

UNION ROTARY'S ELOQUENCE SOIREE

Submitted by Norman Woolley

On Wednesday, June 5, 2019, The Rotary Club of Union hosted its Annual Eloquence Soiree to honor Union High School's student winners of the Marvin Orella Speech Contest. The speech contest celebrated it's 22th year and has given out over \$110,000 in scholarships since its inception in 1997.

In addition, Randi Moran, Supervisor of the English Language Arts and Speech Contest Director at Union High School and Barbara Lamort, President of the Union Township Historical Society were presented with the Rotary Excellence in Education Award.

Chaired by Rotarian, Sharon Patel, the evening was a huge success attracting Rotary members and their families as well as Union educators, professionals and residents. After the cocktail hour, guests were privileged to hear the speeches of the top 3 finalists who were not aware of the winning outcome. After the outstanding orations of the young students, scholarships were handed out to Arthanious Shafik (\$2,500), Ayokunnumi Faithful Oluwakuyide (\$1,500) and Theophilus Awosola (\$1,000). Next, the honorees had a chance to address the crowd and be thanked for their continuing connection and support of the community. The evening was capped off with a Basket Auction and Super 50/50 which helped to fund the scholarships for our esteemed students.

The Union Rotary is grateful for the opportunity to challenge and reward the fine students of Union High School and thanks to the community for lending its support of this cause.

The club welcomes any member of the community who might like to join our group in putting "Service above Self." Meetings are held every Thursday at the Suburban Country Club at 12:15. For more information about Rotary, please contact Membership Chair, Sharon Patel at 908-964-6422 or join us online at www.unionrotary.org



(above, l-r) Rob O'Connell, Union Rotary President, Manuel Figueiredo, Union Township Committeeman, Theophilus Awosola (3rd), Ayokunnumi Faithful Oluwakuyide (2nd), Theophilus Awosola (1st), Superintendent Gregory A. Tatum, Jim DiGiovanni, Union Rotarian and Emcee.



(above) Rob O'Connell, Union Rotary President and Jim DiGiovanni, Union Rotarian and Emcee with Barbara Lamort, President of the Union Township Historical Society, (left) and Randi Moran, Supervisor of the English Language Arts and Speech Contest Director at Union High School. (right)



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Mayor Michele Delisfort and the Township Committee are proud to invite residents to the 2019 Fourth of July Festivities taking place along Stuyvesant Ave and in Biertuempfel Park on Wednesday, July 4th, 2019.

The Fourth of July schedule of events is as follows:

- 10:00 a.m. festivities will begin on Stuyvesant Ave, between Mountainview and Tyler Ave., with the 12th Annual All-American Soap Box Derby.
- 7:30 p.m. for your listening pleasure, enjoy a concert by Smooth Band and Orchestra at Biertuempfel Park
- 9:00 p.m. the Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular at Biertuempfel Park

All events are family-friendly and free to the public.

“Every year I look forward to our 4th of July festivities,” said Union Recreation Commissioner Suzette Cavadas. “This is a hometown experience and truly patriotic to celebrate this great county with your neighbors, family, and

friends.”

Boys and girls who wish to participate in the 12th Annual Township of Union All-American Soapbox Derby must be between the ages of 8-12 years old, be no more than 100 lbs, must be accompanied by a parent/guardian and must bring their own helmet. Registration is currently open; deadline is on Wednesday, June 19th. Space is limited to the first 24 qualified contestants. To register, please contact Union’s Recreation Department at 908-686-4200 and stop in for a registration form.

Our 2019 Summer Concert Series is sponsored by Bed Bath & Beyond, Summit Court Luxury Apartments, BCB Community Bank, Regional Industries, ConnectOne Bank, and Union Batteries Plus Bulbs

For more information on the 4th of July Festivities and other events going on in the Township of Union, please visit uniontownship.com or contact us at publicinfo@uniontownship.com or call 908.686.4200.



(above) 11th Annual Soapbox Derby winner, Adan Fonseca and runner up, Fin Orsini.

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Submitted by Jessica Mongioli

One Tuesday, May 21, 2019 the Union Township Public Schools held its 8th Annual Young Entrepreneur Challenge. Each year, the 4th grade Gifted and Talented students at each elementary school in Union compete in this district wide championship modeled after the show Shark Tank.

Students begin with an idea for a product or business. These young minds then create a business pitch for “investors” which includes finances, print advertisement, public speaking, and a commercial all created by the students. Each school begins with a minimum of two teams who compete against each other in the classroom to see who will move on to the district wide competition. The winning teams must then create

a table display for their product, or business, in order to wow the judges.

This year, these fourth grade students presented their commercial and product pitch to four judges including UTPS Personnel Manager, Akua Boakye, Mayor Delisfort, and two members from the Bed, Bath, and Beyond Corporate Center.

“It was a really close competition,” said Craig Wojcik, supervisor of the Gifted & Talented Program/Assistant Director of IT. “Only a few points separated the second and third place teams.”

The winners from the 8th Annual Young Entrepreneur Challenge:

1st Place – Battle Hill with Soccer Boomerang; Members: Alexa Rivera, Leyla Akin, Genesis Guobadia

2nd Place – Connecticut Farms with Ultimate Laundry Combo; Members: Geoffrey Handel, Barakah Oladeji, Azriel Solis, Rebecca Trindade

3rd Place – Washington with E-Fold Bike; Members: Anthony Micheal DiGirolamo, Dhruv Patel, Prince Patel, John Peoples



(above) 2nd place winners from Connecticut Farms during their presentation of Ultimate Laundry Combo.



(above) Battle Hill Students were awarded first place for their Soccer Boomerang proposal.



(above) E-Fold Bike team members pose in front of their poster.

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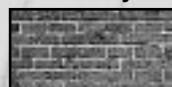
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UNION TOWNSHIP PTA PRESIDENT INDUCTION

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(above) Outgoing and incoming PTA presidents.

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TWO UNION RESIDENTS SWORN IN AS ADVOCATES FOR FOSTER YOUTH

Union's own David Bernot and Andrea Dudley are among the newest class of Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteers tasked with serving as extra eyes and ears for family



(above, l-r) Andrea Dudley and David Bernot

law judges on cases of Union County youth removed from home due to abuse, neglect or abandonment and now living in foster homes or residential facilities.

Bernot noted, "As Dr. Albert Schweitzer said, 'The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.' " He added, "I believe I can make a difference in someone's life."

As for what inspired Dudley to pursue child advocacy, she said, "My passion for helping others led me to CASA. I will work to ensure the voice of the most vulnerable children are heard and advocate on their behalf."

After completion of approximately 30 hours' training with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County, Bernot, Dudley and their classmates assembled at the Union County Family Courthouse to take their oath as advocates and judicial volunteers from Superior Court Judges Marc Brown and Richard Wischusen.

The new advocate class ranges from ages 28 to 61, are both parents and nonparents, and lines

of work that include education, legal, real estate pharmaceuticals and freelancing. Most had no prior knowledge of the foster system. Others in the class include Rich Leahey of Cranford, Ona Ndupu of Hillside, Vicki Racelis of Rahway, Susan Ruszala of Scotch Plains and Janet Smith of New Providence.

After three hours' court observation to see seasoned CASA volunteers in action, each of the advocates will meet their assigned foster youth. With court-ordered access to foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists and teachers, CASA volunteers incorporate their findings into court reports and work to ensure each youth's needs are met and best interests protected. They are a constant during chaos and work to ensure the youth's trauma is not exacerbated in care.

There are approximately 500 Union County youth from birth to age 21 in foster care, and more than 200 still need their very own CASA volunteer, someone in their corner. Is that you?

For details on upcoming trainings, contact Courtney at 908-293-8136 or cgreen@casaofunioncounty.org.



(above) Joining Judges Marc Brown, left, and Richard Wischusen, right, are the newest advocates for Union County foster youth. They are, from left, Rich Leahey, Cranford; Andrea Dudley, Union; David Bernot, Union; Ona Ndupu, Hillside; Susan Ruszala, Scotch Plains; Vicki Racelis, Rahway; and Janet Smith, New Providence.

A large advertisement for Elmhurst Hills Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center. On the left, a woman is using a stationary bike while another woman assists her. In the center, the Elmhurst Hills logo is displayed above the text "WORLD CLASS REHABILITATIVE CARE" and "Physician recommended". Below this is the text "Ask about our Specialized HeartSMART Cardiac Care program" and a Facebook icon with "LIKE US ON FACEBOOK". On the right, there is a photograph of the facility's exterior. At the bottom, the address "225 WEST JERSEY STREET | ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202" and phone number "P 908.353.1220" are listed, along with the website "WWW.ELMORAHILLS.COM".



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CRANE'S FORD DAR INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Submitted by Mary Leonard

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The Daughters of the American Revolution is a women's volunteer service organization dedicated to historic preservation, education and patriotism. For membership in the DAR a woman must prove her lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. DAR volunteers are always willing to provide guidance and assistance with your search for ancestors. The

Crane's Ford chapter Registrar, Patti Campanelli, can be reached by email at patushkat@aol.com or the National DAR at dar.org for more information on membership.

The Crane's Ford chapter was organized in March of 1944 in Cranford, and recently celebrated their 75th anniversary. Meetings are

held from October to June each year. Programs include guest speakers giving presentations on Conservation, Historic Preservation, American History, Women's Issues, visits to the VA facility in Basking Ridge, and the annual holiday party when we collect gift cards for DAR sponsored school in North Carolina.



(above, l-r) Barbara Krause, Historian; Bonnie Cierkowski, Regent; Kathy Hercel, Vice-Regent; Joanne Rajoppi, Corresponding Secretary; Nancy Hatfield, Treasurer; Mary Leonard, Chaplain; Valeri Shafer, Recording Secretary and Patti Campanelli, Registrar.

UNION POLICE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATES IN 2019 TORCH RUN



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UNION ELEMENTARY VOLLEYBALL GAME SUPPORTS VALERIE FUND



The staff of Battle Hill, Connecticut Farms, Hannah Caldwell and Washington Elementary Schools held a volleyball tournament on Friday, May 17, 2019 in the Union High School main gymnasium. This friendly competition raised \$3,469 for a great cause, The Valerie Fund.

The Valerie Fund, named in honor of Valerie Goldstein, a cancer patient who lost her life at the age of 9, helps to provide individualized care to children at medical centers close to home. Their aim is to help heal and comfort the children in their care by treating them emotionally, socially and developmentally, as well as medically.

Although Battle Hill Elementary School took home the prized trophy, the true winners were all of the students, parents, faculty and staff of all four schools who came together to support this amazing organization. The schools were all so proud and honored to participate in this wonderful philanthropic endeavor. It truly was a wonderful night!

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(above) Union Elementary Schools competed in a volleyball tournament to raise money for the Valerie Fund.

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Union Historical Society Lecture: Union Center

Tuesday, July 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m., MN

Go back in time with Tom Beisler and Tom Haggerty, Trustees of the Union Township Historical Society and take a tour of the evolution of Union Center as a business district. Featuring photographs and newspaper clippings from the Caldwell Parsonage archives and the Township of Union's Dept. of Economic Development. For more information, please call 908-591-4377.

Chair Yoga

Wednesday, July 1 July 19,

10:15-11:15 a.m., MN

Chair exercise can help improve flexibility, strength, concentration, and so much more. All levels welcome. Instructor Natalia Belyakova is a former professional dancer and has performed all over the world. She has taught children and adult dancers since 2003.

Meditation

Thursday, July 18,

11:30a.m.-12:30 p.m., MN

*No experience necessary,
no reservations needed.*

Off the Shelf Book Discussion Group & Annual Potluck

Thursday, July 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m., MN

This month the group will discuss "News of the World" by Paulette Jiles and hold the annual potluck. Pick up the book at the Main Library Reference Desk. (Note: The Off the Shelf Book Discussion Group does not meet in August.)

Connect, Explore, Discover

Monday, July 22, 1:30-2:30 p.m., VH

Learn how to access UPL resources to learn a new language, watch your favorite movie, read a best seller or the latest magazine and so much more. Please bring your mobile device and Union Public Library card.

Songs of Woodstock Concert with Rewind Rock

Monday, July 22, 7:00-8:00 p.m., MN

In honor of the 50th Anniversary of the original Woodstock Music and Arts Festival, Rewind Rock brings the Summer of Love to Union Public Library. The group has been entertaining New Jersey audiences at libraries, restaurants, pubs, outdoor events, and private parties for over two years with their mix of classic rock from the 50's through the 80's.

Tuesdays@2 Movies

Tuesday, July 23, 2:00-4:00 p.m., MN

Call 908-851-5450 for title.

Chair Yoga

Wednesday, July 24, 10-11:00 a.m., MN

Gentle and relaxing exercise with Soumya Pandey. No experience necessary, no registration required.

Meditation

Thursday, July 25,

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., MN

*No experience necessary,
no reservations needed.*

International Film

Thursday, July 25, 2:00-4:00 p.m., MN

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Escape with a Good Book and Movie

Monday, July 29, 6:00-8:30 p.m., VH

Join us as we discuss and watch the movie "Everything, Everything" from this popular book by Nicola Yoon.

Summer Evening Meditation Class

Monday, July 29, 7:00-8:00 p.m., MN

Join Instructor Bindu Bhatt for a very special evening Meditation class to help you in your path toward increased awareness and mindfulness. No registration required.

Mobile Aging Kiosk

Tuesday, July 30,

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., MN

Union County's mobile Aging Service Kiosk (ASK) is 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.

Gentle Chair Exercise for Adults

Wednesday, July 31, 10:15-11:15 a.m., MN

Gentle and relaxing exercise with Soumya Pandey. No experience necessary,

UNION MUNICIPAL BAND SUMMER CONCERTS

The Union Municipal Band, under the direction of Howard Toplansky, will present an outdoor Summer Concert on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at Putnam Manor, Plymouth Road and Bennington Drive, Union. The concert will feature music from the Broadway stage, marches and overtures. Please bring a chair and enjoy music under the stars!

An additional Summer Concert will be presented at Ehrhart Gardens on Monday, July 15, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. This concert will also feature music from the Broadway stage, marches and overtures.

Admission to these concerts is free and the public is cordially invited to attend. For information please call the Recreation

Department at 908-686-4200.

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(above) The Union Municipal Band will be performing summer concerts for the public on July 8 and July 15, 2019.

UNION CENTER THROUGH THE CENTURIES

"Union Center through the Centuries," a presentation by Tom Beisler and Tom Haggerty, will be hosted by the Union Township Historical Society at the main branch of the Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Avenue, at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2019.

Beisler and Haggerty, trustees of the UTHS, will take the audience on a virtual tour of Union Center's evolution as a business district, using photographs and

articles from the Caldwell Parsonage Museum archives and the Township of Union's Department of Economic Development, program attendees will learn about Union Center's earliest beginnings; its growth in the 1920's, 30's, and 40's; its decline; and its revitalization presently underway.

Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call 908-591-4377.

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Union Center, Union, N.J.



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SENIOR PICNIC HONORS OLDER AMERICANS ACT

On Friday, May 31, 2019, the Union Senior Center hosted their Annual Senior Picnic in honor of Older Americans Act Month. Seniors were treated to lunch, ice cream, music and giveaways. The center would like to thank United Healthcare for their contributions to the event, and Bradley Haerberle & Barth Funeral Home for their generous donations.



Photos from this and other events can be found online at rennamedia.com and on Spirit of Union page on facebook.com. Feel free to "Like," "Tag," and "Share."

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK RETURNS TO RABKIN PARK, AUGUST 1ST

The Township of Union Recreation Department is proud to present the 3rd Annual Shakespeare in the Park on August 1, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at Rabkin Park, located behind Union High School at 1 Swanstrom Pl E, Union, NJ.

Shakespeare in the Park will feature production by The Shrewd Mechanicals titled, "Verily, Madly, Thine," an hour-long play that will focus on the special brand of temporary madness that overtakes people when they fall madly in love. Verily, Madly Thine will also feature a wonderful array of moments from Shakespeare's plays as well as a few selections from more contemporary authors who have been inspired by one of Shakespeare's originals. Verily, Madly Thine also features a delightful sprinkling of music, and in total, these 60 minutes about falling in love will make you fall in love with this delightful and entertaining collection of

scenes inhabited by the victims of Cupid's arrows.

The Shrewd Mechanicals is a tight-knit ensemble of five young professionals, four actors, and a tour manager, who launched a summer touring company last year by The Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey.

"I believe it's important to incorporate the arts into our recreation schedule," stated Suzette Cavadas, Recreation Commissioner. "This show will be a great opportunity for our residents to see something unique, entertaining, and family-friendly!"

Guest are encouraged to pack a picnic and bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy the special performance.

For more information on Shakespeare in the Park, visit uniontownship.com/recreation or call 908.686.4200.

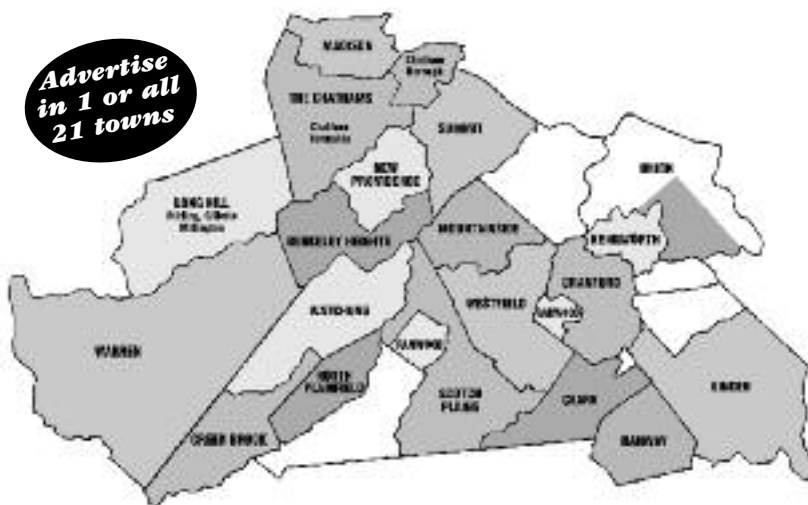
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UHS MATHEMATICS TEACHERS ENGAGE IN A JAPANESE LESSON STUDY

Submitted by Akua Boakye

Andrew Paulson, doctoral student in the math department at Vanderbilt University, recently conducted a lesson study with several Algebra II and Geometry teachers at Union High School.

Lesson studies, which are commonplace in Japanese schools, require teachers to collaboratively plan, observe, and debrief a single class lesson. In a lesson study, teachers carefully explore how student learning, thinking, and

behavior change as a result of the lesson.

Cheryl Fiske and Ana Lytle, Union High School Algebra II and Geometry teachers, respectively, hosted the lesson study in their classrooms. During the planning phase, teachers unpacked the lesson's standards and decided upon the lesson's target, researched various pedagogical methods, like using literacy strategies in mathematics class, and discussed Smith and Stein's (2018) "5 Practices for

Orchestrating Productive Mathematics Discussion." They further anticipated student responses, both correct and incorrect, and brainstormed how they might respond to each of the answer paths.

While observing Ms. Fiske and Mr. Paulson during their lesson, the observing teachers took detailed notes on student responses, looking for evidence of understanding or confusion within the lesson. They continued with follow-up discussions that were grounded in student work, research, and focused on student learning.

"I am proud of Mr. Daly, Mr. Brezanskis, Ms. Fiske, Ms. Lytle, Ms. White, Mr. Sukovich, Mr. Munoz, and Mr. Kreder (participating teachers). I appreciate their openness to learning and the honest effort with which they engaged in the work. The lesson study process is a wonderful professional development model to introduce teachers to the power of collaborative inquiry. Further, it demonstrates that deliberate planning and reflection helps teachers develop increasingly nuanced understandings of their daily choices and, most importantly, how these choices inhibit or enhance student learning," said Math Supervisor Dr. Jeremy Cohen.



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