabeth and Roselle, Monday through Friday between 9:00am and 3:00pm. The games are coached and supervised by Union County Baseball Association staff. The season will begin in late June and end the first week of August.

Players are divided into three age groups: Minor League 8-10 year olds, Major League 11-12 year olds, and Teen League 13-15 year olds.

The Union County Baseball Association has added indoor clinics to the Summer League program. UCBA staff and guest Union County coaches will utilize the new state-of-the-art Warinanco Park Skating Center, which is equipped with artificial turf and indoor batting cages, to provide players weekly clinics focused on hitting, fielding, pitching, and catching. This

added benefit is included with the player registration fee.

The registration fee for the Summer Baseball League is \$50 and players can register online at www.ucba-nj.org. In-person registration will also be held on June 16th and June 23rd from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Warinanco Park Boathouse.

The UCBA Summer Baseball League is sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Union County Baseball Association, and the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation.

About the Union County Baseball Association

The Union County Baseball Association was formed in 1941 and runs a Summer Baseball League for players 8-15 years old and a Fall Baseball League for high school aged players. The league is based out of Warinanco Park, on the border of Elizabeth and Roselle. For more information about the Union County Baseball Association, please visit www.ucba-nj.org.

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Submitted by Marlane Dearra

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5TH ANNUAL 'PROTECT ME WITH 3+' AWARDS CEREMONY AND BANQUET

Submitted by Linda Lampert

Fifth-grade students in Mrs. Venisha Jordan's science classes at Franklin Elementary School in Rahway, New Jersey, recently participated in the Protect Me With 3+ poster contest. This statewide contest is held annually in collaboration with The Partnership for Maternal and Child Health of Northern New Jersey and the New Jersey Department of Health. Targeting youth in middle and high schools, the contest aims to raise awareness about the importance of adolescent immunizations among pre-teens, teenagers, and parents, and increase vaccination rates for several important vaccines, such as Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap), Human Papillomavirus (HPV), Meningococcal Conjugate, and Flu.

In order to prepare for the contest, Mrs. Barbara Maher, the school's nurse taught the kids about vaccinations and the importance of getting their 6th-grade vaccinations. After the lesson, students created posters and submitted them.

The students and teachers were recognized at

the 5th Annual Protect Me With 3+ Awards Ceremony and Banquet. The statewide event took place on Sunday, April 23, 2018, at the Conference Center at the Robert Wood Johnson Fitness and Wellness Center in Mercerville, New Jersey. Four students from Franklin School were chosen as finalists and they were invited to attend the statewide banquet with their parents.

Five winners were chosen from the entire state and three of them were from Franklin School. Jenna Birney won 1st place, Austin Garay won 2nd place, Ava Butterline won 3rd place, and an honorable mention went to Saif Shah. They were all recognized for their achievements and each received a plaque and cash prizes. Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Maher also won a cash prize for having more entries than any other school in the state.

The students were also recognized in front of their peers in the auditorium for their amazing achievement. They are also going to have a celebration in their classroom with Mrs. Jordan. Great job!



(above, l-r) Franklin School's nurse, Mrs. Barbara Maher, Ava Butterline, Saif Shah, fifth-grade teacher, Mrs. Venisha Jordan, Jenna Birney, and Austin Garay.

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MUGAVERO INDUCTED GUARDIAN OF THE ROSE

Submitted by Kathleen Demitus

Donna I. Mugavero, Chairwoman, RWJUH (Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital) Rahway Board of Governors was inducted into the Guardians of the Rose for her long-time dedication, commitment, and support of RWJUH Rahway at the Everything's Coming Up Roses Ball on April 28, 2018. The long-standing event raised \$130,000 to benefit programs and services at RWJUH Rahway including soon to be

renovated post-surgical floor 3E with specialty surgeries like Bariatrics, Orthopedics with advanced technology and comforts and conveniences for patients, families, employees, and our physicians. For more information on supporting the renovations at RWJUH Rahway, please call Heather Hays, Vice President for Foundation and Development at 732-499-6315 or email at Heather.Hays@rwjbh.org



(above, l-r) Heather Hays, Vice President for Foundation and Development; Donna I. Mugavero, 2018 Guardian of the Rose; Christine Kline, Rose Ball Chair; and Kirk C. Tice, President and CEO.

STUDENTS PROVIDED COMMUNITY SERVICE AT THE AIR FORCE-ARMY-NAVY-MARINES SHOW

Submitted by S.M Jose G. Vergara

During the weekend of May 5 and 6, 2018, students from around New Jersey, provided community service at the Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Open House and Air Show ("Power In The Pines"). The students are cadets in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP is the US Air Force Auxiliary). They provided guidance to the public and safety by keeping the air field's fire lines clear for emergency evacuation of thousands of air show spectators. In addition, the cadets interacted with military personnel to learn about military technology (Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force) and their operations. They also gained knowledge about different aircrafts on display and enjoyed watching the multiple flight demonstrations from of a variety of aircraft such as F22, F18, F5, and Mustang (WWII airplanes), parachute demonstrations, etc.

The CAP Cadet program offers opportunities to Middle and High School students to learn about Aerospace, Leadership, Character Development, Physical Training, STEM, Orientation Flights, and much more. In addition, the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program, provides the youth of ages 12 to 18 a strong list of credentials

for their college applications and for highly competitive technical summer camps. Cadets with proper qualifications can attend Summer Camps at the Air Force McGuire Base, and national Cyber Security, Flight Training Camp, etc. For more information about CAP Youth Cadet Program, please contact jose.vergara@njwg.cap.gov or visit CAP's webpage: gocivilairpatrol.com/join/youth-in-cadet-program/



(above, l-r): Cadets Paul Koizumi (Fanwood), Anushka Kumar (Watchung), and Veronica Vergara (Scotch Plains) safety fire line duty.

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AUDITIONS FOR CDC THEATRE'S HISPANIC THEATRE FESTIVAL

Submitted by Joel Redmount

Spanish-language theatre is alive and well in New Jersey. For the second straight year, the CDC Theatre will feature its Hispanic Theatre Festival (or, as it prefers to be known, its Festival de Teatro Hispanico) for four performances July 26 to 28, 2018.

Despite a large and vibrant Hispanic population of 1.2 million in the state, the creators of this event recognized that there are no Spanish-language plays being performed on an ongoing basis that cater to that community in central New Jersey. As far as the Theatre world is concerned, the beauty of the language and the richness of the Hispanic heritage is simply being ignored. Families that want to attend live theatre, do so exclusively in English. Children grow up never hearing Spanish on the stage.

Last summer, the CDC Theatre, the longest continuously-running Community theatre in New Jersey, bridged that gap by mounting the premiere Hispanic Theatre Festival. It featured two one-act plays: "Ana y las langostas (Ana and the Locusts)" by Argentine playwright Alicia Dolinsky and "Bony y Kin (Bony & Kim)" by Puerto Rican Carlos Canales. The casts were filled with local Spanish-speaking actors from Plainfield, Cranford, Union, Edison, and Linden, as well as more distant communities such as Jersey City, Perth Amboy and Fords. They represented various places of national heritage from Mexico, Cuba, Peru, Puerto Rico and Honduras.

The play being showcased this season is "Bar Manolo," a full-length comedy by European playwright Jean-Pierre Martinez. The story unfolds in a friendly, comfortable bar that happens to be across from a cemetery, and the bar owner, Manolo, relies on a steady stream of customers looking for a little respite from the activities across the street. This particular afternoon features the interplay of two

philosophical funeral workers, a professor who may or may not be having an affair with one of his students, a flooded basement, a damaged coffin, a misplaced cell phone, a lost lottery ticket, a waitress frustrated with her bad luck with online dating, a befuddled old lady and a host of other characters, all of whom Manolo greets with a friendly smile and an offer of watered-down cognac.

Auditions for the nine adult roles will be held at the CDC Theatre, 78 Winans Avenue, Cranford from 8 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, June 10, and Monday, June 11. The production is looking for men and women of various ages. Spanish fluency is not necessary, but comfort in the language is a must. Bar Manolo will be directed by Joel Redmount of Scotch Plains, who founded and continues to produce the Hispanic Theatre Festival.

Performances will take place at the CDC Theatre on Thursday July 26, Friday July 27 and Saturday July 28, all at 8 p.m., with a matinee performance on Saturday July 28 at 2 p.m. Knowing it wouldn't truly be a Festival without appropriate music and food, the Producers of the event are looking to provide complementary refreshments on Opening Night, in the spirit of the evening.

And while the CDC Theatre is looking to tap into the underserved Spanish-speaking audience throughout our geographic region, they extend an invitation also to those non-Spanish speakers who may be intrigued by the multicultural nature of this Theatre Festival. The CDC looks forward to exploring the richness of la cultura Latina, as reflected in plays that mirror the pride, the drama and comedy of the human experience, as showcased through a Spanish language lens.

Tickets will be available for purchase in July through the website cdctheatre.org or available at the box office prior to each performance. Further information will also be provided on the website.



(above) Lilian Rebelo of Cranford as Ana in "Ana y las langostas" by Argentine playwright Alicia Dolinsky, as featured in last summer's Hispanic Theatre Festival at the CDC Theatre in Cranford.



(above, l-r) Milagros Cortes of Linden and Merari Cortes of Edison as the Narrators, with Sheldon Gochiz of Jersey City and Yarleen Hernandez of West New York as the title characters in "Bony y Kin" by Puerto Rican playwright Carlos Canales.



(above, l-r) Lilian Rebelo and Valarie Beckford, both of Cranford, as Ana and her grandmother in "Ana y las langostas" by Argentine playwright Alicia Dolinsky,

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