

OLD FRANKLIN SCHOOL TIMES

B.I.L. NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2011

"The honor we enjoy of being known as 'the brainy borough' is principally due to the brilliant women who adorn our community." (*Metuchen Recorder*, 1910)

Hello Ladies!

We have an awful lot going on, so I thought I would include most of it in a little 'newsletter' format, so hopefully it will be a bit easier to digest.

Over the summer we will be planning our programs and events for 2011-2012, so if you have any ideas please let us know. Also, if you are on Facebook, consider joining our Borough Improvement League group!

*All the best,
Tyreen (president)*



Don't forget about the

Royal Afternoon



on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.
Contact Janena at 848-250-1258 for more information! Parking is allowed in the YMCA/Masonic Lot for that day only!

Field Trip to the Dr. Robinson House

April 21, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Join us on a field trip to the circa 1690 Dr. William Robinson Plantation and Museum located at 593 Madison Hill Road in Clark.

Contact Tyreen at 732-452-1381 for more information. Car pooling from 87 Linden Avenue will be 1:15 p.m.

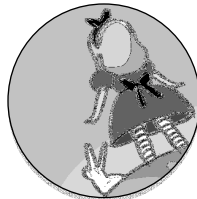


It's time for the

HIGH TEA IN MAY!

We have a new High Tea chairperson this year, Buena Allegri, and she has some great plans for our annual Tea in May. Below is a note from Buena, and hope to see you all at the Tea!

The annual High Tea on May 7th is going to be a themed event. We will be celebrating everyone's **unbirthdays** a la Mad Hatter style...



Donations of sweets and treats are greatly appreciated. We promise not to stack any teapots you lend us with return address labels on the bottom. We are also currently recruiting volunteers for hostess, kitchen, and clean-up duties. Please contact me at 732.986-8778 or

buena.allegri@gmail.com if you wish to donate sweets or are interested in lending a helping hand. We plan to have a deliciously mad time this year and hope to see you there!

-Buena



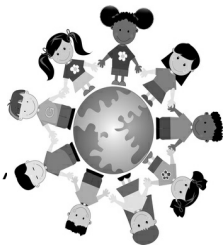
In honor of Earth Day, 2011, we are hosting a **Spring Break Cleanup and Pizza Party on Thursday, April 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Members, residents, friends of the Old Franklin School and their kids are welcome! Bring your gloves, rakes, and garden tools and help us clean up the grounds and do a few spring plantings. We'll provide trash bags, leaf bags,

plants, etc. By noon we should be done, and will have pizza and lemonade for everyone - and the coffee will be on the whole day! Let us know if you and your group can attend so we make sure to order enough pizza! And, there a few other special treats planned for our helpers, too!!!



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FAMILY FUN DAY



B.I.L. Member Jirapon Rader-Chambers has been hard at working planning a **FAMILY FUN DAY** to benefit **Smile Train**, an international charitable organization that provides free cleft palate surgery for children in third world countries. The event will take place at the Old Franklin School on **Saturday, May 21st** from **11a.m. to 3p.m.** \$5 per family, with one balloon animal included. The event will feature several musical acts (including Danny Adlerman!), a variety of activities (juggling and more!), and martial arts fun organized by Satori Martial Arts Academy.

Contact Jirapon at 908-616-6822 for more information!

Scrapbooking is Back!

Join us on the upcoming Sunday evenings below for a night of Scrapbooking!

Free for B.I.L members and only \$5 for any non-members. Bring a friend! RSVP to Chrissie Jurscek at 732-516-0285 or tschrissie@yahoo.com so she has a count on the tables to set up.

Future dates are:

May 29* * * June 12* * * July 10

A Few Items from the Board's Agenda...

- The House Tour Committee has already met several times and has some wonderful things in the works for this December's House Tour weekend. We'll keep you posted!
- If all goes as planned, the Old Franklin School will be officially listed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Place by the end of the year. The nomination is being submitted in April, and hopefully will be heard at the State Review Board in September, 2011.
- We are considering creating a new Metuchen Mini Collectible for release at the Country Fair in the Fall. Suggestions for new figures include the Franklin High School, the Train Station, the Post Office, Tommy's Pond, the National Bank Building, the public schools, the YMCA the (old) Methodist Church, and many more. Is there one in particular you would like to see made?



Everyone in Metuchen is looking forward to another great June-full of JUNEBUGS! The Art & Music Fest has really been a great success, and the B.I.L. is supporting the events through a small donation and also by reserving the Old Franklin School as "rain space" for the Friday Nights.

Hope to see you all out on the streets!

The Closing Luncheon will be held on May 19th, 2011 at the newly renovated Metuchen Inn. Gloria and Janena are finalizing the details and will be in touch soon.



Items Wanted for B.I.L. Scrapbook!

Karen needs anything you have from the B.I.L. events during 2010-2011: pictures, flyers, programs, newspaper clippings, etc. for our scrapbook. Contact her at jkmcnamara@optonline.net or 732-767-2870, or mail to Karen McNamara, 25 Ferndale Place, Metuchen, NJ 08840.

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