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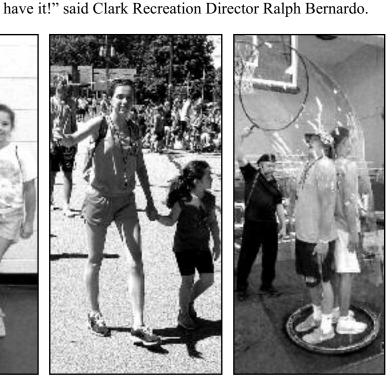




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# L'OREAL VOLUNTEER DAY AT CLARK RECREATION

invited Clark seniors for a morning of beauty, in celebration of the company's annual Volunteer Day.

On June 20, 2019, a group of 20 volunteers

For several years now, L'Oreal USA has offered make-up application including nails to 50 seniors at the Clark Township building. Each senior received a goodie bag full of products. The event concluded with a Zumba class offered by a Zumba-certified L'Oréal employee.





(above) L'Oreal USA volunteers



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## **GREATER WESTFIELD CHAPTER OF UNICO**

Submitted by Vince Tomasso

The Greater Westfield Chapter of UNICO National invited Cranford resident Will DeGregorio and his mother Kara Shields to their June meeting. In April, Westfield UNICO hosted a flapjack breakfast fundraiser at Clark Applebee's to help cover some of the medical expenses associated with Will's cancer diagnosis. In 2012, a 3 year old Will was diagnosed with Adrenal Cancer and survived, only to learn in 2018 of a new tumor on his pelvis called Osteosarcoma. He recently endured intensive chemotherapy before and after his major surgery, where the team resected a large portion of his hip bone.

After testing it was discovered that Will has Li-Fraumeni Syndrome. This syndrome is a rare hereditary disorder that predisposes carriers to cancer development. This means Will is susceptible to tumor growth, which is why every year for the rest of his life he will endure a full body scan.

Happily Will returned into his 4th grade classroom and is an avid sports enthusiast. He likes to play basketball and baseball and his favorite teams are the New York Yankees, Giants and Rangers.

UNICO National is the largest Italian American service organization in the United States.If you would like more information about UNICO contact Richard Esposito at 908-578-0746, email respos6979@verizon.net or Sandra Giordano at 908-403-8639, email sgiordano22@comcast.net. You can also acess our National website at www.unico.org.



(above) Westfield Chapter of UNICO President, Richard Esposito; Kara Shields; Will DeGregorio; and Robert Tarte



## **CLARK UNICO INSTALLS OFFICERS**

dinner - swearing in all officers for the 2019-2020 year. In addition, all of the senior recipients of the UNICO scholarships and Brian Piccolo recipients were invited to the dinner along with their parents. Shown here are Matthew Alongi,

Clark UNICO recently held their installation Nikki DiCosmo, Frederico Veltre, Alyssa Colicchio, Anthony Bogash, Julianne Conforti, President Joe Arancio and Scholarship Chair Valerie Trani. New members are always welcome. For more information about Clark Unico visit clarkunico.com.

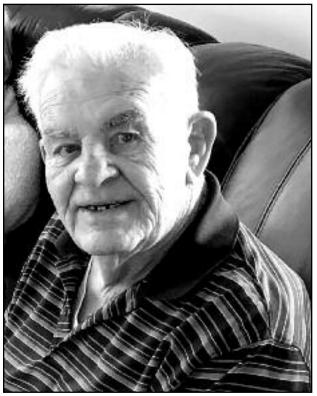






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# FORMER CLARK COUNCILMAN, JOHN BODNAR, JR PASSES AWAY



John Bodnar Jr., 87, husband, father, engineer, and proud patriot, died peacefully on July 24, 2019 at Princeton Medical Center. His outgoing personality earned him many nicknames, but his favorite was "Grandpa."

John was born on Aug. 31, 1931 in Rahway, NJ, the oldest of 3 children. He graduated from Rahway High in 1949 with several academic and athletic honors for football, basketball, and baseball.

His biggest honor was marrying his Rahway High School sweetheart Barbara Joan Bogus on Jan. 28, 1955, at St. Mary's Church in Rahway, NJ. They raised three sons, John, Glenn, and Jay on Madison Hill Road in Clark, NJ.

John took an active role in the world around him early. He participated in Rahway High student government and Jersey Boy's State. He attended Rutgers University and won an appointment to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, where he graduated in 1955 with a

degree in Marine Engineering.

While at King's Point, John was sub-company commander of the regimental honor company and competed in football, wrestling, track, and baseball, receiving an All-America mention in football. When his grandchildren later competed in sports, John rarely missed a game and was quick to give "helpful hints." It was hard to argue with him – he played almost everything.

After graduation, John served in the U.S. Navy as an engineering officer aboard an ocean-going minesweeper during the Suez crisis.

John built a career in chemical and refinery maintenance and engineering, and a lifetime in service to his community. He was a Little League coach, Boy Scout troop leader, PTA member, and town councilman in Clark's first ward.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, sons John and Glenn, daughters-in-law Karen and Suzanne, 5 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandsons.

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# **MAYOR BONNACORSO DISCUSSES CITIZENSHIP WITH TROOP 145**

#### Submitted by John Cistaro

Mayor Sal Bonnacorso recently talked to the Scouts of Troop 145 about citizenship so that the Scouts could fulfill a requirement for rank advancement. Mayor Sal spent nearly 90 minutes with the Troop discussing a wide range of topics including our rights and responsibilities as citizens of the United States and our Clark community, as well as environmental issues like storm water management and the cleanliness and wellbeing of our reservoir.

Mayor Sal began with a discussion about the Bill of Rights in the constitution and then described how our local Clark government works versus other surrounding towns such as Scotch Plains and Cranford. He even spent some time explaining partisan politics to the boys. The Scouts were particularly fascinated with Mayor Bonnacorso's stories about our town's past and the times he got to attend events with former Presidents of the United States. The Mayor ended his discussion with information about storm water protection as well as plans for dredging the Clark reservoir.

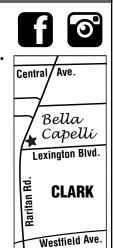
Some of the older Scouts found the discussion intriguing enough to ask about ways youths can



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young men who dedicate themselves to the or to sign your son up, please contact Nate Clee values of Scouting while learning and having fun at bsatroop145clarknj@gmail.com.

get more involved in local politics in Clark. in a safe environment. Scouting teaches Mayor Sal offered to help anyone who wants to leadership, citizenship and volunteerism, as well as appreciation for the outdoors. Most of the Scouts in Troop 145 achieve the prestigious rank Boy Scout Troop 145 is an active Troop of of Eagle Scout. To learn more about Troop 145





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## **MICHAEL SOT HONORED AT SOMERSET PATRIOTS BALLPARK**

On Friday, June 28, 2019, the Township of Clark gathered at the Somerset Patriots ballpark to honor one of their own, Michael Sot, a 20year-old Clark resident who was killed in December.

Michael was the designated driver for his fraternity at the College of NJ when a drunk driver hit his car head on. Clark Police Det. Brian Soos and Recreation Director Ralph Bernardo came up with a fundraising event held at the stadium, to raise money in Michael's name in order to purchase a "HERO" billboard to be displayed on a local highway in NJ. The Hero Program promotes the importance of designated drivers, encouraging drivers to be a 'Hero'. The event sold 780 tickets and was well attended by many Clarkeites.



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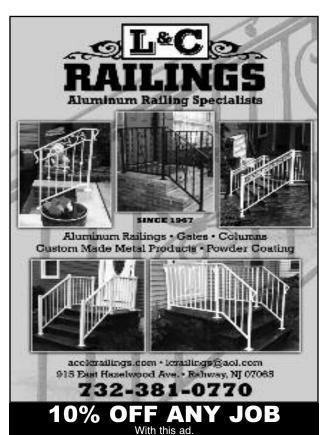
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# **MAYORS GOLF OUTING**

the Echo Lake Country Club on Monday, July 8, 2019. One hundred golfers took to the green to try their luck with the great sport of Golf. A BBQ

The Mayors Annual Golf Outing was held at dinner, prizes, raffles and 50/50 were held after the day of golf. The money raised is used for town events such as the fireworks, Memorial Day parade, senior picnic, and much more.





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## **CLARK AMERICAN LEGION POST 328 SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION (SAL)**

The SAL has expanded their community involvement this year by sponsoring their first Clark Girls Softball Instructional team.

This team teaches pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade girls batting, base running and fielding techniques. The girls learn to hit off a tee for 2 innings and hit pitched balls from their coach, Karen Planas, for 2 innings. The SAL girls have nicknamed themselves the SAL Unicorns. They "played" 10 games against other instruction teams. All ten girls were very excited to play and look forward to playing next year. They all showed tremendous improvement.

Any interested girls wishing to participate next year can contact the league at clarkgirlssoftball.com.

If any individuals would like to support our veterans, and have a relative who has served in the service, please contact SAL Commander Mike Foreman at mikey0009@verizon.net for information on becoming a member.



(above) SAL Commander Mike Foreman surprises Coach Karen Planas with a unicorn cake for the team at their end of season pizza party.





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## **VOLUNTEER TUTORS RECOGNIZED FOR "SOWING THE SEEDS OF LITERACY"**

Submitted by Nancy Lama

In July, a night of celebration and recognition was held for Literacy New Jersey's volunteer tutors at the Westfield Presbyterian Church. Over sixty tutors were recognized for years of service working with adults in Union County who struggle with reading, writing, and speaking English.

Literacy", reflected how tutors cultivate a positive learning environment in which students grow their skills and achieve important personal and professional goals. Literacy NJ tutors help adults improve their language skills, enabling them to find better jobs, advocate for their children at school, earn a high school diploma, and/or prepare for college.

ESL students Ioannis Petrou and Flor Barrera spoke about their increased confidence communicating with customers, teachers, doctors, and friends. Charles Baldwin thanked his tutors for giving him his life back by teaching him to read, and HSE student Shawn Boatswain described his journey from a small Caribbean island to earning a Master's Degree from Kean University.

Literacy New Jersey offers tutoring to adult The theme of the event, "Sowing the Seeds of residents of Union County in three areas: basic reading and writing, English as a Second Language, and preparation for the High School Equivalency exam. Tutors choose an area of interest and then typically volunteer two hours a week, working with a small group of students.

> For more information about becoming a volunteer tutor, or the program in general, please call 908-486-1777 or email bhathaway@literacynj.org.



(above, l-r) Barbara Hathaway, Jerry Green, Sydell Kessler-Levy, Liela Bernstein, and Mike Krasner were among 60 volunteers celebrated for their years of volunteer service with Literacy New Jersey.



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## ED DUBROSKI, U.S. ARMY VETERAN, TWO TIME CLARI JEFFERSON AWARD RECIPIENT

#### Submitted by Jennifer Passuth

In May of 2019, the State of New Jersey held the Jefferson Awards Ceremony for Public Service at the Trenton War Memorial. Clark resident, Ed Dubroski, was the proud recipient of New Jersey State Governor's Jefferson Award for Leadership and Innovation. He received this award for creating and implementing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Safety Task Force, which worked alongside the National Transportation Safety Board, to investigate and determine the cause of train accidents throughout the United States.

As International President Emeritus of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (BLE), an international railroad union representing approximately 70,000 train engineers in the United States and Canada, Dubroski created this agency to study the causes of train accidents and to recommend safety measures to ensure they didn't occur again.

Dubroski was also the recipient of the 2018 NJ State Governor's Jefferson Award for Public Service for his Environmental Stewardship. He received the award for his efforts to eliminate Polychlorinated Biphenyl, also known as PCB, which is a cancer causing chemical from locomotive engines and roundhouses.

The Jefferson Awards is the nation's oldest and most prestigious recognition program for volunteer public service of the United States Senate. Mr. Dubroski's award for Leadership and Innovative Stewardship specifically recognizes volunteers who pioneered and promoted leadership and innovative ways.



2019 New Jersey State Governor's Jefferson Award Recipient for Leadership and Innovation. Dubroski, who is also a United States Army Veteran, is a two time Jefferson Award recipient.

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## **NEIL ALEXANDER & NAIL - FUNKY WORLD JAZZ/FUSION PROJECT TO PERFORM AT NORTHERN NEW JERSEY'S MOST INTIMATE COFFEEHOUSE**

The Salem Roadhouse Café proudly presents **COMMUNITY ORIENTATION** Nail, performing on Saturday, August 10, 2019.

2019 Marks the 20th anniversary of "Neil Alexander & NAIL", the Funky World Jazz/Fusion project of keyboardist and composer Neil Alexander.

Originally imagined as a punk/prog-rock outfit in 1999, NAIL has continued to grow and evolve, exploring and incorporating new elements thru many iterations and personnel changes. For the Salem Roadhouse performance, NAIL will once again feature Brian Mooney on bass and Steven Frieder on saxophone, with Danny Pagan manning the drum chair and special guest Monroe Quinn on guitar.

Focusing on original music, Neil remains the primary composer for the group with tunes like "Everyman", "The Stream" and "Earlier Still". There is also a smattering of funk arrangements of jazz standards, songs from the classic fusion catalog, and a choice rock and roll tune (or 2) rendered in classic jazz tradition.

This show will feature original artwork by The Roadhouse' summer resident artist Andrew Washington, with his works on display for all to enjoy and experience at the Roadhouse Gallery of Fine Art.

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

Doors open 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$20. Proceeds help local charity Family Promise - Building Communities, Strengthening Lives.

#### **ABOUT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ**

Dedication best defines the Salem Roadhouse Café: dedication to excellent music and dedication to the community. Well into its eleventh year, The Salem Roadhouse Café reaffirms its commitment to both.

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. That may be its social mission... but the Roadhouse Café is and has been a solid performance venue beloved by the musicians who play there because of its special intimacy with the audience.

#### **CHURCH MUSIC, IT'S NOT**

The Roadhouse Café has always offered its stage to local and independent main stream 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 eleven years well over 100 different entertainers have appeared. Local fine artists also display their works. The musicians who play the Roadhouse often ask to return as soon as possible. The Roadhouse has given them a place with a beautiful stage, good acoustics, a live, attentive audience, and a sound system that is first class.

The Salem Roadhouse Café has raised funds for many carefully chosen charities. They include: The Presbytery of Elizabeth E-port Center, Center For Hope Hospice, Community Food Bank, Monarch Housing, Angel Paws Animal Rescue, National MS Society, Haiti Disaster Relief, Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief, The Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program, Making It Possible To End Homelessness, Camp Johnsonburg, The Music Institute, Groundwork Elizabeth, Union Twp. snacks, beverages and desserts.

Police "Santa In Blue" toy campaign and others. Thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.

Now nearly into its twelfth year of operation, the Salem Roadhouse Café features many of the performers who have graced the stage in the past, as well as talent that is new to the Café stage. The current season benefits Family Promise Union County.

Admission includes the show, art displays,



# **QUILT PROJECT RAISED \$745 FOR SICKLE CELL**

The Cultured Expressions "Sew It, Sign It" community signature quilt project raised \$745 for the Sickle Cell Association of NJ (SCANJ). The quilt is on view at the Rahway Public Library through the summer.



(above, l-r) Lisa Shepard and Edith Browne, Cultured Expressions; Gail Miller, director, Rahway Public Library; Mary Benley LaMar, executive director, SCANJ.

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#### **Friday Family Flick**

Fridays, August 2 & 9 at 2:00 pm Every week during the summer reading program we will have a family movie and popcorn! Most are rated PG.

#### **STEM You Can! Summer Camp**

August 5 - 16 at 10:00 am This is a free summer camp for girls in Grades 4-6 meeting Monday-Friday for 2 weeks. Students will be taught a specific topic each day, and then apply their knowledge by conducting hands on experiments. Registration is required. For more information or to register, please visit: http://www.science-

> interactive.org/nj-clark Adult Book Club

Monday, August 5 at 7:00 pm We will be discussing "Less" by Andrew Sean Greer. Receiving an invitation to his exboyfriend's wedding, Arthur, a failed novelist on the eve of his fiftieth birthday, embarks on an international journey that finds him falling in love, risking his life, reinventing himself, and making connections with the past. Copies of the book are available at the circulation

desk.

Adult Craft Galaxy Painting

Tuesday, August 6 at 2:00 pm Create a galaxy themed painting. Kid's Intro to 3D Printing-Jewelry

Tuesday, August 6 at 3:00 pm Learn about our 3D printer and make your own 3D printed jewelry! For children entering grades 3-6. Please register.

**Teen Summer Reading Pizza Party and Movie** Wednesday, August 7 at 1:00 pm Enjoy pizza & a movie as we wrap up our teen summer reading program. We will be screening Captain Marvel (Rated PG-13) on our big screen. Door prizes will also be raffled off. Keep reading and submitting tickets through Beanstack until August 30 for our teen grand prize drawings.

## Cook with a Book for Kids

Wednesday, August 7 at 2:00 pm The last session of our bi-weekly series in which we advance literacy though cooking and guide learning around food and nutrition. The food used is nut free, but please be aware of other food allergens that may be present. This program is intended for children 5 and up. Please register.

We will be reading 1 Big Salad: A Delicious Counting Book by Juana Medina and making a salad. **Kid's Conservation Club** 

Thursdays, August 1 - 15 at 2:30 pm A series where kids will listen to a book and participate in an activity or craft that focuses on conservation and protecting our environment.

For ages 5 and up. Please register. **Pizza Planet and Retro Gaming Thursday, August 9 from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm** A special, invitation only party for children in our summer reading program who complete ten hours of summer reading!

#### **Community Helpers Story Time**

Friday, August 9 and Friday, August 16 at 10:00 am Community Helper come in to read a story and talk about their job! Kids will have the opportunity to ask questions about our helpers and their jobs. On August 9 we will meet musicians from the School of Rock and on August 16 we will meet a nurse.

#### CoderDojo

Saturday, August 10 at 2:00 pm CoderDojo is a free programming workshop. Our goal is to help kids understand how to code and teach them to love coding. This event is for children ages 9 - 14 years old. For more information about CoderDojo, please visit

> https://coderdojo.com/about/. Pajama Time Story Time

Thursday, August 15 at 7:00 pm Come in your PJs for our evening family story time! Stories, songs, and fingerplays for children ages 2 - 5 years old. Great for working

parents and busy families. Union County Division on Aging Services

### Monday, August 19 from 10-Noon

Do you have a questions about services for seniors or their caregivers? The Union County Division on Aging will be at the Clark Public

Library to answer them. Drop by anytime between 10am-12pm and get answers to your questions about: pharmaceutical assistance, home energy assistance, home care, home delivered or congregate meals, caregiver relief, medicaid, transportation, and other questions you may

have.

#### Afternoon Book Club for Adults Tuesday, August 20 at 1:00 pm Finger Painting Friday

Friday, August 23 at 10:00 am No childhood is complete without some good, old-fashioned, messy finger painting. We will read a story and then make some squishy, colorful creations. Wear some old clothes!

#### **LEGO®** Club

Thursday, August 29 at 7:00 pm Join us for the LEGO® Club at the Clark Public Library! Create your own lego structures. Legos are provided by the library. Creations are displayed in the Children's Area. For children in grades K - 5. No registration

required. Storytimes through August 8 **Tales for Tots** 

#### Mondays at 10 am

Stories, finger plays, and songs for active listeners. Geared toward ages 2-3 with a caregiver. Older children are welcome! 30 minutes of open play follows.

#### Baby Bookworms

Tuesdays at 10 am Stories, songs, nursery rhymes, and movement. Geared toward babies and toddlers under 2 years old with caregiver.

30 minutes of open play follows. **Stories & More** 

#### Thursdays at 1:30 pm

Stories, movement, songs and a craft for active listeners ages 3 -5 years old. Registration is requested.

#### Moms Meet-Up Play Group

Wednesdays from 10:30- Noon An informal session where moms, toddlers and babies can meet

for playtime in a relaxed environment. Grown-Up Coloring Club meets

most Fridays 1:00 p.m.

Coloring isn't just for kids anymore! Join us for a relaxing afternoon of coloring for grown ups. Relieve some stress while stimulating your

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## **VERY SPECIAL "HAIRSPRAY, JR." THRILLS HUNDREDS**

#### Submitted by Christopher Reardon

Hundreds of theatergoers were moved by a very special production of "Hairspray, Jr." performed by the CAU Community Players, a troupe of actors both with and without developmental disabilities. The troupe recently staged three productions of the popular musical at the Rahway High School Center for Performing Arts.

Formed in 2012, the CAU Community Players empowers people with disabilities to engage in the pleasures of acting, singing and dancing sideby-side with people from the wider community and to be judged for their talents rather than disabilities. The productions also allow individuals without disabilities to interact with those with disabilities and build bonds.

Based on the audience's rapt attention during the three performances and their standing ovations at the end of each, the troupe achieved their goal of staging a quality production that brought joy to both performers and attendees.

The CAU Community Players is sponsored by Community Access Unlimited (CAU), a Union

County-based, statewide nonprofit that strives to integrate people with disabilities and at-risk youth into the general community through comprehensive supports.

Each year the troupe selects a play that is representative of CAU's advocacy message of inclusion, acceptance and believing in oneself, as well as everyone's worth regardless of ability, according to Marguerite Modero, the group's director. They also select a play that allows for a large cast, as no one is turned away from performing.

Kim Barry, 32, has been a member of CAU for five years and has performed in the annual production each year, playing the lead in "Seussical, Jr." in her first.

"I really love it," she said of performing. "I like every aspect of it. I was nervous the very first time I was on stage but now I'm really just excited."

Barry said performing in the musicals has given her more confidence.

"Now I like to meet new and interesting people," she said.

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(above, l-r) "Hairspray, Jr." performers Taylor LaFalce, Kim Barry and Faith Greene pose with their director, Marguerite Modero, before the opening performance.

One of the new people Barry met was Taylor LaFalce, 20, a senior at Rahway high who is deaf. LaFalce performed in her high school play this year and decided to join the CAU Community Players and perform with them, as well.

"I like meeting new people," she said. "And this is better than being in my high school play. When I was a freshman they told me I could be in the play because I was deaf."

LaFalce said she really enjoyed meeting the CAU members with disabilities.

"They're friendly, nice and kind," she said.

Faith Greene, 18, is a member of CAU's Transitional opportunities Program for at-risk youth who decided she wanted to try acting and joined the CAU Community Players for the first time this year.

"I wanted to meet new people, try something new and broaden my horizon," she said. "I want to see what I'm good at."

Greene is entering Union County College this fall and planned to study biology but after her experience on stage she may change her focus to performing arts. Like LaFalce, Greene also enjoyed working with the CAU members with disabilities.

"It was good," she said. "I didn't have any expectations because I don't judge people."

Modero said the annual production is an emotional and unifying journey for the entire cast.

"We shared lots of experiences together," she said. "We laughed together, we cried together and we worked together. This weekend we celebrated together."

To learn more about CAU, visit caunj.org or follow CAU on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



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