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Lily played by Mia Montalvo sang the sweetest song "A Christmas Love Story."

Robert Salguerio and Joseph Napolitano, Mateo Cruz were the bucking wise cowboys that danced there way into your heart.

Mary and Joseph ended the show with "A night to remember" played by Neha Padikkal and Alberto Rodriguez

Christine McCarthy directed the performance with teachers, Mrs. Sierant, Mrs. Keating and Mrs. DeMaio



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## MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

January 2019

Happy New Year Kenilworth! And so, as we begin a new year, we do so with confidence, learning from the past year and looking forward with optimism for the future and what lays ahead. 2019 will bring obstacles and opportunities. Each new challenge we face as a Boro and each accomplishment will make a better Kenilworth! May this year bring you all good health, happiness and good fortune, and let us all be grateful for the gifts we have. 2018 is in the book and I am

looking forward to a positive fourth year as your Mayor.

Thank you to all our Municipal Employees who keep the wheels turning throughout the year, the hard work and professionalism maintains a standard that in my opinion is second to none. To the many people who have come out and volunteered in the various events throughout Kenilworth, things could not have happened without you all donating precious time and effort to make special moments, a special Thank You for making Kenilworth a great community to live and work in, your efforts make a difference and we are lucky to have so many people willing to make an efforts. Keep in mind the Boro's success depends on all of you, one person doesn't make the change, we all need each other and together we can accomplish anything!

In closing, let me say life is too short to go through it bitter and resentful, every day is a gift, make the most of what time you have. Faith, Family and Friends every bit of it matters, I hope and pray that all will realize the good things we have, even the little things and be grateful we are all still here to enjoy them. I believe in you Kenilworthians, the future that lays ahead are what you make of it.

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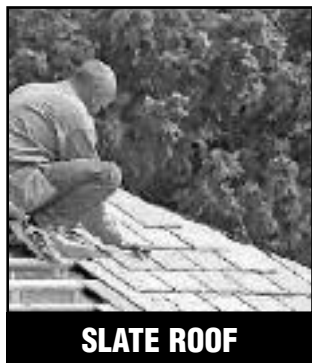
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## EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD GOES TO LAURA REINERTSEN

Borough Clerk, Laura Reinertsen received the “2018 Employee of the Year Award” during the December 12, 2018 Borough of Kenilworth Council meeting.

Laura was noted as being “A great asset to the Borough for the past 4 years. She has worked diligently refurbishing Borough Hall by seeking grants to help with the cost. She is a “hands-on” kind of person who sees all jobs through to the end. Laura is also a great champion of all employees of the Borough and we are very happy to have her as our Borough Clerk.”



## PROUD GRANDPA



*Former Kenilworth Mayor Livio Mancino (above, l) was an honored guest at the NFL prospects Senior Day held on November 10, 2018. His grandson Vitas Hryniewicz played football for Youngstown State and graduated on December 16, 2018.*

## BASKETBALL BASKETS

St Theresa's School Basketball Teams from Kenilworth participated in a service project where they collected and donated over 100 items

for the St. Theresa Church Social Concerns Committee. These items were used to make Thanksgiving baskets for local families in need.





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## NO SHAVE NOVEMBER / DOUBLE DOWN DECEMBER

The Kenilworth Police Department participated again this year for "No Shave November" and for the first time "No Shave - Double Down December" where officers were allowed to grow a beard for charity.

In November the officers picked a charity of their liking to make a donation to which was run by Officer Michael Devlin of the Kenilworth Police Department. At the officers' request the program was expanded

through December and the charity chosen was the U.S. Marines Corps. Toys for Tots Program.

On December 14, 2018 Officer Devlin and Chief John Zimmerman presented the U.S. Marine Corps. Chief Warrant Officer N.J. D'Andrea with a donation check from participating Kenilworth Police Officers at the Toys for Tots' warehouse drop off location on Oak Tree Road in Edison.



## GRIEF IS NOT SOMETHING WE "GET OVER" - IT IS SOMETHING WE LEARN TOOLS TO COPE WITH

The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, 11 Springfield Ave, will hold their eight-week seminar "Journey to Wholeness- Healing the Grieving Heart" on Sunday evenings from January 13, 2019 to March 3, 2019.

Patti Williams, R.N. and certified pastoral bereavement counselor, and Virginia Waters, Ph.D. and psychologist, will lead the sessions from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Prime Time Room at the church. This location is handicapped accessible.

Williams and Waters have offered this seminar for over 18 years, and have helped 2,800 people experience healing, find a new purpose for their lives and feel joy once again. "This is an experience like no other," states Williams.

The sessions include learning about the stages of grief and understanding the tasks of the grieving process, coping strategies, dealing with loneliness, building a support system and more.

The seminar is dedicated to Williams's late husband, the Rev. Dr. Bruce D. Williams who had a vision for this program, wanting to help others deal with their pain and suffering during their time of loss.

One participant, Joan, states, "I have learned more along this heartbreaking journey than I ever thought possible. I have learned that you will never ever forget your love and that you are changed forever, but you need to give yourself permission to heal. I have learned that I can revisit the past, but I cannot live in it, because it undermines my present and all that I have is just



(above, l-r) Patti Williams,, RN, certified pastoral bereavement counselor, and Dr. Virginia Waters, Ph.D., phycologist, have been running the Grief Seminar for 18 years.

today. I have learned that love never dies and my love is with me always because he sends me signs to tell me so. These are my greatest treasures. I have learned that by keeping his memory alive with stories, photos etc. it makes me smile and brings me a kind of peace. I believe that your loved one only wants the best for you and you will be reunited one day."

Both of the leaders and all of the facilitators have experienced loss within their lives and share from the inside out. "It does not matter if the loss is divorce, death or job loss; loss is loss, it must be grieved. It does not matter how long ago you experienced loss. Bring family members and friends," states Williams. All faiths are welcome. To register for this event, call Williams at 908-709-1341. No fee is charged, though registration is required.

# WHAT, WHERE, AND WHEN IN OLD KENILWORTH – WHEN RT. 22 WAS RT. 29

If you are at least about age 70 and are a Kenilworth resident since the very early 1950s, you probably recall old Route 29. But if younger and more recently settled here you might scratch your head and assert, “Route 29? Never heard of it!” Well, here’s what happened to it.

President Dwight Eisenhower was well aware as a WWII general, that an organized system of national highways was critical to a nation’s defense. In 1954 Congress passed and Eisenhower signed into law the National Highway Act. Among its provisions the federal

government took over the jurisdiction and maintenance of numerous state highways and began an orderly method to number them. Highways running north to south received odd numbers and those going east to west even numbers. Hence, a portion of old State Highway 29 cutting across NJ, and bordering Kenilworth for several hundred feet, was renamed US Route 22.

Back then Highway 29 was known as a dangerous roadway, earning it the nickname “Suicide Highway.” By today’s standards the traffic in those bygone days would be considered light, but at the time, it was considered near mayhem to travel it. After dark, teens often blocked off sections of the highway and conducted drag races. Well into the 1950s houses stood in the center island of Rt. 22. They eventually gave way to numerous highway stores.

In the 1950s locals would venture out to George’s Tavern and Grove – now sight of Party City. They might get gasoline or auto repairs at Butler’s Garage, now part of the McDonalds Restaurant complex. The former Rahway Valley RR crossed the highway at the Kenilworth-Union border. Just east of that, was the popular Union Drive-in theater in Union. There are four properties today on Rt. 22 that are in Kenilworth. The old RVR property pays no property taxes as it is owned by the State. The other three contribute \$120,338 collectively in taxes.

Research provided by Walter E. Boright, Ed. D., historian, and Historic Signs, Inc.

Persons with inquiries about this or other aspects of Kenilworth history may contact Dr. Boright at drbori@aol.com or 908-256-5200.



(above) 1949: Michigan Ave. depicted running into old Rt. 29 – now known as Rt. 22. Gas station at right is now site of McDonald’s Restaurant. Note the house and farming in the middle of the highway and the low volume of traffic. Photo from the Ray Scheuerer collection.

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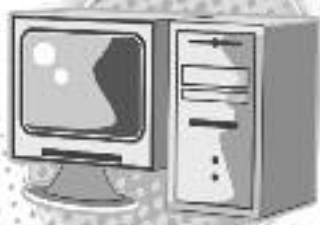
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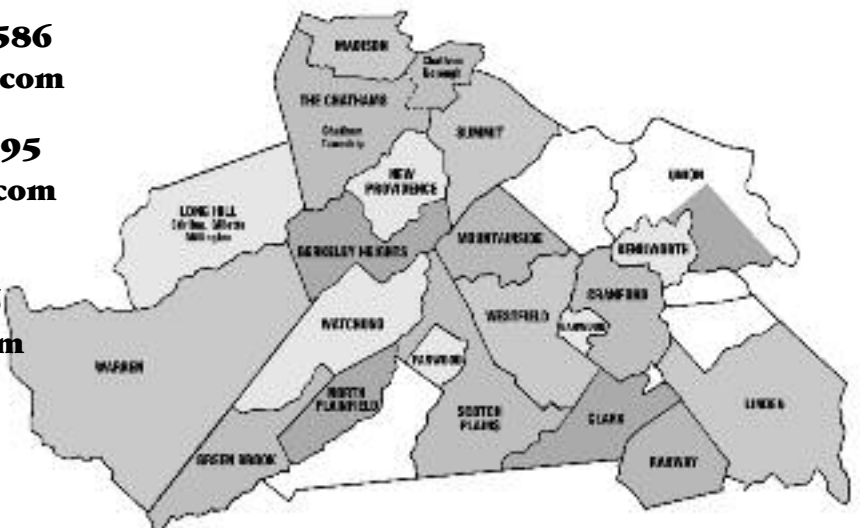
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# VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD GOES TO ROTARY

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The Kenilworth Rotary Club received the 2018 volunteer of the year award during the December 12, 2018 Borough of Kenilworth Council meeting.

The club recently celebrated its 70th annual charter night where they honored the families of

dedicated past Rotarians who served the club for decades.

If you are interested in joining Rotary and changing lives and making a difference in your community please contact Gregg or Terry at 908-272-5550.



(above, l-r) The Kenilworth Rotary Club Members, Carol Bryan, Toni Sosnosky, Sandra Trapani, Mary Orella, Ceu Manata, Kristin Boyle, Pat Boyle, Janet Henkel, Charles Biancosino, Gregg Rosenberg, and Mayor Anthony DeLuca Jr. Not pictured: Terry Zuckerman and Robert woods.

## ROTARY RAFFLES FOR DISNEY VACATION

The Kenilworth Rotary Club proudly announces its 2019 annual fundraiser, a raffle for a Walt Disney vacation valued at \$3,500. Tickets are on sale now, \$25 each. The drawing will be held on May 1, 2019.

To purchase a raffle ticket please call Kristin 908-400-2934, Gregg or Terry 908-272-5550, or Ceu 908-400-5033.

All proceeds will benefit the clubs scholarship

programs, both academic and summer camp, support services to the Borough of Kenilworth, youth recreational activities, dictionary project, holiday gifts and food to needy families, and many other community projects that the club developed throughout its 71-year history of servicing the needs of the people and community of Kenilworth as part of Rotary International.

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## KENILWORTH AUTHOR PREMIERES EIGHTH BOOK IN CRYSTAL CITY SERIES

Kenilworth resident Linda Yianolatos, is the author of eight children's books is teaching children valuable life lessons in her "Crystal City" children's books series. In her new book, "The Fairy Trail Room", four cousins are taken by Red Carpet to another Crystal City building. There they meet the beautiful lady in the long



(above ) Linda Yianolatos premieres eight children's book in series which is fun to read and includes moral lessons.

## THE GOOD TYMES STRING BAND VISITS THE LIBRARY

The Good Tymes String Band will be entertaining toddlers, children of all ages and their families at The Kenilworth Public Library on Wednesday, January 16, from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. The event will include foot tapping, knee slapping banjo music and songs for families with children of all ages featuring Raymond Dreitlein, Pete Hauptman and Jay Leipzig.

Registration is required. Kenilworth residents may begin to register one week prior to this event. Out of town residents may begin to register two days prior to this event. To register call the library at 908-276-2451 or visit 548 Boulevard.



(above) Good Tymes String Band visits Kenilworth Public Library on Wednesday, January 16, from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m..

white dress who takes them to the Fairy Trail Room. Once in the room they meet fairies and gnomes and follow many different paths on the trail. They learn that if you are happy, it doesn't matter what path you are on, you will always find your way.

Lessons in the other books of the series include: -- When you focus on your dreams and goals, the steps needed to achieve them will appear. -- We should all live together in peace and harmony. -- It wouldn't be fun if we all were the same and thought alike. -- When you hold on to anger, you may miss the best experiences of your life. -- When you give to others, it will make you feel good and it will come back to you two fold.

Parents, teachers and school librarians like the idea that fantasy and magical adventures result in moral lessons for young readers. The stories are fun to read and can be read out of sequence. Linda Yianolatos is committed to getting her books into more schools in the near future.

Linda (Frank) Yianolatos is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), and holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA). She is a

retired Chief Financial Officer of a New Jersey Hospital, and has been a Finance professional for over 30 years.

Family traditions and gatherings have always been important to Linda and her children. They and her grandchildren continue to create special memories with each other and with their extended family. All of the "pre-Crystal City" events in the Crystal City series were created from Linda's memories of some of those special times. The characters in the books are named after her grandchildren. She said that "My grandchildren have loved these stories for years. My hope is that other children will too." Read more at [crystalcityseries.com](http://crystalcityseries.com).

Linda Yianolatos currently lives in Kenilworth N.J. with her husband and they also own a home in Beach Haven, NJ. Her daughter lives nearby with her husband and two daughters, Carmella and Clara. Her son lives in Pennsylvania with his wife and two sons, Sam and Max.

Linda Yianolatos can be reached at [yianolatos@optonline.net](mailto:yianolatos@optonline.net) or through the Crystal City website [crystalcityseries.com](http://crystalcityseries.com).

## GALLERY ON THE BOULEVARD PRESENTS "TERRA"

"Terra" an Exhibit of Ceramics and Photographs by Union resident Jessica Garber will be hosted by the Gallery on the Boulevard. It will be on display from January 4 through March 30, 2019.

Garber has been creating ceramics for the last four years and specializes in carved surface textures and applied patterns, as well as experimentation with different ceramic firing techniques. Jessica holds an AAS and BFA from the Fashion Institute of Technology, SUNY. She has a passion for teaching and has held various roles in New York and New Jersey. Her ceramic work is showcased in large scale photographs and

3-dimensional work in this solo exhibition.

The Gallery is located in the Kenilworth Library, 548 Boulevard. The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular library hours. For further information call: 908-276-2451 or visit [kenilworthlibrary.org](http://kenilworthlibrary.org).



## FUN WITH SCIENCE AT ST. THERESA'S

The Third Grade class at St Theresa School in Kenilworth are enjoying lots of Science experiments this school year with the help of

Crystal Kacerek who is assisting third grade teacher Ms. Pancurak while obtaining her Masters of Education from Kean University in Early Childhood Education.

Crystal attended St. Theresa's School many years ago and is a lifetime resident of Kenilworth.

She has her Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Stockton University, and her Masters of Science in Environmental Studies in Writing & Communications from Green Mountain College. She also has a Culinary Arts Degree in Baking & Pastry Design. She has worked for Zoos, Aquariums, and Wildlife and Nature facilities. The students are enjoying working with her and all the fun activities she is bringing, including hydrogen peroxide and soap!



(above) Santino Hanley pours the peroxide as classmates Alex, Megan and Natalie look on.



(above) Giovanna Gailliot and Crystal Kacerek working on a science experiment.

# KENILWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

To register for programs, or for more information,  
visit us at 548 Boulevard • call (908) 276-2451 • [www.kenilworthlibrary.org](http://www.kenilworthlibrary.org).

## The Winter Reading Program at the Kenilworth Public Library

*begins Monday, January 7  
and concludes on Friday, February 22.*

Children who were registered for the Fall 2018 reading club will be preregistered for the winter session. Programs include: Mommy, Daddy & Me, a parent and child at-home reading program for children ages 2 to 5; I Can Read, a reading program for children who are just starting to read on their own from ages 6 to 8; and Club Reads a lot, a reading program for children ages 9 to 12.

### Lap Sit

for ages 0 to 23 months  
*will be held on the following Tuesdays  
from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m.:  
January 8, 15, 22 and 29  
and February 5, 12 & 19.*

### Toddler Time

for 2 year olds  
*will be held on the following Wednesdays  
from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m.:  
January 9, 16, 23 and 30  
and February 6, 13 & 20.*

Stories, puppets and music just right for young listeners will be introduced.

### PJ Story Time

for children ages 3 and up  
*will be held on the following Thursdays  
from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.:  
January 10, 17, 24 & 31  
and February 7, 14 & 21.*

Children are invited to wear their pajamas to this program, and bring along a stuffed animal.

### NEW PROGRAM: Tech Time At The Library

for children ages 4 – 10 years old  
*will be held on Thursdays  
at 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.:  
January 10, 17, 24 & 31  
and February 7, 14 & 21.*

Children will have an opportunity to independently explore various educational apps featured on one of the library's Samsung tablets. Children under the age of 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult in order to borrow a tablet. A library card will be required in order to participate in this program. Headphones will be provided when using the tablets. Children are welcome to bring their own headphones or earbuds to use with the tablets too.

## Lego At The Library

for 4 - 12 year olds  
*will be held on the following Fridays from  
3:30 to 4:00 p.m.: January 11 & 25 and  
February 8 & 22.*

Lego at the Library is made possible by donations from the Walmart Local Giving Program and Jackie Fidurski.

### Bingo for Young Children

*will be held on the following  
Fridays from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
for children ages 3 and up:  
January 18 and February 15.*

Games may include A-B-C Bingo, Number Bingo and Color & Shape Bingo. Parents must remain in the library during the program.

### Bingo for Children Who Can Read

*will be held on the following  
Friday from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
in the Activity Room: February 1. Games may  
include Book Bingo, USA Bingo, History  
Bingo and Kenilworth Bingo. Parents do not  
participate in this program.*

## SPECIAL EVENTS:

### The Good Tymes String Band

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Foot tapping, knee slapping banjo music and songs for families with children of all ages featuring Raymond Dreitlein, Pete Hauptman and Jay Leipzig.

### February is National Children's Dental Health Month.

An interactive program to raise awareness about the importance of good oral health will be presented for children ages 4 and up. Dr. Mouli Surti of Pediatric Dentistry of Union will present this program  
*on Thursday, February 7  
at 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.*

### A Valentine's Day Celebration

*will be presented by local children's author  
Laura Sassi  
on Thursday, February 14  
at 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.*

Children ages 4 and up will have an opportunity to listen to the story Love Is Kind read by the author and participate in a Valentine's craft at the conclusion of this event.

## HEALTHY EATING FOR THE NEW YEAR

Get ready for your New Year's resolutions! Create healthy habits and learn to make good choices. The Kenilworth Public Library will start the new year with a nutritional workshop for adults and young adults with dietitian Victoria Coglianese. The library will host an interactive program, "Healthy Eating for the New Year," on Wednesday, January 16 at 3:30 p.m. Attendees will learn 2-3 recipes with hands-on participation.

To register for this workshop, or for more information, visit the Kenilworth Public Library at 548 Boulevard or call 908-276-2451. Visit [kenilworthlibrary.org](http://kenilworthlibrary.org) to find out about services, events, and other library information. The library is accessible to all.

## KENILWORTH LIBRARY PRESENTS READ

To celebrate our community, The Kenilworth Public Library will be creating posters of Kenilworth community leaders holding their favorite books. Each poster is unique, but all posters say the same thing, "Read." Each month a community leader will be featured on a READ poster which will be on display for one month in the library.

Everyone is invited to stop by to view the poster of the Kenilworth Community Leader of the Month. In addition, there will be a one hour meet and greet with the featured community leader at the library one evening during the month. Meet and Greet programs will be announced each month.

Library Director Lorraine Ruiz will be our first honored community leader. Ms. Ruiz' poster is currently on display at the library. Please join us on Thursday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m. for a one hour meet and greet with Lorraine Ruiz. Light refreshments will be served.

Upcoming community leaders to be honored are Mayor Anthony DeLuca, Police Chief John Zimmerman, and Fire Chief Lou Giordano. Additional community leaders will be included in future "Read" posters, emphasizing the importance of reading and libraries throughout our lives.

Members of the community are welcome to contact Library Director Lorraine Ruiz to nominate individuals to be considered for future READ posters too. These posters will be created on the library's E Color Printer which has been funded by The Ralph Errington Foundation.

For more information about this program, please call 908-276-2451 or visit 548 Boulevard.

## WIN A FREE TRIP FOR TWO TO TURTLE BACK ZOO

Children and teens ages 8 – 14 years old are welcome to visit the Kenilworth Public Library now through January 18 in order to enter a lottery for an opportunity to Win A Free Trip For Two To Turtle Back Zoo. This trip will take place during spring break on Monday, April 22, 2019 with a rain date of Wednesday, April 24, 2019. The free trip includes round trip bus transportation from Kenilworth Public Library to Turtle Back Zoo. Twenty-four children and teens along with their accompanying adults will be randomly selected to participate in this special event which will include a behind the scenes tour

of the zoo.

This program is open to all Kenilworth residents and nonresidents. Registration applications can be obtained by visiting the library or can be printed out from the library's website. Registration for the lottery will close on January 18. Each participant will be required to attend this trip with one parent or adult. This trip has been funded by The Ralph Errington Foundation.

To obtain a lottery application, please visit the library website at [kenilworthlibrary.org](http://kenilworthlibrary.org), call 908-276-2451 or visit the library at 548 Boulevard.



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