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## CLARK LANES



**FIRST LOCAL AHA FUND RAISER IN HEART MONTH**  
Gail Engel of Rahway (center), chairperson of the "Pinn Over Average Tournament" for league bowlers at Clark Lanes, February 9-14, signs up Clark bowler Joan Fawkes (L), while Clark Lanes co-owner Angelo Villa (R) looks on.

American Heart Association

# Hyatt Clark asks council for new tax schedule

by Pat DiMaggio

The management of Hyatt Clark Industries met with the Clark City Council on Feb. 5 to try to negotiate a delayed payment schedule for property taxes.

Yearly taxes to be paid by HCI total \$303,600, with the first installment of \$76,000 due on Feb. 1.

Bankruptcy Attorney Max Schloff proposed a restructuring of the payment schedule saying acceptance of the proposal would allow enough cash flow to enable the plant to resume full production, possibly by May or June. Groups of employees will start being recalled this week. Other utilities, including Public Service Electric and Gas and Elizabethtown Gas have already agreed to restructured payments.

The proposal would mean no payment on Feb. 1. The first installment of one-quarter of 1986 taxes plus interest would be due on May 1, all of the second quarter plus interest and half of the third quarter plus interest would be paid on Aug. 1 and half of the fourth plus all accrued interest would be paid on Nov. 1. Schloff said HCI would then be current. "The townships acceptance of this plan would greatly enhance the chances of a successful reorganization," said Schloff. "Damage to the town, if any, would be minimal."

He said the town was protected legally.

HCI first filed for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 on Jan. 14. After operating under a deficit, negotiations had begun last spring with General Motors to provide debt service relief in the amount of \$6 million. A plan was formulated between employee-owners of HCI and G.M. to contribute matching funds of \$3 million each, which would be put back into the company, to allow it to become more competitive in the world market for roller bearings.

In September, after meetings, G.M. said they would provide no more money and suggested that HCI look for outside investors. After going through an evaluation period, the Oklahoma City based LSB Company made a bid to acquire Hyatt, subject to approval from G.M., the major creditor.

A closing date for the sale was set for Dec. 31, when in the process of shutting down for the Christmas holidays, HCI was notified by G.M. that they would not back LSB and would not be responsible for any loan guarantees.

HCI has been in limited production under an agreement with G.M. to supply them with specialty parts.

There are presently 140 blue-collar workers and 50 management positions employed, down from a total of 1100 and 160.

John Roszkowski, vice president of finance at HCI said that management is now trying to put together a re-organization plan which would include a modification of the labor contract. "Labor rates are not competitive with other manufacturers in the bearings industry," said

Roszkowski. "Our labor rates are lower than the automobile industry, but are higher than most current manufacturing industries. As a result of that we cannot be cost competitive. In excess of 50 percent of our sales dollar is spent on labor costs and benefits, and this is too great an amount."

"With LSB we had worked up a contract that called for less employees and a 25 percent reduction in labor costs in fringe and benefit packages," continued Roszkowski. "This would generate sufficient cash savings which would allow us to be more competitive in the world market."

The management of HCI has been in court trying to get interim relief from their present labor contract, hoping to get back to full production.

## TAKE A MOMENT TO READ THIS! IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!

The Clark Volunteer Fire Dept., Bureau of Fire Prevention, has released the following information. They request all Township of Clark residents to take a moment to read this article. They stress that it could save your life in the event of a fire in the home.

The Clark Volunteer Fire Dept. is running a program to register all the people in the Township of Clark with any medical problem that would limit mobility of any person in an emergency.

This would pertain to any person with a medical history of limited mobility, severe speech impediments, people that are bed-ridden, attached to life-support machinery, or are otherwise unable to help themselves in an emergency.

All information will be held in the strictest confidence, the Clark Fire Dept. reports.

Simply fill in the coupon below and a fire prevention inspector will contact you personally to verify the information needed, and to assist you in making your home fire safe.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # Day \_\_\_\_\_ & Eve. \_\_\_\_\_  
Times You Can Be Reached \_\_\_\_\_

Clark Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Dept. II  
Municipal Building  
Westfield Avenue  
Clark, N.J. 07066

If you have any questions telephone 381-1158 and a fire inspector will contact you.

## Clark veterans invited to join American Legion

The American Legion is observing February as Americanism Month, and the Legionnaires of Clark are planning a number of significant events. Commander John Specht of Clark Post #328 announced.

Commander Specht pointed out that the month of February marks the Legion's annual observance of Religious Emphasis Week which was the first full week of the month and Four Chaplains Sunday which was held at the Holy Innocence R.C. Church in Neptune, N.J. on Feb. 2.

Americanism is a major program of the American Legion, Commander Specht explained. He said it reaches beyond the fundamental, and important

elements of patriotic expression — holiday observances, flag etiquette and display, etc. — and channels a great amount of effort and resources into education programs and citizenship activities for the youth of Clark. Such endeavors include Boys State, Scouting, National High School Oratorical Contest, American Legion Baseball, School Award Medal etc.

Commander Specht extended an invitation to all eligible veterans of Clark to become Legionnaires. "Membership in the American Legion gives the veteran the opportunity through the Legion's many and varied programs," he concluded.

## Abraham Clark to be honored in Clark

Mayor George G. Nucera has announced plans to honor the Honorable Abraham Clark, a member of the New Jersey Provincial Congress on his 260th birthday on Saturday, Feb. 15, 1986.

Abraham Clark, as a member of the New Jersey Provincial Congress, was a signer of the United States Declaration of Independence.

Abraham Clark was born in Roselle (Chestnut & 9th Street) on Feb. 15, 1726.

A commemorative service will be held at the Rahway Historical Cemetery at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15.

All civil and social organizations as well as citizens are invited to attend this service.

### Clark Rotary Club to hear Bulik

Deborah Herder Bulik, director of client services, of the Chester H. Herder & Son, Inc. insurance agency in Three Bridges, will discuss auto insurance at a luncheon meeting of the Clark Rotary Club on Thursday, February 13. The meeting will begin at 12 noon at the Clark Bowling Lanes. Bulik is a member of the Board of Directors of the Professional Insurance Agents of New Jersey.

## Assemblyman Franks moves district office

Assemblyman Bob Franks, who represents Clark in the New Jersey General Assembly, has announced the relocation of his legislative district office. His new office is located at 139 South Street in New Providence, 07974. Franks' new phone number is 665-7777.

"From our district office, we have many constituent services available," Franks said. "For example, we can intervene with state agencies to help solve problems ranging from driver's license renewals with the Division of Motor Vehicles, to lost rebate checks with the Division of Taxation."

"Many times, citizens are not aware of the level of government to call on for their particular concern. Our office can help. We can direct you to the proper government channel, and we can intervene on your behalf to see that your problem is solved swiftly and efficiently."

Franks continues to maintain a district office in Livingston at 2 East Northfield Road. The telephone number is 992-1000.



**PLANNING FOR SUCCESS . . .** Carl Kumpf School of Clark eighth grader, Robert Fencik (left) is pictured with his mother Mrs. Catherine Fencik, (center) and guidance counselor Mrs. Mary Foster, (right) as they discuss Bob's high school schedule for next year. Along with counselors from Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, Mrs. Foster, the students, and their parents, work cooperatively to develop courses of study which reflect individual abilities, goals, interests, and needs. "Through effective planning, students prepare to meet the next phase of their education in a positive manner," reports Mrs. Foster.



**EASTER SEAL SOCIETY SETS COFFEE DAY . . .** The New Jersey Easter Seal Society's annual coffee day promotion is being held from Feb. 14 to Feb. 28 at Roy Rogers Restaurants and other dining facilities throughout the state. Joanne Niemira (above), 1986 Easter Seal Poster Child, urges everyone to buy coffee day buttons. For a \$1 contribution to Easter Seals, patrons will receive a button which entitles them to free coffee on Feb. 28 at all participating restaurants and diners. All proceeds raised help the New Jersey Easter Seal Society provide valuable services to the state's disabled.



**THE FACES OF CHILDHOOD . . .** Children from the Osceola Nursery School in Clark are seen enjoying a story being read by Mrs. Joan Chapin at the library. Story from left to right are: (front row) Meredith

Quishan, Amy Kowalczyk, Christina Watson, Alexis Wolf. Second row Marodith Stowasky, Sal Saladino, Kelly Ferrara, Karen Borzanski, Jessica Lutkenhouse, Daniel Joy, rear Patrick Joy.