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WHAT, WHERE, AND WHEN IN OLD KENILWORTH – CHRISTMASES PAST

Rose Muravsky (nee Lugara) will be 93 years old on “Little Christmas” day, January 6, 2020. Probably the oldest woman currently living in Kenilworth who was born here, she remembers many Christmases. She is one of seven children of Antonio and Francesca Lugara who came to Kenilworth from Italy in 1913. They set up a fruit and vegetable store at 488 Washington Ave. which operated until about 1950. That building was their home as well.

Little Rose recalled that during the Depression her family attended St. Michael’s Catholic church in Cranford as there was no Catholic church in Kenilworth at that time. She told why they did not attend Christmas Mass there “as it was too cold to make the long walk down Orange Ave. to Cranford. Many families were hard pressed financially. On Christmas Day we received loose candy, which we enjoyed. There were no real presents nor stockings filled with treats. They were tough times.” Rose noted that when St. Theresa’s Chapel opened in the 1940s the family attended Christmas Eve Mass there. “It was a very religious day; not commercial.”

Rose smilingly remembered portraying a soldier in the “March of the Wooden Soldiers” play at Harding School. “We walked with stiff arms and stiff legs across the school stage.”

Rose wed Michael Muravsky in 1948 during a snow storm. They later purchased a home at 143 N. 17th St. and had six children. Rose stated, “First we had a little, artificial table top tree, and then we had a real tree decorated with heavy tinsel and big colored lights bulbs. There were presents for all. It was a joyous time.”

In 1963 Rose and family moved and a new tradition started. “We had a tall, artificial silver tree decorated with blue ornaments and some white lights.” Daughter Debby proudly mentioned her mother’s holiday cooking. “It was a festive, family time as Mom, a great Italian cook, made the best gravy, pasta, lasagna, meatballs, and sausage for all.”

Rose enjoys days sharing with others memories of growing up in Kenilworth. Especially to her six children, three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.



(above) Rose observing one of her 92 previous Christmases.

Photo source: Family, ca. 1950s

(left) Rose standing in front of her parents’ snow store, 488 Washington Ave. Photo Source: Family, ca. 1939



(above) Rose’s house, 143 N. 17th Dr. covered with ice after a winter storm.

Photo source: Family 1960

(above) Rose holds nutcracker soldier that reminds her of a 1930s play in which she appeared. Photo source: Walter Boright, 2019

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From the Kenilworth Public Schools: PRACTICING GRATITUDE

Submitted by Kyle C. Arlington, Superintendent of Schools

Growing up I always hated the holiday tradition of going around the table and sharing what I was thankful for. It made me anxious and uneasy. Upon adult reflection, I think I hated the forced nature of it; how little it meant if acknowledging what I was grateful for only happened on the last Thursday of November.

As schools nationwide, including Kenilworth's, focus more heavily on social-emotional learning, growth mindset, and the power of using an admiring lens, I am hopeful that an additional way we may make home-to-school partnerships is in our encouragement of our kids to practice gratitude.

Here are a few ways I've been reading about and practicing lately at home with my

own little ones:

Saying "thank you" like you mean it.

Looking for awe-inspiring moments and sharing them.

Volunteering.

Keeping a gratitude jar; adding to it whenever you want to recognize someone or something that you are grateful for.

Taking a family challenge one Saturday: commit to focusing on the positive for the entire day. No complaining. No moaning. No bellyaching.

I hope that together we may continue to raise and educate our children in a way that makes them cognizant of all that they have to be grateful for. There's always something.

Happy Thanksgiving!

BUS TRIP TO BETHLEHEM, PA - DEC. 7

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a bus trip to historic Bethlehem, Pa., on Sat., December 7, 2019.

The trip will depart Kenilworth (St. Theresa's school parking lot) at 8 a.m. and return to Kenilworth at approximately 8 p.m. Cost of \$95 includes comfortable motor coach transportation; a visit to Bethlehem's beautiful Moravian Putz narrated nativity scene at Central Moravian Church; the world-renowned Christkindlmarkt holiday market, featuring a vast array of unique handmade works by more than 150 fine artisans, ice carving and glassblowing demonstrations, various eateries, festive entertainment and more; and an enchanting guided bus tour of Bethlehem by night highlighting local holiday traditions and historic sites, including the famous Star of Bethlehem atop South Mountain.

There will be complimentary door prizes on

the bus. For further information and reservations, please call 908-709-0434. As space is limited, it is suggested that reservations be made by November 7 to ensure availability. Gift certificates for the trips are available for purchase.

Proceeds will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society's historic Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880) by helping defray operating expenses, including the cost of an elevator that makes the restored "living history" museum and cultural arts center fully accessible to everyone.

The Kenilworth Historical Society (www.kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org) is an independent, volunteer-based, non-profit, tax-exempt, 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to the research, preservation and interpretation of the Oswald J. Nitschke House, local history and culture.

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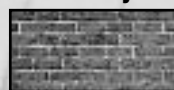
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STUDENTS AT ST. THERESA HONOR LOCAL VETERANS

On Veteran's Day this year, students at St. Theresa School in Kenilworth held a prayer service honoring our local Veterans. The children made stars centering with a picture of a family member that served in the military and the PreK class made Thank you cards for the guest veterans.

Afterwards the veterans were invited for coffee and bagels and to speak with the children in their classrooms about their experiences.



(above) Bernard Aguinaldo showing his 82 Airborne Hat with his grand daughters Stephanie and Gabrielle.



(above, front, l-r) Back row: Bernard Aguinaldo, Michael Theissen, Meghan Tripodi, John Berry; Front row: students Allura Wilson, Gabrielle Mott, Jocelyne Fernandez, Sophia Cadestin, and Leilah Carofilis.

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With Thanksgiving behind them, Social Concerns is collecting donations for a "Giving Tree" which is located in St. Theresa's church.

The tree is decorated with tags with needed items written on them. Donors simply take as many tags as they wish and return the items to the church for distribution.

The orders on the tags were collected from needy families within the community as well as Covenant House, Catholic Charities and St. Joseph's Social Service Center located in Elizabeth.

If you are in need please call the Rectory (908) 272-4444.



(above, l-r) Volunteers hanging wish list ornaments on the St. Theresa Giving tree, Kristen Williams, Samantha McEvoy, Polly Johnston, Dianne Perona, and Dee Phillips.

ST. THERESA'S SCHOOL COMPETES IN SCHOLASTIC OLYMPICS

Eighth graders from St. Theresa's School in Kenilworth participated in the 48th Annual Scholastic Olympics held at Roselle Catholic High School this fall. Thirteen schools were invited to compete in academic subjects such as Mathematics, Religion, History, English, Science, Spelling, Forensics, Current Events,

and Art.

Congratulations to all eighth graders that competed. Students who won included: Ifeanyi Ononiwu, First Place English; Ethan Lopina, Second Place Mathematics; Gavin Gatchalian, First Place Religion; and Aiden Chemmannure, Second Place Science.



(above, l-r) Seated are Scholastic Olympics winners Ifeanyi Ononiwu, Ethan Lopina, Gavin Gatchalian, and Aiden Chemmannure with their classmates.

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items, homemade candies and other holiday treats. Admission is free. Visitors are invited to bring, for the Nitschke House Cultural Heritage Tree, an ornament (labeled with their family name) that represents their family's heritage/culture. Shown here is one of the many families who visited the Nitschke House during last year's holiday celebration.

FROZEN KIDS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE KENILWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Kenilworth Public Library will host Frozen Kids on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Children ages 4 and up and their families are invited to register for this heartwarming stage adaptation of the celebrated animated film, Frozen. Join Anna, Elsa, Olaf, Sven and all your favorite characters as they embark on an epic, ice-filled journey of self-discovery, camaraderie, and the real meaning of true love.

Adapted for young audiences, this musical includes favorite Frozen songs such as "Love Is An Open Door", "Do You Want To Build A

Snowman?", and "Let it Go," as well as wonderful new songs from the Broadway production.

This program will be presented by Paper Mill Playhouse Children's Theater Tour Students.

This presentation has been funded by The Ralph Errington Foundation.

Registration is required. Kenilworth residents may begin to register on Saturday, December 7. Out of town residents may begin to register on Thursday, December 12, space permitting.

To register call the library at 908-276-2451 or visit 548 Boulevard.

MATILDA VISITS THE LIBRARY

Applause Theater recently presented a Musical Review based on the children's play, Matilda at The Kenilworth Public Library. This musical performance highlighting songs from Matilda, The Musical was directed by Krystle Tomlinson.

Children and their families enjoyed upbeat interactive music highlighting this famous storybook character. Applause Theater members also read stories and presented interactive theater games for the audience members.



(above) Applause Theater performed songs from Matilda, The Musical and played games with the audience.

VFW HOST VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

Kenilworth VFW Post 2230 hosted their annual ceremony for the community honoring all veterans on November 11, 2019. Refreshments were served after the ceremony.



(above) Bobbie Jeans, Commander; Ken Grady, Past Commander and Chief of Police; Bill Salzmman, Post Adjutant



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“Our Seasons of Light planetarium show is an amazing way for the Kean University campus and neighboring communities to get into the holiday spirit,” said William Heyniger, lecturer in Kean’s School of Environmental and Sustainability Sciences. “The dynamic show explores the history of using lights during the winter season in a variety of religious and cultural traditions, including the many adaptations of Ole St. Nick.”

Seasons of Light, produced by Loch Ness Productions, explores the traditions celebrated around the world during the darkest time of the year. The light show features classic

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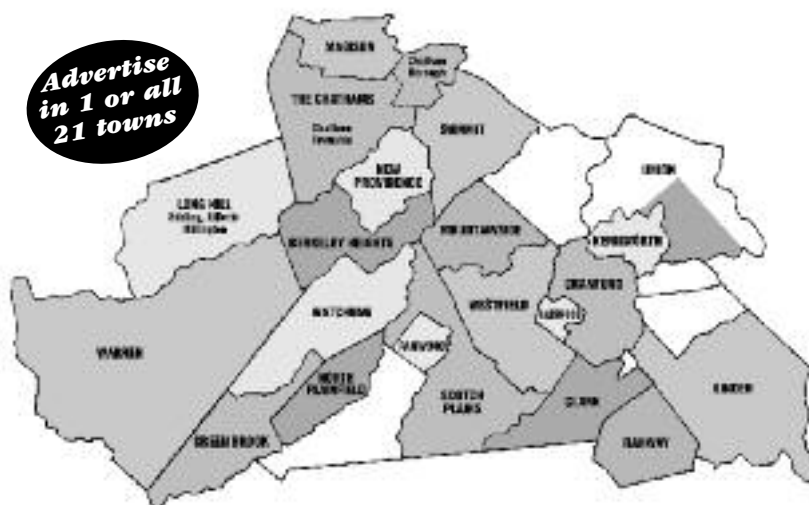
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Burns studied with W. Carl Burger at Kean University. She has had previous exhibits at J&J World Headquarters, Reeves Reed Aboretum, Donald B. Palmer Museum, and many other local galleries. She is also on staff at Art-A-Fair, Laguna Beach, CA.

All artwork is available for purchase by contacting the artist. The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular library hours. For more information call 908-276-2451.

Any artists interested in exhibiting their work in 2020, may contact Barbara Wirkus, Curator, at dmbbw33@gmail.com.



(above) Pieces by artist Marie Burns will be on display at Gallery-on-the-Boulevard in the Kenilworth Library.

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