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Cancer fundraiser sought in Clark

The American Cancer Society is revving up for its Annual Residential Crusade as thousands of volunteers in New Jersey prepare to donate their time and energy to raising funds for the society's programs of research, patient service and education.

In Union County, volunteers have been recruited to serve as municipal chairmen for many of the 21 communities in the county. However, volunteers are still needed in Clark to serve in that capacity.

One important point should be noted. Of all the monies collected (a projected \$81,500 for the 1983 residential program), 40% is devoted to the national office to fund cancer research, while 50% remains in Union County to provide programs of service to cancer patients and their families. Additionally, educational materials and programs are held within the county to further promote awareness in both the public and professional sectors of the community, reports a spokesman.

"The volunteering community in Clark makes up the nucleus of the force behind the society's work here," stated Lois Gannon, county crusade chairwoman.

"Without the support of these wonderful people we would not reach the \$2,500 goal in this important community."

Last year the Residential Drive brought in a total of \$71,000 throughout the county. As a result, the unit was able to reach its projected goal of over \$270,000 for 1982. This year the unit hopes to exceed that dollar figure to well over \$300,000.

"We are just getting started," explained the chairwoman. "We are excited about this year's crusade, particularly because it is linked with the distribution of free stool blood test kits. These kits are an important step in detecting problems in the colon and rectum, and the New Jersey Division is making them available as a major offensive against the disease."

"But none of this important work can be done without the help of strong leaders," she continued. "It is these people in Clark who can help direct the efforts of everyone involved."

Those interested in finding out more about how they can help are asked to telephone the Union County Unit at 354-7373 or 232-0641.



READY FOR ACTION - Virginia Apellan, left, rear, and Peter M. Campana, right, co-ordinators of the Clark Mayor's Senior Citizen 1. D. "Action" Committee watches as Liz Hudak, a volunteer worker, prepares to take pictures for the senior citizen identification cards. A senior citizen waits in line.

Senior action group finishes first phase

Clark's Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage's Senior Citizen's "Action" Committee successfully completed phase No. 1 of its task force. On Monday, March 14 250 senior citizens got their pictures taken, and received their identification cards with a list of the township's businesses that are offering discounts.

The committee, including committee co-ordinators, Peter M. Campana and Virginia Apellan and their committee members, Ruth and Ralph Whittle, Liz

Hudak, Stella Penzak, Morris Reitman, Helen Uhrin, Rose N. Tomchak, Barbara Pisano, Pearl Horzempa and Harriet Krasky, thanked the first group of seniors for their co-operation, and announced the next session will take place on Sunday, April 17, between 2 and 5 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Clark Municipal Building on Westfield Avenue. All Clark seniors, 62 years and older, may attend.

Free butter to be given in township

Employees of The Township of Clark will be distributing the township's allotment of butter to needy residents on Thursday, March 31, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the first floor of the Clark Municipal Building, reports Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage.

It was announced by the welfare director of Clark, Lois Seissel, to be eligible to receive the butter, a person must be identified as needy by being the recipient of one of the following aid to families with dependent children (AFDC), food stamp program (FSP), pharmaceutical assistance for the aged residents (PAA) or supplemental security income (SSI).

Mrs. Seissel suggested recipients bring a bag for carrying the five pounds of butter home.

Regional School Board adopts tax levy of \$15,804,954

Residents of Clark will be among those voting on a \$15,804,954 tax levy in support of the Union County Regional High School District No. 1, which operates Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in the township, when they go to the polls for the Tuesday, April 12, Board of Education election.

The \$15.8 million tab was part of a total \$16,595,353 total budget adopted by the regional School Board after a public hearing at Gov. Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights on March 15.

Reportedly 17 staff members, including teachers and instructional aides, stand to lose their jobs this year in a

move aimed at keeping down taxes for the residents of Clark, Berkeley Heights, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside and Springfield, the municipalities served by the four high schools in the regional district.

Also eliminated as a cost-saving measure have been three athletic activities in each of the four schools, according to Board secretary, Harold Burdge.

The proposed budget reportedly will mean a 36-point tax increase overall for residents of the six communities within the regional district.

Tax rates in each of the communities will be affected on an individual basis, depending on the

amount of tax rates the municipality has.

It is estimated most of the communities in the district stand to pay a maximum of \$60 in additional taxes on houses assessed at \$50,000 just for the operation of the four-year regional high schools.

The total budget for 1983-1984 consists of current expenses in the amount of \$15,606,554 and also \$199,400 for capital outlay.

Last year's figures of \$15,700,606 included a current-expense total of \$14,627,193 and capital outlay of \$294,300. The latter figure was reduced \$35,000 when the six district municipalities decided on a way to cut costs after voters rejected only the

capital outlay portion of the budget.

According to the school body secretary, Johnson Regional has proposed three building-improvement projects based on an assessment given the School Board. These include the purchase of a \$13,000 heater and a \$35,000 timer for gas, fire and hot-water installations.

The tax-levy figure township residents will be casting ballots on includes the amount of \$15,606,554 for current expense and the total amount of \$199,400 capital-outlay amount.

The third category for which taxes are raised, debt service, is not voted on in the annual school elections.

In other action at the March 15 meeting, the regional Board:

-Authorized the attendance of Board members and administrators selected by the superintendent of schools at the New Jersey School Boards Assn. Summer Camps on Microcomputers at Lehigh University from Monday to Wednesday, Aug. 15 to 17, Thursday, Aug. 18 to 20, Monday to Wednesday, Aug. 22 to 24 or Thursday to Sunday, Aug. 25 to 27.

-Hired Linda Gibbons as a replacement for Ray Cisar at the township adult school at a total stipend of \$153.25.

-Approved the attendance of three Clark students at a special-needs assessment program at the Union County Vocational School from Monday to Friday, April 18 to 22.

-Extended the retirement date of William Miskowitz, the assistant director of the Johnson Adult School, so he may remain with the regional district for the 1983-1984 school year.

-Okayed \$1,587.60 as a payment for unused vacation days to William Spottiswoode, a former district custodian.

-Agreed to the appointment of Sandra Earl as a teacher of the handicapped at the Clark school, effective on Monday, April 25, at the salary rate of

\$14,000. She will replace Mrs. Kathy Jackowski, who will go on a maternity leave of absence.

-Authorized the hiring of Sirio Calabrese of 128 Stonehenge Terr., David Hamp of 63 Acorn Dr., Tuan Huynh of 51 Florence Dr., Michael Loguidice of 19 Cornell Dr., Rusty Marshall of 65 Roberts Rd. and Vinnie Pereira of 10 Dawn Dr., all of Clark, as student custodial assistants for a maximum of three hours per day at \$3.35 per hour.

-Gave its permission for the employment of Robert Lummer as spring intramural coach and Carolyn Van Schaak as assistant girls track coach, both at the township school.

Lawmakers back unemployment reform

Legislation that would reform New Jersey's unemployment compensation statutes, and pave the way for solvency of the program has been endorsed by the three legislators who represent Clark, Sen. Donald DiFrancesco, Assemblyman Bob Franks and Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden.

Sen. DiFrancesco is the principal co-sponsor of the bill in the Senate.

"The time to reform our unemployment benefits statutes is now, and this bill is

the best possible compromise to do the job," the senator said. "It represents a year of hard work and co-operation among business, industry and labor and is crucially important to our ability to pay benefits to truly deserving and qualified unemployed citizens."

The state's unemployment compensation fund owes the federal government nearly \$40 million in loans. It is expected to borrow an additional \$130 million to pay benefits through

April. The program costs the state \$4 million every day. "The new bill will increase the average weekly benefits to \$188, but dramatically tightens the eligibility standards," Sen. DiFrancesco explained. "Assemblyman Franks said the bill has been endorsed by the State Chamber of Commerce, the Business and Industry Assn. and organized labor. It has been sponsored in the Senate by Democratic Sen. John Rus-

so of Ocean County. "A major problem with the current law is the ability of persons to collect benefits even though they are not legitimately attached to the labor market. Others can collect even though they voluntarily quit their jobs or are discharged for fraud, theft or other just cause. This bill corrects these inadequacies," the assemblyman added.

"The bill contains amendments to the benefits formula, eligibility conditions,

disqualifications, administrative proceedings and the financing of the system," he said.

Mrs. Ogden noted a recent Alexander Grant study of business climates throughout the country lists New Jersey's unemployment compensation statutes as one of the factors in the state's relatively low rating.

"Our present statute is unfair to the businessman whose taxes support the program and to the unemployed worker whose benefits are in jeopardy because our program is virtually insolvent," Mrs. Ogden said. "The new legislation will eliminate many of the abuses that have discredited the program for too many

years." The three Republicans, noting the bill already has bipartisan support, said Senate passage is likely soon with consideration by the Assembly late this year. "We endorse the bill as a reasonable solution to a terrible problem and will work hard to assure its passage," they said.

Compactor to close for holiday

The compactor service in the Clark Public Works Yard will be closed on Saturday, April 2, for the Easter weekend. As has been the practice, the yard will also be closed on Friday, April 1, Sunday, April 3, and Monday, April 4, and will re-open for daytime hours on Tuesday, April 5, reports Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage.

The present schedule is: Tuesday to Thursday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hopefuls told release dates

ATTENTION: ALL CANDIDATES IN THE TUESDAY, APRIL 12, BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS.

The Rahway News-Record and The Clark Patriot will publish their pre-election advance issues on Thursday, April 7. All biographies and/or pictures of the candidates which they would like to appear in the advance issues should be in the hands of the editor at 219 Central Ave., Rahway, N. J. 07065 NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 31.

Any charges to be made against opponents must be in the hands of the editor NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 24, so they may be answered in the ad-

vanche issues. FURTHERMORE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ALL CANDIDATES WILL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO ONE-HALF-PAGE NEWS RELEASES-TYPED AND TRIPLE SPACED-PER WEEK DURING THE CAMPAIGN.

THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE DEADLINES, except in the case of an election cancellation, in which event the editor will have complete discretion as to which deadlines to impose and his usual discretion as to which material to be used.

ALL RELEASES MUST FOLLOW THE AFFIDAVIT RULES PUBLISHED EACH WEEK IN THE NEWSPAPERS.

ings Time goes into effect, the mayor added. For conditions, details and appointments, please telephone the Public Works Dept. at 388-3600.

Library to welcome county authors

The Clark Public Library will welcome Charles Aquilina, Jean-Rae Turner and Richard Koles, the authors of the book, "Elizabethtown and Union County: A Pictorial History," who will discuss their book and show slides of some of the interesting features of Union County on Thursday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m.

The book, an addition to the library's New Jersey Collection, is a gift of the National State Bank of Elizabeth, which is also sponsoring this author program, and will provide the refreshments for the evening's entertainment.

Clark seniors to journey to Papermill

The Senior Citizens Club of Clark will hold a trip to Papermill Playhouse today and to Evelyn's Restaurant in Belmar in April. A card party will also be held in April.

Meetings are held every Wednesday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall on Broadway, Clark.



THEY KNOW THEIR P'S AND Q'S - The Bishop Justin J. McCarthy Council No. 5503 of the Knights of Columbus of Clark recently held its Annual Spelling Bee. The winners, seated left to right, are: Thomas Monaghan of St. John the Apostle School of Clark-Linden, first place; Nancy Boyle of St. Agnes School of Clark, second

place, and Maria Yezap of St. Agnes, third place; standing, left to right, are: Fred W. Kegel, the spelling bee chairman, Elizabeth Komer, the principal of St. Agnes School, and Grand Knight James J. Ratti, who presented the awards.