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PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN DAY HONORS WAR VETERANS CAPTAINS THOMAS JEROME HROMISIN AND DANIEL DONNERSTAG

Kawameeh Middle School conducted its 5th annual Proud to be an American Day on May 23, 2012. Captain Thomas Jerome Hromisin and Captain Daniel Donnerstag were the honored guests. The event was organized and led by history teacher Mr. Ed Graf. The entire student body, school band, chorus and numerous guests assembled on the school's parking area for the event.

Honored speaker and war veteran Daniel Donnerstag, a former Kawameeh student, told the assembly that Kawameeh is an excellent school and that he had some of the same teachers they had. He was also the Grand Marshal of this year's Union Township Memorial Day parade.

Donnerstag went on to be a Roselle Catholic graduate, became an EMT and served as a volunteer with the Union EMS for seven years until he graduated from college. During all four years of college, he was enrolled as an Officer Cadet in the United States Marine Corps.

Donnerstag went on to serve two tours of duty overseas, in September 2008 in Iraq and then November 2010 in Afghanistan where five months into his tour, he was severely injured when his vehicle struck an Improvised Explosive Device. He spent the next several months in various hospitals where he underwent numerous surgeries and physical therapy for injuries sustained.

Captain Donnerstag told the students it meant a lot to him to be honored at his former school. He quizzed the students on quotes from the Declaration of Independence, including "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Donnerstag told the students "That's what our country was established on. United States citizens are free to do what we want because of our unalienable rights, that's why I love this country."

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(above, l-r) Committeeman Clifton Peoples, Committeewoman Suzette Cavadas, Mayor Joseph Florio, father of Captain Hromisin, Jerry Hromisin, Captain Thomas Jerome Hromisin, mother of Captain Hromisin, Mary Ellen Hromisin, Captain Donnerstag and Edward Graf, Proud to be an American Day Coordinator and History Teacher.



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A retired U. S. Army lieutenant colonel, former history teacher at Abraham Clark High School, and a current middle school teacher in Roselle, Mr. Gurski has become an expert on the Second Amendment, historic and modern weapons, and the roles of the local militia (Minutemen) in the American Revolution and of present-day military personnel in defense of our country.

His program will be part of the meeting of the Union Township Historical Society (UTHS), which will begin at 2 pm. Non-members are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free. For more information, please call Barbara La Mort at 908-687-0048. Also, visit one of the UTHS's two websites:<http://www.unionhistory.org/>

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All Concerts start at 7:45 p.m.

July 9 Ehrhart Gardens,

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July 16, Putnam Manor Civic Association,

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concert will be cancelled if it rains)

KAWAMEEH SCHOOL ROCKIN' TO FULL HOUSES

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The 30 member cast and 11 member student pit of the musical 13 had the Kawameeh Middle School Auditorium rockin' to full houses. "My life just went to hell" 12-year-old Evan (Geoffery Zurka) announces at the beginning of 13. Exiled from Manhattan to Indiana, the lamest place in the world, Evan must navigate the halls of Dan Quayle Junior High while trying to entice the school's cool guys and gals to attend his Bar Mitzvah. Through his journey, Evan learns that maybe the cool kids and bullies (Chris Erdman, Hope Valenzuela, and Melanie Krupa) aren't where he truly belongs and his two truest, real, and much less popular friends, Patrice and Archie (Veronica Del Valle and Hunter Criollo) are who help him find the real

and true man inside himself. 13, written by Jason Robert Brown ran on Broadway, in 2008. Brown is known to the Broadway community for his extremely vocally demanding shows and Music Directors Nancy Schoenberger and Sara Edreira-Fidalgo worked incredibly hard to make middle school students sound like real Broadway performers, nailing vocal runs and extremely difficult harmonies. Richard Grennor did an amazing job at teaching his pit students not only to play the notes on the page, but to play with the same passion, pain, and intensity as the actors on the stage. They made the music pop to life. Between the students in the pit and on stage performers, the show took on a life of it's own that brought the house down.

The show was truly a team effort. For adults, the pleasure in the show mostly came from being dragged back in time to when they, themselves, were 13. "13 was the worst year of my life, but I relive it every day though my students. Not only were the themes of friendship, bullying, standing up for what's right, and that no matter how old we are we all have a little more homework to do important, but having parents reminded of the pressures and lack of time these kids feel they are going through on a daily basis was very important to me." says, Deana Toma-Rittenhouse, the Director/ Choreographer of the show. The show is timely and has a very important message for people of all ages...acceptance.





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MAYOR'S SPELLING BEE



The Township of Union School District held its Annual Mayor's Spelling Bee contest on May 15th for all of the fifth grade students in Union. This year the contest was held at Union High School and went a lofty 9 rounds, with the deciding word being "Possession". The winner was Isabel Castro from Hannah Caldwell School, and the 1st runner up was Vicelle Juanites also from Hannah Caldwell. Pictured in the back row are (from l-r) Mr. Matty Magliacano, Director of Recreation and Mrs. Cindy Pellis, Co-Coordinator of the event. Pictured in front (from l-r) are Township Committeeman Manny Figueiredo, first runner up Vicelle Juanites, Spelling Bee champion Isabel Castro, and Mrs. Karen Steiner, Coordinator of event.

The Township of Union School District held its first ever Youth Entrepreneurial Challenge in May at the Washington School auditorium. This event provided a showcase for students from the fourth and seventh grades who are in the Gifted and Talented program to present some of the work they've done during this past school year.

These students were responsible for creating their own original businesses including a business plan, a budget, a logo, a slogan and several forms of advertising. During the event students utilized PowerPoint slide shows to display their ideas to a panel of judges in a Shark Tank-like format hoping to "lure" potential investors. These judges included business and

educational leaders from around the community who generously donated their time and expertise to this event.

Of the ten business that were entered into the competition trophies were presented for first, second and third place finishes. The first place winner in the fourth grade division was Hannah Caldwell School with a business entitled Cupcake Couture, a designer gourmet bakery. The first place winners in the seventh grade division was Burnet Middle School with a business called Teen Club SMV. The district is hoping to make this an annual event to showcase some of the great work of the Gifted and Talented program and its students.



(above, l-r) Fourth grade G&T teacher Mark D'Aloia and winners Charlotte Holland, Megan Tantuico and Nicole Campos. Seventh grade winners Mitchell Matara, Gabriel Silvera and Raphael Verzosa with their G&T teacher Larry Petras.

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KAWAMEEH WINS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Kawameeh Middle School's sixth and eighth grade Battle of the Books teams both placed first in their regional, grade-level Battle of the Books competitions in Chatham on May 17. Chief Readers, Kawameeh's sixth grade team, earned 72 points, defeating teams from Burnet Middle School, Chatham Middle School, Gold Och Academy, H. B. Whitehorne Middle School, and St. Vincent de Paul. Kawameeh's eighth grade team, The Cookie Monsters: the Last Straw, scored 64 points to beat Burnet, Chatham, and H. B. Whitehorne.

Battle of the Books is a competitive reading program for third through eighth grade students throughout New Jersey. Some other states have Battle of the Books programs as well. New Jersey's Battle of the Books programs are generally run by school librarians within their individual schools. Teams are composed of four to six members who must collectively read a list of fifteen books and must distinguish and

identify those books and their authors based on details included in the books. The fifteen books for each grade are selected by a committee of librarians from around the state, who also write the competition questions. The lists of books change each year. Some schools compete only within their school or district, and some form competitions with other nearby schools. Union Township's two middle schools, Kawameeh and Burnet have been participating in regional Battle of the Books competitions for more than a decade. Burnet Middle School Librarian, Linda Bykowski, chairs the committee that selects the books and coordinates question writing.

Chief Readers team members include spokesperson Priten Patel, Jeric Brual, Simon Fontanilla, Anthony Geronimo, David Lewchuck, and Tyrique Mahadeo. Members of The Cookie Monsters: the Last Straw are spokesperson Charisse De Los Santos, Olivia Corveleyn, Veronica DelValle, Evelyn Eugene,

Hanson-Lee Harjono, and Sofia Zimmerman. Both teams won Kawameeh's Battle of the Books competition in April to represent the school regionally. The Cookie Monsters have been competing in Battle of the Books competitions at Kawameeh and in Chatham since they were in sixth grade. Last year, as seventh graders, The Cookie Monsters defeated an eighth grade team and two teams of Kawameeh staff members in the annual Kawameeh Middle School Student-Staff Battle of the Books. They are looking forward to a chance to repeat their win at this year's Kawameeh Student-Staff Battle on June 8.

(below, clockwise from lower left) Cookie Monsters celebrate their win with pizza at Kawameeh Middle School library: Charisse De Los Santos, Sofia Zimmerman, Hanson-Lee Harjono, Olivia Corveleyn, Veronica DelValle, Evelyn Eugene. Photo credit: Mary Lewis



(above, l-r) Chief Readers celebrate their victory in Chatham Middle School library: Anthony Geronimo, Priten Patel, Jeric Brual, Tyrique Mahadeo, Simon Fontanilla, David Lewchuck. Photo credit: Sylvia Geronimo



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PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN DAY (continued from page 1)



(above) Captain Thomas Jerome between his father Jerry and mother Mary Ellen.

Honored speaker and war veteran Captain Thomas Jerome had been chosen by Kawameeh Middle school students as their “sponsored veteran. The students wrote to him throughout the year and raised funds to bring him and his parents to Union for the event. Captain Jerome thanked the students for all the thank you letters and cards they had sent “They meant a lot to me and my parents especially” he stated.

Captain Thomas Jerome sustained a single gunshot wound to the head by an Iraqi sniper while on duty in Iraq on May 29, 2007. He suffered a severe traumatic brain injury and is completely blind. In the following years, he participated in intense rehabilitation and was discharged to live at home with his parents.

Kawameeh Middle School raised over \$4,000

for the Thomas Jerome House TM, a charity founded in May 2009 for wounded servicemen suffering from traumatic brain injuries. Captain Jerome thanked the students and community at large for the donations, time and sacrifices they made on behalf of this charity. Students organized a dinner at Café Z Restaurant in Union as well as bake sales.

He instructed the students to “Continue being proud of who you are and where you come from, appreciate your freedoms every day, lead a free life, continue on your way, continue to be proud to be an American.”

The veterans groups fired a 12 gun salute, a wreath was presented to honor them at Union High School and taps was played by students from the band.

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CAFE Z HOSTS FUNDRAISER (above) On Monday, May 21st, Café Z opened its doors on their day off to help raise money for the Thomas Jerome Fund. Pictured here is Kawameeh Middle School teacher Ed Graf with some of his student volunteers.

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VFW ESSAY WINNERS

Kelly Post 2433, presented prizes to winners of two recent essay contests. Winners can go on to the top prize of \$30,000 at the national level. Essays were based on the patriotic themes: Is there pride in serving in our military? And, Are you proud of your country?



(above, l-r) VFW Essay winners Gianna Di Giorgio, Patriot's Pen third place; Emma Knutson, Patriot's Pen first place; Shivani Patel, Voice of Democracy first place.

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KELLY POST LOYALTY DAY

Each year the Michael S. Kelly Post 2433, Veterans of Foreign Wars celebrates Loyalty Day by honoring people who have distinguished themselves by some heroic or especially patriotic act or group of acts. This year the honorees were a Police Sergeant Michael Boll, Fire Captain William T. Votapek, EMT Gigi Arias, Ed M Mc Elroy, Selma Fein and Michael Yesenko.

Police Sergeant Michael Boll was nominated by the Union Police Department. Boll was appointed to the Union Police Department in July of 1994. During his career as a police officer, Boll served in Patrol, the D.A.R.E. and Bicycle Units, and Street Crimes. Michael was promoted to sergeant in April of 2007. Sgt. Boll is a graduate of Union High School and holds a degree in Criminal Justice from Rutgers University. He has received 4 department commendations and 20 PBA Awards.

Michael entered the armed services in 1989 and served in the US Marine Corps. He served in Operation Desert Storm and was honorably discharged in good standing from the Marine Corps in 1992. Boll is a member and former state delegate of PBA Local 369. He is also a member

of the American Legion and the VFW. During his time at the Union Police Department Michael has helped in organizing several fundraisers to raise money and awareness towards Autism and Multiple Sclerosis. He also runs the departments Santa-In-Blue Program which is able to provide less fortunate children with toys for Christmas. Michael also participates, every year, in the Torch Run and the Polar Bear Plunge, which both benefit the Special Olympics. Recently, in 2010, Boll formed the Township of Union Police Department Honor Guard.

Fire Captain William T. Votapek was nominated by the Union Fire Department. Votapek retired on September 1, 2011 after 30 years and 1 month of service to the Township of Union Fire Department. He began his career in the Union Fire Division on August 1, 1981. He was promoted to Lieutenant on August 1, 1988 and to Captain on April 25, 2001. He is a graduate of Union High School and served in the National Guard from December 1969 to December 1975 with an honorable discharge. Bill is followed by his son, Bill Jr.

Bill is a dedicated and skilled firefighter who performed his duties in a highly professional manner over the years to the benefit of the entire community. He has made many significant contributions to both the Township of Union and the fire fighting profession.

Fire Captain William Votapek has been highly decorated for bravery and heroism and received a Valor Award in April, 1992.

Bill received the Valor Award rescuing an elderly woman that was trapped in an upstairs room in fully involved car on fire in the garage. Bill, along with other fire personnel searched the extreme heat and heavy smoke when they heard screams. After searching most of the house, the only place left was the stairs going down to the garage, but the stairwell was acting like a chimney with superheated gases, smoke, zero visibility and a fire glow from the bottom. Bill and the other fire personnel advanced down the stairwell without the protection of a hose line and located the collapsed and disoriented victim on the bottom landing just outside of the garage which was on fire. She was carried to safety.

Fire Captain William Votapek has served his community, in which he has been a life-long resident, with pride and dignity and has brought honor to the Fire Division and has been a role model for his fellow firefighters. He has been an asset to the Department but also has impacted on the quality of life of the residents of the Township of Union.



(above, l-r) Loyalty Day Honorees at Kelly Post 2433, VFW: Bob Johnsen, Kelly Post Quartermaster, who made the presentations; Gigi Arias, Union Emergency Medical Unit; Michael A. Boll, Union Police; Ed Mc Elroy, Kelly Post; Selma Fein, Kelly Post Auxiliary; Michael Yesenkow, Historian, Author. William Votapek was not able to attend.



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OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP/ADOPT A PARK PROGRAM

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On May 12th, 2012 the Township of Union held their annual Operation Clean Sweep/Adopt a Park Program at Rabkin Park on Swanstrom Place. Various residents, young adults, civic, fraternal and religious groups from all over the

Township came out to help keep the community clean by removing graffiti and cleaning the Township of litter and debris.

“It was the biggest crowd that we ever had for Operation Clean Sweep,” stated Sergio

Panunzio, Superintendent of Public Works. Some new and some very familiar faces, that come back yearly, attended showing their community spirit as they swept and raked our parks clean. All the volunteers were invited to Rabkin Park after the Clean-up for a picnic feast.



(above) Burnet Middle School Freshman Class Key Club.



(right) Beaumont, Torres & Ali families representing students from Livingston, Hannah Caldwell and Burnet Middle Schools.





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THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT MAIN LIBRARY

No registration required.

The Saturday Storytime and Craft program

Saturdays, June 16th at 11:00am.

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

Library Lego Club

The Union Public Library, with the help of the Union High School Key Club, has started a Library Lego Club for children ages 5 through 12. This is an opportunity for kids to get creative and build anything they choose. The library will provide the Legos, while the kids provide the imagination! All materials must stay at the library so bring your camera to document your creations.

The Lego Club will meet on Thursday, June 14th, from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.

Caregivers are asked to stay in the library and are welcome to assist. We are also looking for donations of gently used or new Legos for this program. Please call or email Mary Pritting, Head of Children's Services, at mpritting@uplnj.org or 908.851.5450 x3 for information.

The Preschool Storytime and Craft program

for preschoolers and their caregivers

Mondays, June 25th

July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th at 11:00am.

Bedtime Storytime

Come in your pajamas for songs, stories and games

Mondays, June 25th,

July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th at 7:00pm.

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

Musical Entertainers, Melody and Presley,

Tuesday, June 26th at 11:00am.

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

"Butterfly Wand" School-Age Craft program

Wednesday, June 27th at 11:00am.

This program is for children in grades 1 through 6.

Color and Shape Bingo,

for preschoolers and their caregivers

Thursday, June 28th at 11:00am

Book Bingo

for children who can read well

Thursday, June 28th at 2:00pm

Do you like Magic?

Tuesday, July 3rd at 11:00am

Magician Brian Richards entertains and astounds us with his magic. Children of all ages and their caregivers.

Circus Day Party and Craft Program

Thursday, July 5th at 11:00am

Children of all ages and their caregivers.

June 29th "Dream Big: Read" Film Festival

11:00am

July 6th "Alice in Wonderland"

July 13th "Beauty and the Beast"

"Dumbo"

"Charlotte's Web" will be shown on July 20th;
"Emperor's New Groove" will be shown on July 27th.

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

Pirates Storytime and Craft Program

Tuesday, July 10th at 11:00am

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

"Carousel" School-Age Craft program

Wednesday, July 11th at 11:00am.

This program is for children in grades 1 through 6.

"The Jungle of Jersey"

Thursday, July 12th at 11:00am.

When Doug the dog hears of a better place to live he can't pass up the opportunity to find it. Join us as we learn about everyday science by telling this tale of animal adventure using smoke rings, disappearing water, flying eggs and sound effects directly from the "Jungle of Jersey" itself. Piccirillo Scienctelling will use science experiments to tell us the tale. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

"Carnival Day at the Library"

Tuesday, July 17th at 11:00am

For children of all ages and their caregivers.

Make a "Superhero Costume" School-Age Craft

Wednesday, July 18th at 11:00am

This program is for children in grades 1 through 6.

Bill Ponder is the King's Falconer at Medieval Times

Bill will present a variety of hawks and falcons, speak about birds of prey, and share how and why various raptors are used in the sport of falconry.

Thursday, July 19th at 11:00am.

This program is for children of all ages.

"Eyes of the Wild" Animal Show

Tuesday, July 24th at 11:00am.

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

"Unicorn" School-Age Craft program

Wednesday, July 25th at 11:00am.

This program is for children in grades 1 through 6.

T-Shirt Decorating Workshop

Thursday, July 26th at 11:00am

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"Western Days" Book Party

Tuesday, July 31st at 11:00am

This program is for children of all ages.

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Bedtime Storytime

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Mondays, June 18th, July 2nd and 30th at 7:00pm.

Disney Movie Matinee

Fridays, June 22nd and July 13th at 2:00pm.

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

"Night Adventures" Storytime and Craft Program

For children, ages 4 – 5, and their caregivers.

Tuesday, July 10th at 11:00am.

"Night Adventures" Craft Program

For children of all ages and their caregivers.

Thursday, July 19th at 11:00am.

Fourth of July Storytime and Craft Program

For preschoolers, ages 4 – 5, and their caregivers.

Tuesday, June 26th at 11:00am.

Fourth of July Craft program

For children in grades 3 through 6 on

Thursday, June 28th at 3:45pm.

Dream Big and Read with Magic Jim

and his trusty sidekick, Mortimer.

Wednesday, July 18th at 11:00am

This program is for children

of all ages and their caregivers.

Join us for our Book Bingo Program

Tuesday, July 24th at 11:00am

For preschoolers, ages 4 - 5, and their caregivers.

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Thursday, July 26th at 2:00pm.

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ELDER LAW, SPECIAL NEEDS & DISABILITY PLANNING SEMINAR AT THE UNION LIBRARY ON JUNE 26, 2012

Attorney at Law, Benjamin D. Eckman, will conduct a seminar on "Elder Law, Special Needs & Disability Planning" at the Union Public Library on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 7 PM. The public is invited to this admission-free program but seating is limited.

This unique interactive seminar is designed to answer the many complicated questions regarding recent law changes and requirements for effective estate planning. The following educational topics will be discussed at the seminar:

- What five documents each New Jersey resident should have.
- How to make sure your assets pass to your family members, properly & intact.
- How to manage your assets if you become incapacitated during your lifetime.
- How to protect your hard earned assets from possible future nursing home care.
- How to plan your estate to minimize Federal and NJ estate and inheritance taxes.

- How you can benefit from a revocable living trust.
- How the income only trust may protect your assets from nursing home care.
- How to protect, arguably your biggest asset, your home, by utilizing the deed with a life estate remainder planning technique.
- How to protect your parents' assets as well as your own.
- How a special needs trust is utilized to preserve a disabled individual's governmental benefits.
- What is probate and how to minimize it.

Benjamin Eckman received his law degree from Seton Hall University School of Law, maintains a legal practice in Union and Paramus, and is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law.

Those wishing to attend the seminar should make their reservations early. To RSVP, please telephone the library at (908) 851-5452. Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave. in Union, NJ.

THE UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY LAUNCHES ITS 2012 SUMMER READING CLUB

"Dream Big--Read" is our theme this summer at the Union Public Library. Join us as we explore all things nocturnal – dreams, stars and planets, bats, owls, spooky stories, and more through storytelling, crafts, music, dance, and other activities. The 2012 Summer Reading Club Program is open to young people,

preschool through grade 8. Registration for the Summer Reading Club begins on June 1st. For more information, call the library at 908.851.5450 x3 or check the library website at www.youseemore.com/unionpl. All library programs are free of charge. Don't miss a great summer at the library.

FILM SCREENINGS AT THE UNION LIBRARY

The Union Public Library is screening a series of films beginning Tuesday, June 12, 2012 and continuing through July 3, 2012. The films will be shown on Tuesdays commencing at 2 PM. Admission to the programs is free.

Letter From An Unknown Woman

(1948) starring Joan Fontaine
June 19, 2012 @ 2 PM

The Guard

(2011) starring Brendan Gleeson
June 26, 2012 @ 2 P

Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy

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Yiddish is a High German language of Ashkenazi Jewish origin, spoken throughout the world. It developed as a fusion of German dialects with Hebrew, Slavic languages and traces of Romance languages. It is written in the Hebrew alphabet. Yiddish is spoken in the United States, Israel, Argentina, Brazil, United Kingdom, Russia, Canada, Ukraine, Belarus, Hungary, Mexico, Moldova, Latvia, Lithuania, Belgium, Germany, Poland, Australia, France, Sweden, Austria and elsewhere.

The language originated in the Ashkenazi culture that developed from about the 10th century in the Rhineland and then spread to Central and Eastern Europe and eventually to other continents. The term "Yiddish" did not become the most frequently used designation in the literature of the language until the 18th century. Refreshments will be available for all attendees.

For further information call 908-686-6773.

GARDEN CLUB

Due to the 4th of July Holiday, the Union Garden Club will be meeting Wed, July 11, in the Bonnel Room of Town Hall Morris Av, 7 pm. We will discuss the upkeep of the beautiful gardens we planted in front of Town Hall as well as other horticultural issues. New members are welcome to join us and partake in the care of the gardens and refreshments are served.



(above) Garden Club members pitch in yearly and beautify Town Hall by planting flowers.

FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS FOR DIABETES

The YMCA of Eastern Union County, Five Points Wellness Center, Five Points Branch and Overlook Medical Center are teaming up to provide Free Health Screenings for Diabetes Prevention. By working together, we support our community for Healthy Living. The screenings will help people understand their risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes. Staff will be available to give information about ways to manage your health if you have type 2 diabetes or if you are at risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

At a recent screening on May 15, 2012, 43 people were screened. Some were motivated to make a change for healthy living by joining the YMCA's Diabetes Prevention program, becoming a member or just changing a few of their habits.

We have two health screenings available.

June 27, 2012 from 4:30 – 6:30 PM at the Five Points Wellness Center, 1000 Galloping Hill Road and July 10, 2012 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Five Points Branch 201 Tucker Ave. Registration is preferred. Screenings will include: blood pressure, body mass index (BMI), and a blood glucose test. If your results indicate further screening for pre-diabetes may be needed an A1c blood test will be offered at no charge. (\$10.00 value). Results will be available immediately.

If you are not a member you can receive a Free Week Of Membership as our gift for your commitment to health and well-being.

Contact: Alane McCahey, 908-249-4806, amccahey@ymcaec.org or Michael Johnson, 908-349-9622, mjohnson@ymcaec.org

for more info and to make an appointment.

DEBORAH PARK UNION GUILD CHAPTER EVENTS

Deborah Park Union Guild Chapter has a meeting every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm at the Michael Kelly VFW in Union. Our meetings are open to the public if anyone would like to join us. We are sponsoring the following events:

On July 8, 2012 we are having a bus trip to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The bus will leave from Westfield at 10:00am. The price is \$28.00, with a \$20.00 Slot Play and \$5.00 Food Voucher. Free movie, snacks and refreshments on the bus.

From September 9, 2012 through September 13, 2012 we are having a bus trip to Wildwood.

This five day, four night trip includes breakfast, dinner, one lunch, entertainment every night, and sight seeing. All rooms are ocean front. The price is \$395 per person, and \$95 per extra single person.

On October 21, 2012 we are having an Entertainment and Tricky Tray Luncheon at the Galloping Hill Inn in Union. More details will follow. On November 9, 2012 we are having a trip to Radio City Music Hall in New York to see the Christmas Spectacular.

More details will follow. For more information on any of the events, please contact Nina Calavano at 1-908-577-8212.

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STEPHEN FULLER TO PLAY SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ

The SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ proudly presents the Stephen Fuller on Saturday, 14 July 2012. Doors open 7:30PM. The music starts at 8:00PM. Admission is \$15.00/\$10.00 students.

Stephen Fullers deep, rich voice and soulful renditions have made him a favorite with sophisticated audiences around the world. Performing in New York City and New Jersey Stephen has sung in many well known venues around the metropolitan area. Known for his smooth virtuosity spanning the breadths of jazz standards, blues, Latin, swing Bossa Nova and contemporary classics, Stephen has worked with numerous jazz bands and singing groups, and has opened for Stevie Wonder and Bill Withers.

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