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## Raymond Krov re-elected council president

By Pat DiMaggio  
Democratic First Ward Councilman Raymond Krov was re-elected as council president at the Clark Municipal Organization meeting held on Jan. 1.

First elected to the council in 1982, Krov is a former member and vice president of the Clark Board of Education. A graduate of the township's public school system and Seton Hall University in South Orange, he holds a masters degree in business administration from Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

Councilman Krov is a professor of accounting, finance and management at Union County College and is the owner of Woodland Landscaping in Clark.

Councilman At Large Joseph B. Poyznak was elected vice-president of the council.

## Special Police appointed

Governing body members also approved a resolution to appoint Special Police Officers to serve for the period commencing Jan. 1, and concluding Dec. 31, 1986. They include the following: William Hofschneider, 48 Fan St.; James Gillich, 35 Prescott Turn; Thomas Curtis, 163 Stonehenge Terrace; Gordon Lechner, 49 Armstrong Drive; Peter Szelenski, 19 Meissner Way; Joseph Antunec, 135 Lexington Boulevard; Ernest Pauliny, 136 Thomas Drive; Patrick Damelio, 1551 Raritan Road; Alexander Miller, 26 Washington St.; Harry Mathis, 65 Hayes Ave.; Marc Kiempiety, 138 Lex-

ington Boulevard; Edward Grassle, 922 Raritan Road; Bernard Evers, 56 Kalthryn St.; Edward Kolesar, 77 Winthrop Road; Gregg Schwartz, 11 Lance Drive; Salvatore Ruggiero, Sr., 1119 Lake Avenue.

In other business the council:

—Approved a resolution designating depositories for the township and the swimming pool utility. They include: Summit Trust Company, Clark; United Counties Trust, Co., Elizabeth; Franklin State Bank, Clark; Chemical Bank, New York; Crescent Federal Savings and Loan Association; United Jersey Bank; National State Bank; Fidelity

Union Trust Company; First National State Bank of New Jersey; The Howard Savings Bank; City Federal Savings and Loan Association; Carteret Savings and Loan Association.

—Approved a resolution designating The Rahway News Record, The Daily Journal and The Star Ledger as the official newspapers of the township for 1986.

—Appointed Frank E. Suplee as township auditor for 1986.

—Adopted a temporary budget for the township of \$1,274,621.39; a debt service budget, payment of bond principal in the sum of \$45,000; interest on notes in the sum of \$8,140.50;

and a temporary budget for the Swimming Pool Utility in the sum of \$13,500.

—Approved a resolution appointing Stuart E. Posnock and Donald Broughton as members of the Board of Adjustment for a term of four years, effective Jan. 1, 1986. Carmine Giordano was appointed an alternate member for a term of two years, effective Jan. 1, 1986.

—Approved a resolution authorizing and directing the mayor and clerk to execute a contract with Union County S.P.C.A. (Kindness Kennels) for its services for 1986, in the amount of \$12,524.40, effective Jan. 1.



**HOMECOMING QUEEN AND HER COURT . . .** Tricia Woznicki (center) is seen surrounded by her court, (l-r) Sharon Droytus, Kim Prussak, Maureen Walsh, Kara McCutcheon, Samantha Murach and Kim Kuznitz. Homecoming is a tradition at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School. In some schools, the senior class votes for the girl whom they feel should be the queen. However, in Johnson, the teachers vote. They are asked to guide their selection on certain qualities such as sound character, poise, academics, and leadership ability.



Tricia Woznicki, Homecoming Queen

## CROP walk clears \$5,000

The local CROP walk for the hungry held recently in Clark, Linden and Rahway has raised over \$5,000. This is the second year that CROP has raised that amount and according to Keith Singer, Tri-City coordinator, it is the dedication of the area churches and people that makes the difference.

## Bill to assist families of ill children awaits Kean's signing

A bill establishing a special \$5 million state fund to assist the families of chronically ill children in paying medical expenses is now on Governor Thomas Kean's desk, according to Senator DiFrancesco.

The legislation, sponsored by Senator Donald T. DiFrancesco, R-Union, received final legislative approval in the Senate on Monday, December 9. It would establish a special state program to help parents with chronically ill children meet medical expenses if they do not have insurance or once their insurance benefits are exhausted.

DiFrancesco said, "I am pleased to see that this legislation, which I first proposed more than two years ago, has finally passed the Legislature. Many parents of seriously ill children urgently need this assistance. In addition to worrying about their children's health, these parents have to worry

about how they are going to pay for their children's medical care.

"The Department of Health estimates that there are 4,200 children with chronic illnesses in our state, a quarter of whom could benefit from this legislation. My bill would provide financial assistance to families of these children who have medical bills not covered by insurance totaling more than 30 percent of their income."

DiFrancesco said, "We have all heard stories about neighbors and friends raising money to assist the family of a seriously ill child pay for medical costs. However, not all families have someone they can turn to for financial support. I know of cases where families have been forced to sell their homes or go into debt to pay for medical expenses needed to keep their children alive."

"In other instances, parents have had to give up their jobs, and with their medical insurance, to care for their ill children.

"The emotional trauma families face when they learn their child is seriously ill is only compounded by the stark reality of the staggering cost of medical treatment. And, while the vast majority of families have medical insurance, it often falls short in meeting the child's constant medical needs," DiFrancesco said. "I know of one case, for instance, involving a boy named David who was hospitalized five times during the first five years of his life for a rare blood disease. It took four years and more than \$70,000 in medical

benefits not covered by Medicaid.

"In yet another case, a child was born with a birth defect and spent two years in the hospital. Most of the child's large and small intestines had to be removed and the child also underwent a life-threatening colostomy. The child is now home, kept alive by a variety of tubes and pumps. The child must return to the hospital twice a month for a blood workup. The child's family has no health insurance and faces medical expenses of between \$3,000 and \$5,000 a month, not including hospital costs. The family's net income is \$250 a week," DiFrancesco said.

The bill would provide financial assistance to pay the medical bills of children suffering from a catastrophic illness, a developmental disability or a mental illness. A special commission would be established to administer the program.

## Township seniors to hear speakers

Peter M. Campana, Director of the Clark Department of Senior Citizen Affairs, announced that the first general monthly meeting for 1986 for all of Clark's senior citizens will be held on Thursday, Jan. 16 at 1 p.m., at the senior center located at the Clark Municipal Building, former Charles Brewer School, 430 Westfield Ave. Director Campana has arranged to have two speakers at this meeting: Director of

Recreation Thomas Dunn will speak to the seniors advising them of the importance of physical fitness for all seniors. Dr. Wood will speak on the subject, "Hard of Hearing" and the "Use of a Hearing Aid". There will be a brief question and answer period.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. The refreshments will be donated by the mothers of the Brownies — Girl Scout Troops of Clark.

"I am sure each and every Senior attending the meeting will enjoy both of the speakers," stated Director Campana. There will also be a door prize drawing.



**EXXON VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT FUND AWARDS GRANT TO CHRISTMAS SEAL PEOPLE** — Joseph B. Bagley (left) of Bayonne, a retired Exxon Foreman, and Eugene E. Rodgers (center) of Mountainside, Personnel Officer for the Exxon Plant in Bayonne, present a \$2,000 grant for the American Lung Association of Central New Jersey to Dolores Hormann, Assistant Treasurer of the Lung Association and Manager of Public Service Electric & Gas Company in Jersey City. The grant will enable the Lung Association to purchase equipment that will be used to produce health education materials for distribution in Hudson, Monmouth and Union Counties.



**KUMPF STUDENTS LEARN POLISH HISTORY FROM A NATIVE . . .** Mr. Jan Puljanowski (center) was the guest speaker in Mr. Otto Picard's social studies class at the Carl Kumpf School in Clark. Born in Poland, Mr. Puljanowski spent twenty years in his native land until the Polish government finally granted him permission to leave for the United States. He is pictured with his son, John (left) and Colleen Wills (right). His presentation to the Kumpf students gave them insight about life under a Communist regime. Mr. Puljanowski contrasted life in a free society with life in a society where human rights and liberties are restricted. He discussed some of the limitations imposed upon Polish citizens and explained the difficulties encountered in daily life. Students were thoroughly absorbed in this lesson which brought the pages of their history books to life, reports Mr. Picard.

## Dog licenses to be renewed in Clark

All dog licenses in the Township of Clark must be renewed by Jan. 31. Proof of rabies vaccine is required. The fee is \$5.20 for spayed and neutered dogs, and \$8.20 for unspayed and unneutered dogs.

Renewals may be made at the Charles H. Brewer School, Room 28, on Saturdays, Jan. 11, Jan. 18 and Jan. 25, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Licenses renewed after Jan. 31 will be charged a \$1.50 late fee.

## 1,000 foster homes needed. . .

Roz McDonald, Executive Director of the New Jersey Foster Parents Association "has" stated, "One thousand more foster homes are needed in this state."

The association has begun a statewide recruitment program. A \$79,000 state contract has been awarded in order to publicize the need for additional parents.

To become a foster parent you can be either single, married, divorced, or separated. Applicants must be more than 18 years old and be in good physical and emotional health. It is not necessary to own a home, but providing a safe, nurturing environment is essential.

For information on the foster parenting program of the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services, call toll-free 1-800-200-0047. Those wishing to proceed through the approval process will be invited to attend at least ten



Roz McDonald

hours of training, which helps to prepare families to meet the special needs of foster children. A home study is completed by every family expressing an interest.

"Although foster parents provide only temporary care, they can make a meaningful and longlasting contribution to children's lives," Ms. McDonald said.



**THE KUMPF BAND AND CHORUS ENHANCE THE HOLIDAY SEASON . . .** The Carl Kumpf School in Clark dazzled the holiday season with a musical polpouiri in its annual winter concert in December. Musical director, Mrs. JoAnne Lomenille led both the chorus and the band in an assortment of seasonal favorites which included "Do You Hear What I Hear?" "Toyland," "Let the Droid Spin," "Christmas Is," and "Acapulco Holiday."