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REMEMBERING KENILWORTH'S BRAVEST

WHAT WHERE AND WHEN IN OLD KENILWORTH

Three years ago, this column paid tribute to the last 10 surviving Kenilworth WWII veterans. In 2021 the last two entered eternity: Robert Moldenhauer and Kenneth Ross. In addition, 19 residents perished as a result of serving in WWI, WWII, or in Korea. When you fly the American flag this Memorial Day, and any day, remember Kenilworth's brave, valiant residents, and all other veterans. Addresses that follow are residences when each enlisted.

WORLD WAR I – Supreme sacrifice: (1) Rudolph Haldin, Upsala Dormitory, 125 N. 20th St., Sgt.; (2) Clarence Stevens, 220 N. 20th St., Pvt., Army A. C.; and (3) Thomas Regan, 200 block of N. 11th St., Horseshoer.

WORLD WAR II – Supreme sacrifice: (1) Roger Allcroft, 572 Fairfield Ave., 1st Lt. Marine A. C.; (2) Thomas Allen, 47 S. Michigan Ave., 2nd Lt., Army A. C.; (3) August Ballman, Newark Ave., Ens., Navy; (4) William J. "Vito" Brizzi, 128 N. 19th St., Cpl.; (5) George A. Cliff, 463 Washington Ave., Sgt.; (6) David "Chickie" Coppola, 21 N. 20th St., Pvt.; (7) Frederick J. Graf, 201 N. 15th St., Pfc.; (8) Walter "Bud" Irvine, 675 Fairfield Ave., Seaman 1st Cl., Navy; (9) Alfred P. Loessel, 746 Union Ave., Pvt.; (10) Edward A. Myers, 27 N. 21st St., S/Sgt.; (11) Alfred Ricken, 748 Vernon Ave., Sgt.; (12) Edward Rusinak, 10 S. 22nd St., Pvt.; (13) Thomas Schaible, 674 Richfield Ave., Pfc.; and (14) William A. Smith, 239 N. 11th St., Sgt.

KOREAN WAR – Supreme sacrifice: (1) Walter P. Kelly, 115 N. 19th St., M/Sgt; and (2) Norman Quinton, 353 Roosevelt Ln., Pfc.

LAST 10 VETERANS – Addresses where last resided when living in Kenilworth and the year each passed away: (1) John Beninati (2019), 126 N. 24th St., Seaman 2nd class, Navy; (2) Alex "Kelsey" Kuriawa (2019), 51 S. 24th St., T/Sgt; (3) Robert D. Sammons (2019), 372 Boulevard, Pfc.; (4) James F. Lucadema (2020), 220 Faitoute Ave., Motor Mach. Mate 2nd class, Navy; (5) Pasquale "Pat" Scorese (2020), 18 N. 19th St., Pfc., Marines; (6) John A. Rembish (2020), 146 N. 24th St., Pfc.; (7) Adolf F. Paterson (2020), 25 S. Michigan Ave., 2nd Lt., Army A. C.; (8) Eugene V. Coppola (2020), 500 Sheridan Ave., Pfc.; (9) Robert Moldenhauer (2021), 52 S. 20th St., Seaman 1st Cl., Navy; and (10) Kenneth M. Ross, aka Socofsky (2021), 15 N. 6th St., Coxswain, Navy.

Robert E. Jeans, commander of VFW Post 2230, Kenilworth, has invited the public to attend the annual outdoor Memorial Day Ceremony to be held at 11:00 a.m.,



(above, left) Kenneth Ross, 1943 Last WWII Veteran, passed Nov. 28, 2021, age 96.

(above) Robert Moldenhauer, 1944

Next to last WWII Veteran, passed July 6, 2021, age 94.

Photos: Family



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Refreshments will be served upon conclusion of the program.

Photo: Historic Signs, Inc.

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FATHER JOSEPH CODA - WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND ST. THERESA'S CHURCH PRIEST

Submitted by Historian Michael T. Naya, Jr.

Over the years St. Theresa's Church in Kenilworth has had many priests come and go. One priest that many parishioners will remember is Father Joseph Coda who passed away on March 27, 2022, at the age of one-hundred and three. Joseph was born in Lodi, New Jersey on November 3, 1918. As a young man he attended St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City and later St. Peter and Paul in Hoboken.

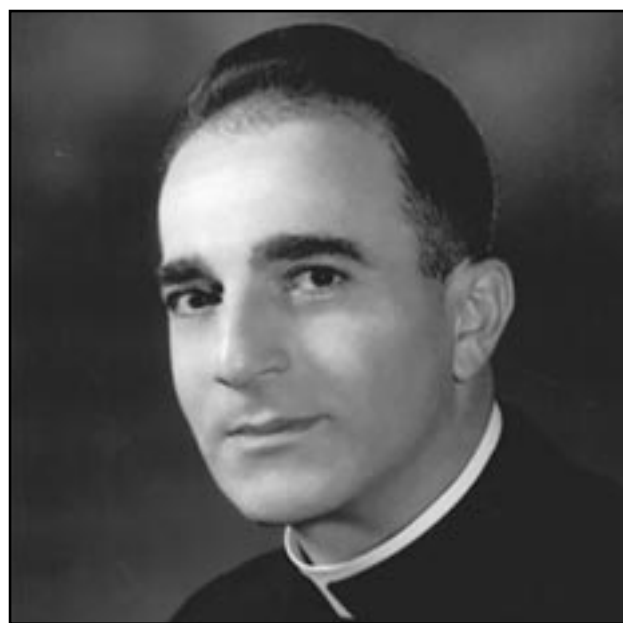
During World War II, he served in the 26th Division of Patton's Third Army. He saw combat in France, the Battle of the Bulge, Luxembourg, Czechoslovakia, Austria, and Germany. During his time in the service, he received the Bronze Star. In 2018, The Catholic Advocate ran an article detailing his life. To author Melissa McNally he stated, "Someone once said that there are no atheists in fox-holes," Father Coda said. "You see so many people wounded or killed. The fact that you survived makes you feel like you have a guardian angel. You realize God has something in mind for you and it is important to find out what that is."

After receiving his honorable discharge, he attended the Manhattan School of Music and Juilliard. He then attended Seton Hall and Immaculate Conception Seminary in Mahwah, New Jersey. He was ordained on May 25, 1963, at the age of forty-four. Following his ordination he spent his priesthood at St. Joseph, Oradell,

New Jersey, and later St. Theresa's in Kenilworth. On November 3, 1988, he retired from St. Theresa's on his seventieth birthday. In his later years he took up residence at St. John Vianney Residence in Rutherford, New Jersey. At the age of ninety-nine Father Coda was the oldest priest in the Archdiocese of Newark.

The parishioners of St. Theresa's Church as well as those who knew him will never forget his kindness and care.

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(above) Father Joseph Coda, The Catholic Advocate magazine, October, 2018

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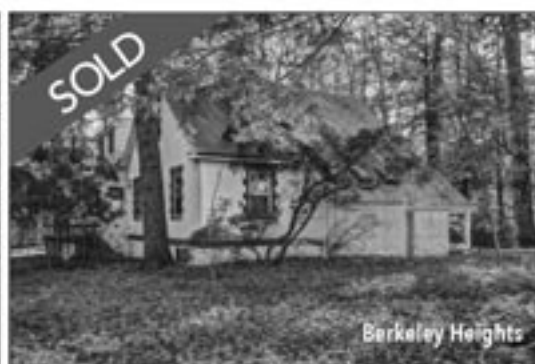


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BREARLEY'S ALTERNATE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Kenilworth Public Schools

David Brearley Middle and High School's Alternate Education Program was established in Dec. 2019 to further develop strategic, individualized support for students who may have difficulties in a traditional classroom setting.

Spearheaded by the district's Student Personnel Services Department, the program includes flexible scheduling and pacing as well as a less structured mindset that offers students a "flow-through" system of academic and social/emotional support.

Part of this support also includes a brand new dedicated space, located on the right-side of the school's campus.

"Even with the pandemic and damage to the original facility, the program has continued to grow, and the students are really looking forward to finally moving into their new space," said Director of Student Personnel Services Dawn Cuccolo.

After a severe windstorm put renovations of the original annex building on hold, the program was temporarily housed out of Brearley's conference room. It was later determined that the

30-year-old structure needed to be completely replaced, and between insurance reimbursements and district savings, plans for a new building were quickly underway.

"We were fortunate with the cost and timeframe for the rebuilding process," said School Business Administrator Vince Gonnella. "This building offers more space, including bathrooms, and has up-to-date technology and security features in place."

The new annex will be home to three classrooms where students and staff will work from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., independent of the main schedule's structure. With comfort as a priority, the annex also provides open floor plans with plenty of flexibility, and students will be encouraged to decorate and make the space their own.

"The program is entirely need-based, and with guidance from their parents or guardians, students can choose to be a part of it," said Cuccolo. "We're always looking at graduation

requirements while assessing how we can get them there outside of traditional practices. We're finding students reach remarkable success when given an opportunity to experience an education that meets them where they are."

In addition to social and emotional support, the program offers recreational opportunities, a foundations curriculum, passion projects, and independent study.

Kenilworth Superintendent Kyle Arlington hopes the program will serve as a model for the future of general education. "The way we've set it up, the Alternate Education Program has the students as our focus rather than the curriculum. It's personalized for their needs and interests, and I think that's exciting for how we develop general education moving forward."

"We're excited to see the program expand," concluded Cuccolo. "The students have been able to watch this building be constructed over the course of several months expressly for their needs, and they couldn't be more excited."

Photo by Kenilworth Public Schools



(above) A brand new dedicated space for the Alternate Education Program is located on the right-side of the school's campus.



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Teachers and education support professionals who not only excel at their job, but also take extra measures to ensure staff, students and their families feel welcome is what makes a school a community.

Kenilworth School District recognized some of these devoted individuals at the Board of Education meeting on April 11.

"These educators have achieved synergy between their own teaching visions and the visions for teaching that are thrust upon them by others," Kyle Arlington, Superintendent of Schools, said at the meeting. "Their beliefs align with their practices, and they have a strong and lasting impact on the children and young people of Kenilworth."

The honorees include:

Kristine Parente – A kindergarten teacher with the district for 17 years, Parente received recognition as Harding Elementary School's Teacher of Excellence. "I get to be surrounded with love every day," says Parente on why she enjoys being a teacher. "I get to inspire kids as

much as they inspire me."

Jamie Rifkowitz – Rifkowitz took on the role of Kenilworth's District Technology Facilitator in the fall of 2020, and is devoted to helping staff, students, and parents with all their technology concerns and interests. She was named Harding Elementary School's Educational Service Professional of the Year for her hard work and dedication.

Jill Minarik – This is Minarik's eighth year teaching English at Brearley High School. She is an advisor for the "Bears That Care" program and spends numerous hours arranging donations for community members in need. She received Teacher of Excellence recognition from Brearley High School. "My wish for every student I have

is to live boldly," she says. "To find their joy and hold on to it."

Lorrae Schau – Schau has been with Brearley Middle-High School since 1990. She is a Special Education Teacher and currently teaches 8th, 10th, and 12th grade. Schau was named Teacher of Excellence at Brearley Middle School. "Witnessing students as they flourish on multiple levels is my favorite part about being a teacher."

Jaime Lugo – Brearley's Educational Service Professional of the Year honor belongs to Guidance Counselor Jaime Lugo, who has been with the district for eight years. Students describe him as kind, sympathetic and sincere, and Principal Jeremy Davies says he listens without judgment and advises with positivity.



(above l-r) The Educators and Education Support Professionals of the Year include Jamie Rifkowitz, the district's Technology Facilitator; Kristine Parente, Harding Elementary kindergarten teacher; Lorrae Schau, Brearley Middle-High School Special Education Teacher; Jill Minarik, Brearley High School English teacher; and (not pictured) Guidance Counselor Jaime Lugo.

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If Knee Surgery Sounds Scary, It Should

Have you have been told you are facing knee replacement surgery? Have you been told about all the downsides you could be facing? First and foremost, there are NO guarantees that knee replacement surgery will be the answer to your pain, but let's look further:

- Surgery is costly, regardless of the percentage of services covered by insurance.
- Surgery requires lost time from work and typically requires a regimen of rehabilitation and medications.
- With surgery, there is always a risk for unwelcomed complications. And you could be back to where you started, or worse.
- Medications will be required for relief from surgery and you have been down that road before. Addictions to these pain medications can cause potential side effects, something you do not want to experience.
- Rehabilitation can take years.

Consider This Alternative To Surgery

Northeast Spine & Wellness Center offers you a real opportunity and a painless way to say goodbye to your knee pain without any surgery. Here are just a few of the important benefits you should consider?

- Diagnostic fluoroscopy accurately targets the pain, unlike blind injections.
- Guided fluoroscopic injections are virtually pain free, unlike blind injections.
- No lost time from work or family.
- No expensive or time consuming rehabilitation.
- No potentially addictive prescription medications.
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How Does This New Treatment Work?

Relief begins almost as fast as it takes to pronounce the treatment. It's called Viscosupplementation Therapy. To begin with, it starts with **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** investing in the use of diagnostic fluoroscopy. This enables them to target the exact location of your knee pain with pinpoint accuracy. What follows is a simple injection that causes little to no pain, especially when compared to what you may be living with daily. That explains what you will see on the surface of this revolutionary treatment. What's taking place below the surface is how and where the natural healing process takes place. The injection of a Hyaluronic acid called Hyalgan. This gel-like substance was approved by the FDA in 1996. Hyalgan is a natural substance that mimics the synovial fluid that is already produced by your body in your joints. Osteoarthritis sufferers in particular see a reduction in this much needed synovial fluid in their knee joints. Without that cushioning layer of protection, the cartilage in your knee can begin to wear away leading to the rubbing of bone on bone. Through Viscosupplementation Therapy, this natural substance immediately goes to work reducing the swelling and inflammation in the joint and adding a coating layer of protection. Think about Dorothy taking the oil can to The Tin Man. You'll begin to feel that same kind of relief and quite possibly feel like you're ready for a dance down the yellow brick road to recovery yourself. And with a success rate of over 85% in alleviating pain associated with osteoarthritis, it's easy to see why this treatment is so readily covered by Medicare and by most major insurance providers. Diagnostic fluoroscopy to target the pain. Viscosupplementation Therapy to relieve the pain. Simple, fast and no surgery!

Do you Suffer from any of these Symptoms?

There are a number of reasons why you developed Osteoarthritis pain. It can develop with age or because of heredity. It could be from repetitive stress from a job or some glory days in athletics. Of course your concern is with the symptoms you face daily and how to make them end, hopefully without surgery or the use of potentially addictive medications. **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** understands the symptoms you have been living with and can help. If you have any of the symptoms below, please call us today. Relief is a phone call away.

- **Pain** - Whether it's a sharp aching or maybe a burning sensation, the pain can range from irritating to debilitating.
- **Swelling** - This can cause tenderness and soreness to the entire knee area, making walking or going up and down stairs painful, getting in and out of bed or bathtubs difficult and dangerous just name a few activities affected by swelling.
- **Stiffness** - Getting up out of bed or after sitting for a period of time gets more and more difficult. This loss of mobility can be more than a hindrance. It can be dangerous if you need to move quickly.
- **Loss of muscle strength** - This can lead to balance issues and the strong possibility of falling.
- **Joint deformity** - Not just unsightly, but painful as well.
- **Creaking Joints** - Can be painful and a sign of more discomfort to come.
- **Sleepless nights** - Losing sleep over your suffering is not just irritating, but potentially dangerous because of so many other health concerns that can be affected by loss of sound sleep.

Let Me Show You Targeted Relief From Your Knee Pain

Every day, I see patients suffering from knee pain due to arthritis, osteoarthritis, sports injuries or other conditions. Many have been told that they are in need of knee replacement surgery. Other patients say they have been prescribed various prescription medications to deal with the pain.

Something else I see almost every day, are patients that have tried viscosupplementation knee injections elsewhere and found it to be a painful and ineffective experience because the injections were not administered using fluoroscopic guidance. Instead of using the incredibly accurate diagnostic fluoroscopy we use at **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** these patients experienced a blind injection technique, which can be as inaccurate as playing pin the tail on the donkey.

Once I am able to explain to my patients about the pin point accuracy of using diagnostic fluoroscopy and the amazing results viscosupplementation can provide, they are thrilled to get started. They are even more thrilled when they feel the relief. Please contact **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** today to schedule your RISK FREE consultation. Call 732-827-0800

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Shop til you drop along the Boulevard with over 100 quality exhibitors selling their merchandise such as jewelry, handbags, sports collectibles, clothing, home decor and much more. There will be a special section with handmade crafts from local and nearby crafters, and artisans with unique one of a kind items.

Quality exhibitors will be selling a selection of assorted items, and a special arts & crafts section, live entertainment, kiddie rides & games, great festival foods & food trucks, and so much more. Don't miss stopping by the many local merchants & civic organizations to see what goodies they are passing out.

As you stroll along the Blvd stop to have a bite to eat and sit at tables in the live music area. So come hungry and enjoy eating carnival food favorites like a sausage & pepper sandwich, cheese steaks, kettle corn, chicken fingers, ice cream, zeppole, shish kabobs, gyros, fresh cut fries, fresh squeezed lemonade, Italian ice and the many great gourmet foods from the food trucks.

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SHINING STARS TO PRESENT "GREATEST HITS" - MAY 14TH

The Shining Stars are back! Celebrating 10 years on the stage, the talented special needs cast will be presenting "The Greatest Hits" — covering many of the memorable performances over the past decade.

The outdoor show will take place on the campus of Woodbridge High School, located at 1 Samuel Lupo Way, Woodbridge, on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 5 p.m. There will be food trucks, a tricky tray and a 50/50 raffle.

"It's hard to believe it's been ten years, but it's been an incredible journey," noted Shining Stars Network Founder and Show Director Sally Curci. "We continue to be inspired by our performers every day. Their passion, dedication and talent is what makes our shows come to life."

The Shining Stars have performed in front of audiences of 1,000 or more, with cast members from seven different counties performing over

the years. The Cranford-based organization still has many Cranford residents, but is open to anyone who wants to experience the performing arts.

"We're all about inclusion and opportunity while building self-esteem and creating friendships," said Shining Stars Network Founder and President Mike Curci. "There have been so many incredible performances over the years and we can't wait to see our stars shine on stage once again."

Tickets are available by going to ShiningStarsNetwork.org and clicking on the "purchase tickets" page. General admission tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the show. Please bring a folding chair or blanket. Seating boxes are first-come, first-served. Gates open at 4 p.m. Plenty of on-site parking is available. Rain date is May 21st. Any cancellation will be noted at ShiningStarsNetwork.org.

SHINING STARS NETWORK is a non-profit organization based in Cranford, N.J. founded by Sally and Mike Curci that shines the light on the special needs community by creating opportunities in the performing arts, with the goal of building self-confidence and self-esteem while enjoying the experience of performing on stage. In addition, their Shining Stars Ambassadors basketball team travels to play local first responders and organizations while building friendship and understanding. Now entering its 6th year, Camp Shine (for ages 10-20 years) and The Shining Stars Summer Workshop (21 and over performers) are two-week intensive programs open to everyone, including those with developmental disabilities, that will take place August 15-26, 2022. For more information on Shining Stars Network or any of their programs, please visit ShiningStarsNetwork.org or send your email to ShiningStarsNetwork@gmail.com.



(above) Shining Stars, a special needs performing arts group, takes the stage on May 14th. For more information visit ShiningStarsNetwork.org.



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VOLUNTEERS SWORN IN TO ADVOCATE FOR FOSTER YOUTH

CASA of Union County

The new class of community members to step up and train as advocates for Union County foster youth have taken their oath before Union County Superior Court Judge Lara K. DiFabrizio and become the newest volunteers with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County.

Since 2005, the nonprofit has recruited, trained, supported and supervised nearly 600 community volunteers to advocate for more than 900 such youth, protecting best interests and ensuring needs are met in the courtroom, classroom and community. As caseworkers, foster placements and schools can change frequently, CASA volunteers often are the only consistent, caring adult in a youth's corner, helping ensure already experienced trauma is not exacerbated as youth await permanency in a safe and loving home.

Judge DiFabrizio presided over the Zoom swearing-in ceremony of volunteers Lynda Sun Lee of Berkeley Heights, Katherine (Katie) Rabecki of Cranford, Dina Gharaibeh of Kearny, Lila Monroe of Roselle, Julia Dranishnikov of Scotch Plains, and Robert Mallard of Union. In commemoration with gratitude, Judge DiFabrizio noted, "Thank you all for your commitment, passion, hard work, and loyalty to these families that desperately need it. It takes a village and now you're a part of it." Each volunteer will now be matched to a foster youth or foster sibling set, and begin putting their 30-hour training into practice, ensuring their needs are met and best interests are protected while they await permanency.

Anyone passionate about making a difference in a child's life can apply to volunteer; there is no prior experience or background needed to serve as an advocate. Each undergoes a thorough training process and is supported by CASA staff

throughout their work. Successful advocates have varied life experiences and this class is no exception, as professional backgrounds include social work, education, judicial clerkship, health management, and business.

Upon being court-ordered to a case, the CASA volunteer has access to the youth's foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists, and teachers and, through their regular child visits, identify and report to the judge any concerns and needs in order to protect the child's best interests.

As the only nonprofit serving as extra eyes and ears for Union County judges hearing cases of youth in the child welfare system, the organization regularly recruits community volunteers to serve these local child-victims from birth to age 21. To learn more about CASA of Union County, how to join a training class, and other ways to Change a Child's Story, email info@casaoofunioncounty.org.



(above l-r) Community members are sworn in as advocates for foster youth.
Berkeley Heights' Lynda Sun Lee, Roselle's Lila Monroe, Cranford's Katherine Rabecki;
Union's Robert Mallard, Union County Superior Court Judge Lara K. DiFabrizio,
Kearny's Dina Gharaibeh; Scotch Plains' Julia Dranishnikov.

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Registration is required for all special events.

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To register call the library at 908-276-2451.

BOOGIE WOOGIE BABIES

Tuesday, May 10 at 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

This Interactive musical program will be presented by Tiffany Taylor. Ages: 0 – 4

ANIME AND MANGA DRAWING WORKSHOP

Tuesday, May 10 at 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

This workshop will be presented by Doug Baron. Ages: 8 - adult

WORLD FOLK TALES

Thursday, May 12 at 3:30– 4:30 p.m.

All Ages

Interactive storytelling featuring folk tales from around the world. This program will be presented by Richard Stillman. This program has been funded by a Cultural Arts Grant.

ART EXHIBIT KENILWORTH LIBRARY

Submitted by Barbara Wirkus

The Gallery-on-the-Boulevard will present "Floral Portraits" an exhibit by photographer Sara Parmigiani. The show will open on April 2nd and remain through July.

Ms. Parmigiani holds a BA in Fine Arts and an MA in Museum Studies. She is currently curator at Fleetwood Camera Museum and is employed by the Newark Museum of Art in the Collections Department. Her photographs have been featured in multiple exhibits throughout Union County. She received a First Place Award in the Floral Category, Ocean Grove Chamber of

Commerce exhibit.

One of her favorite artists is Martin Johnson Heade who painted still life images of tropical flowers. She was inspired by his practice of isolating flowers against dark backgrounds and utilizes a similar technique. She believes "Each flower is a work of art in and of itself."

All artwork is available for purchase by contacting the artist.

The exhibit is located in the Kenilworth Public Library. It is free and open to the public during regular library hours. For more information call 908-276-2451.

RODRIGUEZ BROTHERS COMPETE IN BOY SCOUT CHESS TOURNAMENT

After a two year hiatus due to Covid-19 restrictions the Boy Scouts Annual Chess Tournament in Cranford was back in full swing held on March 26, 2022 at the Cranford Community Center. The event was hosted by the newly configured Pioneer District or the Boy Scouts of America and Sponsored by Renna Media. Tom Andrea, Advisor, Patriots Path Council Chess Club and District Chairman Steve Flood organized the event.

First place winner was Paul Mild of Bound Brook who finished with a perfect score of 4.0, winning all four of his games. Second and third place winners with a score of 3.5, were Paul Rinaldi and Sander Merrick, both from Florham Park.

Thirty contestants participated in the tournament that is organized by Joe Renna of Renna Media, and Tournament Director John Moldovan. This tournament also met the 6a requirement for earning a Chess merit badge.

The Patriot Path Council Chess Club is open

to all scouts and potential scouts and is free to join. Currently the club is playing monthly, Saturday morning online chess tournaments, usually the fourth Saturday of the month. There is a signup form to join the club that can be found on their website at 247scouting.com.



(above, l-r) Jake and Matthew Rodriguez of Kenilworth participated in Boy Scouts Chess Tournament.

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GRETA'S RUN FOR IMAGINE - MAY 22

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The 9th Annual Greta's Run for Imagine will be held in-person for the first time in 2 years! Join us on Sunday May 22, 2022 for an official USATF 5K race through Westfield, NJ. This year, we are introducing a Memory Walk – a 0.6 mile route where families of the community can walk in memory of anyone who has died. Memory Walk Registrants can purchase a sign to decorate with the name of their loved one to line the walk route and memorialize their family member.

Greta's Run began 9 years ago when a group of Greta Schoenemann's friends decided they wanted to honor her memory with a 5k race. Greta had died on September 15, 2002 due to injuries sustained when a branch fell on a group of students as they were eating lunch outside of Westfield High School. This year marks the 20th anniversary of Greta's death and the 9th year the race has been run in her honor.

Sadly, many of us have experienced the loss of someone we love and this year's event is in honor of all of them. We invite everyone to join us as we run, walk or roll in honor of Greta and all those we love who have died. At Imagine, we see this run as an act of honor, as an act of mourning and of remembrance for our families and our community.

Before the 5K race, we invite everyone to join us for a Memory Walk when we will provide time and space for all to walk in honor of those who have died but are not forgotten.

Proceeds from the race support Imagine's free peer support groups for children and families coping with grief, as well as Imagine's grief education programs which are available for schools and businesses looking to better support their communities. Additionally, Imagine staff are available to provide support in the immediate aftermath of a loss in a school community, organization or place of business.

We are so thankful for our sponsors thus far for the 9th Annual Greta's Run for Imagine. A big thank you to our Memory Walk Sponsor: Toriello Family in honor of MTT Memorial Fund and thank you to our hydration sponsor Westfield Pediatric Dental Group, and shirt sponsors Family Investors Company and Rossi Funeral

Home. Your sponsorships help underwrite the event and help ensure that every dollar goes directly to providing free grief support for children and families. To become a sponsor, please contact Angela Marie Tayco at angela@imagineinnj.org or 908-228-3360.

To register for Greta's Run and/or the Memory Walk, please visit imagineinnj.org/gretasrun. We look forward to coming together as a community to honor and remember those we love who have died.

Imagine's Executive Director, Lindsay Schambach would like to extend this invitation to you: 'We hope that you will join us and walk alongside our families, our children, and our community, and let everyone know that their loss matters, that they are not alone, and they are never forgotten.'

Imagine offers grief and loss education and training to the community and free year-round grief support groups for children ages 3-18 who have had a parent, sibling, or close family member die. Concurrent groups are available for parents and guardians of the children in our groups, and young adults 18-30. Imagine also offers a support group for Spanish speaking adults. For more information, please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or info@imagineinnj.org.



KINDNESS COUNTS CLUB

St. Theresa School in Kenilworth recently held their first meeting of the Kindness Counts Club. Teachers, JoAnn Furlong and Karen DeMaio, who are lifetime friends, run the club. Children from Kindergarten to 2nd grade meet once a week after school. They are learning about acts of kindness shared in different ways towards family members and nature.



(above) Students made a Cheesy Act of Kindness Wall to spread the word of Kindness.

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The New Jersey Veterans Network (NJVN) has a different way of reaching out to veterans and they proved this during their recent NJVN Veterans Salute event, a joint venture between the NJVN and the State VFW. NJVN Director Frank "Doc" Schupp and President Michael Boll treated NJ veterans to an event filled with enjoyable times, hot meals, free business attire, and resources for our state's heroes.

As you walked into the large room at VFW 2433 in Union Township, NJ, there were dozens of veterans smiling and mingling while DJ Doc Bear (an army veteran) played some tunes. The usual serious tone of similar events was replaced with a feeling of fun, comradeship and comfort.

Air Force Veteran Cristina Lozada said "This event provided an outlet for these veterans to be themselves and have fun in an environment with like-minded individuals. I saw firsthand how taking the time to give back really impacted these veterans lives by feeling cared for and acknowledged."

While waiting their turn to choose their clothing from an attic full of free apparel, veterans partook in video games, card games, and Army vs Navy, and Air Force vs Marines chess games. Delicious pizza was available from nearby Reggio's Pizza which was sponsored by NJVNs partner JM Rodgers. With impressive skill, local barber Emilio of Signature Barbers of Elizabeth, NJ cut veteran's hair free of charge. Volunteers, vets, and family members all enjoyed themselves side by side while honoring our brave men and women.

When asked about the event, organizer Doc Schupp explained, "We wanted to make it a point to create an atmosphere where vets can have fun while receiving resources; this way instead of feeling anxious and uncomfortable, they are relaxed while speaking to service providers."

The Veteran Salute program had plenty of community support as representatives from the

MOVES program, Vet Center, VFW, American Legion and New Bridge Medical Center were on hand to talk to veterans. The atmosphere was a very relaxed as vets interacted with service providers over games and refreshments.

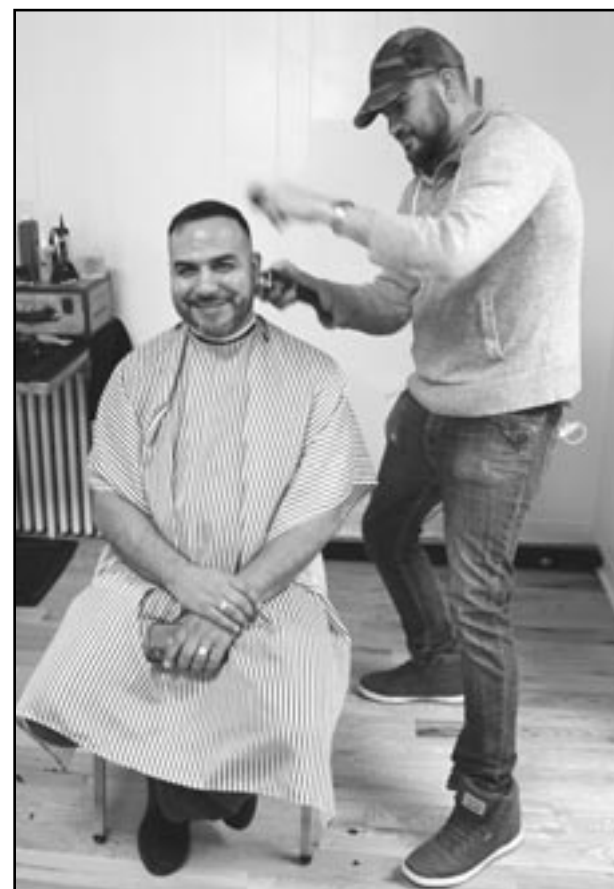
Camillo Vanegas of the MOVES program was on hand to discuss their veteran job placement program. American Legion Commander Dennis Duddie listened respectfully to veterans' stories and advised them of various local programs. The Vet Center was on hand to answer questions about counseling and case management. Bergen New Bridge Medical Center set up a table explaining their many veteran assistance programs. FDU's internship program.

Volunteers included the Union High School ROTC, 5-year-old Vickie Almanazar volunteered alongside her father Daniel, Army veteran Uncle Homer, and many more served food, helped with clothing distribution, entertained, or just visited with the veterans while listening to their stories.

Army recruit Miss Matias, who was shipping out to basic training shortly, was on hand to volunteer and shared her thoughts, "The Veterans Salute event was so successful. We helped a lot of people and touched so many lives. Sometimes all a person needs are a warm smile and friendly conversation to take their mind of their troubles, even if only for a moment."

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JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AND PROGRAM

On Sat., June 11, 2022, the Kenilworth Historical Society will present a colorful, enlightening program celebrating African-American culture and the significance of the Juneteenth holiday, which annually commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans. It will feature an inspiring interactive visit with renowned anti-slavery abolitionist and Underground Railroad "conductor" Harriet Tubman, as portrayed by acclaimed actress and historical interpreter Dr. Daisy Nelson Century.

The planned Juneteenth program and celebration will take place at the historic Oswald J. Nitschke House (49 South 21 Street, Kenilworth), starting at 1 p.m. Traditional Juneteenth refreshments will be served. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children

under the age of 12. Advance registration is requested, as seating is limited. The Nitschke House has an elevator and is fully accessible. For information and reservations, please call 908-709-0434.

Participants in the program, which has universal value for all cultures and age groups, will have the opportunity to learn about Harriet Tubman, the Civil War and the Underground Railroad in addition to the historical significance of the Juneteenth holiday, which is observed on June 19. Tubman, who was born into slavery, escaped and subsequently made some 13 missions to rescue approximately 70 enslaved people using the network of antislavery activists/abolitionists and safe houses known as the Underground Railroad, hence fulfilling her role as a "conductor."

The June 11 program at the Nitschke House is made possible in part by a 2022 HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) Grant from the Union County Board of County Commissioners. The Kenilworth Education Association F.A.S.T. Committee is generously contributing food for the event.

Proceeds will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society's Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880) "living history" museum and cultural arts center by helping defray operating and programming costs.

Dr. Daisy Nelson Century is a Philadelphia-based educator, actress, historical interpreter, motivational speaker, author and radio talk show host whose programs have inspired and delighted audiences throughout the United States.

She holds B.S., M.Ed. and Ed.D. degrees and has taught for more than 20 years in the Philadelphia School System as an award-winning science teacher. Her acting career has included lead roles in several independent movies, and an affinity for history led to her successful profession as a historical interpreter who travels throughout the United States effectively portraying such historical figures as Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Mary Fields, Phyllis Wheatley, Hatshepsut, Madame CJ Walker and Bessie Coleman. As an author, she has penned four books: Belle, Ms. Emmaline's Little Book of Wit and Wisdom, Zach and His Lucky Zebra Socks and Deedle, Deedle Your House is on Fire!

The Kenilworth Historical Society (www.kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org) is an independent, 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.



(above) Dr. Daisy Nelson Century, acclaimed professional actress, historical interpreter, author, educator, motivational speaker and radio talk show host will highlight the significance of the Juneteenth holiday and portray renowned abolitionist Harriet Tubman during a Sat., June 11 afternoon celebration and program hosted by the Kenilworth Historical Society at the Oswald J. Nitschke House in Kenilworth. All are welcome to attend. Advance registration is requested (908-709-0434), as seating is limited.

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