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UNICO HONORS COLUMBUS IN PETERSTOWN

The Elizabeth Chapter of UNICO participated in celebrating Columbus Day on Monday, October 9, 2023. Attendees met at Sacco's Meat Market, 806 Third Avenue, located in the Peterstown section of the city. A procession

walked to the Christopher Columbus statue, located in O'Brien Field on the corner of Third Avenue and South 7th Street. After the wreath laying ceremony, attendees were invited back to Saccos for lunch.



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SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ NOVEMBER 11 SHOW

Salem Roadhouse Café presents Robert Hill Band on Saturday, November 11, 2023.

The doors open at 7:15 p.m., the show starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$20 and includes show, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, and dessert. The venue is in Bailey Hall at Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Road, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities.

The Robert Hill Band has been at the Roadhouse Café many times before, and each time is a unique, exciting experience for the audience. Robert has been inducted into the NY Blues Hall Of Fame in 2014. He not only does incredible slide guitar work, he also does original songwriting and has won numerous competitions. Vocalists Rae Simone and Paulina Hill bring backgrounds rooted in Blues, Motown, Jazz, R&B and Soul. Rae has been featured in Rolling Stone. Paulina, Robert's daughter, has been performing with her father since the age of ten. She has received the Rising Star Award for New Jersey from the Papermill Playhouse. She is also a veteran performer of many musical theater productions. Eric Puente, on drums and Ed Alstrom on Hammond B3 have toured with some of the biggest names in music, including Donlad Fagen, Al Green, Blondie, Levon Helm, Dr. John and numerous others.

The band adds their own unique interpretations to traditional blues classics, as well as performing many of their own compositions. With searing

slide guitar, exceptional vocals, and a rhythm section of seasoned veterans, they are known for jaw-dropping, entertaining performances.

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

ABOUT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ

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.

But the many musicians who've played at 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 Programs, 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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GRANT FUNDING FOR YMCA SWIM LESSONS

The Gateway Family YMCA was chosen as one of 69 youth programs from the USA Swimming Foundation's nationwide network of swim lesson providers to receive grant money in early 2023. The grant award will go toward The Gateway Family YMCA's continued efforts to provide free or reduced-cost swim lessons. The USA Swimming Foundation has awarded a total of \$647,522 to programs.

"The Gateway Family YMCA is thrilled to be chosen for this grant, and we are grateful for the continued partnership of USA Swimming," stated Melynda A. Disla, President and CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "This grant funding allows us to provide drowning prevention and swimming lesson efforts for 80 children from the local community in the City of Elizabeth."

"Water safety is a necessary life skill, and we are committed to providing a curriculum that provides water safety information and basic swimming skills for all," stated Rodger D. Koerber, EVP, Chief Operating Officer.

The USA Swimming Foundation vetted more than 345 applications through a competitive annual review process and chose 69 youth and 35

adult programs to receive funding.

"The USA Swimming Foundation is thrilled to provide funding to 104 swim lesson providers across 29 states," USA Swimming Foundation Senior Director of Development Elaine Calip said. "Over 14,000 individuals will now have the opportunity to learn the lifesaving skill of water safety across the country. We owe a tremendous thank you to our partners and donors who continue to make a difference in our mission of saving lives and building champions."

Millions of individuals have received the lifesaving gift of swim lessons through the USA Swimming Foundation's network of swim lesson providers, comprised of more than 1,500 qualified lesson providers across the nation. To learn more, and for a full list of 2023 USA Swimming Foundation grant recipients or to donate to the Foundation, visit

www.usaswimming.org/foundation.

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 Swimming Lessons at The Gateway Family YMCA, visit tgfymca.org or contact the Rahway Branch at 732-388-0057 or the Five Points Branch at 908-688-9622.

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UNICO HONORS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR POLICE CHIEF JIM SACCA

Submitted by Nino Quaglia, President, Elizabeth Chapter of UNICO

Each year, UNICO sponsors a Dinner Dance that honors an Italian American who exemplifies the ideals of UNICO. UNICO, which stands for Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity, and Opportunity, has as its motto, "Service Above Self." The 2023 honoree is Giacomo "Jim" Sacca, currently the Chief of Police for the City of Elizabeth. The 2023 UNICO Scholarship recipients were also recognized at the dinner which took place Sunday, October 29 at Galloping Hill caterers in Union, NJ.

Sacca is the highest-ranking officer in the police department, responsible for all police operations. Chief Sacca has twenty-eight years of experience as a police officer and agency supervisor. Chief Sacca served as a supervisor in the uniformed services and investigative bureaus of the police department. Before earning his role as the agency administrator, Chief Sacca served as the Commanding Officer of the Emergency

Service Unit, Patrol Division, Narcotics Unit, and Training Division. Chief Sacca's current responsibilities include the management of daily operations, strategic planning for the agency, and ensuring the resource needs of the 365 sworn members of the department.

Chief Sacca is an alumnus of the United States Naval Postgraduate School with a Master of Arts in Security Studies, Homeland Security and Defense. Chief Sacca completed his undergraduate studies at Thomas Edison State University, achieving a Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management. He also has a certificate in Public Safety Liability Mitigation, Risk Management from Richard Stockton University. In 2021, Chief Sacca completed the Certified Public Manager Program at Rutgers University.

Chief Sacca is the current President of the Union County Police Chief's Association. Chief


Sacca serves as the Superintendent of the John H. Stamler Police Academy and the Chairman of the Union County Law Enforcement Officer Memorial project. Chief Sacca is a member of the Board of Trustees for the 313 Ancestor's Speak Project. Chief Sacca also serves as an Executive Board Member of the Italian American Police Society of New Jersey and is a Commissioner for the New Jersey State Chief's of Police Accreditation Board. Chief Sacca has been a proud member of UNICO for over twenty years.

The Elizabeth Chapter of UNICO is committed to supporting various organizations such as Cooley's Anemia, The Arc of Union County, Center for Hope Hospice & Palliative Care, Occupational Center, Elmora Youth League, Scholarships for Italian American Collegian Students, and many other charitable organizations, who desperately rely on our donations to continue their services.




(above) In 2013, Mayor J. Christian Bollwage administers the oath to promote Giacomo "Jim" Sacca to the rank of Captain in the Elizabeth Police Department as Jim's mother, Maria is holding the Bible.

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NATIONAL SOJOURNERS GARDEN STATE CHAPTER #438

Submitted by Chris Sands

National Sojourners Garden State Chapter #348, which has members from around Union County, held their quarterly meeting at the Atlas-Pythagoras Lodge building, located on Central Ave. in Westfield, NJ, on September 14. Mr. Noah Lewis portrayed Private Edward "Ned" Hector from Colonel Proctor's 3rd PA Artillery, Continental Line. Ned discussed the role of Afro-Americans in the Revolutionary War and his heroic role in the Battle of Brandywine, where he saved arms, powder, his horses and wagon during the retreat. Ned also instructed the chapters members on the duties of a cannon crew.

The Chapter is currently fund raising to send high school sophomores and juniors to the

Freedoms Foundation "Spirit of America" Youth Leadership Conference at Valley Forge, PA. We were honored to receive a \$1,500 donation from the H. Hovnanian Foundation to support this effort.

The National Sojourners are a Uniformed Services-Masonic organization that cultivates Masonic ideals, supports all patriotic aims and activities in Masonry, develops true patriotism and Americanism throughout the nation, brings together representatives of the uniformed services of the United States (past and present) in a united effort to further the military needs of national defense, and for opposing any influence whatsoever calculated to weaken the national security. For more information contact chrissands44@aol.com.



(above) Mr. Noah Lewis portrays Privates Edward "Ned" Hector of the 3rd PA Artillery, in the American Revolution.

Courtesy photo

“WHAT AN OWL KNOWS LECTURE - NOV. 12TH

New York Times Best-selling author Jennifer Ackerman joins The Raptor Trust on Sunday, November 12th, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. for a discussion of her latest book, What an Owl Knows.

We are excited to bring the 2023 lecture back in an in-person format after several years of virtual presentation! We look forward to welcoming attendees just down the road from The Raptor Trust at the Environmental Education Center (190 Lord Stirling Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920).

General Admission tickets are \$10 (\$5 for Senior Citizens). VIP tickets are \$75 include a copy of What an Owl Knows, preferred seating, and an invitation to the Opening Reception where you will be able to meet Jennifer Ackerman (to occur immediately before the event).

We hope you join us for this Owl-tastic event! For more information visit: theraptortrust.org/ldsmf-annual-lecture

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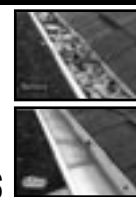
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Cub Scout Pack 23 is taking orders for Thanksgiving pies. The pies will be baked by Pinho's Bakery and are available at a cost of \$20 each. They are available in 7 varieties – apple, pumpkin, cherry, blueberry, peach, coconut custard and sugar free apple.

Pies can be ordered until November 16 and will be available for pick up at St. Genevieve's Church, 200 Monmouth Road, Elizabeth on the evenings of November 21 and November 22.

ORDERS CAN BE PLACED:

- After Saturday and Sunday Masses, in the back of St. Genevieve's Church;
- In the church hall any Wednesday evening, 7:00 to 8:30 pm.;
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Cub Scout Pack 23 and Boy Scout Troop 23 have served the youth of St. Genevieve's parish and the surrounding area for over 60 years. These units have earned hundreds of awards on the local and national level, have produced 80 Eagle Scouts, and have leaders who are well-known and widely respected by other Scout leaders across the country.

For more details, please contact Dan Bernier, Scoutmaster, at (908) 451-1948 or webfoottroop@gmail.com.



(above) Cub Scout Pack 23 is taking orders until November 16 for Thanksgiving pies baked by Pinho's Bakery.

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(above) Holiday wreaths and grave blankets will be sold by Boy Scout Troop 23 at St. Genevieve's Church from November 19 to December 10.

SCOUTS RUNNING FOOD COLLECTION CAMPAIGN

The Boy Scouts of America is again conducting a massive campaign to collect food for the homeless and needy. On Saturday, November 18, Cub Scout Pack 23 and Boy Scout Troop 23, sponsored by St. Genevieve's Church, will be collecting food throughout the Elmora area. Please be as generous as possible. All food collected will be given to food pantries and assistance agencies for distribution locally.

Because of the size of this project, the Scouts must limit themselves to the area bounded by Westfield Avenue, Stiles Street, Morris Avenue,

the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and Galloping Hill Road. Please leave your donations in a bag or box marked "Boy Scouts" on your front porch or steps, visible from the road, by 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 18.

If you live outside of the collection area, but wish to donate, you can bring your contributions, including frozen turkeys or turkey breasts, to the church parking lot at 822 Livingston Road between 9:30 a.m. and noon on that Saturday. Questions can be directed to Dan Bernier, Scoutmaster, (908) 451-1948 or webfoottroop@gmail.com.



(above) Boy Scout Troop 23 and Cub Scout Pack 23 will be Scouting for Food for the homeless and needy on Saturday, November 18.

SCOUTS WEBBY'S FUN FEST - NOV 17

On Friday, November 17, Boy Scout Troop 23 and Cub Scout Pack 23 will host Webby's Fun Fest at St. Genevieve's Church, 200 Monmouth Road, Elizabeth, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. There will be activities for boys and girls of all ages, from 4 to 17. The event is open to everyone free of charge. There is no preregistration required.

Webby, the Webfoot Duck, has been the mascot of Troop 23 since 1967. He will be providing activities that include a choice craft projects, cornhole, mini-golf, ring toss, Connect 4, Jenga, lawn dice, checkers, chess, Battleship, bottle toss, and other games. Weather permitting, there will be a campfire for marshmallow roasting. And participants can build an ice cream sundae.

The Scouting program instills character, good citizenship and physical fitness in youth through outdoor activities such as campouts and hikes,

involvement in community activities, and just plain FUN! If you have a son or daughter, nephew or niece, grandson or granddaughter, or neighbor who is anywhere between a Kindergartener and a high school senior, please suggest they consider getting in on the fun of Scouting.

Cub Scout Pack 23 and Boy Scout Troop 23 have been serving the youth of St. Genevieve's parish and the surrounding area for over 60 years. These units have earned hundreds of awards on the local and national level, have produced 80 Eagle Scouts, and have leaders who are well-known and widely respected by other Scout leaders across the country.

New members are welcome at any time, all year round. For more details, please contact Dan Bernier, Scoutmaster, at (908) 451-1948 or webfoottroop@gmail.com.

SCOUTS TO SELL WREATHS & GRAVE BLANKETS

The Boy Scouts of St. Genevieve's Troop 23 are again selling Christmas wreaths and grave blankets. The holiday items will be on sale in the St. Genevieve's Church parking lot, 822 Livingston Road, from 7:30 am to 1:00 p.m. on the four Sundays from November 19 to December 10.

The wreaths and grave blankets are of a good quality and are sold at a reasonable price. In addition, there will again be a self-serve contactless option 7 days per week, on the

school playground.

Please support the activities of our award-winning Scout troop, which teaches character, citizenship and physical fitness to the boys of our area. Boy Scouting is for boys who are at least 11 years old or graduated from the fifth grade. New members are welcome at any time, all year round.

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FIBER ENTHUSIASTS GATHER TO SPIN A YARN

Kathleen Czarnecki, Kenilworth Public Library

When was the last time you walked into a library and saw a room filled with fiber artists spinning roving into yarn? Well... if you visit the Kenilworth Public Library the last Tuesday of each month that's exactly what you will see.

Fiber enthusiasts gathered from around New Jersey to take part in the library's newest program "Spin A Yarn". Participants brought spinning wheels, roving, spindles and enjoyed time crafting wool into yarn.

There aren't many places to go to gather as a group to enjoy this hobby, so staff at the Kenilworth Public Library decided to try to bring people together. The inaugural session was held in June and was a big success.

The most important part of this group is the gathering of a community of crafters who enjoy the same unique hobby, to share their knowledge

about the craft's techniques, and even the business end of it, with one another.

There are larger plans in store for this group. The future will hold a "fiber-tasting" session, where participants can learn about different types spinning fibers. We hope to offer hands-on technique workshops as well.

This program is free for adults. All are welcome. No registration is required. You don't need any experience to join us, we are happy to help show you how to spin fiber into yarn.

We meet the last Tuesday of each month, from 5 - 7:45 p.m.

Visit our website at kenilworthlibrary.org to view additional programs and services.

The Kenilworth Public Library is located at 548 Boulevard, Kenilworth, NJ. Our phone number is (908) 276-2451.



(above) Kenilworth residents Suzanne and Kathleen Czarnecki, Kenilworth Library Senior Programming Library Assistant.



(above) Sister and brother from Kenilworth, Leah & Sean tried spinning for the first time.



(above) Dee from Union



(above) Karen from Rahway



(above) Anne Choi of Bedminster, is the owner of Middle Brook Fiberworks.



(above) Charlene, a Green Brook resident, heard about the event thru a friend.



(above) Keira from Jersey City.



LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES! A CELEBRATION IN SONG

The magical music of the movies comes alive on stage! Hickory Tree Chorus will perform songs from Disney, Broadway, holiday songs and more, all sung in ringing four-part harmony at their annual show. Let's Go To The Movies! is on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Drew University Concert Hall, located in the Dorothy Young Center for the Arts, 36 Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ. Come hear favorites like What I Did for Love, Weekend in New England, Seasons of Love, Beauty and the Beast, On the Road Again, and many more. The Maplewood Glee

Club and the Steppin' Out Quartet will be featured guests. Tickets are \$25 and are available at hickorytreechorus.org/tickets or by emailing tickets@hickorytreechorus.org. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Come support local singing while enjoying a musical journey.

The Hickory Tree Chorus, an award-winning chapter of Sweet Adelines International, performs fun-filled popular music, barbershop style. Founded in 1968 in Chatham Township, NJ, HTC currently rehearses in Stirling, NJ. Find more info at hickorytreechorus.org.



(above) Hickory Tree Chorus



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Tuesday, November 21 at 10:00 am

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Stitch & Chat

Wednesday, November 22 at 5:00 pm

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The Book Clubbing Club

Wednesday, November 29 at 4:30 pm

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