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## ROTARY CLUB CELEBRATES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Kenilworth Rotary Club recently honored three senior students of the month from David Brearley High School. Pictured are rotary president Janet Henkel, superintendent of Kenilworth schools Kyle Arlington, Nicholas Piotrowski (September), Jazmine Shaw (October), Justin Gensch (November), and principal Dana Chibbaro. The rotary club meets every Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. at Roberto's, 24 n. 20th. For more information, please call Terry or Gregg at 908-272-5550.



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## “PAINTING NIGHTS” WITH RESIDENT ARTIST PATRICIA HUBINGER

The Kenilworth Historical Society is presenting a continuing series of “Painting Nights” with resident artist Patricia Hubinger to benefit the historic Oswald J. Nitschke House “living history” museum and cultural arts center. The enlightening, enjoyable, two-hour painting sessions, held in the Nitschke House cultural arts center (49 South 21 Street, Kenilworth), give participants of all ages, backgrounds and abilities an opportunity to create unique paintings under the guidance of a master artist instructor. The next “Painting Nights with Pat” will take place on Tues., February 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. In addition, a special “Painting Date

for Kids” will be offered on Sat., February 1, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Acrylic paint, brushes, canvases, easels, smocks and other art supplies will be provided as part of the \$25 admission price. Participants are asked to arrive 15 minutes ahead of time and are invited to bring food and beverages. Advance registration is required, as seating is limited.

To make reservations for any of the painting events, to receive information about future painting sessions and/or to arrange for private painting parties, please call 908-709-0434. Gift certificates are available.

## ATLAS-PYTHAGORAS LODGE #10

*Submitted by Christopher Sands*

Atlas-Pythagoras Lodge #10 Free and Accepted Masons, which meets at 1011 Central Ave, Westfield, recently held our annual Charity Night. We donated to eight worthy groups in our community.

The Masonic Services Association, which supports Veterans in the three NJ State Veterans home and both VA Veterans homes.

Tree of Hope, which the Sheriff of Union County runs, which collects toys for needy children in Union County.

Keystone Community Living, which helps people with developmental disabilities to lead fulfilling lives. It runs a group home in South Plainfield.

Bonds of Courage, which supports Veterans and the 1st Squadron, 102nd Cavalry from the Westfield Armory.

Union County Meals on Wheels, which provides meals to the housebound or those who cannot cook themselves.

Every 15 Minutes, from Kenilworth High School, which teaches Juniors and Seniors about the consequences of drinking and driving.

The Children's Dyslexia Center, Scotch Plains, which uses the Orton-Gillingham curriculum to help children with dyslexia read and flourish.

The George Washington Masonic Memorial, A museum which is used to tell the world about George Washington, a Mason, General of the Armies and our First President!

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Atlas-Pythagoras Lodge #10 meets the first and third Fridays every month except during the summer.

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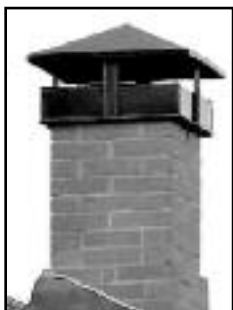
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### WHAT WE OFFER:

Bingo the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

Meals on Wheels supply lunches to any Union County resident for a donation of \$1.75. Monthly menus are available at the center to view if interested in any of the meals. Signup in advance is required to guarantee a meal.

Bus rides: All of our bus rides leave and return to the Acme parking lot in town.

The club runs a bus ride on the first Thursday of each month to Resorts Casino for \$30 which in return you receive \$30 in slot play. To reserve a seat please contact Emily Grimaldi at 908-272-6329.

On February 18th there is a scheduled trip to Wind Creek Casino in Bethlehem, PA. For \$15 with a return of \$25 for slot play. To reserve a seat on this trip please contact John Barton at 908-272-6912. There will be additional trips to places of interest throughout the following months which will be announced at later dates. (Please make suggestions.)

## SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB CASINO TRIP

The Kenilworth Senior Citizen Club will be running a bus ride to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Thursday, February 6, 2020. The bus leaves from the Acme Parking lot at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$30 and the casino will give you \$30 in slot play. For reservations please contact Emily Grimaldi, 908-272-9329.



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For More Information: Email Jim Parlapiano at [jim.parlapiano@hotmail.com](mailto:jim.parlapiano@hotmail.com)

Or Will Adams at [will.adams@scouting.org](mailto:will.adams@scouting.org) or 973-765-9322 x234

Scouts can use Patriots' Path Council Munsee District Double Knot link to register on-line at [ppbsa.doubleknot.com/event/2583007](http://ppbsa.doubleknot.com/event/2583007)

Scouts can email Will Adams at [Will.adams@scouting.org](mailto:Will.adams@scouting.org) for more info.

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## "STORIES IN ABSTRACT" AT LIBRARY GALLERY

Submitted by Barbara Wirkus

The Gallery-on-the-Boulevard is presenting a black and white photography exhibit titled "Stories in Abstract" by Union County photographer, visual artist and educator Cintia Malhotra through March.

Cintia has taught workshops on digital imaging, was an adjunct professor for learning institutions in New Jersey, and has had her photography exhibited nationally, as well as at many solo and group shows in New Jersey. She holds a BFA with a photography concentration and an MS in Graphic Communications Management from Kean University. She currently teaches at Columbia High School in Maplewood, New Jersey.

Her equipment is simple... a digital camera (FujiFilm x100f, Canon Mark VII or cellphone), computer with digital imaging software, archival paper and inks.

She states, "I focus on things or scenes that others would normally ignore in their environment – often reinterpreting and placing them under different contexts. It is a form of escapism which goes back to childhood. Abstraction is a natural tendency due to a combination of a visual impairment and a love of graphic art. Though I occasionally work in color, black and white feels natural and allows me to focus on the elements that mean most."

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



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## WHAT, WHERE, AND WHEN IN OLD KENILWORTH – THE WEDDING PRESENT HOUSE

It takes a discerning eye to see one of Kenilworth's oldest houses – but it is right there in the center of the Uptown shopping district. Partially hidden by a salon shop added to the front of the house about 1969, it sits at 508 Boulevard. Built in 1894-95, it was a wedding gift from a young groom to his young bride. Old-timers called it "the Dr. Blair house" while others "the Jubber house." Perhaps "the wedding present house" is better choice?

Dr. James A. Blair (1867-1931) and Grace E. Morley (1869-1955) were married in 1894.

Dr. Blair promised Grace a new home as a wedding gift. He fulfilled his promise and there they had three children: Ethel, 1895; Mildred, 1902; and Frank, 1904. The family moved to Newark sometime before 1910 where Dr. Blair established a new and much larger practice.

Dr. Blair was Kenilworth's first physician. In colder times of the year he could be observed walking about in his frock, which he loaned at times to the less fortunate.

Now you might ask, "Who were the Jubbers?" Records indicate that Harry (1851-1933) and Amelia (1858-1940) Jubber arrived locally about 1898-1899. Sometime after the Blairs left, the Jubbers moved in with their children: Mary, 1875; Alfred, 1877; Albert, 1879; and Edward, 1882. The entire family was born in England. Harry and his sons were house painters and found

an abundance of work in early Kenilworth. Harry built a few houses and a number of stores. He built Jubber's Country Store, 510 Boulevard, later owned by Nettie Vitale Lisanti which was converted years later to the Variety Cleaners operated by her son, Charles Vitale. Charlie replaced it in the 1950s with a new real estate building. Jubber also erected the old Kenilworth Liquor Store building, 512 Boulevard. It was destroyed by fire about 1970. Prior to becoming a liquor store one side of it hosted Doc Lisanti's Luncheonette and the other side a barber shop.

Older homes still standing include the Shallcross house, Springfield Rd.; the Frost farmhouse, Cross St.; the Aaron Faitoute farmhouse, Newark Ave.; the Nitschke House, S. 21st St.; and the McQuaid house, N. 17th St.

As a boy I remember the wedding house. It was a large stately, clapboard structure boasting a substantial front porch with pillars. The top half of the wide, mahogany front door bore a beveled glass window bordered by tiny squares of multi-colored panes of glass. It had an ornate, brass door knob. It surely was worthy of being a bride's wedding present.

Research provided by Walter E. Boright, Ed. D., historian, and Historic Signs, Inc. Persons with inquiries about this or other aspects of Kenilworth history may contact Dr. Boright at drbori@aol.com or 908-256-5200.



(above) The wedding present house partially hidden by a salon shop added to the front of the house about 1969, at 508 Boulevard.

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(above) The Surgery Team



(above) Roman Mendoza

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## “GOOD MANNERS” TEA PARTY

Mrs. Kimberly Kelly and her Pre K 3 class from St. Theresa School in Kenilworth recently held a formal tea party. The children celebrated the end of a classroom theme "Good Manners." The girls made fancy tea hats and the boys wore homemade paper neckties. They practiced good manners with some tea and crumpets.

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## SEUSSICAL JR TO BE PRESENTED

The Kenilworth Public Library  
will host *Seussical Jr*  
Thursday, February 13 at 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Children ages 4 and up and their families are invited to register for this fantastical family musical based on the books of Dr. Seuss.

Children will be transported from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus. The Cat in the Hat narrates the story of Horton the Elephant, who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny people called the Whos. Horton must protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, and he must also guard an abandoned egg that's

been left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant!

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 Thursday, February 6. Out of town residents may begin to register on Tuesday, February 11, space permitting.

## NEW EARLY LITERACY WORKSTATIONS

The Kenilworth Public Library now has two bilingual early literacy workstations.

These computer workstations, funded by the Ralph Errington Foundation, are loaded with 75 educational software titles and more than 4,000 activities for children ages 2 – 12 years old. The early literacy workstations in both English and

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(above) The new workstations are loaded with 75 educational software titles and more than 4,000 activities for children ages 2 – 12 years old.



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## TRICKY TRAY FUNDRAISER & DESSERT CABARET

For 81 years, The Celebration Singers, a local multi-generational community choir, has entertained audiences within Union County and across the globe. On February 7 and 8, 2020, they will hold their Annual Tricky Tray Fundraiser & Dessert Cabaret at Union Elks Lodge 1583, 281 Chestnut Street in Union, NJ. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. and guests can immediately start placing their tricky tray tickets in for the prizes. The show, "Are We There Yet?," begins around 8 p.m. and features songs about places performed by members of its adult choir.

Artistic Director Joe Elefante, along with Collaborative Pianist, James Lubrano artfully cast the showcase which features a musical review of solos, duets, trios, as well as small and full ensemble pieces. Co-Hosts Kathy Gordon and Daniel Frieri emcee the evening. Their witty humor and playful banter are sure to bring a smile to your face and fill the room with laughter and enjoyment.

"I love singing with the choir throughout the year, especially for our Cabaret – it's a chance to feature our singers' vocal talents individually," said President Nicole Pepe. "The tricky tray and 50/50 gets bigger and bigger every year. We've had guests leave with \$1,000+ in their pockets and vacations to Florida, the Hamptons, and even tickets to a Knicks game!"

In addition to door prizes, a 50/50 raffle and exciting tricky tray baskets, homemade desserts and a cash bar will also be available. Tickets are:

Adults - \$25, Seniors - \$20, and 10% discount with advanced purchases of full tables of 10.

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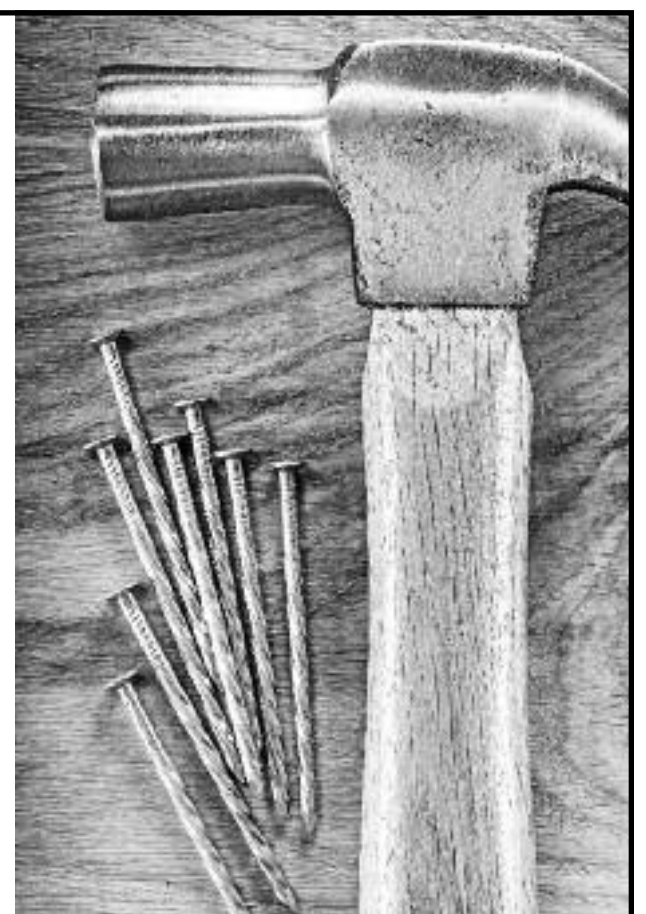
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We are always looking for new members, donations, and volunteers if anyone would like to get involved.

Our monthly meetings are held at the

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Our Annual Kids Seminar will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at the Kenilworth Veterans Center, V.F.W.33 South 21st street Kenilworth, NJ. A Guest speaker to be announced and topics of discussion will be safety while fishing, fish identification, and practice casting. Prizes will be awarded and snacks will be served.

For more information visit [www.nbfcc.org](http://www.nbfcc.org), or contact Bob Jones, [BJonesJRNJ@hotmail.com](mailto:BJonesJRNJ@hotmail.com), 908-272-3545

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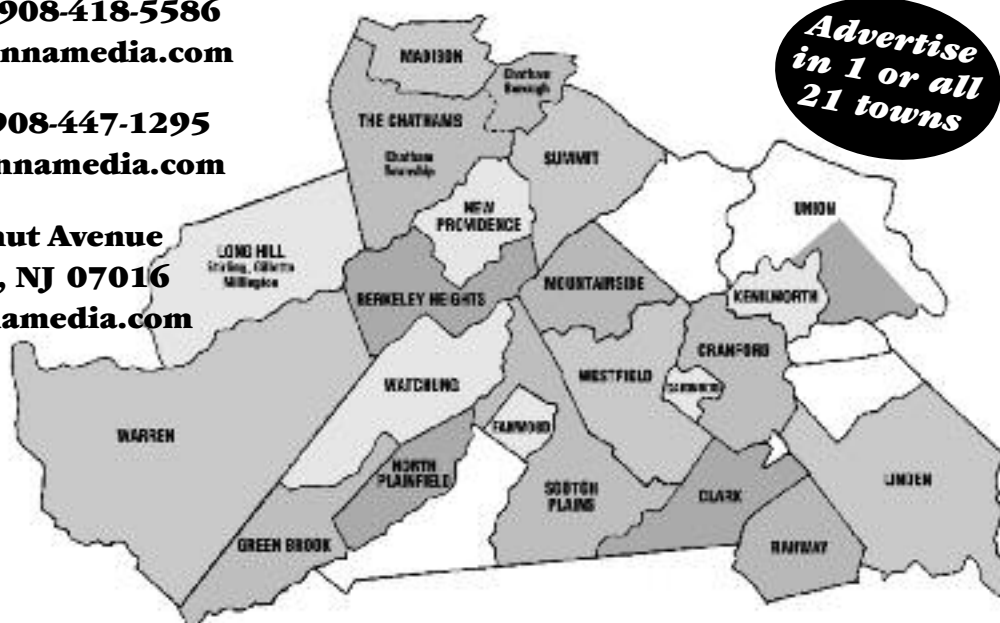
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An eclectic group of six mid-pubescent vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home lives, the tweens spell their way through a series of (potentially made-up) words, hoping never to hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming "ding" of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. Part of the fun of the show is that no two performances are ever the same. Audience volunteers are selected at each

show to participate onstage in scenes, songs and choreography.

The cast features some familiar faces at CDC Theatre and some new ones: Sean Lynch-Littlejohn as Chip Tolentino, E. Rachel Valovcin as Logainne Schwartzandgrubenier, Zach Mazouat as Leaf Coneybear, Zach Love as William Barfee, Mallory Ann Wu as Marcy Parks, Patrina Caruana as Olive Ostrovsky, Alexa Teebo as Rona Lisa Peretti, Ian Federgreen as Vice Principle Panch and Brendan Lynch-Littlejohn as Mitch Mahoney. The show is directed by Nevil Schwartz with choreography by Michelle Massa and musical direction by John Brzozowski.

Six spellers enter: one speller leaves! They learn that winning or losing isn't everything and at least the losers get a juice box.

Links to tickets and additional information can be found by visiting [cdctheatre.org](http://cdctheatre.org).

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