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ALEXIS CARTER AWARDED NEWLY CREATED SCHOLARSHIP

Submitted by Rob Kinc

Lovingly characterized by her mom, Ms. Anabel Carter, as “the quiet kid always remaining in the back” who “prefers to be out of the spotlight,” Rahway High School senior Alexis Carter must now come front and center to be recognized for her diligence, dedication, and impressive scholastic achievement. Ms. Carter was duly honored at this year’s RHS graduation ceremonies as the first recipient of the newly established William Gawor Perpetual Scholarship, created in memory of William “Citizen Bill” Gawor whose sincere wish was to assist in defraying the college tuition expenses of students pursuing a career in one of the four STEM fields of academic study. The scholarship provides for an initial \$5,000 grant, renewable for 3 years providing the student maintains a 3.0 grade point average and remains in a STEM field. A lifelong career as a technician in electrical systems, combined with his true love and respect for education, had guided “Citizen Bill” in his wish to make this remarkable \$20,000 gift to a deserving RHS senior student.

Credited with ensuring that his uncle’s vision become an actuality, Mr. Gawor’s nephew Major

General Stanley Genega, ret. celebrated the formal dedication of the scholarship to the high school in June of this year. Mr. Genega offered, “I am very pleased that we could make Uncle Willy’s wishes a reality; I know he would be very pleased.” He is also earnest in expressing his hopes for the very first recipient of the Perpetual Scholarship. “To Miss Carter, I would offer a hearty Congratulations and my very best wishes for continued success and every happiness as she begins a new chapter in her life.”

Surprised and deeply touched on learning that she had been selected as recipient of this honor, Ms. Carter, who will be continuing her studies at Rutgers University in the fall, expressed her feelings openly. “I am in awe how an individual could dedicate his estate to a stranger only to support them!” She continued, “I hope one day I can do the same to reciprocate the kindness and generosity that has been bestowed upon me. I am honored that someone has recognized my dedication and commitment to education; one day in the future I wish to do the same.”

Champion of ensuring the academic and future lifelong success of each and every student within her district, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Camp is pleased to offer her praise that “Alexis Carter is an excellent choice to be our very first William Gawor Perpetual Scholarship recipient as she exemplifies the values of hard work and of community service; she will represent the ideals of the scholarship and of our community well.” She adds, “Through the dream of ‘Uncle Willy’ and its pursuit and realization by his nephew, to the benefit of the students of the Rahway community, it may be truly stated that the William Gawor Perpetual Scholarship is, indeed, a family affair.”

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(above) Alexis Carter was awarded the first William Gawor Perpetual Scholarship at Rahway’s Graduation Ceremony.

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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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Submitted by Detective William Eicholz

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(above, l-r) Auxiliary Officer Ubaldo Martinez, Auxiliary Officer Ligia Rosa, Auxiliary Officer Luz Hojas, and Auxiliary Officer Eddy Otano.



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RAHWAY HIGH SCHOOL MAKES \$1,700 DONATION IN NAME OF STUDENT

Submitted by Rob Kinch

The right sneakers, the latest electronic devices, the ‘cool’ friends, good hair. Acceptance and fitting in, that’s what it’s all about. Being different? Not always a welcomed option. Middle school, high school...not easy terrain to navigate, especially when one’s path is hindered by an unforeseen roadblock. Self-acceptance, a strong self-concept, and emotional strength are fragile values to master at any age. For a teenager, it’s a Herculean task. Rahway High School sophomore Andrew DiGiovanni has confronted his obstacle head on, has risen above it, and has worked feverishly to push it out of the way for others.

Diagnosed with hemophilia at the age of 9 months, Andrew has fought valiantly to maintain a ‘normal’ life despite the frequent setbacks caused by this life-altering disease. Now a spokesperson for the medication Idelvion by CSL Behring, an FDA approved drug infused intravenously, Andrew dedicates much of his time and efforts in hopes of making a positive impact on the lives of others who face a similar compromise to their health. Idelvion provides factor IX, the missing factor that Andrew’s blood needs to clot, so he is protected from bleeding if he is injured, needs surgery, or is placed in life-threatening events.

To support Andrew’s mission, amid winter’s ice, the fire of a community united burned brightly in the name of one of her children on March 8 with the debut of Rahway High School’s premiere Fire and Ice Ball. Organized and hosted by the RHS French Club, this unique event was created to raise funds to donate to the Hemophilia Association of NJ in Andrew’s name. Thanks to the gourmet cuisine of Chef Joseph at Rahway’s Luciano’s Restaurant, which was enjoyed with music provided by the RHS orchestra students of Band Director Miguel Bolivar and the Strings musicians of teacher Sergei Panov, and graced with the luxe decorations provided by Art Teacher Katherine Turon, the elegant evening of dining and dancing succeeded in raising \$1,700 for donation to the Association.

Reflecting on the significance of this unique event, Rahway School Superintendent Dr. Patricia Camp offered, “The donation to the Hemophilia Association is yet another example of how the Rahway community, in the schools and in the community at large, pulls together to honor a student and to help others. The Fire and Ice Ball took enormous effort and was a huge success as both a fun social event and a fundraiser.”

“Hemophilia impacts every aspect of our lives,” admits Andrew’s mom Milinda Gonzalez, “physically, emotionally, financially, and spiritually.” She adds, “This donation will help other families who struggle with this condition and better their quality of life; I am truly appreciative to Rahway High School, Vice Principal Chey Rivera, and to all their hard work to give back to the Hemophilia Community.”

At a very poignant moment during the formal presentation of the donation in his name, recognizing that his mission had now been supported by his community, Andrew shared, “I

know having this condition has a great impact towards my life and, because of Rahway High School, this check will have an impact on other families who are associated with the Hemophilia

Association of NJ as well.” He sends, “Big Thanks to RHS and to EVERYONE in the community who donated!”

Photo by Katherine Turon-Debicki, Rahway Public Schools



(above) School Superintendent Dr. Patricia Camp congratulates Sophomore Andrew DiGiovanni on his inspirational journey along with RHS Principal John Farinella, Band Director Miguel Bolivar, Strings Director Sergei Panov, and his family members.

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SHERRY LYNN LERANT (BIANCO)



On Friday, June 7, 2019, Sherry Lynn Lerant (Bianco) wife, mother, daughter, granddaughter, and sister, passed away suddenly in St. Charles, Missouri at the age of 44 years. Sherry will be forever remembered by her husband Lazlo and their precious daughter Josephine, by her parents Joseph Bianco and Susan Olender, and by her sisters Dawn McFeeley, Kimberly Komoroski and Joann Bianco. Sherry will also be forever remembered by her step father James Olender her nephews Gregory Bianco, Vincent Beatrice, Johnathan Meskowsky, Jeremy Meskowsky, nieces Kayla Komoroski, Amanda Komoroski and Jennifer Meskowsky, a step brother, a step sister, grandparents, uncle's, aunt's, cousins, brother and sister in laws, extended family and dear friends.

Sherry was born on January 28, 1975 in Rahway, New Jersey to Joseph and Susan Bianco. She graduated from Rahway High School class of 1993. As a child she played softball and twirled for Rahway Recreation. She also enjoyed playing the flute and was in the Rahway High School Marching Band.

Sherry worked as a paralegal for Express Scripts. She and her husband relocated to St. Charles, Missouri where they settled down and started their family over a decade ago.

A memorial service was held at Zion Lutheran Church in Rahway, NJ on July 19, 2019, the church Sherry loved dearly. A reception followed at Sherry's favorite restaurant, The Firehouse Eatery and Pub, a local hang out for Sherry and her dear friends.

As a tissue and organ donor, the Lerant and Bianco Family would like to acknowledge that Sherry gave the most precious gift anyone could give; the gift to save the lives of her fellow man.

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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(above) Carl Sandburg,
American poet and historian.

THE NIGHT CARL SANDBURG CAME TO RAHWAY TO ENTERTAIN QUINN AND BODEN EMPLOYEES

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



(above) Located across the street from the factory on the corner of Elizabeth & Jackson Avenues, the Cue-Been Club was built by the company for the use of its employees. The three-story north portion (built in 1933) had separate lounges for both men and women and space for chaperoned dances. Third floor rooms served as card rooms for men. The south side addition (1936) had a gym that could also be used for dances and assemblies. Bowling alleys were in the basement. The building still stands and has been converted into a multiple family dwelling.

Perhaps the most important evening in the history of the Quinn and Boden Book Manufacturing Company was the evening of Tuesday, January 21, 1941 when Carl Sandburg, noted poet, historian, and lecturer, came to Rahway to entertain the plant personnel at their Que-Bee Clubhouse. The visit was arranged by Sandburg who wanted to express his appreciation for all the work the company had put into the production and printing of his Pulitzer Prize winning tome, Abraham Lincoln – The War Years. The informal evening, called “Carl Sandburg Night,” included readings, songs, and a discussion of the creative process.

Carl Sandburg (1878-1967) was a major figure in 20th century American Literature who ranks in the same class as Robert Frost, T. S. Eliot, Langston Hughes, Edna St. Vincent Millay, and E. E. Cummings. In his lifetime, he was awarded three Pulitzer Prizes, two for his volumes of poetry (awarded in 1919 and 1967) and one for his biography of Lincoln (1940). His works of poetry included The People, Yes, Chicago Poems, and Rutabaga Stories to name a few. Sandburg was also perhaps the first urban folk singer who often accompanied himself on guitar at his lectures and poetry recitals. Besides his contributions in the field of literature, he was also a dedicated and active supporter of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s and

was the first white man to be honored by the NAACP with the Silver Plaque Award as a “major prophet of civil rights in our time.”

Sandburg had visited Quinn and Boden many times during the production process of his award winning history, but said this visit was made, “in token and appreciation of the fellowship, craftsmanship, anxiety, and zeal in connection with the making of The War Years from a manuscript of 3,400 typewritten pages into a finished book of four boxed volumes that has had from everywhere high praise as to typography, presswork, illustrations, binding.”

The special night began at 8:00. The assembly room was filled with close to 400 guests, all eager to hear and meet the noted writer. After welcoming remarks by Ralph Kocher, principal of Rahway High School, Arthur Perry, superintendent of Rahway Schools, and Mayor John Barger, the guest of honor was introduced by William Harding, president of the Employees’ Club. With his characteristic simplicity of speech, Sandburg began his presentation with a short talk entitled, the “Status quo with relation to creative literature and human freedom.” Next, he outlined his research process as he compiled the data on President Lincoln and related the conditions which led to Lincoln’s writing and delivering the Gettysburg Address. The author followed with a reading and interpretation of

several of his poems and read excerpts from The War Years. He continued to entertain the audience by singing a selection of songs from his American Song Bag, his own compilation of African-American spirituals, southern and western tunes. At the conclusion of the program, Sandburg, in his easy manner, walked through the crowd shaking hands with everyone as he autographed books and papers.

Quinn and Boden Book Manufacturers was established in 1906 and became one of the largest book manufacturing houses in the United States producing both text books and trade books. Over the years, the company had printed many of Sandburg’s works, and was especially proud to have played a part in the production of his Pulitzer Prize winner. Located on Elizabeth Avenue, the complex would grow and eventually cover a frontage equivalent to three city blocks and occupy 248,000 square feet with sixteen buildings. At times in its seventy-two-year history Quinn and Boden employed over 600 workers. The company closed in the fall of 1978. An apartment complex is currently being erected on the site.

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Emerald ash borer (EAB) is a non-native insect pest from Asia that infests and kills all species of ash trees in North America. It was first discovered in southeastern Michigan in 2002 and EAB has since been found in 27 additional states and 2 Canadian providences. The EAB has killed tens of millions of ash trees in Michigan alone, as well as hundreds of millions of additional trees in the other infested states and providences.

The adult EAB is approximately 1/2" long and 1/8" wide, metallic green in color, with a metallic copper red abdomen. The larvae are white or cream colored, measure approximately 1 to 1 1/4" long and have 10 abdominal segments that are bell shaped. The EAB has a 1-year lifecycle.

EAB adults emerge in May or early June creating D-shaped exit holes, undetectable to most people, on the branches and trunks of infested trees. The female adult EAB feeds on the margins of the ash leaf. After feeding, the female EAB deposits eggs in bark crevices or under bark flaps on the trunk or bark. The adult beetle stays active until August. After the egg matures, larvae burrow under the bark and feed on the cambium - the water and nutrient transporting layer of the tree. The larvae become adult beetles in April or May. Then the cycle begins again.

EAB first infest the top of the tree's crown, which makes spotting adult beetles or exit holes nearly impossible from the ground. Woodpecker activity and damage on live trees is often an initial symptom of an EAB infestation. As EAB populations increase, crown dieback, ideal branching, bark splits, and exit holes lower on the bole become more prevalent. Trees will only live an average of 3-4 years after infestation and 99% of ash trees will die.

WHAT SHOULD THE HOMEOWNER DO

The first thing a homeowner should do is to identify the trees on your property. There are

other trees that look like Ash trees but are not affected by the EAB.

React now to save your tree with insecticide treatment or prepare financially to have it removed soon.

Treated trees must be re-injected every two or three years. Although treatment is expensive in some cases treatment may be less expensive than removal. The recommended timing for systemic treatment (injection) is in mid-May though June while leaves are leafing out.

Once infested with EAB the trees die quickly, usually within three years. The dead trees become very brittle making it a hazard to home owners as well as the tree company taking it down. Branches can snap and fall to the ground striking workers below.

For more information, including how to identify Ash trees go these following sources.

www.emeraldashborer.nj.com*

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION.

In Union County call Rutgers Cooperative Extension Garden Helpline. 908-654-9852 or e-mail mastergardeners@ucnj.org

Call your hometown Department of Public Works. Especially if you believe it might be a street tree.

Contact a certified licensed "Tree Expert". To detect damage, a professional certified tree expert is often required.

My advice is re-act now. As more trees die, Ash tree removal prices are likely to go up also.

Share this information with friends and neighbors.

Good luck & Happy summer,

James

*Thanks to www.emeraldashborer.nj.gov for much of the information in this article.



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

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(above) Black Walnut, Hickory or Ash?
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RAHWAY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Outstanding local high school seniors who are planning careers in medical or health fields were awarded scholarships from the RWJUH Rahway Hospital Auxiliary during a recent luncheon held at the hospital.

Each year the Auxiliary receives numerous applications for these scholarships. There are five auxiliary members who serve on this committee and after reviewing applications and meeting several of the applicants, finalists were selected based on their grades, community

service and career goals.

Scholarships for \$2,000 each were awarded to the following graduates: Kya Amaro, Colonia High School; Harlen Badwal, Carteret High School; Brian Villa-La Fontaine, Elizabeth High

School; Arman Parmar, Carteret High School; Phythagore Joseph, Abraham Clark High School (Roselle); Karen Lebron-Ramos, Rahway High School and Kaylee Parkhill, Arthur L. Johnson High School (Clark).



*RWJUH Rahway Auxiliary Scholarship Recipients
(above, l-r) Phythagore Joseph, Kya Amar, Harleen Badwal, , Aman Parmar,
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RHS NAMES THE 2019 RISING STAR, MATT MILLIGAN

On Wednesday, June 5, the Rahway High School Class of 2019 gathered for Awards Night. Among those seniors was Matt Milligan, who at the end of the evening was announced as the 2019 RHS Rising Star. This is the third year of this prestigious campaign, which was an outgrowth of the Rahway Arts and Business Partnership and the Rahway's Own campaign. One student, who was nominated and vetted, is selected from each school. Posters are made and hung throughout the district as an incentive for students to aspire to one day be selected as Rahway's Own. Matt was nominated by Lauren Palermo, his broadcasting teacher of three years. On Monday, June 3, there was a ceremony announcing and honoring all of the Rising Stars and the next crop of Rahway's Own, who will be fêted in the fall.

Matt's announcement was met with uproarious applause and cheers. He was presented his award by last year's recipient and also Ms. Palermo's nominee, Joshua Moorehead, and the members of the RABP, Amy Garcia Phillips, Ann Marie Williams and Mayor Giacobbe. Matt is an incredible and deserving young man who undoubtedly will make a name for himself and his hometown.

Matt is a singer/songwriter, actor, dancer, choreographer, media expert, producer and entrepreneur. Matt has been an integral of the RHS Performing Arts department as well. He already has his own business, Matt Q. Productions. Matt's work and professionalism is of such a caliber, that he could be working as a producer now. As a member of KUDOS, the high school broadcasting class, for three years, he has already left a legacy as far as his media, music, and production skills. Matt has been in and produced many shows for the school. He won Montclair State's prestigious Foxy award for his sound design for high school production of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*.

He has lent his talents and skills to other school events and organizations since the sixth grade. Matt's deftness and work ethic belies his age. He

is professional in dealing with both peers and adults. He remains cool, calm and collected while juggling many things and people.

Ms. Palermo is incredibly proud that all three Rising Stars have been her students and two were selected for their work in media arts. "It has been a privilege to witness Matt's growth as an artist, director, producer, media expert, singer, dancer and person. One would be hard-pressed to find a student as talented, competent and accomplished. Each time Matt does something he ups the ante. I am confident that Matt will be joining the pantheon of Rahway luminaries sooner rather than later."



(above) Lauren Palermo, Rahway High School Broadcasting Teacher and Matthew Q. Milligan, 2019 Rahway High School Rising Star.

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The event, which will take place on Thursday, August 8th, will be set up near Elizabeth Avenue and Irving Street from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Our event will not occur on the traditional first Tuesday of the month, since we are running it in conjunction with the Rahway Mayor's Concert Series.

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Registration begins August 15th, 2019, for the new class of 7th Grade Initiative members at The Gateway Family YMCA. As part of the NJ YMCA 7th Grade Initiative, a state-wide program designed to support and encourage teens to maintain a healthy lifestyle, The Gateway Family YMCA offers a supportive 7th Grade Leaders Club program and complimentary membership for all 7th Grade Students in the local community. Incoming 7th Grade students are invited to visit the YMCA and join starting August 15th with proof of grade and a guardian's signature. Registration is available at the Rahway Branch – 1564 Irving Street, Rahway.

The goal of the 7th Grade Initiative is to increase physical activity and support teens in the development of lifetime healthy habits and leadership skills while providing a safe and supportive environment with role models at the YMCA. "At the Y, we recognize that 7th grade is a pivotal time in youth development. It is a time where sports become more competitive and many teens begin to become sedentary," stated Krystal R. Canady, CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "We believe in providing our students with a supportive environment where healthy habits can be learned and reinforced, new friendships can be made, and positive programs and role models are part of the daily routine."

As part of the 7th Grade Initiative, The Gateway Family YMCA offers a 7th Grade Leader's Club, a structured program offering teens leadership and volunteer opportunities. With a focus on team building, personal growth, character development, service and volunteerism, the 7th Grade Leader's Club empowers teens to create a chart of work specific to the needs within their community and provides support for projects to strengthen community.

Students participate in programs and services offered by the YMCA, and receive a complimentary Full Privilege membership including health and wellness options, swimming, group exercise, as well programs designed exclusively for teens. "Our goal is to provide ongoing support for 7th grade students, assisting them to strengthen healthy behaviors,

increase activity, gain a better understanding of nutrition and develop leadership skills to assist in their development and future," stated Melynda A. Mileski, EVP/COO.

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 Y impacts the community by providing quality services to people of all ages, races, faiths or incomes. Providing services for Eastern Union County and Northern Middlesex County, for over 119 years. The Gateway Family YMCA has six YMCA branches in Elizabeth, Rahway and Union, serving the communities of Avenel, Carteret, Clark, Colonia, Elizabeth, Hillside, Kenilworth, Linden, Plainfield, Port Reading, Roselle, Roselle Park, Sewaren, Union, Vauxhall, Winfield Park and Woodbridge, NJ.

For more information about The Gateway Family YMCA or the 7th Grade Initiative or the 7th Grade Leader's Club, visit tgfymca.org or contact the Rahway Branch at 732-388-0057.



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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.

The theme of the event, “Sowing the Seeds of 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 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, Sydel 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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Marino earned the scholarship with a portfolio of various abstract pieces done in paint, sculpture, photography and mixed media.

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(above) Marisa Marino, recipient of the 2019 Jean Kaweck Memorial Scholarship.

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Biography, drama starring Felicity Jones and Armie Hammer. The true story of Ruth Bader Ginsburg as U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

Friends' Group Meeting

The Friends of the Rahway Public Library will meet at the library at 7:00 pm on

Thursday, August 15.

Readers Circle Book Club

Monday, August 19 at 2:00pm.

Join us for the discussion of The Last Painting of Sara de Vos by Dominic Smith.

Discovery Studio (Teens & Adults)

Not Your Mother's Cross Stitch

Saturday, Aug 10 at 2:00pm.

Cross Stitch is a super-fast and simple form of needlepoint that has been around for centuries.

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Origami Workshop with Joy Lara

Wednesday, August 28 at 2:00pm.

Make a beautiful creation out of folded paper in this workshop taught by a skilled origami artist! For teens 16 + & adults. Space limited.

Please register at the Reference Desk.

Crochet Club

Thursday, July 18 at 6:30pm.

Bring your hooks and yarn. Work on a project or learn a new technique! Ages 16+ & adults.

Teen Activities

Thursday, August 1 at 2:00pm.

Make a Suncatcher. For teens 13-18 years.

Create a watercolor "batik" on paper

For teens 13-18 years.

Thursday, August 8 at 2:00pm.

Teen Events (Ages 13-18)

OUT OF THIS WORLD MOVIE SERIES

Join us in our auditorium. All are welcome.

Rated PG-13. Free!

Guardians of the Galaxy (2104) PG-13.

Mondays at 2:00pm. August 5

Shazam! (2019) PG-13.

August 12

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Storytime on the Go at the Train Station Plaza

Thursdays, August 1, 8 & 15 at 11:30am.

Come out to the train station every Thursday this summer for a storytime by community members. All ages.

Creation Station

Thursdays, August 1, 8 & 15 at 4:30pm.

Put your engineering skills to the test to create something at the library. Ages 6-12.

Family Fun Night

Mondays, August 1, 8 & 15 at 6:30pm.

Bring your family to the library for a fun activity! All ages.

Dance Party Under the Stars

Friday, August 2 at 11:00am.

Come out and dance to music under the stars!

Ages birth – 5 years with caregiver.

Kids Movie

Fridays, August 2, 9, 16 & 30 at 2:00pm.

Enjoy a family friendly movie at the library.

Refreshments provided! All ages.

Saturday Science

Saturdays, August 3, 10, 17 at 11:00am.

Put on your safety goggles because we will be trying out all sorts of science experiments!

All ages.

Take and Make

Mondays, August 5, 12, 19, 26.

Pick up a craft kit to assemble at home! While supplies last. All ages.

Preschool Play

Tuesdays, August 6, 13, 20 & 27

at 11:00am.

Play with games, experiments, and stories at the library this summer. Ages 2-5.

Potato Chip Tasting

Tuesday, August 6 at 3:00pm.

Which is your favorite? Taste different flavors of potato chips and log your results. All ages.

Toddler Time

Wednesdays, August 7, 14 & 28

at 10:30am.

We will be talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing during this literacy readiness storytime. Ages birth - 4 with caregiver

Pokemon Origami

Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30pm.

Gotta fold 'em all! Make Pikachu, Squirtle, or your favorite Pokemon. Ages 7 and up.

Junior Bingo

Friday, August 9 at 11:00am.

Bring your little one to Junior BINGO – perfect for learning shapes, numbers, and pictures.

Ages 1-5.

Science for Kids

Tuesday, August 13 at 1:30pm.

Learn the science of bubbles at the library!

Ages 6-12.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Wednesday, August 14 at 4:00pm.

Read this month's graphic novel, "A Wrinkle in Time" by Hope Larson. Copies are available at the Children's Desk. Ages 8-12.

Unicorn Party

Friday, August 16 at 11:00am.

Do you love unicorns? Come celebrate with a party at the library! All ages.

LEGO Engineers - Blindfolded Builders

Wednesday, August 21 at 6:30pm.

Complete this month's LEGO challenge and test your structure! Ages 7-12.

BINGO

Tuesday, August 27 at 3:00pm.

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OUT OF THE WOODS' TO BENEFIT INROADS TO OPPORTUNITIES

Out of The Woods' Co-Production to benefit Union County Charity Inroads to Opportunities: a night of music featuring Bryan Hansen Band with Jared Milian and the cast members of UCPAC's production of Into the Woods!

Inroads to Opportunities is a 501 c 3 not for profit organization located in Union County, New Jersey. Since 1959 they have provided vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities. Inroads to Opportunities works with 400+ people per year in their pursuit of employment, wellness and a life of independence. The charity owns and operates Railside Cafe in Fanwood, NJ. It's location is a competitive integrated environment for individuals with disabilities who want to learn how to work in the fast paced restaurant business. As a celebration of their 60th year of services, Inroads will be holding a fundraiser on Friday

April 24th, 2020 on UCPAC Mainstage. www.inroadsto.org.

BRYAN HANSEN BAND

Bryan Hansen Band is a Funk, Blues, Alternative rock band from Central New Jersey. The band's latest album titled 'Gas Money,' is set to be released in the Fall of 2019. The 1st single from the album titled, 'Diamonds,' was released in November 2018 & has a music video you can check out on their YouTube channel, and of course you can download and stream it across the different media platforms. They recently filmed the music video for their 2nd single titled, 'Smiling Dashboard Jesus,' and that single & music video will be released on Saturday July 27th. You can follow the Bryan Hansen Band on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube, as well as track them on the Bands In Town app, stream them on Spotify, and join

their email list on their official site: www.bryanhansenband.com

ICON 2018 winner, Jared Milian, has chosen Into the Woods as his dream show. The wildly popular musical by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine intertwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm and Charles Perrault fairy tales, exploring the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests. Jared will be playing the role of the Witch. <http://www.ucpac.org/event/fce3e42c2118ba2567f8175f8b69d0f9>

OUT OF THE WOODS

Date: Friday August 24th, 2019 | Performance: 8pm-10:30pm | Doors Open at 7pm |

Tickets are \$22 Online At: www.tinyurl.com/hamiltonstage2019

Come hear some of the fabulous voices who will be performing in September's 'Into the Woods' and learn about our featured Charity Inroads to Opportunities.

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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 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.

COMMUNITY ORIENTATION

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. 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.

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