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## Mayor at tree-lighting: 'Never too late to be thankful'

### H.S. Band, Choral Group enhance holiday spirit at annual ceremony

by Pat DiMaggio  
Rahway celebrated the beginning of the holiday season Friday evening when residents attended tree-lighting ceremonies in front of City Hall. Snow-covered grounds and chilly temperatures did not dampen the participants' enthusiasm when they joined in the countdown for turning on the lights.  
The Rahway High School band, directed by Ron Dolce, and members of the High School Choral Group, directed by Donald Pennell, led residents in renditions of holiday songs.  
Reverend Pastor Capron, of the Trinity Methodist

Church, gave the invocation. "This is the beginning of a special season for all of us," said Capron. "For many of us, it is the festival of lights, and for many of us it is a season of anticipation and joy. Let peace fall upon this world and let our leaders feel a new sensitivity of the spirit of peace."  
Master of Ceremonies George Argast led in the singing of Christmas carols. "Great things are happening all over the world for mankind," he noted.  
"This gets bigger and better every year," said Mayor Daniel Martin. "As cold as it may be, we are in the holiday spirit. The day after Thanks-

giving is never too late to be thankful."  
Martin urged residents to remember the victims of Hurricane Hugo, the California earthquake and the school children who perished in New York when the roof of their school caved in. "Tonight, we are gathered here in Rahway and are thankful as a community and as a family."  
Downtown Rahway merchants invite residents to peruse their establishments during the holiday season. They promise personalized attention and a warm, community atmosphere.



## 'Light Up a Life' for the holidays

On Saturday, December 2, volunteers from throughout Rahway will go door-to-door to ask residents to support the "Light Up a Life" program to benefit the Rahway Geriatric Center. Students from both the high school and middle school, with the support of several adult civic organizations, will ask residents to donate \$5 or \$10 to sponsor a Holiday ornament that will later be displayed on Rahway's community Holiday tree.  
"We're really excited about the response we have received from the groups we have asked to help launch this exciting project," explained Jeffrey Schwartz, administrator of the Rahway facility. "It is very gratifying for us to know that these organizations are willing to support the elderly of Rahway during this special season."  
The community-wide campaign will begin at 10 a.m. as the volunteers gather to meet at the Center on Lawrence Avenue for assignments. It is hoped that the 125 volunteers can sell ornaments each.  
"We would like to have the cost of the ornaments underwritten so that all proceeds will directly benefit the patients at the Center," Schwartz explained. "We are hoping that the people of Rahway will be as gener-

ous in supporting this new project as the volunteers have been in giving their time."  
Anyone interested in helping the new "Light Up a Life" program should contact the Rahway Geriatric Center at 499-7927. The Center is a private, non-profit nursing home serving 120 elderly residents from Rahway and surrounding communities.

## Firemen to host Holiday Dinner for seniors

Members of Rahway Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association #33 announce their Annual Senior Citizens Holiday Dinner will be held on Friday, December 15, at the Senior Citizens Center on Esterbrook Ave. in Rahway, for the benefit of any and all Rahway Senior Citizens.  
There will be three seatings: 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tickets may be picked up at Fire Headquarters on Main St. or at the Firehouse at the corner of Jefferson and Maple Avenues.  
There are only a limited number of tickets available for each seating. Therefore they will be given out on a first-come-first-served basis.

## NCNW to host dinner-party for seniors

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) of Rahway is sponsoring a Christmas Dinner-Party for the city's senior citizens on Saturday, Dec. 9,

## Altar Society sets annual Xmas party

The St. Agnes Rosary Altar Society will hold its December meeting on Tuesday, December 5 at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall, 332 Madison Hill Road, Clark.  
The program for the evening will be the annual Christmas Party and entertainment by Mr. Larry Lesko, organist.  
Refreshments will be served. All the ladies of the Parish are invited.

11:30 a.m. at the Rahway High School.  
All seniors must have a ticket to attend. Contact the Senior Citizen Recreational Center for a free ticket or call Mrs. Jean Robertson at 381-7837.

## Seaman Kellers completes recruit training

Navy Seaman Recruit Michael T. Kellers, son of Barbara H. Kellers of Race St., Rahway, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. During his eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.  
Kellers' studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete the course are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.  
Kellers joined the Navy in July 1989.



## Curbside Pickup Schedule

The Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) has released the schedule for curbside pickups of recyclables during December for the 11 municipalities participating in the Union County Regional Recycling Program.  
Newspaper, glass and aluminum will be collected every other week according to the following schedules for Rahway:  
**West of Railroad Tracks**  
Monday, December 11. Note: Due to the Christmas holiday, there will be no pickup on December 25.  
**East of Railroad Tracks**  
December 12 & 26 (Tuesdays).  
Recyclables must be set out by 7:30 a.m. the day they are scheduled for collection. Residents should prepare their materials according to the following guidelines:  
● Newspapers — Must be clean and tied in bundles that are no more than 8 inches thick. The bundles should not include shopping

bags, magazines, telephone books or junk mail.  
● Glass bottles and jars — must be well rinsed with all caps and lids removed. (Labels, styrofoam, metal rings and plastic do not have to be removed.) Glass containers must be placed at the curb in sturdy, reusable containers. Only bottles and jars will be collected — residents should not set out window glass, dishes, Pyrex, mirrors or crystal.  
● Aluminum beverage containers — must be well rinsed and placed in a sturdy, reusable container. Tin cans, paint cans and spray cans can not be collected. (Note: A magnet will not stick to the side or bottom of a recyclable all-aluminum can.)  
Glass and aluminum recyclables must be set out in separate containers. Materials placed in plastic or paper bags will not be collected.  
For missed pick-ups, call 753-7276.



Celebration Singers ...

There can be no better way to stimulate a sustained holiday spirit than with unforgettable renditions of traditional and contemporary Christmas music by a renowned glee club. That is what Rahway's Union County Arts Center promises when it kicks off the holiday season by hosting the annual Christmas Concert of the famed Celebration Singers. The 30-voice mixed chorus will appear at the nostalgic showplace Saturday, December 16, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$5 for senior citizens and \$3 for students. Reserved seats only! (Phone 499-8228 for information and reservations.)



CHINESE TEA ... Rica Lottman of Colonia as the Chinese Tea lead in the N.J. Dance Theatre Guild's production of the popular Christmas ballet, "The Nutcracker," at Rahway's Union County Arts Center, the weekend of December 9-10. Tickets are \$12 and \$15 and may be purchased at the box office the days of the show or reserved by phoning 499-8228. (Group discounts available for 25 or more.) Show times are 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday (Dec. 9) and 2 p.m. only on Sunday.

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