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New members are welcome at any time, all year round. Cub Scout den meetings are held on most Wednesday evenings in the St. Genevieve's Church hall, 200 Monmouth Road, Elizabeth, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The Boy Scouts meet in the Church hall every Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:45 pm.

Cub Scout Pack 23 and Boy Scout Troop 23 have served the youth of St. Genevieve's parish and the surrounding area for 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.



(above) Check out the fun of Scouting with Cub Scout Pack 23 and Boy Scout Troop 23, sponsored by St. Genevieve's Church. All youth from Kindergarten to high school seniors are welcome to join at any time.

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SCOUTS ANNOUNCE 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.

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VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

In observation of service members past and present all are invited to attend the annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 10 at 11 a.m. in the Main Meeting Room of Union Town Hall, 1976 Morris Avenue.



RAHWAY'S FALL FISHING FLEA MARKET NOV. 18TH

The Rahway Fall Fishing Flea Market will be held on Saturday, November 18th, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. Thomas Church Hall, 1400 St. Georges Ave., Rahway, NJ. A wide variety of salt and fresh water fishing tackle will be on display for anglers looking for great buys. New, used, antique, custom fishing and boating items will be available to all. Door prizes will be given away every half hour which include rods, reels, tackle and much more. Food and refreshments are sponsored by St. Thomas Holy Name Society. Admission price is \$5 per adult, children 12 and under are free. For show or vendor information visit fishingfleamarkets.com or call 732-381-2165.

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VETERANS INVITED TO BREAKFAST - NOV 5



(above) U.S. Navy
Lt. Commander
Yvonne Zirrith

On Sunday, November 5, 2023, Cranford VFW Post #335 will be holding its annual Veterans' Breakfast. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Post Home at 479 South Avenue E. in Cranford, this event will be open to all area veterans. A full breakfast will be served free of charge and there will be several notable speakers.

This year's featured speaker will be U.S. Navy Lt. Commander Yvonne Zirrith, currently the Commanding Officer of Navy Security Forces Lakehurst and Joint Base McGuire-Fort Dix.

LCDR Zirrith began her Navy career as an

enlisted Seabee in 1990 and served in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004. She was commissioned as a Navy Security Officer in 2009 and has over 33 years of U.S. Naval Service. She has served as Commanding Officer of Navy Security Forces in Philadelphia, NSA Naples Italy, and at the Office of Naval Intelligence in Washington, D.C.

While deployed to the Middle East in 2018-2019, LCDR Zirrith was one of only three Navy Security Officers attached to CENTCOM's Combined Joint Task Force, Operation Inherent Resolve. Her military decorations include the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Achievement Medals (5), the Coast Guard Special Operations Medal, and the Joint Service Commendation Medal. She currently resides in Piscataway, NJ, and is also serving as Commander of Monroe Central VFW Post #262.

If you are a veteran of any era, VFW Post #335 encourages you to attend this important, fulfilling event. For further information email jimdrc@verizon.net or call 908-276-9730.

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The Rotary Club holds monthly drives to assist and enrich members of our community. We thank the employees of Hillmann, members of the Friends of the Union Public Library and residents who contributed to this worthy cause.

FESTIVE HOLIDAY TRIP TO BUCK'S COUNTY, PA. TO BENEFIT HISTORIC NITSCHKE HOUSE MUSEUM

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a holiday-themed bus trip to historic Buck's County, Pa., on Sat., December 9, 2023.

The trip will depart Kenilworth (St. Theresa's School parking lot on Monroe Ave., between N. 22nd and N. 23rd Streets) at 8:15 a.m. and return to Kenilworth at approximately 8 p.m.

Cost of \$105 includes comfortable motor coach transportation and admission to the renowned Pearl S. Buck House, featuring a guided tour of the iconic stone farmhouse where Nobel-prize-winning author and humanitarian Pearl Buck lived for 40 years and wrote such famous literary works as *The Good Earth*. The National Historic Landmark's rooms will be beautifully decorated for the holidays with a Festival of Trees, designed by local artists, decorators, and community groups, and will

additionally feature original artwork created by Anna Marie Magagna to illustrate Buck's children's book, *Christmas Miniature*. The trip also includes an afternoon visit to scenic New Hope to explore the charming riverside town's eclectic shops, art galleries, restaurants, and historic buildings, and, after dusk, an enchanting drive-through of Shady Brook Farm's spectacular Holiday Light Show featuring more than 3 million lights, whimsical displays and familiar characters. There will be a complimentary door prize drawing on the bus.

For further information and reservations, please call 908-709-0434. As space is limited, reservations by November 18 are recommended to ensure availability. Gift certificates for the trip are also available for purchase.

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

The Kenilworth Historical Society (kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org) is an independent, volunteer-based, non-profit, tax-exempt, 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to the research, preservation and interpretation of the c. 1880 Oswald J. Nitschke House, local history and culture.

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(above) Joe Azzarello, at 100 years old, plays chess against Joe Renna as Master Scott Massey spectates, at the Kenilworth Chess Club, which meets every Thursday Night, at 8 p.m., at the Kenilworth Recreation Center located on the Boulevard.



(above) Trumpeter Joe Azzarello



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LONGTIME GOLF COACH INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

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The induction took place at the National Golf Coaches Annual meeting, held in conjunction with the NJCAA Division Golf Championships. Dean Dunscombe started his golf career at Union in 1975, serving as Head Golf Coach until 2019. Over the course of his coaching career, Dean Dunscombe had 18 NJCAA National Tournament appearances (both individual and teams), more than 500 career wins, one Region XIX Championship, seven Garden State Athletic Conference Champions, and coached one All-American player. Four of his athletes went on to play professionally. Dean Dunscombe was inducted into Union's own Hall of Fame in 1981.

"The Union community is incredibly proud of Dean Dunscombe and thanks the NJCAA for their recognition of his vast contributions over the past 40 plus years," stated Union's President Dr. Margaret M. McMenamin. "It is the support of coaches, like Dean Dunscombe, that help our athletes to grow and develop their skills. Dean Dunscombe has inspired many student-athletes

during his time coaching, and he should be proud of the mark he has made on them. This is a tremendous recognition."



(above) William Dunscombe was inducted into the National Junior Athletic Association (NJCAA) Golf Hall of Fame.

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SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ NOVEMBER 11 SHOW

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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.

This promises to be a very special, exciting show with some other possible surprises!

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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Get Ready for National Novel Writing Month (Virtual on Zoom)

Wed., Nov. 1 @ 7:00 pm

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Thurs., Nov. 2 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

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Clinical Cancer Trials (Virtual on Zoom)

Mon., 11/6 @ 12:00 pm

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College Admissions Information Session Series: Jackson State (Virtual on Zoom)

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Financial Aid Workshop (Vauxhall Branch)

Wed., 11/8 @ 6:00 pm

An information session on the financial aid process and help with any questions you may have on grants, scholarships, and loans.

Practice Your English (Main Library)

Thurs., 11/9 @ 6:00 pm

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What It's Worth: Antiques Roadshow Appraisal Event (Vauxhall Branch)

Sat., 11/11 @ 1:00 pm

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Veterans Tribute Concert (Senior Center)

Tues., 11/14 @ 12:00 pm

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Adult Origami Gift Boxes (Main Library)

Tues., 11/14 @ 6:00 pm

Instructor Joy Ann will teach us how to make small gift boxes that you can use to put small gifts in. Registration will open on Nov. 1.

Balance Class (Main Library)

Wed., 11/15 @ 10:30 am

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Wed., 11/15 @ 6:00 pm

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Chair Yoga (Main Library)

Thurs., 11/16 @ 10:00 am

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Off the Shelf Book Club (Main Library)

Thurs. 11/16 @ 6:30 pm

New members are always welcome. This month's title is Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt.

An Afternoon with the Bradford Hayes Trio (Vauxhall Branch)

Sat., 11/18 @ 1:00 pm

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Monday, 11/20 @ 1:00 pm

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Mon., 11/27 @ 6:00 pm

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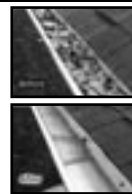
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