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Rahway schools now officially smokeless

Employees and students alike subject to disciplinary action

by Pat DiMaggio

Students and staff members will no longer be permitted to smoke on school grounds, according to a new policy approved by the Rahway Board of Education at its December 12 meeting.

New Jersey is the third state in the nation to ban smoking in public school buildings. Gov. Thomas Kean signed legislation last summer to make all schools smoke-free, and local boards had until December 14 to enact policies prohibiting smoking.

Rahway's policy states that smoking will be prohibited in all school buildings or anywhere within school boundaries, on school buses, when on a school-sponsored trip or activity off school premises. Students may not carry cigarettes or other smoking materials such as tobacco, pipes or "cigarette" rolling papers while on school property.

Students found in possession of cigarettes or smoking paraphernalia will be subject to the following disciplines:

For a first offense, any one of, combination of, or all of the following as determined by the building principal and as authorized by the chief school administrator: phone call to the parent/guardian, letter to the student file describing the incident, suspension (if combined with defiance to the school official or refusal to extinguish burning tobacco) and/or referral to a counselor for assistance in quitting the habit.

For a second offense, any one of, combination of, or all of the following: phone call to the parent/guardian, letter to the student file describing the incident, suspension, referral to counselor, required notification to the parents and/or pursuit of \$100 fine.

Employees of the district will also be prohibited from smoking anywhere in school district buildings, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Sanctions for violations will include issuance of a verbal warning documented in writing for the first offense with a referral option to a

program for smoking cessation. The second offense will carry issuance of a written warning, with a copy placed in the employee's personnel file.

Three or more offenses will result in a written complaint to the local health department and appropriate

documentation to the personnel file.

Employees who fail to comply with the law and the board's policy are subject to standard employee discipline procedures. Smoking regulations will apply to all members of the board, visitors, members of the public and all other persons

who occupy any building belonging to the Rahway Board of Education.

The only exceptions to the new policy will be when smoking is a necessary, integral part of classroom instruction or when it is part of a legitimate theatrical production.

Students commended for achievement

Drawing contest winners, scholars, landscapers accept citations

by Pat DiMaggio

At their regular meeting on December 12, Rahway's Board of Education commended students for outstanding achievement. Honored at the elementary school level were Grover Cleveland student Carlos Lopez and Madison School student Heather Peins for placing first in the Dinosaur Drawing Contest sponsored by the Rahway Post Office.

Lopez won in the 5th and 6th grade category and Peins

won for the 1st and 2nd grade category.

High School students Ryan Alexander, Sherry Haberle, William Marcia and Michael Ondovic were commended for their selection as Garden State Scholars and 12th grade student John Tar was honored for his achievement in Commanded Scholar-National Merit Scholarship Program-Distinguished Scholar recipient.

Lisa Miterotonda, a 10th

grade student, was commended for her selection for the 1990 Chamberlain Seminar on Diplomacy and Global Affairs.

Superintendent of Schools Frank Brunette also thanked members of the High School Home Maintenance class for their project of beautifying the grounds of the High School as part of their course work. Members of the class have surveyed and designed walkways and planted

flowers and shrubs in front of the school. "We have all benefited from the efforts of this class, staff members and especially Mr. Bottini (Home Maintenance instructor), in beautifying our school," said Brunette. "This shows that some of the things we teach our students have practical meaning for us."

"This project touched every person in Rahway," noted Board President Peter Kowal. "We appreciate their work."

55 MPH enforcement now backed by grant

Fast drivers had better slow down or be prepared to pay the penalty, in light of a 55 mph speed enforcement program announced by Governor Kean.

Under this program, which is funded by a \$509,000 grant awarded by the Division of Highway Traffic Safety to the Division of State Police, supplemental patrols will be on the lookout for drivers who exceed the 55 mph speed limit. "Average speeds on our highways have shown a steady increase over the past few years, and this dangerous trend must be stopped," said Kean.

"Through this program, in combination with other en-

forcement efforts, we hope to reduce the incidence of speeding on our highways and encourage compliance with the 55 mph speed limit." The Governor added that compliance with the 55 mph speed limit should result in fewer motor vehicle crashes.

Many other states have raised their speed limit to 65 mph on rural interstate highways. Two studies regarding the effects of raising the speed limit to 65 mph have concluded that there is an increase in traffic fatalities due to increased driving speeds.

The federal funds for this program are issued by the N.J. Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

Deverin re-elected to Trenton Leader Post

Assemblyman Thomas J. Deverin (D-Union, Middlesex) has been unanimously elected as Majority Leader Pro Tem by his Democrat colleagues in the N.J. General Assembly. Elected to the Assembly in 1969, Deverin will begin serving his 10th term in office beginning this month.

Assemblyman Deverin, a Carter resident, has served as chairman of the Institutions & Welfare Committee, and as Chairman of the

Democratic Majority Conference. He represents Carteret in Middlesex County, and the Union County municipalities of Elizabeth, Linden and Rahway.

"I am looking forward to the next two years in the new Assembly," Deverin commented. The veteran lawmaker added that insurance and property tax reform are two major issues facing the state that the 1990-91 General Assembly must tackle.



"BONDED" ... Rahway's Joseph F. Dietz Post #361, Catholic War Veterans recently awarded a savings bond to Michelle Hernandez, a student of St. Mary's Grammar School, for her winning entry in the annual essay contest for 8th grade students. The award is granted each year in memory of the late Magr. Cornelius J. Kane. Pictured left to right are Commander Robert G. Mullady, Michelle Hernandez, and State Commander Charles Brady of the Dept. of N.J. Catholic War Veterans, Inc.



SERVING ... Army Reserve Private Vanessa L. LaPaix has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. She is the daughter of Marie C. LaPaix of Main St., Rahway and Villard LaPaix of Brooklyn, N.Y. She is a 1989 graduate of Rahway High.

A sure Hangover cure

Ring in the New Year and participate in New Jersey's first sporting event of the decade — the 8th Annual Hamilton Hangover 5-Mile Race and 1-Mile Fun Run on Monday, January 1. The race is Hamilton's answer to Philadelphia's Mummers' Parade, and will be run on a beautiful, scenic course through the traffic-free macadam trails of Hamilton (Mercer County) Veterans

Park. The 5-mile course is TAC-Certified and the event is TAC-sanctioned.

Casio, Inc. will provide runners' watches as prizes and again the Hamilton Road Runners will assist in staging this year's race.

In addition to providing merchandise gift certificates, as an added treat, Foot Locker, the principal sponsor, has made arrangements for noted runner Ed-

pate in the race day festivities.

Race registration will be at the Park's Games Pavilion, accessible by the Kuser Rd. (South) entrance to the Park. Registration will take place from 10 to 11:45 a.m. The Fun Run will start promptly at noon with the 5-mile race beginning at 12:15 p.m.

The Overall Male and Female winners in the 5 mile race will receive a cash

and/or merchandise award, and merchandise prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each age group.

The pre-entry fee is \$8; day of race is \$10 (with shirt). Entry forms are available at most Foot Locker Stores in N.J. For further race information call 737-9069 or 890-8343 (evenings 9:30 - 8:30 p.m.)



EXPRESSING APPRECIATION ... Union County recently honored Merck & Co. of Rahway for their donation of \$8,400 to the Rahway Fire Department to cover the cost of essential radio equipment needed to integrate the Rahway Emergency Response Units into the Union County Network. Joseph Suliga (left), Union County Fire Station, presents a resolution honoring Merck to Peter Bonacum (center), Manufacturing Manager of the Rahway plant. Looking on at right is James Heiler, Chief of the Rahway Fire Department.

Rahway Woman's Club well represented at fall confab

"GFWC Centennial — The Birthday of a Dream" was the theme of the 1989 N.J. State Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership State Fall Conference, held recently at Monmouth College, West Long Branch. Members of the Rahway Area Junior Woman's Club gathered with representatives of the 90 Junior and 17 Juniors clubs across New Jersey for educational workshops and networking.

In attendance from the Rahway Area Junior Woman's Club were president

YMCA January youth programs

January 2 will begin the new youth classes at the Rahway YMCA. Classes offered will include Swimming for Me and My Shadow, Tiny Tots, Kinder and Progressive, Me and My Shadow Playgroup, Tiny Tots and Kinder Gymnastics, and Beginner and Intermediate Gymnastics will also be available.

SMATY (Saturday Morning At The Y) will be offered for boys and girls ages 4-6 from 9-11:45 a.m. on Saturdays. This program includes gym activities, swimming instructions, and arts & crafts. SMATY for ages 7-12 is also offered on Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. This program includes arts & crafts, swimming and sports.

Youth sports classes are offered on Saturday, and Karate will be held on Friday afternoons under the instruction of Ralph Chirico of the Chirico School of Karate.

Openings are available in our after-school child care program. This program is for children 6-12. We pick them up at the public schools in Rahway and Avenel 4&5 and School 23. After they return to the YMCA they have a snack, homework time, gym activities, swimming and games. Full- and part-day programs are offered for school holidays. For more information, call the Rahway YMCA at 388-0037.

Theresa Herbst of Clark, Kathleen Casanova of Colonia, JoAnn Ciccione of Carteret, Johanna Desiderio and Caroline McGrath of Rahway, Miss Desiderio also serves as Corresponding Secretary on the Executive State Board.

The Conference opened with a business session at which the N.J. State Federation of Women's Clubs President Shirley Goettel brought greetings. Mrs. Goettel presented international awards received at the GFWC Annual Convention recently held in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The New Jersey Juniors received a 1st place award for its Membership Department's outstanding membership development campaign.

Throughout the day, club pressbooks, scrapbook and newspapers were on display. Following the Conference, N.J. Juniors and guests joined on the steps of the College Mansion (where portions of the movie "Annie" were filmed) to sing "Good Morning, America" on national TV.

Art DeLorenco, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Rahway, is shown with the Chief of the Bureau of Rates & Tariffs, Division of Public Utilities for the State of N.J. Public Utilities. At the past meeting of the club, Kubala explained that the Bureau of Public Utilities represents both utilities and consumers, and that it is comprised of various divisions, including Electric, Solid Waste, Water & Sewer, and Cable.

solid waste is now in a critical stage and must be dealt with haste. The Board, he said, regulates the profits a Public Utility can make each year. The next meeting of Rahway meets on Wednesdays at 12:15 at the Club in Rahway.

Washing your happy new year
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