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## RED CADILLAC & PAUL'S GARAGE HELPING VETERANS

*Submitted by Michael D. Boll, Director NJVN*

The New Jersey Veterans Network (NJVN) is a mobile outreach team that aggressively seeks out veterans in need. For our charity to be successful, we need to have teammates who love our veterans the same as we do. Both Joe and Jamie Motes, owners of the Red Cadillac Restaurant located at 2258 Morris Ave, Union, and Paul Carvalho, owner of Paul's Garage, located at 983 Lehigh Ave, Union, are people who have always put others first and constantly help our veterans live a better way of life.

Joe and Jamie Montes have been with the NJVN since its creation. I met Joe in 2014 and have worked with him and the Red Cadillac ever since. The Montes and the members of the restaurant are a team that treats people like they are a part of the family.

For the last few years, the Red Cadillac family has hosted various feeding events for disabled veterans from nearly all the VA shelters and memorial homes. Also, they delivered food directly to disabled veterans that were unable to get to the restaurant. Providing food is not the only thing that the Red Cadillac does for our veterans, they have purchased numerous equipment for our recreational therapy activities. Over the years, Joe has hired veterans and has helped them get through some difficult times. Our charity is blessed to have the Red Cadillac in our family.

Paul Carvalho, owner of Paul's Garage, joined the team in beginning as well, I met Paul when he reached out to me, about donating a newer car to a disabled veteran. Paul and his employees have been providing car repair assistance to veterans for a long time. They have always gone out of their way to help veterans and show them gratitude for serving our country. However, Paul and his staff has done a lot more for veterans by hosting fundraising events and donating money for our recreational therapy activities. Paul also has hired veterans and treats his entire staff like family. The NJVN couldn't be happier to be a part of this family as well.

Even though both Joe, Jamie and Paul aren't veterans, the NJVN is fortunate to have teammates like this, who step up and help our uniformed heroes live a better way of life.

If you are interested in joining the team, please send me your name, email and phone number to [NJVN1775@gmail.com](mailto:NJVN1775@gmail.com) or call us at (973) 332-1556



*(above) The Red Cadillac during a recent helping to feed veterans event.*



*(above) Paul's Garage with NJVN members.*

### ABOUT NEW JERSEY VETERANS NETWORK

We are a group of veterans and volunteers dedicated to helping our veterans and their families live better lives. Our mission is to identify veterans and connect them with resources and programs designed to meet their unique set of needs. If you are a veteran or family member that is in need of assistance, or are interested in joining our team, would like us to speak at your event, or contribute to our mission, call 973-332-1556 or email [mdbollio@optonline.net](mailto:mdbollio@optonline.net). To learn more visit [njvn.org](http://njvn.org).

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# ELKS CLUBS RAISE MONEY FOR LOCAL FAMILY

In a joint venture, the Rahway Elks #1075 and the Union Elks Lodge #1583 had a fundraiser for Rahway Lodge member, Brian Dudek's 6 year old daughter Camy in October and raised \$6,891. In March, the Rahway Elks Lodge presented her family with a check and celebrated the successful fundraiser and community participation.

In 2022 Camy was diagnosed with brain cancer and since has had several surgeries, many hospital stays and test after test after test and this

kid just continues to smile and keep her spunkiness! Her current treatment protocol calls for 730 additional days of oral chemotherapy and more tests. We continue to pray for Camy and her family.

Thank you to all that donated to this wonderful family. If you want to donate, you can send a donation check to Rahway Elks Lodge #1075 Rahway, NJ No. 1075, 122 W Milton Ave., Rahway, NJ 07065-3247. Put "Camy Fundraiser" in the memo.



(above) In March, Elks Lodge members presented the Dudek family with a check and celebrated the successful fundraiser.

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Each month the Rotary Club holds a drive or performs a service meant to positively impact on our community. In the past, drives have resulted in donations of goods or services to the Union food pantry, to Cornell Hall nursing home, and to area shelters. Established in Union in 1941, members of Rotary continue to work for and believe in the principle of Service Above Self.

For more information about the Rotary Club of Union, email [info@unionrotary.org](mailto:info@unionrotary.org) or check the website: Rotary Club of Union.



## CLARK AMERICAN LEGION'S "HOMETOWN HERO"

Abigail Han, a lifelong resident of Union and a freshman attending Oak Knoll School, is a candidate for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Student Visionaries of the Year fundraising campaign. The campaign ran through March 4, 2023. Abigail raised money to help LLS find a cure for blood cancers and to assist patients and families as they battle these diseases. Recently, a young boy from Union, Marciano Rosa, was diagnosed with leukemia

and the community has come together to help support him. He is our team's "hometown hero". The American Legion gave Abigail a generous donation to help her with her campaign.

The Clark American Legion is always looking for new veterans to join. Also, the Sons of Veterans, and the Woman's Auxiliary, contact us at [americanlegionclarkpost328@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegionclarkpost328@gmail.com) for more information.



(above) Pictured are members of the Clark American Legion Post #328 with Post Commander Butch Switek presenting the check to Abigail Han.

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# RETIRED POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN DONATE TO JROTC DRILL TEAM

The Retired Policemen and Firemen's Association, Local 3 of Union/Somerset Counties donated \$400 to the Union HS JROTC Drill Team program at their March 9th meeting. This is such a great program that the Union High School has to offer our younger generation. This program instills respect, responsibility and pride in America today, stated Local 3 President, retired Police Chief Kenneth Grady. Many of the High School Cadets go right into the military after graduation. They work very hard at this and we

are very proud to help sponsor them to go to the National Title competition in Daytona Beach, Florida on May 5th, 2023. The cadets of Union High School won the Army JROTC National Drill Championship in 2008 and 2014. This year's team will be once again competing for a national title on May 5 in Daytona Beach, Florida. "Taking 40 cadets to Florida on a five-day overnight trip is expensive". "We have to take into account transportation, lodging and meals.

The funds will come from the district, the Army and through cadet fundraising." The Union High School Army JROTC Drill Team will be representing New Jersey at this prestigious event. "We have established the highest of standards. We are determined to make our community and New Jersey proud," said sophomore Anya Keoheuangpraseuth. You can help the Union HS Drill Team by donating money through their GoFundMe page: Help Send Union HS Army JROTC to Army Nationals



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## THE GATEWAY FAMILY YMCA HEALTHY KIDS DAY – APRIL 29

The Gateway Family YMCA is hosting the Y's annual Healthy Kids Day® on Saturday, April 29th, 2023. This free, annual event features a variety of family-friendly activities to encourage healthy kids, healthy families and a healthy start to the summer season. The Gateway Family YMCA will be hosting an Open House and Community Health Fair on April 29th at 4 locations in Elizabeth, Rahway and Union, as well as a Summer Day Camp Parent Information Session from 12 – 2 p.m. at the Elizabeth Branch, Five Points Branch and Rahway Branch. For details visit [tgfymca.org/events](http://tgfymca.org/events).

At the Elizabeth Branch, 135 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, families are invited for special family-friendly activities and a healthy snack 12:00-2:00pm. Parents and children ages 12+ are invited to join Abs and Glutes at 11:00am.

At the Rahway Branch, 1564 Irving Street, Rahway, families are invited for family-friendly events like Cornhole and Ducks in a Pond, Arts Mosaic coloring Basketball and Family Swimming from 1:00-3:00pm. Parents and children ages 12+ are invited to participate in Yoga at 9:15am.

At the Five Points Branch, 201 Tucker Avenue, Union, families are invited to visit and try the Y Soccer Class at 11:00am (Ages 8-12, Pre-Register at [tgfymca.org](http://tgfymca.org)), Pee Wee Soccer at 12:00pm (Ages 5-7, Pre-Register at [tgfymca.org](http://tgfymca.org)), and Family Swim 12:30-2:30pm.

At the Wellness Center Branch, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union, families are invited to attend the following classes: Friday, April 28, InStudio Pilates for Kids 5:00-5:30pm, Saturday, April 29 InStudio Family Pirate Ship Play Date 11:30-12:00pm, InStudio Pilates for Kids 12:30-1:00pm, InStudio Travel Adventure for Families 1:15-1:45pm, InStudio Stretch for Kids 2:00-2:30pm. On Sunday, April 30th, InStudio Family Pilates for Kids 12:00-12:30pm. Parents and children ages 12+ are also invited to participate in Group Exercise programs on April 29th including Yoga 8:00am, Body Works 9:00am,

Cycling 9:30am and Zumba 10:00am, on a first come, first serve basis.

Healthy Kids Day is the Y's largest single-day event promoting the health and well-being of kids and families. Healthy Kids Day gives Ys an opportunity to connect members and families in their community with important resources on healthy eating, physical activity and academic enrichment. Healthy Kids Day is also the unofficial kickoff for Y Summer Programming and Summer Camp.

"We believe in the potential of all children, and when a child is healthy, happy and supported, they can make great things happen," stated Rodger D. Koerber, EVP, Chief Operating Officer. "Healthy Kids Day is where fun and play become lifelong memories."

The Gateway Family YMCA is a leading

501(c)(3) non-profit, health and community service organization committed to strengthening community by connecting all people to their potential, purpose and each other. Working locally, the Y focus on empowering young people, improving health and well-being, and inspiring action in and across communities. By bringing together people from different backgrounds, perspectives and generations, the Y ensure that all have access to the opportunities, relationships and resources necessary to learn, grow and thrive.

For more information about The Gateway Family YMCA, visit [www.tgfymca.org](http://www.tgfymca.org) or contact the Elizabeth Branch 908-355-9622, Five Points Branch 908-688-9622, Rahway Branch 732-388-0057 or Wellness Center Branch 908-349-9622.

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Throughout the month, we focus on sharing stories and providing opportunities to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism, fostering worldwide support. This year, we are committed to creating a world where all people with autism can reach their full potential.

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- Invite your colleagues, classroom and friends to join our Kindness Campaign and encourage acceptance, understanding and inclusion with daily acts of kindness at school, work or in your community. Together, we can create a world where all people with autism can reach their full potential.
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Joined by the international community, hundreds of thousands of landmarks, buildings, homes and communities around the world come together on April 2, World Autism Awareness Day, to Light It Up Blue in recognition of people with autism and those who love and support them.

Everyone is encouraged to participate. Whether you have autism, love someone who does, or are looking to support a diverse, accepting and kind community – you're invited to take the pledge to help create a world where all people with autism can reach their full potential.

For more information visit: [autismspeaks.org/world-autism-awareness-day](https://autismspeaks.org/world-autism-awareness-day)



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The Salem Roadhouse Café presents the Mark Adamy Band, Saturday, April 15, 2023. The doors open at 7:15 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$20 and includes show, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, and dessert. The venue is located in the basement of Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities.

Mark Adamy is a multitalented keyboardist and vocalist who works with artists around the globe as a live performer and recording artist. This includes his own band: The Mark Adamy Band, which is a group of accomplished musicians that has thrilled listeners with its original stylings fusing pop, rock, jazz, R&B, world, and spiritual music.

Mark has enjoyed popularity as a sought-after talent for special events, productions, and performances. Mark has won honors including Entertainer of the Year and Boston Music award nominations. He has shared the stage with greats like Chaka Khan, James Brown, The Four Tops, John-Lee Hooker, Pieces of a Dream, Howard Hewitt, Phil Driscoll, Phil Keaggy, Roger Humphries, and many others. Mark has played

in many Broadway productions as well as music directing off-Broadway productions in NYC.

Mark's concert credentials are extensive with acts such as the Coasters, the Cadillacs, Ink Spots, Jive Five, Silhouettes, Marvellettes, the Chelles, and guitarist Billy Davis. He has jammed with jazz artists such as Warren Hill, Makoto Ozone, Darren Lyons Group, and Lee Robinson at venues ranging from New York's Russian Tea Room and Knitting Factory to Boston's Symphony Hall

As always, the Salem Roadhouse Café is live, intimate, up front, and personal. All ages are welcome.

### ABOUT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ

It's not "church music." It's music music. Folks who've come to the Salem Roadhouse Café know that it's a clean, safe place for people who enjoy listening to live music — in a world otherwise filled with clubs and bars. The Roadhouse has always offered its stage to local and independent mainstream musicians. Jazz, rock, folk, and other groups have performed. What's the common thread? They're all great musicians playing the kind of music people like to hear. There's no message, just music.

The Roadhouse started in 2008 by members

of Townley Presbyterian Church with a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth. Hey — that's why we're located where we are, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities. That's its social mission.

But the many musicians who've played the Salem Roadhouse Café see it as a solid performance venue. They love it because of its special intimacy and great audiences. They say people here "really listen." Ask any of the musicians you meet here — they love to play the Roadhouse, and they want to come back often.

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, and others. Thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.

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# TERRI SUESS ARTWORK IN ONLINE AUCTION TO BENEFIT MAPLEWOOD’S “HOUSE ON THE HILL”

Link to [Airauctioneer.com/Art4Ethical](https://Airauctioneer.com/Art4Ethical) to join the “Celebrate Art” Online Art Auction. Bidding runs from April 22 to 29, Preview runs from April 15 to 21). Proceeds from “Celebrate Art” will go to The Ethical Culture Society’s Capital Campaign to repair the historic Ethical Culture Society building, the "House on the Hill" at Prospect and Parker in Maplewood, NJ. Ethical Culture Society Members and Friends and the wider community are coming together in this effort.

Artist Terri Suess lives and creates art at her home studio in Union, NJ and she studies abstract painting at the League with Abstract Painter, Frank O’Cain. She also studied art at The Free Association, New York, and at the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Arts in Newark, NJ

"The April time frame of this auction is great", Suess said, "because original art can

make a great gift for Mother's Day, Spring Birthdays and Weddings, and Graduations."

Learn more about Terri at [TerriCafe.com](https://TerriCafe.com).

**INVITE TO ARTISTS**

Area artists are welcome to donate work to this online art auction. Deadline for receiving work is Wednesday, April 12, 2023. (sooner, if possible!) Artist will gain name familiarity among buyers, and they will receive a letter for tax purposes documenting their donation. Unsold works will be returned to the artists. Contact us/send a photo of the piece or pieces your wish to donate to [Art4Ethical@gmail.com](mailto:Art4Ethical@gmail.com).


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(above) Terri Suess

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## IMAGINE SEEKS LOVING LISTENERS FOR JUNE TRAINING

You may be familiar with Imagine and know that the non-profit provides free peer support groups for children, youth, young adults and parents/guardians who are grieving. Did you know that the groups are facilitated by an amazing team of volunteer facilitators? Imagine's volunteer facilitators come from all walks of life and no special background is required other than a willingness to listen, a heart inclined to serve, and the ability to be with children and adults in grief without trying to fix, solve or give advice. No prior experience is necessary.

Volunteers must be 18 years or older. Spanish-speaking volunteers are needed as well. Volunteers serve as companions and loving listeners for those who are grieving and help create a safe space where participants can share tears and embrace the joys of life.

Here's how some of our current volunteer facilitators have described their experience:

"Being an Imagine volunteer has been the most fulfilling and worthwhile volunteer experience I've ever had. I feel that the model is

just what it should be, and I love being a part of it. I think being an imagine volunteer helps me fulfill my desire to be a good person." Aimee-6+ years as Imagine Facilitator

"People outside of Imagine are always supportive when they hear that I volunteer at a grief support center. But I know it can be a little confusing to hear that volunteering at a grief support center is the best night of my week. And that's the magic. That as a volunteer, the joy is not in what we bring, but what we take home from our participants." Rob-4+ years as Imagine Facilitator

"I have found the people at Imagine to be among the best that I have ever met." Diane-6 months as Imagine Facilitator

If you'd like to join Imagine's amazing team of volunteer facilitators, there is a training planned for June 2 - 4. Each training is held from 9 a.m. - 5a.m. each day over 3 days at Imagine's Mountainside center. Imagine asks that you plan to attend the entire training. Participants in the training will have an opportunity to learn companioning and facilitation skills while

sharing stories with one another and providing each other with support. Many of Imagine's facilitators come away from the training feeling truly connected to one another and describe the experience as "life changing" Participants also come away better prepared to support those at Imagine, and those in their lives who have experienced a loss.

If you'd like to join one of the upcoming trainings, please visit Imagine's website at [imaginej.org](http://imaginej.org) or call the center at 908-264-3100. Imagine's staff and volunteers hope to welcome you to the team!

Imagine is a 501c3 nonprofit that offers free year-round grief support groups for children ages 3-18 and young adults 19-30 who are coping with a loss due to death. Concurrently, support groups are available for the parents and guardians of the children in the groups and offered in English and Spanish. Imagine also offers grief and loss education and training to the community. For more information please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or [info@imaginej.org](mailto:info@imaginej.org).

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## THOMAS EDISON AND UNION'S CONCRETE HOUSES

Union's Ingersoll Terrace has been featured in magazines, TV shows, and local legend as the site of one of Thomas Edison's more unusual ventures: the concrete house. But how did the inventor end up mixing cement, getting into the homebuilding business, and choosing Union?

On Tuesday, April 25, at 7 p.m. the Union Township Historical Society will host "Thomas Edison and Union's Concrete Houses" at Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, 888 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union. The talk will be presented by Sue Kaufmann, who is researching concrete houses as part of a book on places where Edison experimented and did business in New Jersey. She will share the story of how Edison got into concrete and how his vision for durable, affordable houses inspired the homes that still stand here today.

Kaufmann is a communications consultant and the author of [hiddennj.com](http://hiddennj.com), which features more than 400 stories of notable--but lesser-known--people, places and historic events around the state.



(above) Author, Sue Kaufmann

## DR. K'S MOTOWN REVUE CONCERT

*Township of Union*

As a fundraiser for the Township of Union Veteran's Alliance Memorial Day Parade, all are invited to attend Dr. K's Motown Revue Concert. The concert will take place in the Union High School Auditorium (2350 N. 3rd Street, Union) on April 23 at 2:30 p.m.

"Dr. K's Motown Revue is an outstanding group of musicians that will bring you back to the golden age of music," said Manny Figueiredo, Mayor. "Come join us for an afternoon of amazing music in support of a good cause."

Doors open at 1:30 p.m., and tickets cost \$35. All proceeds from this event will go towards the Township of Union Veteran's Alliance Memorial Day Parade. To purchase tickets, call Karen at (908) 557-5950.

"When you stop by this event, you support veterans within the Township of Union. Supporting this event will help us honor the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our Township of Union Memorial Day Parade," said Bob Johnsen, Chair of the Township of Union Veterans Alliance. "We couldn't be more excited to dance and sing along to some of our favorite hits!"

Dr. K's Motown Revue was formed from the vision of Paul Korman and his quest to bring the sounds of Motown to a new generation. This group of seasoned musicians and singers has kept the music true to its roots, and is guaranteed to leave audience members singing and dancing with every performance.

The Township of Union Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., starting at the VFW on 2012 High Street in Union. The Grand Stand Program will take place at Honor Roll Park at 12 p.m.

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## EARTH DAY RAHWAY RIVER CLEAN-UP – APRIL 22

### Rahway River Watershed Association

All volunteers are invited to celebrate Earth Day 2023 with a clean-up of the Rahway River with Union County Parks and Recreation's Rahway River Park on Saturday, April 22nd (with a rain date of Sunday, April 23rd).

The clean-up will focus on areas upstream and downstream of the dam at Winfield Park, New Jersey in Cranford, Clark, Linden and Rahway. Please come by the parking area adjacent to the waterfall of the Rahway River by the Bloodgood Dam at Winfield Park at 8:45 to

register, pick up bags, gloves, bottled water and snacks, and receive safety information. Teams will be encouraged to travel to any part of the river within the park where they would like to perform cleanup activities. We specifically ask all folks to register and to work in small groups for safety purposes. Everyone under 18 must have their parent's signature on the attached Individual Waiver form as well as adult supervision to participate.

Cleaning up a river and park area is a great way to celebrate Earth Day and if you haven't participated in an event like this before, you will find it invigorating, and you will feel good about what you have accomplished...it is also fun and educational...especially for Scouts and young adults as they always find something interesting. Over the 25 years this cleanup has occurred thousands of folks have participated, and pulled some amazing things from the river improving its quality.

The clean-up will generally be between 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., but any amount of time or effort that

folks can volunteer is appreciated. There is always a large volume of floatable debris to pick up. The team working registration will provide suggestions on areas with large volumes of floatable debris.

All participants should wear jeans, long-sleeved shirts, gloves and boots, waders are welcome for folks who like to get a little wet. Each participant should bring a standard 5-gallon carry bucket with a handle (put your name on the bottom)...this makes for easy carrying of "stuff" for transfer to the large garbage bags. A mulching rake is also a great asset to have to enable reaching out and pulling debris into shore from the river bank. After the event there is an inventory of the debris removed, and within approximately 24 hours Union County Parks and Recreation removes and disposes of all the trash.

There is no RSVP required but if more information is required please contact rivercleanup@comcast.net or the Rahway River Watershed Association at

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### **Drop-In and Knit with Beyond Yarn (In-person at Main Library)**

*Mon., 4/3 @ 6:30 pm*

Whether you're an expert knitter or want to learn how this is your chance to talk with an expert. Bring your own materials and projects and join us. Adults and teens are welcome. This program takes place at the Main Library. Registration is required, as space is limited.

### **Drop-In and Knit with Beyond Yarn (In-person at Vauxhall Branch Library)**

*Tues., 4/4 @ 10:30 am*

Whether you're an expert knitter or want to learn how this is your chance to talk with an expert. Bring your own materials and projects and join us. This program takes place at the Vauxhall Branch Library. Registration is required, as space is limited.

### **Celebrate Poetry Month with Kean University (Virtual on Zoom)**

*Tues., 4/4 @ 7:00*

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### **Union County Department of Aging (In-person at Main Library)**

*Thurs., 4/6, from 10:00 am-12:00 pm*

Do you have questions about services for seniors or their caregivers? Then, visit the Aging Services Kiosk, speak to our specialist, and get answers to your questions about: pharmaceutical assistance, home energy assistance/USF, cooling assistance, home care, home delivered or congregate meals, Medicaid eligibility, social security, caregiver relief programs, and transportation.

### **Meditation (Virtual on Zoom)**

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### **Animal Crossing Open Hours (Nintendo Switch)**

*Thurs., 4/6, from 3-5 pm*

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### **Benevolent Ageism (In-person at the Union Township Senior Center)**

*Tues., 4/11 at 11:00 am*

This presentation includes an artistic demonstration of an uncomfortable conversation about mental illness and an interactive talk-back, resources, and information. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Township of Union, South Mountain Center, the Mental Health Association in NJ, and Union Public Library. At the Union Township Senior Center, 652 Rahway Ave. in Union.

### **Healthy Eating on a Budget (Virtual on Zoom)**

*Wed., 4/12 @ 7:00 pm*

We'll show you how to make healthy, affordable meals while getting the most value. Learn the three P's of Healthy Eating, including planning, purchasing, and preparing affordable meals. Learn to stretch your dollars when eating at home and waste less—presented by Karen M. Ensle, Family & Community Health Sciences at Rutgers, Cooperative Extension.

### **Friends Meeting (In-Person at the Main Library)**

*Thurs., 4/13 @ 6:00 pm*

Join the Friends of the Library at their monthly meeting. New members are always welcome. Come and support your library.

### **Native Plants Planting! (In-person at Vauxhall Branch Library)**

*Mon., 4/17 @ 6:30*

Description to come Presented by Kim Correro, Hudson County Chapter of the NJ Native Plant Society

### **Movie of the Month (In-person at Vauxhall Branch Library)**

*Tues. 4/18 @ 12 pm*

Relax with a fun comedy at Union Public Library.

### **Flower Origami Workshop for Adults (In-person at Main Library)**

*Tues., 4/18 @ 6:00 pm*

Join us for a spring-themed origami class with Instructor Joy Ann. Learn how to make beautiful origami flowers. Registration is limited and will open one week before the event.

### **Stop Procrastinating & Get Your Decluttering DONE with Jamie Novak (Virtual on Zoom)**

*Wed., 4/19 @ 7:00 pm*

Do you put off organizing tasks? Do you delay getting started? Do you procrastinate when it comes to decluttering your home? Then, log on and learn simple strategies to get things done! During this online program with organizer and author Jamie Novak, she'll share ways to stop putting things off and jumpstart your efforts with a live tidy-up during the program. So don't put it off. Register for this fun and informative virtual program today.

### **Off the Shelf Book Club (Virtual on Zoom)**

*Thurs., 4/20 @ 7:00 pm*

New members are always welcome. This month's title is *This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel.

### **Hilton Readers Book Discussion Group (In-person at the Vauxhall Branch)**

*Wed., 4/26 @ 6:00 pm*

Members discuss their favorite books and authors. New members are always welcome. April's title is *The Postcard Killers* by James Patterson.

### **Business Communications and Etiquette (Virtual on Zoom)**

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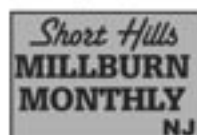
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## KENILWORTH CHESS CLUB CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

The Kenilworth Chess Club celebrated its 50th anniversary with a party on Thursday, November 3, 2022. Veteran members traveled from as far as Nevada to share in the moment. Along with regular members, officers from other NJ Clubs also attended.

The club has been revamping after COVID restrictions prevented it from meeting for two years. New members have been steadily joining the ranks as the club, under President Jack McCorkell, looks to get back to being one of the largest and most active clubs in the state.

Some notables attending were Andy Wolman, co-founder of the Club; Life/National Chess Master Scott Massey who over the decades provided many classic and blindfold simultaneous exhibitions and lectures, frequently donating his fees; and Michael Wojcio, former President of the Kenilworth Chess Club, serving 16 years from 1984 to 2000 and author/editor of the Kenilworth Kibitzer, the Kenilworth Chess Club's comprehensive monthly newsletter, which had a 12-year publishing run. Some members could not attend.

Missed most was Past President John Moldovan, dealing with a medical condition.

The club was formed in 1972 amid the chess craze in America spearheaded by Bobby Fischer's march to the world championship. For 50 years the club was a force to be reckoned with as its member roster included many Master level players, including State Champions.

The club has a reputation for being friendly and accommodating. It welcomes non-members with no obligation or cost. It's a place where beginners can learn in a casual setting without being intimidated. Strong players are generous with their time in analyzing and giving instruction.

The club's website, [kenilworthchessclub.org](http://kenilworthchessclub.org), is well-read and features an award-winning blog by Michael Goeller and other instructional features. Players are welcome to just pop into the Kenilworth Chess Club with no formalities every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. at the Kenilworth Community Center located next to Borough Hall on the Boulevard and the corner of 24th Street.



(above, l-r) Some Kenilworth Chess Club celebrants from KCC 50th, Joe Renna, Declan McManus, Anthony Andrews, Greg Tomkovich, Andy Chan, Rich Falcetano, Mark Schoengold, Bill Cohen, Doran Race, Andy Wolman, Mike Wojcio, Lev Zilbermintz, Louis Leiggi, Ari Minkov, KCC President Jack McCorkell, Life/National Master Scott Massey and Dr. Saptarshi "SB" Bandyopadhyay.

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