

NJTA honors ELTC education director LeMaire

CAPE MAY — The New Jersey Theatre Alliance honored education leaders of its member theaters, including East Lynne Theater Company Education Director Robert LeMaire, on Monday, Oct. 22, during its annual Curtain Call gala.

LeMaire works with ELTC's interns and directs the Student Summer Workshop. Last year's production was "Story Theater" featuring actors ages 10 to 14.

LeMaire has been working with children and young adults for more than 20 years. During the 1990s, he

coordinated education programs, including running the Junior Apprenticeship Program, at Historic Cold Spring Village in Cape May County. Since 2001, he has worked as an educational computer specialist for the Ocean City School District, assisting students and teachers in use of technology.

As an actor, he appeared in "Vistas of Democracy," a video in NJ Network Public Television's Educational NJ Legacy Series, and the History Channel's "Civil War Terror." Since 2001, he has performed almost yearly in ELTC produc-

tions, including "Arsenic and Old Lace," in which he was also assistant director. For 10 years he has worked the live sound effects and performed in ELTC's radio-style "Sherlock Holmes" and "Nick Carter Detective" productions.

He has directed such shows as "Footloose: The Musical," "Arsenic and Old Lace," "Spamalot" and "Stage Door" for the Ocean City High School Drama Guild, and currently is working on the fall production "Pride and Prejudice."

Wishing to further support keeping theater in schools, LeMaire is president of the board of trustees for Chartertech High School for the Performing Arts, a public school in Somers Point. LeMaire also recently joined the board of ELTC.

"Getting children into the theater is, in my opinion, the single most important thing we can do," LeMaire said. "They are the future actors, stage managers, artistic directors and, of course, audience members. They can enlighten their parents and influence their own children down the road. In an area where most schools have cut or underfunded



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Robert LeMaire holding his NJTA award, with his wife, Kate LeMaire, behind him.

theater programs, every opportunity to turn a child into a theater lover is an opportunity we can't miss.

LeMaire also support the use of interns.

"Getting some theater-minded young adults in-

involved with a theater camp and seeing how fun and successful it is fosters in them the importance of including children in any theater's mission," he said.

The New Jersey Theatre Alliance, founded in 1981,

is a nonprofit organization whose members are the more than 20 Equity professional theaters in the state, with East Lynne Theater Company being one of its earlier members.

LTPD's No-Shave November to benefit sick Army veteran

ERMA — Throughout the month, the Lower Township Police Department, along with many other agencies across the county, will be participating in "No-Shave November."

One of the goals is to raise awareness of cancer by embracing hair, which many cancer patients lose, and letting it grow wild and free. Another goal is to use the money officers typically spend on shaving and grooming to educate about cancer prevention, save lives and help those fighting the battle.

All proceeds from this year's event will be donated to Richard Burrows, 37, an Army veteran and father of two who served in Iraq in

2003-04. He was diagnosed with a primary brain tumor called anaplastic oligodendroglioma, which is an aggressive cancer. This initiative will help pay for Burrow's medical bills and treatment.

The LTPD will also be collecting donations through Nov. 30 for the family. All money collected will go directly to Burrows. Checks can be made out to the Cape May County (CMC) Chiefs of Police Association with "No-Shave Burrows" in the memo. The donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Lower Township Police Department at 405 Breakwater Road, Erma, NJ 08204. For more information, visit no-shave.org.

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They spoke more of road paving, beach tags and trash pickup.

Sheehan said she would make decisions that she could explain practically and support fiscally.

Challengers were present at the Star of the Sea polling place. State law allows private citizens

to challenge voters' eligibility to vote. Mullock greeted voters from the opposite side of Ocean Street and had cars displaying his poster near other polling locations. Meier was offering free rides to the polls in a large golf cart. The day dawned foggy with intermittent rain in the afternoon.

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