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FEBRUARY PROCLAIMED HEART MONTH IN CLARK
Mayor George G. Nucera (left) is seen signing the official proclamation. The mayor urges all citizens to support Clark's education and fund-raising campaign to fight heart disease. Looking on are (L-R) Fred Eckel,

Vice-President Clark-Rahway Heart Association chapter, Frooman Whitney, Board of Directors, Clark-Rahway chapter, and (seated) Nicholas Quadrel, President of the Heart Association chapter.

Bowling, lollipops, jump rope, telepledge to aid heart disease battle

Heart Unit plans fund-raisers

The Clark-Rahway Unit of the American Heart Association is planning a variety of fund raising activities for the month of February, announced Nicholas Quadrel, the unit's president, this week. "We hope to reach all our residents by the end of the month," Quadrel said, "and we also hope that many of our residents will volunteer to help us."

The schedule begins in early February with a "Plus over Average Tournament" for league bowlers at Clark Lanes, February 9-14. Gail Engel at 388-4637 has details.

On February 14, the Kiwanis Club, Rahway Hospital, Parolater Filter, Merck and Co., Inc., and Dri-Print Foods will support

Lollipops for Life by marking large, beautiful, red heart-shaped lollipops available to all employees for a donation of \$2 each.

On February 14 and 16, Rahway and Clark residents tuned in to 1530 WJDM will hear the station's 4th annual Operation Heartbeat, a New Jersey Broadcasters radiothon that supports the Heart Association with educational information punctuated by an appeal for pledges during its regular programming hours. Chuck Weigel at WJDM, 965-1530, will welcome questions about participation.

Quadrel called special attention to a new event, a telepledge, which will seek donations from local

businessmen on February 17. "I'm really excited about this," he said. "Most business men don't realize that the economic cost of heart disease in New Jersey is more than \$2 billion a year. The Heart Association is working to change that. Here's a chance for all our local business people to pitch in to help themselves as well as others." The one-day telepledge from the Rahway Savings Bank is being coordinated by Johanna Desiderio, a member of the Jr. Woman's Club of the Rahway Area.

Perhaps the best known event is a year-round activity. Youngsters in at least two schools, Roosevelt and Grover Cleveland, will Jump Rope For Heart in March and April. Jumping

rope is one of the large muscle exercises encouraged by the American Heart Association to help develop cardiovascular health. Rahway principal, Art Lundgren, 388-8500, is coordinating this program with our students. "One great result of this activity," Quadrel pointed out, "would be the continuation of jumping rope as a life-time interest."

All donations support the research, education and community service programs of the American Heart Association. "CPR, emergency room certification, school heart health and other "heart" programs are making a difference," Quadrel said. "But heart disease is still New Jersey's number one killer."

A TASTE OF THE GOOD LIFE AT KUMPF — To enhance their study of French life and culture, eighth graders in Mrs. Jan Kamp's class at the Carl Kumpf School in Clark sampled assorted cheese indigenous to the various regions of France. With white and red sparkling grape juice, they toasted Brie, Camembert, and Roquefort and savored the tantalizing tastes of the "good life" for which the French are famous. Standing (left to right): Collette Lofrino, Jo Ferrigno, Sheryl Galman, Meredith Dugaszowski, Michael Chin, Michelle LaSpin, Suzanne Sabath, Ilona Fink, and Deanna Liguori. Seated (left to right): Michael Schockman and Jinsuhp Lee.



Volunteer firemen sworn in

by Pat DiMaggio
Newly elected officers of the Clark Volunteer Fire Department were sworn in at a ceremony during the regular monthly City Council meeting held on Jan. 22. With a family member holding a Bible, the officers sworn in included Donald Kellerman, Chief; Jerry Fewkes, Assistant Chief; Francis Bratole, Jr., Captain; Chris Buccarelli, First Lieutenant; Thomas Harrison, Second Lieutenant; George Schubert, Captain, Fire Prevention; Howard Payne, Deputy Chief; Robert Volpe, Deputy Chief; Francis Bratole, Sr., Deputy Chief.

Mayor George Nucera announced the reopening of the Clark Disposal and Recycling Center. Hours are Monday and Tuesday, 7:30 to 3:00; Wednesday to Friday, 7:30 to 5:30; Saturday and Sunday, 12:00 to 5:30. Additional services will include aluminum cans and glass.

In other business the council:

—Approved an ordinance setting the fee for a Certificate of Occupancy inspection at \$50.00.

—Approved a resolution

directing the Police Department to enforce speed limits and stop signs on Cellar Ave. A stop sign will be installed on the near right side of Cellar Ave. at its intersection with Lake Ave. The speed limit will be enforced at 25 m.p.h. and parking restrictions will be in effect.

—Approved a resolution permitting the Tax Assessor to reduce the assessment for 29 Gibson Boulevard from \$90,000 to \$87,700.

—Approved a resolution permitting the Director of Revenue and Finance to make refunds of overpayments of taxes for 1985 in the total amount of \$5,616.77.

—Approved a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to reconsider the proposed changes for the No. 15 bus route.

—Approved a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to refund overpayments of 1985 taxes caused by the appeal judgments rendered by the Union County Board of Taxation in the total amount of \$11,917.40.

—Approved a resolution authorizing the Director of Revenue and Finance to distribute tax credits in the

total amount of \$26,098.60.

—Approved a resolution authorizing the Director of Revenue and Finance to refund senior citizen and veteran deductions for 1985 in the total amount of \$1,050.

—Approved a resolution

urging the mayor and business administrator to proceed with preparation of the necessary application to allow Clark to participate in the New Jersey Department of Energy Recycling Program in an effort to obtain an award of funds for recycled material through this program.

—Approved a resolution authorizing the Director of Revenue and Finance to seek bids on the renewal of a \$90,000 Refunding Bond Note, with a due date of Jan. 9, 1987.

Our national tragedy . . .

Seven space explorers are lost in our skies, and the magnitude of that truth is overwhelming.

The staff of the Rahway News Record and Clark Patriot salutes and mourns the courageous space travelers, lost to family and fellow Americans forever, on Tuesday, Jan. 28, aboard space-bound Challenger 10.

The staff extends deepest sympathy to the families of the brave seven.

As they reached for the sky, the explorers can only be mourned and admired by most earth-bound mortals, as we, in turn reach out for our own personal understanding of this tragic loss of the bravest of our brave.

The staff joins with fellow Americans in our shock, our deep sorrow and bow our heads IN TRIBUTE to the explorers' magnificent endeavor and most courageous quest for more knowledge of outer space.

President Reagan has declared a week of national mourning.

Fire prevention notes . . .

Marc S. Klemptory of the Clark Fire Dept., Bureau of Fire Prevention has prepared the following information for the benefit of public safety:

Prepare an escape route from your home in the event of fire. Do it now! Tomorrow may be too late!! Make sure your home is equipped with smoke detectors. Smoke detector batteries should be replaced on an annual basis.

Check your attic, basement, garage, closets and any other areas used for storage. Make sure they are free of debris and discard any unwanted or unused items. Never store flammable liquids such as gasoline in the house.

Check all electrical outlets in the house to make sure they are not overloaded. Avoid using adapters or extension cords. Make sure the proper fuses and circuit breakers are being used. Before using the fireplace this winter, make sure all flues and vents are clear of debris. Be sure to have all the necessary accessories such as screens, pokers, shovels, etc. Always keep the screen shut and never leave young children unattended by the fireplace!!!

To report a fire or any emergency in the township of Clark, telephone Clark Police Department at 388-3434. They will dispatch the proper help to you.

Hospital sponsors support groups for care of elderly

Overlook Hospital will sponsor two support groups for those caring for the elderly at home with group meetings beginning on February 13.

This free caregivers support program will include a general support group session and a second group especially for those caring for a person with Alzheimer's Disease or a related dementing illness.

Both monthly groups will be led by health care professionals including clinical nurse specialists with expertise in rehabilitation and geriatrics, a social worker specializing in home care and hospice and a home care nurse.

The general support group offers both afternoon and evening sessions once a month for the convenience of those attending. It will include a short educational program followed by a support meeting. The dementing illnesses group will meet only in the evening.

Anyone interested in joining one or both of these free groups or who know of someone who would benefit from this service, please call Cheryl Sasso, R.N., Overlook Home Care Rehabilitation Nurse, at 522-2091.



TROOP 1407 INVESTITURE . . . Daisy Girl Scout Troop 1407 of Clark's Frank K. Hehny School had an Investiture with a candlelight ceremony recently with parents attending. Leaders are Mrs. Nancy Vogel and Mrs. Linda Koopfler. Members of Daisy Troop 1407 are

Stephanie Kowalski, Kristin Powers, Vicki Hynes, Nicole Jensen, Courtney Koopfler, Kelly Hamilton, Jennifer Vogel, Stephanie Poltz, Lauren Angelo and Jill Tortorella.

Kean signs DiFrancesco legislation

Union County to get \$2.3 million in extra aid for nursing homes

Governor Kean recently signed into law legislation sponsored by Senator Donald T. DiFrancesco (R-22) which will enable state and county operated nursing homes to receive additional federal funds. Union county will receive \$2.3 million in extra aid and Essex county, \$3.8 million.

The new law authorizes the state commissioner of Human Services to establish a new category of skilled nursing homes run by county governments, separate and distinct from proprietary and voluntary facilities, to qualify them for higher reimbursement rates.

"Operating costs at government-operated homes tend to be higher than proprietary and voluntary facilities due to several factors including the larger number of elderly and intensive care patients," said Senator DiFrancesco. "The

new category will provide a level of reimbursement that more closely reflects the actual operating costs of these nursing homes."

The legislation also requires that if the increased reimbursement rate results in any net savings to a county, the county must use between 10 to 50 percent of its savings to establish new community-based programs for the elderly and disabled or expand its existing services.

"With the population of elderly citizens in our state increasing, it is very critical that funds be made available for various long-term care programs including Meals-On-Wheels, home health care, transportation for medical services and adult day care programs," said Senator DiFrancesco. "The system of categorizing nursing homes establish-

ed under this new law will be of great benefit to the citizens of Union and Essex Counties," concluded the Senator. "The counties will realize considerable savings by relieving county governments of having to subsidize government operated homes. Also, additional funds can be made available to the vital community programs that service the needs of the elderly and disabled."

Jeffrey Lichtman on dean's list

A Clark junior, Jeffrey H. Lichtman, of 326 Oak Ridge Road, was named to the fall semester dean's list at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. To attain the honor, the psychology major had to achieve at least a 3.3 semester grade-point average out of a possible 4.0.