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## Fair at Kean College to address programs available for seniors

What senior citizens should know about government programs intended to benefit them will be the subject of a seminar being sponsored for residents of New Jersey's 7th Congressional District by Rep. Matthew J. Rinaldo at Kean College on Saturday, September 13.

The program, featuring talks by authorities on public services, crime, health and consumer affairs, will be held from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Downs Hall.

Rinaldo, the ranking minority member of the House Select Committee on Aging, will open the seminar with a report on major legislation in Congress affecting older Americans. His comments will cover the status of a bill to establish the Social Security Administration as an independent agency, the outlook for Medicare, and the progress being made in the study to implement a national catastrophic health insurance program.

Other scheduled speakers include Union County Prosecutor John Stampler, who will provide advice on precautions senior citizens can take to avoid becoming a victim of crime, and Elizabeth Smyth of the Social Security Administration office in Elizabeth. She will discuss the benefits available under Social Security.

State and county programs and services intended for the elderly will be detailed respectively by Philip Pearlman, director for the Union County Office on Aging, and a representative from the New Jersey Division on Aging.

An explanation of Medicare and advice on what senior citizens should look

for in buying health insurance will be given by Ralph Voto, a Medicare field representative for the Prudential Insurance Company. Prudential administers the Medicare program in New Jersey for the federal government.

Consumer protection tips will be offered by Jean Goodall, consumer affairs officer for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Health gimmicks and what consumers should be aware

of in shopping for drugs, health-care items and medical devices will be the subject of her talk.

In addition to the speakers, volunteers from Memorial General Hospital will be at the seminar to administer free blood pressure checks from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Caseworkers from Congressman Rinaldo's office also will assist constituents with any problem they may have involving the federal government.

## Bertsch attends White House Conference on Small Business

Charles Bertsch of Clark recently attended the White House Conference on Small Business.

As one of 1800 delegates representing small-business owners from the 50 states, Bertsch joined in the effort to deliver 60 specific recommendations for federal policies which affect small business. The president and Congress will soon receive the recommendations, which range from demands for civil justice reform and deficit reduction to opposition to mandated employee benefits.

"By now it should be clear to Congress and President Reagan that small business is America's growth frontier," said John Sloan, President of the National Federation of Independent Business. "These recommendations are more than suggestions, they are demands that government recognize the nation's fastest growing economic force and shape policies to encourage small-business expansion."

NFIB is a legislative action organization representing more than a half-million small, and independent businesses across the nation.

The conference, which featured four days of debate and discussion, was the final step in reducing to a legislative agenda the hundreds of ideas and suggestions developed over the past year at 63 state and regional conferences. More than three dozen recommendations which came out of a similar conference in 1980 have been acted upon favorably by Congress and the president.

To ensure that the White House Conference on Small Business recommendations are heard by the nation's federal elected officials, NFIB has scheduled a two-day lobbying blitz Feb. 24-25, 1987, in Washington so that delegates can personally present the small-business agenda to their senators and representatives.

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**BRIGHT INTERN**... Lori Luxenberg, a resident of Clark, is pictured with Gov. Thomas H. Kean at the Statehouse in Trenton. Ms. Luxenberg, a junior at Harvard University, was an intern in the Governor's speechwriting office during the summer. She wrote several speeches which the Governor used at public events, including a major address on science policy.

## St. Elizabeth Hospital appeals for blood donors

Although St. Elizabeth Hospital has been able to meet all of its demands for blood for transfusions, Laboratory Manager Carol Frka says that blood donations are very much needed, and that there is a particular need for type O+ blood, a very common blood type.

No surgical procedures have been postponed or cancelled at St. Elizabeth Hospital to date, according to Frka.

In order to ensure an adequate supply of blood, the hospital is scheduling the

public for blood donations; donors may call 527-5038 to schedule an appointment to donate blood at the hospital, at 225 Williamson Street in Elizabeth (corner of Broad and Pearl Streets).

The North Jersey Blood Center's Blood Mobile will also be parked at the hospital on Wednesday, September 24, 2-5 p.m., to collect donations.

Frka emphasizes that there is no way that AIDS can be contracted through donating blood. The needles used are sterile, are used once, and are then discarded.

All blood collected is then

tested for syphilis, hepatitis, and the AIDS antibody, to protect those receiving transfusions. Blood which is found to carry any of these factors is not used.

Blood donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, and must be between the ages of 18 and 65. They are advised to eat meals before donating, and if they are on any medication, they should check with their doctor and with the hospital or blood bank before donating.

Those who have had hepatitis are not allowed to donate blood.

## Clark Library to showcase DiGiorgio paintings

Paintings currently showcased at the Clark Public Library are by Janice DiGiorgio, local artist, teaching for 17 years.

Classes for adults are offered at the Regional Adult School, Clark; the Rahway Recreation Dept.; and the Rahway Adult School.

Also, classes for children are offered at the Clark Public Library under the sponsorship of the Clark Art Association.

For information on any of the classes, call 388-3488.

## Marie Longo elected to opera post

The Friends of the New Jersey State Opera recently elected new officers during its annual meeting.

Marie Longo of Clark was elected corresponding secretary of the group.

The Friends is a statewide guild organization which supports the State Opera through educational and service projects as well as fundraising.

For further information about the group, phone 623-5757.

## Credit courses are offered to seniors in Clark

Mayor George G. Nucera has announced that Union County College will offer two courses this fall for senior citizens and retired persons of Clark at the Senior Citizen Center, 430 Westfield Avenue.

The courses offered are Natural History of New Jersey which is a study of New Jersey's natural history, including the flora, fauna, geology and a historical background of its diverse environment and will be held on Mondays at 1 p.m.; and Introduction to

Western Civilization a study of the major elements of Western civilization since ancient times which will be held on Fridays at 1 p.m.

The courses are free of charge.

Three college credits will be offered for each course.

The Monday class began September 8 and the Friday class will begin September 12. All registrations will be held the first two weeks of the classes at the Senior Citizen Center; after that no one will be admitted.

## Exercise classes planned for seniors in Clark

Mayor George G. Nucera has announced that new senior citizen health exercise classes will resume on Monday, Sept. 15.

Classes will be conducted on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and two classes will be conducted each day. The first class will be 8-9 a.m., and the second from 10-11 a.m.

The physical education instructor will be Mrs. Lisa Glacken, Mrs. Glacken is

the former Lisa Evanko, a graduate of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School and Kean College. She received a bachelor of science degree in physical education.

All senior citizens or residents of Clark over 55 years of age are encouraged to attend this program on continued good health.

Registration will be held at class opening.

## Tax casino brochure available from Franks

For eight years, legalized casino gambling has been a reality in New Jersey. Voters in 1976 approved the referendum allowing casinos to operate with the express requirement that all taxes on casinos be used exclusively for programs to benefit our elderly and handicapped citizens.

Since the first casino opened in New Jersey in 1978, the state has collected \$739.6 million in taxes and an additional \$15.7 million in interest earned on the money. This amount represents 8% of the casinos' "win" figure — the amount the casinos keep after all bets are paid off but before they pay any operating expenses.

"One of the most frequently asked questions when I meet with senior

citizens around our district is "what happens to all the money collected by the casinos?"

"The state has recently printed a brochure describing the programs available under the casino revenue fund act and how the money has been allocated. The facts brought out should reassure our senior citizens that the casino moneys are indeed being spent on valuable programs for our elderly and handicapped citizens," Franks continued.

Among the programs available to seniors and disabled citizens are the special Homestead Rebate and Property Tax Reduction, the Lifeline Credit

Program, Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled, Community Services for Blind and Disabled Children and Adults, Community Care Program for the Elderly and Disabled, Congregate Housing Services Program, Boarding Home Rental Assistance, and Transportation Services for Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents.

Each of these programs is described in the specially printed brochure "Where Do Casino Revenue Funds Go?" which is available free of charge to anyone who wants one simply by writing to Assemblyman Bob Franks, 219 South Street, New Providence, NJ 07974 or by calling his office at 665-7777.

"I also want our senior citizens to know that my office is here to help them anyway we can. We can make sure they are connected with the right department in the state government to enroll in one or more of these programs and will work to make sure the process is handled as efficiently as possible," Franks concluded.

## Personnel matters resolved by board

by Pat DiMaggio  
The Clark Board of Education resolved personnel matters at their regular meeting held on September 9.

The appointment of Jane Murray, a teacher, was amended to change the salary from \$20,020 to \$20,080.

The salary of Jeanne Decker, Treasurer of School Monies was amended to \$2,100 from \$1,800.

The board accepted the resignation of Janet Paczkowski, an accounting clerk/computer operator and reappointed Mary Steiner in the same position, at a salary of \$17,350.

Sophie Popek was appointed as a cafeteria playground aide and Mrs. Ellen Curtin, a teacher, was

placed on the proper step of the MA + 30 Salary Guide (from \$36,600 to \$40,880) in accordance with the agreement between the Clark Board of Education and the Clark Education Association.

Adrienne Flisser was appointed as a teacher of the handicapped at a salary of \$15 an hour.

Daniel Fuchs was appointed as a substitute custodian and Donna Santos was approved as a student teacher for the 1986-87 school year.

The board authorized the Board Secretary/Business Administrator to dispose of unused equipment at public auction with all proceeds to become part of the general revenue of the board.

## Steuben Parade slated Sept. 20

Albrecht Maier of Clark, the chairman of the New Jersey Steuben Parade Committee, invites local residents to attend the Steuben Parade on Saturday, Sept. 20, along Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The parade will honor General Friedrich-Wilhelm von Steuben, a German-American, who was the chief military aide to General George Washington.

For more information phone 574-0428.

## UCC teams to open '86 season next week

Union County College's men's soccer, women's tennis and golf teams will open their 1986 seasons next week.

Coach Tom McLaughlin's men's soccer squad will be the first to see action, meeting Bucks County College in Newton, Pa., on Monday, September 15, at 4 p.m. Coach McLaughlin has high hopes of improving on last year's 9-9-1 record.

The women's tennis team under Coach Dave Hayes will open the season in Toms River on Tuesday, September 16 at 3:30 p.m., facing Ocean County College in a Garden State Athletic Conference match. Coach Bill Dunscombe's golf squad opens the season

on Wednesday, September 17 at Camden, with a triangular meet with Camden County College and Bergen Community College.

Both the women's tennis and golf teams are playing Fall rather than Spring schedules this year under new policies adopted by Region XIX, National Junior College Athletic Association.

Union did not field a women's tennis team last year, but Coach Dunscombe's golf squad was one of the strongest in the state, compiling an impressive 14-1 record. Coach Dunscombe is optimistic about this season with a number of veterans returning.

## Cadet Lewis attends ROTC advanced camp

Cadet Thomas L. Schwartz, son of Richard M. and Elizabeth Schwartz of Sycamore Road, Clark, received practical work in military leadership at the U.S. Army ROTC advanced camp, Fort Lewis, Wash.

The six-week camp, attended by cadets normally between their third and

fourth year of college, includes instruction in communications. Successful completion of the advanced camp and graduation from college results in a commission as a second lieutenant in either the U.S. Army, Army Reserve or National Guard for the cadet.



**THE HALLS WERE BUSY** with students at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark as classes resumed last week for yet another year of learning the 3R's.

