

## RED BANK-BASED POET JOHN PETROLINO LAUNCHES LITERARY AND POETRY READING SERIES

Local poet John Petrolino presents the Frank Talk Reading Series. Petrolino, the author of two books of poetry, spends a lot of time on the road going to readings. After several discussions with Mark Brunetti (publisher of The Idiom Magazine) and Jackie Corley (publisher of Word Riot) they came to the conclusion that Red Bank needed a literary scene. Petrolino talks a little about the genesis of the series.

"Mark, Jackie, and I travel all over the state to readings and sometimes out of state when we're featured. I'm in Red Bank, which is a cultural epicenter, is centrally located, and it has no place for writers. So I got the idea (for a series) and here we are. I'm not only interested in having a series but in establishing a community of writers."

"John Petrolino Presents the Frank Talk Reading Series," co-hosted by Mark Brunetti, is going to be dedicated to all forms of literature and spoken word. The layout will include one or two featured readers, "meet and greets," Q&A sessions, book signings, and an open mic for any other attending writers.

The first reading is going to be held on July 12, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at Frank Talk Art Bistro, 163 Shrewsbury Avenue (and then continue every second Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m.). The series is getting off to a great start with two accomplished and award-winning poets, Adele Kenny and Frank Messina.

For more information and a full schedule of "John Petrolino Presents the Frank Talk Reading Series" visit [www.johnpetrolino.com/Frank\\_Talk/](http://www.johnpetrolino.com/Frank_Talk/) or email Petrolino at [jpetrolinoiii@yahoo.com](mailto:jpetrolinoiii@yahoo.com).

## LOCAL CHEF DAVID BURKE COOKS UP GRAND EVENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE AND HONOR THE CITRON FAMILY

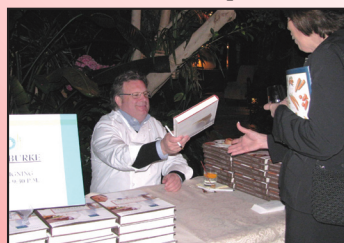


Suzanne and Jeffrey Citron join their children Noah and Kyra at an event honoring the family for their support of Jersey Battered Women's Service.

Jersey Battered Women's Service (JBWS), a Morris County based non-profit organization, raised \$240,000 at its annual "Grand Tastings" held at the Pleasantdale Chateau in West Orange. Guests enjoyed the combined culinary talents of nineteen top chefs from New Jersey's finest restaurants, including guest Chef David Burke of David Burke Fromagerie of Rumson, NJ. Chef Burke is one of the leading pioneers in American cooking today.

Philanthropic honorees were the Citron Family, whose members Suzanne and Jeffrey founded the Charles Lafitte Foundation. Jeffrey Citron is Chairman of the Board of Holmdel, NJ-based Vonage. The family resides in Brielle. The foundation's support for JBWS has helped to fund services for the children at the residential facilities. The family has actively involved their children Kyra and Noah in the foundation's money allocation decisions. Kyra thanked JBWS for letting her be a part of helping the kids. "I want to help kids worry about normal things like homework and not their parents' fights," she said.

Also honored were Merck & Co. and New Vernon resident Barbara Ridder, a loyal donor and friend of JBWS.



Chef David Burke signed cookbooks and offered tasting to more than 350 guests at an event to raise funds for Jersey Battered Women's Service.

## JERSEY SHORE PARTNERSHIP HOSTED SUMMER CELEBRATION 2009

More than 400 revelers gathered on Sandy Hook June 8 to celebrate the kickoff of the 2009 summer season at the Jersey Shore Partnership's 13th annual Summer Celebration honoring those people and organizations that have been instrumental in promoting shore preservation, tourism and the seafood industry.



The Summer Celebration sponsored by the Jersey Shore Partnership Foundation was held on Monday, June 8, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at historic Fort Hancock on Sandy Hook's Gateway National Recreation Area.

The partnership is proud that Dennis Bone, president, Verizon New Jersey, was this year's dinner chair. Senator Joseph Kyrillos Jr. and Susan Doctorian Kyrillos will serve as honorary chairs.

Also honored at the dinner were Birdsall Services Group, which will receive the Tom Gagliano Leadership Award, and Belmar Mayor Kenneth Pringle and Avalon Mayor Marty Pagliughi, who were presented with the Elected Leadership Award. Jack Rosenfeld, a founder of the Jersey Shore Partnership, Jersey Shore Partnership Chairman and recently retired as Director of Customer Support for Central New Jersey at JCP&L, received the Outstanding Partnership Award. Viking Village was presented with the Seafood Industry Award.

The Summer Celebration recognizes outstanding New Jersey leaders who have supported the Jersey Shore Partnership and Jersey Shore Partnership Foundation and who have worked diligently to promote and protect the shore.

This year's Summer Celebration featured more than 20 of New Jersey's most talented chefs who will be preparing their seafood specialties for the 500 guests expected to attend. Chef Murray G. Dychtwald, Consultant Restaurant Rescue of Toms River, coordinated the presentations by restaurants and prepare his own favorite seafood dishes.

"The event is an opportunity for the Foundation to thank our supporters and an important reminder of the unique value of our beaches to the millions of people whose destination is the Jersey Shore as residents and tourists," said Tom Gagliano, Foundation chair and original founder of the Partnership.

In addition to seafood and 'landlubber' delicacies, beverages and deserts enjoyed by guests, dance music was provided by entertainer Fritz Henry.

