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CONCERT GRANT . . . At the recent National Arts Week reception at the Elizabeth Public Library, the Clark Public Library received a grant of \$600 for free outdoor concerts from the Union County Arts Grant Program. Pictured at the ceremony are Marcia Cohen, Vice Chairman of the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board, left, and Sandra Jones representing

Clark Library. The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders sponsors the Arts Grant Program, which is operated by the Advisory Board and Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, and funded in part by a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State. (Photo by William Frolich.)

Council seeks to reduce skyrocketing garbage costs

by Pat DiMaggio

Clark's Solid Waste Committee is working on a plan to consolidate garbage collection from several different scavengers to one township-wide collector and hopes to reduce costs in the soaring garbage collection industry. Councilman Robert Ellenport, Chairman of the Solid Waste Committee, said a meeting held last Thursday night was attended by three township scavengers who offered their input regarding the increase in rates they are being charged to drop their refuse at Automated Modular System, Inc., a

transfer station in Linden.

Since the closing of the Edgeboro landfill site in New Brunswick, garbage must now be brought to a transfer station in preparation of being shipped out of state, causing astronomical increases in collection rates. Residents in Clark are being faced with an increase of approximately 15 percent, said Ellenport, from \$19 per month to \$35 per month for two cans of garbage. Present scavengers do not include household items or grass clippings in their collection. The township removes leaves. The proposal for a

township-wide garbage collector was instituted by Mayor George Nucera several months ago.

"Under the new proposal, the township would enter into a contract with a collector to pick up household waste, two cans twice a week from the backyard and bulk items and grass clippings once a month," said Ellenport. "Cost would be on a tax bill basis and the seniors in town would be given some type of discount or rebate on their tax bill." There are 4,750 homes in Clark, noted Ellenport. "We would reimburse the scavengers on a dollar for

dollar basis for what they have to pay to dispose of their loads at the transfer station," continued Ellenport. "What we would be letting out for bid is the cost of collection and hauling. We hope to realize some savings because there would be less administrative costs in having one collector in

stead of seven. Postage alone would result in a significant savings.

The Solid Waste Committee will issue a report at the end of the month. After a public hearing, the committee will then report to the municipal council in February.

Board of Ed gets flack on pre-school handicap plan

by Pat DiMaggio

More than 30 teachers and parents attended Clark's Board of Education meeting on January 12 to protest the transfer of a special education teacher to half-time status.

Pamela Mullin, who teaches a pre-school handicapped class at Valley Road School, opposed the proposed consolidation of her morning and afternoon classes into one session. Mullin currently instructs three children in her

morning class and four children in her afternoon class, all between the ages of three and five. The transfer would relocate her to Henley School on a half-time basis with a single half-day session of seven students.

"The children in one session of the program require one-to-one assistance," said Mullin. "They cannot function on their own accord. The children in the other session are learning the

academies which will build a foundation for the type of learning-acquired in kindergarten. In combining these classes, neither session will profit as the children require different techniques, activities, length of time allowances, and the curriculum differs greatly."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul Orenzio states that the allowed ratio between teacher and student is presently one-to-eight with an aide present. If the class size exceeds eight, another aide must be employed, he said.

Ms. Mullin's class currently employs one aide. "Pre-school handicapped classes) often require the instructional ratio of one adult to one child," noted Mullin. "It is not a recreational outlet but provides the experiences which will build a positive educational foundation rather than leave the child open for failure and self doubt."

After meeting more than an hour behind closed doors, the board returned and voted to table the resolution.

"This means that for the remainder of the school year special programs currently in existence at Valley Road School will not be combined and will remain as scheduled," said Board President F. Donald Paris.

Regional Board of Ed honors ALJ teacher

by Pat DiMaggio

The Regional Board of Education, governing the policy at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark, will honor a staff member for twenty years of service at a reception to be held in the Johnson Media Center on January 26.

Mary Fogarty, Johnson's English Supervisor, will retire on February 1 after 20 years of service. Ms. Fogarty began her tenure at Johnson in 1968.

The board also approved submissions for funding at their regular meeting held on January 5. An amount of \$41,665 will be submitted for funding for the following items: Summer Workshop, \$6,000; School Year Workstudy, \$3,632; Industrial Arts Drafting (Handicapped), \$3,117; Vocational Automotive, \$19,989; Vocational Adult School, \$8,947.

The board will also submit an application to apply for reallocated Chapter 1

funds in the amount of \$5,000 to be used for basic skills teacher salaries. The board governs policy at three other regional high schools in addition to Arthur Johnson.

In other business the board: — Approved the placement of a student from Clark at the Essex Valley School, West Orange, at a tuition cost of \$1177 per month.

— Employed Pam Elmendorf for the course of quitting at \$15.75 with an additional stipend of \$204.75 for the 1987 term of the Adult School.

— Employed the following for second semester early-morning classes: Douglas Felter, SAT English, \$2,100; Richard Esandrio, SAT Math, \$3,150; John Aragona, Chem Lab, \$1,180; Harry Cardinale, Chem Lab, \$948; John Mattison, Bio Lab, \$1,171; John Malkos, Bio Lab, \$1,237.

Eckel extends office hours

Clark Council President Fred Eckel has announced he will continue to have his office open on Wednesday nights from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for those

who cannot come into town hall during regular hours.

The Councilman can be reached at 388-3600; or at 499-0972, his home, for emergencies.

Story Hour slated at Clark Library

A Story Hour for girls and boys in grades K-3 will be held at the Clark Public Library on Thursday, January 21, from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Advance registration is not necessary for this program of stories, songs and games.

The Children's Department of the library contains a large number of entertaining books which have controlled vocabularies, some just right for beginning readers and some for readers in grades 2 and 3 who are not ready for longer books. Children who read these books learn that reading can be fun.

Clark Legion plans meeting, celebration

The delegates of Clark Unit 328, American Legion Auxiliary will attend the meeting of the Union County Organization, American Legion Auxiliary at the Martin Wallberg Post 3, Westfield on Thursday, January 21 at 8 p.m.

They are: President Mrs. Dorothy Rea, 1st Vice-president Mrs. Alexandria Rudnicki, Treasurer Mrs. Anne Gudor and Sgt.-at-Arms Mrs. Anne Krov.

A donation was made to the East Orange Veterans Administration Medical

Tax forms available

The Clark Public Library has tax forms 1040 with

Center for their "coffee hour" for the veterans.

The unit members will join the post members in celebrating "International Nite" at the post home on the corner of Liberty Street and Westfield Avenue on Saturday, January 30. Ethnic foods will be served followed by dancing.

Tickets may be obtained by calling the post bar at 574-8374.

The next unit meeting will be held at the post home on Wednesday, February 3 at 8 p.m.

Minniti enters teen pageant

Miss Nicole Minniti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Minniti of Conger Way, Clark, has been selected as an entrant in the 1988 N.J. Perfect Teen Pageant at the Sheraton Inn, Cherry Hill this weekend.

The pageant will select New Jersey's representative to the national pageant in October in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Nicole is a student at Clark's Carl H. Kumpf School.

Her sponsors are Miggo's Pizzeria, Clark, and Pal-Tar Construction.



COUNCIL CONGRATS . . . Clark's new Municipal Council President Fred Eckel, second from right, is congratulated by, from left: Mayor George Nucera, Linden Councilman and Freeholder Joseph Suliga, and Linden Councilman Mal Eckel.



PROMOTED . . . Joanne King Guida is the new Executive Director of the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. She comes to the position from 18 months as the center's box office manager and assistant fund-raiser.

County arts center names new director

Joanne King Guida has been named Executive Director of the Union County Arts Center (the former Rahway Theatre) in Rahway, succeeding Donald Streibig, who resigned that post in December.

Mrs. Guida had been the center's box office manager and assistant fund-raiser since June, 1986. She has also coordinated its publicity effort.

Prior to becoming the art center's first salaried employee in 1986, Guida (nee King) had been box office manager and administrative assistant for the Theatre At Raritan Valley Community College,

and had worked in Public Relations for Starpointe Savings in Plainfield. She also has a performing background in dance, music and drama.

Guida had first come to the not-for-profit Union County Arts Center as a volunteer. She helped with publicity and coordinated a successful celebrity auction for which she obtained donated items from numerous notables, including President Reagan, Richard Nixon, Bob Hope, Mary Tyler Moore, Johnny Carson, Paul Newman, Alan Alda and Billy Joel.

Currently residing in Plainfield with her husband, Robert, a producer of audio-visuals, Guida is a third generation Rahwayan with a combined B.A. degree in English and Theatre from Kean College. She also attended Fordham, at its Lincoln center campus, and Montclair State.

The Union County Arts Center, located at the junction of Main and Irving Streets and Central Avenue in Rahway, officially opened in March, 1986, with the Union County Education Association's stage production of "Shenandoah." Prior to that, as the Rahway Theatre, it had been in continuous operation from 1928 to 1981 as one of the state's largest and most solidly constructed showcases for first-run films and occasional stage shows.

Three Clark residents nominated for service academies

Three Clark residents are among 43 residents of the 7th Congressional District nominated for appointment to U.S. service academies for the 1988-89 academic year. They have been nominated by Rep. Matthew J. Rinaldo, R-N.J. Nominated for the Air

Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo., were Andrew Groeneveld of Emerald Place and Douglas Chinchear of Douglas Street.

Daniel Tropeano of Douglas Drive has been nominated to the Military

Academy at West Point. The appointments will be made by the respective academies following an evaluation of the candidates' test scores, secondary school academic and extracurricular records, and potential for careers as military officers.