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THE CRANFORD VFW COLOR GUARD MARCHES ON

Submitted by Jim D'Arcy

Cranford's VFW Post #335 has been a veteran's mainstay in Cranford for over 97 years. During a good many of those long ago years it boasted of an award winning Color Guard, with dedicated men, wearing snappy uniforms, shouldering polished rifles doing parades and patriotic presentations all about our state. Over time however, with dwindling World War II membership, the Color Guard became only a hint of what it once was. It sank to being unseasoned unit performing only once a year on Memorial Day using members who had little or no color guard experience. But, they have turned that page and the good ol' days are marching back again at the Post.

Armed with newly discharged Afghanistan/Iraq vets and boosted by some older Viet Nam standbys, the Post #335 Color Guard has once again emerged as one of the premier groups of that type in the Central Jersey region.

It started with a mutual desire to be more than a once a year phenomena. The group began earnestly practicing each Saturday in the hall upstairs in the post home and on the parking lot outside. Instructed by Color Guard Captain Brauleo Lorenzo who himself was in the Marine Corp Color Guard, the training was arduous and testing. "We decided we were not just going to be a so so group of vets carrying old rifles and flags



looking blah. We wanted to be sharp, and make our Post proud" said Roselle Park resident Lorenzo. "It was something we really wanted to work for", he added.

And so they did. Each Saturday morning over the past year they have marched and drilled trying to bring discipline and muscle memory to the fore. "It was really tough at first", said Viet Nam Vet Lee Blowe of Cranford. "It's been a long time since I've shouldered a rifle like that and performed all the commands, but it slowly comes back and so do the aches and pains" he smiles.

With help from the membership of the Post and some personal contributions, they have managed to purchase some much needed uniforms, giving them a "professional look" they felt they needed. "Without proper uniforms and equipment" Lorenzo explained, "people just don't notice you the same way.

You have to look the part as well."

As word has gotten out about the Cranford VFW Color Guard, more and more requests have come in for their presence. They have recently done parades not only in Cranford, but in South Plainfield (Labor Day Parade) and Plainfield (4th of July Parade). They presented the flags at a Veterans Ceremony for the New York Jets Football Team at their training facility in Florham Park and did a presentation at a World War II Navy Veterans reunion in Elizabeth.

They have become a fixture at the home opener of the Cranford High School Football Team, which is a favorite of the guard's members. "Marching out onto the field with the colors flying and your home town fans clapping just makes all the work worthwhile", stated Afghanistan veteran John Grainger of Cranford.

The group still practices every Saturday morning, honing their skills and keeping sharp. "We find that the comradery among the members is a big driving force for them" said Post Commander Jay Boxwell. "They criticize and praise each other all during the practices and when things go right, they celebrate as a team. It's a great group of guys."

Cranford VFW Post #335 is always looking for new members to join their organization as well as their Color Guard. If you're interested call 908-276-9730 or just stop down to the Post any Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

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PACK 75 VISITS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAME

Submitted by Orest Hrycak, Cubmaster, Pack 75

On 13 October, 2017, Cranford's Cub Pack 75 attended the Cranford High School "Cougars" Football Game against Summit "Hilltoppers".

Pack 75's color guard consisting of Arrow of Light Scouts, a Boy Scout as the Color Guard Commander, and supported by a line of Cub Scouts of Tiger,

Wolf, Bear and Webelos ranks, posted the colors at the CHS football game during the playing of the national anthem. The scouts conducted a respectful flag ceremony and opened up the game for the Cougars and Hilltoppers.

The Friday 13th night game was played under optimum conditions with a large home and visitor crowd, and 25 participants from Pack 75.

Hilltoppers got the game off to a flying start with a strong return on the opening kick-off, taking the ball nearly to midfield and giving the offense great field position to begin the game. Hilltoppers plays continued downfield running the bags. Hilltoppers QB finished the opening drive for a 7-0 Summit lead.

Late in the first Quarter, Cougars kicked a field goal, but due to a defensive penalty, received the ball on the ten yard line. The Cougars missed their opportunity when the Hilltoppers stripped the Cougar ball carrier and pounced on the fumble. The game continued with Summit leading 10-0 at the half. Hilltoppers scored 3 unanswered touchdowns to dominate the game for the bulk of the second half.

The final 10 minutes kept the crowd on their feet as Cranford was revived with two Cranford TDs. It was a great try by Cranford, but it would not be enough to win. Final Score Cougars 13 Hilltoppers 31.

Cub Pack 75 would like to thank CHS Sports Coordinator Lori Zullo for coordinating Pack 75 attendance at the CHS varsity football game and for allowing the Pack 75 color guard to open the game and carry the flag.

If your 1st thru 5th grade boy would like to participate in the scouts, contact the Cubmaster of Pack 75 at "Orest.w.hrycak.civ@mail.mil".



(above) On October 13th Cranford Cub Pack 75 Color Guard performed a flag ceremony at the start of the Cranford High School "Cougars" Football Game against Summit "Hilltoppers".

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list". The troop met at Target in Clark and each girl was assigned an item to find on the shelves with the help of their parents. The girls left Target not only with a cart full of items for these mothers and their children, but with a great lesson on fulfilling the Girls Scout Promise of "helping people at all times."

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(above) Employees of Team Law enjoyed the lunch out doors at the Cranford Chamber of Commerce Truck Luncheon.

The Cranford Chamber of Commerce organized a Truck Luncheon and Networking Event held on Wednesday, October 18th.

The event was held at the CEC Research parking lot, on Commerce Drive in Cranford. Three food trucks from local vendors offered a variety of lunch items. Many of the businesses in the area, as well as around Cranford, came out to network and enjoy a beautiful day and a relaxing lunch on the lawn.

Photos from this and other events can be found online at rennamedia.com and on the Cranford Monthly page on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/cranfordmonthly). Feel free to "Like", "Tag" and "Share".



(above, l-r) Chamber members David DelVecchio, Jon Best, Dottie Baniewicz, Rosemarie Moeller and Jeff Schneider.



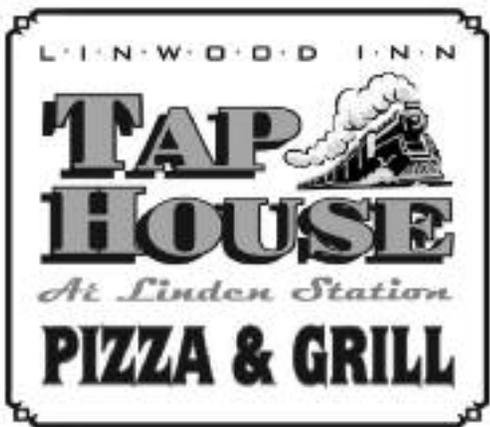
(above) Urban Burger, located in downtown Cranford, participated in the Chamber of Commerce luncheon and networking event at Cranford Business Park on Oct 18, 2017.



(above) El Luncheon de Negron, located on Maggie Avenue in Elizabeth served authentic Puerto Rican fare from thier catering truck.



(above) Tony's Traveling Trattoria was one of the three catering trucks at the Chamber Luncheon and Networking event.



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The pair will donate a custom full-sized playhouse for live auction at the nonprofit's gala this month — an annual event that serves as the organization's largest fundraiser, enabling broader volunteer outreach to serve more local youth in care.

Lisa said, "We are excited to be part of this initiative and our team of craftsmen are looking forward to building a beautiful playhouse for the lucky winner at this year's Foster the Dream Gala."

Marla Higginbotham, CASA's executive director, said, "I am thrilled the Carbone have taken on this exciting project. It was fun to see what they came up with and I can't wait to see their talented team bring it to life. CASA of Union County is so lucky to have the support of such passionate and generous local businesses like TimberRidge Construction. I'm wishing my own children were still the age to enjoy a custom playhouse like this, and secretly wondering if

instead it can be my own backyard retreat? Kidding, of course. But, maybe I can have a playdate at the winner's house?"

For the Carbone, the project was a no-brainer. "When Marla first reached out," Lisa said, "it was never a question of should we do this. The dialogue centered around, 'How do we make this the best playhouse?' Both Anthony and I have been familiar with the great work of CASA of Union County since we moved to Cranford in 2007. Any organization centered around a child's best interest will always pull at our heartstrings! I personally am in awe of the unwavering passion and countless hours these volunteers put in to ensure the youth of Union County have a voice while in foster care."

She added, "I told Marla if TimberRidge can build a six-bedroom custom home, we can certainly build a playhouse for CASA! I immediately sat down with Anthony to fit the playhouse into our existing construction schedule. My second discussion was with Kenneth Abrams, an architect we work with on many residential projects, and when I asked if he was on board, he instantly said yes!"

Since 2005, CASA of Union County has recruited, trained, supervised and supported volunteers to advocate for abused, neglected and abandoned children placed in foster homes or residential facilities. There are nearly 600 Union County youth in care, and half are still in need of CASA volunteer to be their constant and protect their best interests. To learn more, contact Lisa Paris at 908-293-8135.

(left) Architect rendering of the CASA playhouse being built and donated by Anthony and Lisa Carbone and their firm, TimberRidge Construction in Cranford.

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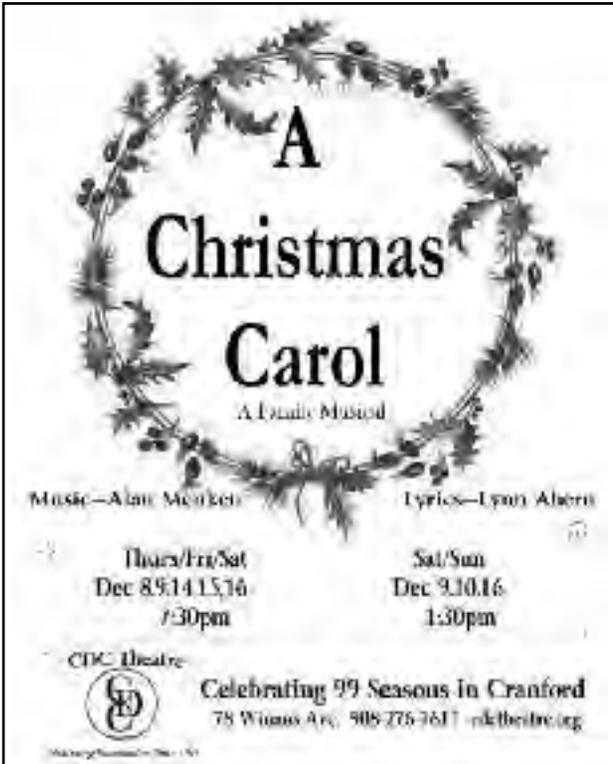
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Matty Price. "I chose a Christmas Carol because it has a wonderful message about change." said Price. "That change for the better is possible and it is never too late to change. I think it applies to all people in all walks of life and at any stage. Our cast represents this with the variety of ages we have onstage working together to create this show. I think telling this familiar tale in the musical theatre style makes it new and exciting and the story will feel right at home on the CDC stage!"

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The production boasts a talented cast of over 30 local performers and will run for 8 performances from December 8 through December 16. Details and ticket information can be found at cdctheatr.org



(above l-r) Charity Elves Amanda Dunsdon, Kylie Francis, Kimmi Zimmermann, Annamarie Carlo and Michele Greenspan prepare to dance into CDC Theatre in December.

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CRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

The Cranford High School theater season is underway with the Kaufman & Hart classic *You Can't Take It With You*. Michelle Massa is returning as the director and the show is being co-produced by Ginger Burd and Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts, Anthony Rafaniello. The plot revolves around a "real family... that loves and understand each other." The setting will transform the audience back in time to New York City in the late 1930s to the Vanderhoff-Sycamore residence. The patriarch and grandfather of the family is Martin Vanderhoff,

played by junior, Noah Wohlson. Grandpa walked out of his office 20 years prior due to boredom and never returned. He oversees the family including his daughter Penny and her husband, Paul. Penny, played by senior Katrina Wischusen, spends her days flitting from one hobby to the next; she takes up playwriting for no other reason than a typewriter is accidentally delivered to her doorstep seven years earlier. Senior, Charlie Bernstein, has the role of Penny's husband; he is an entrepreneur whose current project is creating fireworks with his eccentric friend, Mr. DePinna played by Matthew Mallick.

families together. This makes for some interesting comedic moments as the elder Kirby's, junior Nora Sullivan and sophomore Sullivan Grace, meet the Sycamore clan for the first time. The cast also includes other eclectic characters played by Katie Manhardt, Sydney Sherburne, Elizabeth Molfetto, Lee Rosenthal and Daniel Klimko. A Kaufman & Hart play wouldn't be complete without police officers played respectively by Garrett Kennedy, Jacob Adams and Brandon Greenfield.

Performance dates are Friday, November 17th and Saturday, November 18th at 7:30 p.m. Reserved tickets are available online through CHS.booktix.com.

Reserved seat are \$10.00 and student rush tickets are \$5.00 and available only at the door. The dress rehearsal on Thursday, November 16th is free for senior citizens and the curtain will rise at 7:30 p.m.

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APPETIZERS

	Small (8-10 people)	Large Thin (12-15 people)
Fried Calamari w/marinara	45.00	60.00
Mussels marinara	25.00	35.00
Zuppa di clams	30.00	45.00
Seafood salad	85.00	115.00
Broccoli rabe & sausage	45.00	70.00
Buffalo wings	7.95 per dozen	

	Small (8-10 people)	Medium (12-15 people)	Large (18-20 people)
Cold Antipasto	40.00	55.00	85.00
Fresh Mozzarella & Tomato	30.00	45.00	70.00
Roasted Peppers & Mozzarella	40.00	45.00	70.00
Fresh Tomato Bruschetta	20.00	30.00	40.00
Seasonal Grilled Vegetable	25.00	35.00	50.00
Assorted Imported Cheese	40.00	55.00	85.00
Seasonal Fresh Fruit	50.00	40.00	55.00
Vegetable Crudité	20.00	35.00	45.00

SALADS

	Small (8-10 people)	Large Thin (12-15 people)	Large Deep (18-20 people)
Ciao Bello	30.00	35.00	45.00
House	20.00	30.00	35.00
Roasted Beet	30.00	35.00	45.00
Caesar	25.00	30.00	40.00
Fennel	35.00	40.00	45.00
Benny's Salad	35.00	40.00	45.00
Arugula	30.00	35.00	40.00

Descriptions:

- Ciao Bello** – organic baby greens, fresh strawberries, walnut, goat cheese side of capers, vinaigrette
- House** – mixed greens with cucumber, tomato, olive oil, extra side of Italian dressing
- Roasted Beet** – cucumber, tomatoes, red & golden beets, red onion, parmesan, cheese side of balsamic vinaigrette
- Caesar** – crisp romaine hearts, croutons & parmesan eggplant side of caesar dressing
- Fennel** – sturdy mixed greens & baby arugula, roasted potato, crutted croutons, goat cheese side of fig vinaigrette
- Benny's Salad** – iceberg lettuce, grape tomatoes, avocado, red onion, corn, black bean, cucumber, parmesan reggiano & side of red wine vinaigrette
- Arugula** – Organic baby arugula, grapefruit, goat cheese, tomatoes, avocado, olive oil and pepperoni cheese in a balsamic vinaigrette

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\$25.00	\$45.00	\$70.00

- Grilled chicken with roasted peppers & fresh mozzarella
- Oven roasted turkey with lettuce, tomatoes & onions
- Chicken caesar or grilled lettuce, tomatoes & honey mustard
- Prosciutto roasted peppers & mozzarella
- Roasted peppers, grilled eggplant, and fresh mozzarella
- Chicken parm • Eggplant parm

Wrap It Up: Choice From

Small-16 pieces (4-6 people)	Medium-32 pieces (8-10 people)	Large-48 pieces (12-16 people)
\$30.00	\$55.00	\$85.00

- Grilled chicken caesar
- Grilled vegetable with fresh mozzarella
- Sirloin steak with sautéed onions, peppers, mushrooms & mozzarella
- Chunky white tuna salad
- Grilled chicken sautéed spinach, onions, mushrooms & fresh mozzarella
- Sliced turkey with lettuce, tomatoes & onions
- Grilled chicken broccoli rabe, roasted peppers and fresh mozzarella
- Barbeque chicken lettuce, tomatoes, Bacon & Monterey jack cheese

SLIDERS PLATTERS

Small-10 pieces (10-12 people)	Medium-18 pieces (18-20 people)	Large-24 pieces (14-16 people)
\$25.00	\$50.00	\$75.00

- Angus Beef slider served on potato roll
- Angus Beef slider with cheese served on potato roll
- Meatball Parm slider served on potato rolls
- Chicken Parm slider served on potato rolls

PASTA

	Small (8-10 people)	Large Thin (12-15 people)	Large Deep (18-20 people)
Baked Ziti	30.00	50.00	60.00
Ziti Sicilian Eggplant or Sausage	40.00	60.00	70.00
Cavatelli Broccoli	40.00	60.00	70.00
Baked Lasagna	35.00	60.00	N/A
Penne Marinara	25.00	35.00	50.00
Penne Meat Sauce	30.00	40.00	55.00
Homemade Fusilli	45.00	70.00	80.00
Penne Vodka (w/ prosciutto)	40.00	55.00	65.00
Penne Primavera	45.00	60.00	70.00
Shell & Shrimp Marinara	50.00	70.00	80.00
Penne Broccoli Rabe & Sausage	45.00	55.00	65.00
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FAVORITES

	Small (8-10 people)	Large Thin (12-15 people)	Large Deep (18-20 people)
Sausage Peppers	45.00	60.00	75.00
Eggplant Parm	55.00	55.00	N/A
Eggplant Sorentino	50.00	50.00	N/A
Eggplant Rollatini	5.00 ea.		
Jumbo Meatballs with Sauce	3.00 ea.		
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VEAL

Marsala	6.00 piece	Sorrentino	7.00 piece
Salimbocca Alla Romana	7.00 piece	Parmigiana	7.00 piece
Francese	6.00 piece	Milanese	7.00 piece

Descriptions:

- Marsala** – with exotic mushrooms in a marsala wine demiglace
- Salimbocca alla romana** – topped with prosciutto & mozzarella over spinach in a marsala wine demiglace
- Francese** – lightly breaded sautéed in a lemon white wine sauce
- Sorrentino** – lightly breaded with eggplant, sliced onions, prosciutto, mozzarella, roasted olives in a light pink white sauce
- Parmigiana** – lightly breaded with mozzarella and meat sauce
- Milanese** – panko coated with arugula, chopped, chopped tomatoes, fresh mozzarella in a light balsamic vinaigrette

VEGETABLE & SIDE DISHES

(Sautéed or Steamed)	Small (8-10 people)	Large Thin (12-15 people)
Spinach	25.00	45.00
Broccoli	30.00	55.00
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	Small (8-10 people)	Large Thin (12-15 people)	Large Deep (18-20 people)
Murphy (Hot or Sweet)	45.00	60.00	75.00
Oreganato	40.00	55.00	70.00
Cacciatore	40.00	55.00	70.00
Scarpantielli	45.00	60.00	75.00
Ciao Bello	6.00/piece	Salimbocca alla romana	6.00/piece
Chicken Benny	6.00/piece	Francese	6.00/piece
Balsamico	7.00/piece	Marsala	6.00/piece
Milanese	7.00/piece	Parmigiano	7.00/piece

Descriptions:

- Murphy (hot or sweet)** – medallions with onions, peppers, prosciutto & cream sauce
- Oreganato** – medallions sautéed in lemon, tomato white wine topped sautéed in bread crumbs
- Cacciatore** – medallions sautéed with mushrooms & onions in a light basil tomato sauce
- Scarpantielli** – medallions with sliced sausage, fresh rosemary in a wine creamed
- Salimbocca alla romana** – topped with prosciutto & mozzarella over spinach in a marsala demiglace
- Francese** – breast lightly breaded sautéed in a lemon white wine sauce
- Marsala** – breast sautéed with exotic mushrooms in a marsala wine demiglace
- Parmigiana** – lightly breaded with mozzarella & meat sauce
- Ciao Bello** – lightly breaded chicken breast layered with eggplant, roasted peppers, fresh mozzarella sautéed with wild mushrooms & cheese sauce marinara
- Chicken Benny** – in a sauce chicken breast, peach, pear, and sun dried tomatoes in a roasted halibut sauté wine demiglace
- Balsamico** – breast chopped, tomatoes, white wine, balsamic, demiglace over spinach
- Milanese** – panko coated chicken breast sauté with arugula, chopped tomatoes, fresh mozzarella in a light balsamic vinaigrette

SEA FOOD

(Market Price)

Chilean Sea Bass • Halibut Swordfish
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Ways Prepared:

- Napolitano** – firm fish, chopped tomatoes and sliced garlic white wine balsamic sauce
- Oreganato** – topped with sautéed bread crumbs in a lemon white wine butter sauce
- Livornese** – sautéed with onions, capers, olives and garlic in a light tomato sauce
- Herb crusted** – sautéed spinach and sun dried tomatoes drizzled a balsamic reduction
- Francese** – lightly breaded sautéed in a lemon white wine sauce
- Mare Chiaro** – white wine garlic clam sautéed with mushrooms, chopped shrimp
- Cajun or Blackened** – sautéed with sautéed broccoli rabe and cherry peppers

MEET CAPTAIN ARCHIBALD B. CAMERON, U.S. ARMY WORLD WAR 2 HOMETOWN HERO, ONE OF OUR CRANFORD 86

By Don Sweeney, research by Lt. Col. Steve Glazer (Ret.), Cranford Historical Society

As my thoughts turn to the next Cranford hometown hero to spotlight, I go back to last month's Cranford 86 honoree and his siblings who told the story of Nick Vassallo. I was saddened to receive a call this past weekend informing us that Dan Vassallo, 100-year-old World War 2 Army veteran and brother of Nick, had passed away after surgery. Meeting Dan, his Marine brother John and their extended families last month while researching Nick's story had me thinking. The wonderful lives they all were charmed to live here in Cranford, surrounded by loving children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, were experiences that all of our Cranford 86 and the thousands of American soldiers who paid the ultimate price for freedom did not get a chance to enjoy. Thoughts like these give me the drive to complete all 86 stories of these brave young Cranford men.

After sorting through our Cranford Historical Society archives, what caught my eye this month were the incredible accounts of Captain Archibald B. Cameron, one of the most decorated members of our Cranford 86.

A Cranford resident since birth, Arch, as known to his friends, lived at 33 Retford Ave. He graduated Lincoln School's kindergarten in 1923 and progressed into Cranford High School at Cleveland School, now Cleveland Plaza, where he was an outstanding athlete in football and track. He graduated in the class of 1935 and was accepted into the R.O.T.C program at Virginia Polytechnic Institute of Blacksburg Va., now known as Virginia Tech. While there, he was named an All American football player. Upon graduation in 1939, he was commissioned a lieutenant in the U.S. Army and reported for duty to the 18th U.S. Infantry Regiment of the 1st Infantry Division, nicknamed "the Big Red One" because of the single red "1" on its shoulder patch.

Arch shipped out to Scotland and then England to prepare for the invasion of North Africa under General George S. Patton, which was made on November 8th, 1942. From there, he saw much combat action, including at St. Cloud, Longstop Hill, Goublant, El Guettar and Mateur. For his acts during the battle of Longstop Hill in Tunisia on Christmas Eve 1942, he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action and promoted to captain two days later. He also received the Purple Heart for shrapnel wounds from Longstop



Hill.

As the path to Berlin was set by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Arch continued his war journey. Italy was targeted as the next battlefield for the Allied troops. He took part in the amphibious landings on Sicily with his regiment on July 10, 1943, and engaged in many more battles, notably Gela, Caltanissetta, Troina and Mistretta. Sailing from Sicily on October 18, 1943, Arch was ordered to return to England with his men as preparations were underway for the impending D-Day invasion in Normandy.

On June 6th 1944, in the largest amphibious attack in the history of the world, Arch, along with 156,000 soldiers, 5120 aircraft and 6900 ships, stormed Fortress Europe on the shores of Normandy. His unit entered on the beaches of Colleville-sur-Mer, code-named "Omaha." With the grace of God he survived the battle. Sadly, over 12,000 Allied troops did not. Of the five beaches attacked, Omaha was the bloodiest, accounting for more than half the casualties. Many brave men remain in vast military graveyards just a few yards from the cliffs overlooking the beaches.

With the success of the Normandy landings and the apparent turning point of the war at hand, the road to Berlin continued as the Allies chased the German army across France. Many tough fights still lie ahead. Our Cranford hometown hero would meet his end less than two months later, on July 26, 1944, as the Allied forces attempted a breakthrough to Paris in a 30-day battle outside the French town of St. Lo. During a fierce hedgerow battle, with many hand-to-hand encounters, Arch's battalion was surrounded by enemy forces. While attending to the wounds of

his commanding officer, Lt. Col. Joseph W. Sisson, Arch himself was hit with machine gun fire and died. A letter was uncovered written by his closest friend, Captain E.W. MacGregor of Brooklyn, NY, who fought beside Arch through much of the war. It best tells the story.

"The happy warrior has gone to Valhalla of all fighting men and I have lost the finest friend and buddy that any man could ask. Yes I regret to tell you that old Archibald B. Cameron has made his last charge and bade farewell to the stormy world in the same way that he lived.

"While he lived Arch was a most unusual man. He was beloved by all and never spoke an unkind word of anyone. He was a great fighter and didn't have a nerve in his body, but he wasn't a soldier in the typical sense of the word for he was always looking at the humorous side of life, playing pranks, raising hell mildly at times and being full of sentiment. Arch was honest and honorable as the day is long and led a clean life.

"It is tragic that we have lost him. He was killed instantly by a Jerry machine gun while trying to assist our Battalion Commander who had been wounded a few seconds before. Shells and casings were crashing and pinging all about me as I knelt in prayer beside his long frame, but I wasn't aware of them even if I heard them. I could hear his ringing voice in the distance saying 'Carry on, Mac' and suddenly realized, the battalion C.O. being wounded meant I was in charge. I said, 'so long Arch', and moved quickly off to continue the attack.

"Arch is gone, and I am quite heartbroken about it, but his influence will stay with me forever and whatever qualities I possess in laying claim to being a man will be due in large part to his underlying friendship and influence. When Arch passed, something went out of me and I'll be oh so happy when this whole rotten mess is over and we can return to a peaceful, quiet, normal life."

Capt. McGregor finished by saying "that of all the fights they had been in together, he had seen tougher. But this fight was from all directions, including the rear. We took more surrendering prisoners than they could handle and we had no sleep for days on end."

In a letter to his parents just days before his



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ARCHIBALD B. CAMERON (continued)

death, Arch wrote, "We are taking many prisoners that tell us they believe that they have already lost the war, but they will fight to the very end."

The battle of St. Lo ended victoriously for the Allies, sadly, two days after Arch's death. For the wounds that ended his young life he received his second Purple Heart.

Our research of the events surrounding Arch's death revealed that his commanding officer, Colonel Sisson, for whom he gave his life, survived his wounds. Col. Sisson went on to serve 31 years in the Army, later fighting in Korea and Vietnam. Thus, Arch's heroism in 1944 touched even future wars. We were further surprised to learn that the officer saved by Arch on a distant French battlefield was the nephew of another longtime Cranford family. Colonel Sisson's uncle was Harry R. Sisson of 313 N. Union Ave.

The road to Berlin would continue without Arch, coming to a victorious end 10 months after his death, on May 7, 1945, with the unconditional German surrender signed in Reims, France.

Arch was buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. His father, a Spanish American War veteran, was laid beside him just three years later.

Captain Archibald B. Cameron was a great American and one of our Cranford 86. He was just 26 years old when he made the supreme sacrifice for his town and country.

If you personally know, or know someone else who knows the story of one of our hometown heroes, we ask you to come forward and help us fill the many blanks we have in our research.

To see the full list and the seven stories that we have told already, go to our Facebook page at Cranford86 or call Don Sweeney (908) 447-6511.





Cranford Area Chamber of Commerce NOVEMBER HOLIDAY 2017 EVENTS CALENDAR



Friday, November 24th Morning Holiday Events

Events held at North Union & Springfield Ave. Gazebo

- 11:00am: Daisies Tree Decorating
- 11:30am: Brownies Tree Decorating
- 12:00pm: Jr. & Sr. Cadets Tree Decorating
- 1:00pm: Tree will be ready for display

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Afternoon Holiday Events

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1:00pm - 4:00pm:*

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- ☞ Bouncy Moonwalk
- ☞ Horse & Carriage

Events held at North Union & Springfield Ave. Gazebo

Evening Events

- 4:00pm - 5:00pm: The Celebration Singers
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm: Concert by High School Madrigal and Brass Ensemble
- 6:00pm: Santa Arrives to Light our Holiday Tree
- 6:00pm until last child: Photos with Santa (\$3.00 per child)

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CRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECEIVES \$23,000 FROM CFEE

Nearly \$23,000 in grants from the Cranford Fund for Educational Excellence have been officially released and awarded directly to the Cranford public school teachers who applied for them earlier this year. The grants will bring new resources to students at all levels — from kindergarten through high school — and across subjects, from science and literacy to math and music.

This is the third annual round of awards since the 2014 re-launch of the CFEE, a Cranford-based nonprofit foundation that supports excellence and innovation in the Cranford public schools by generating additional resources through community involvement.

All grant funding comes from Cranford residents, businesses, and organizations. This year's grant awards were made possible by the CFEE's second annual Trivia Night fundraiser in February, which raised more than \$20,000, and by a Back to School appeal sent to parents in September.

The CFEE received 30 grant applications and made 12 grant awards, working with applicants and the school district to make sure funds would be spent in a strategic and effective manner that



was aligned with the district's mission. In addition, alternative solutions were found within the district and community that may accomplish the goals of several applicants who were not awarded funding.

The grants awarded funding are as follows:

The Creative Mindset Literary Project. Orange Avenue School. Applicant: Thais Jackson. Sixth-graders will develop and publish their literary works and present them at a book release event.

PebbleGo Database Subscription. Bloomingdale Avenue, Brookside Place, Hillside Avenue, and Walnut Avenue schools. Applicant: Arline McCloskey. This is the second CFEE grant providing access to this database, which uses videos, read-along audio, and other supports to help all the district's K-2 students build literacy skills and learn about social studies and science.

Intergenerational Book Study. Cranford High School. Applicant: Jennifer Hilborn. Students in grades 9 through 12 will meet with school staff and community members after school to discuss five texts having to do with privilege as a way to build empathy for challenges facing other people.

Ellison Starter Set. Cranford High School. Applicant: Lisa Williams. The multiple disabilities class will use this letter- and shape-cutting tool — which they can manipulate with little assistance — for making posters and other crafts for use around the high school, learning a skill in the process.

Middle School Band Instruments. Hillside Avenue School. Applicant: A.J. Falisi. Outdated

band instruments, some of them more than 50 years old, will be replaced with new equipment to meet the needs of the growing music program and allow for more challenging lessons.

Robots. Orange Avenue School. Applicant: Shannon Pena. Older robot kits used by third-through seventh-graders will be replaced by newer, better models to support robotics education, which integrates math, programming, and engineering.

We Do Need STEAM! Livingston Avenue School. Applicant: Kimberly Scutieri Crowder. LEGO Education WeDo 2.0 sets will help students develop problem-solving and other skills by making challenging STEAM topics (science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math) more approachable.

3D Printer. Orange Avenue School. Applicants: Marc Edery, Shannon Pena. A 3D printer will be used to build STEAM and computer science/design skills schoolwide.

Junior Birdwatchers. Walnut Avenue School. Applicant: Judy Grogan. Second-graders will use binoculars, field guides and other supplies to learn to distinguish various bird species from one another.

Sensory Diet. Hillside Avenue School. Applicant: Yvette Andriola. This personalized activity plan will help regular and special-education students in grades K-8 improve focus, attention, postural control, and self-regulation.

Ukuleles 2.0. Livingston Avenue School. Applicant: Colleen McDonald. Ukuleles for fourth- and fifth-graders, funded by a CFEE grant last year, will be supplemented with a storage cart and new teaching materials.

Flexible Seating/Personalized Learning. Bloomingdale Avenue, Hillside Avenue, and Orange Avenue schools, and Cranford High School. The school district will allocate a grant among six applicants, each of whom sought funding for chairs, tables, books, or other materials to improve classroom design and foster more personalized learning.

Potential grant applicants for the 2018-19 school year should please visit www.cranfordfund.org to learn more.



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BOY SCOUTS COMPLETE 12-DAY NEW MEXICO TREK

Submitted by Mikos Panagakos, Boy Scout Troop 75

This past July, eight Boy Scouts from Troop 75 along with four adult leaders went to the Philmont Scout Ranch located in the Sangre de Cristo mountains west of Cimarron, New Mexico. Philmont gives Troops the opportunity to send their scouts out on 12 day treks, hiking the backcountry and roughing it in the New Mexico dust and heat. Treks consist of hiking during the day between camp sites and participating in an array of activities at many of the campsite locations. Some locations even have a theme based on the site's history. There are 35 different treks that Philmont offers, which vary based on the mileage covered, the locations you stop at, and the level of difficulty (based on mileage and elevation changes). Our Crew 714-Q1 did an 84 mile trek which, including side hikes and other activities, we estimated yielded a total mileage closer to 120 miles.

The group of Scouts and adult advisors left early in the morning of July 12th to catch a flight to Denver, Colorado. Our crew was one of four from the Patriots Path Scout Council all on the same flight. Our travel to and from Philmont was arranged by Blue Sky Adventures (BSA), a travel agency which specializes in Scout related travel and has partnered with Patriots Path Council for the past 20 years to bring Scouts to Philmont. Once we arrived in Denver, the Blue Sky Adventures bus picked us up and took us to Colorado Springs. We would spend the next day and a half there, enjoying locations such as the Garden of the Gods and the Air Force Academy, taking a train up to Pike's Peak and getting to experience some whitewater rafting. This also allowed the crew to begin acclimating to the 5,000 ft. and above elevation. Two days later, we arrived at Philmont base camp to prepare for our 12 day hike. We were given our initial food allocation (we had three food distribution days during the trek) and crew equipment, dividing the gear amongst the group for the trek. The following day, we set out on the trail with a Philmont Ranger, our guide who would help the crew get settled into the daily routine for the first

two days. We didn't know it at the time, but our first day was the easiest when compared to the rest of the trek.

At our first campsite, the Crew learned about Native American Rock Writings and Archeology, with crew members excitedly getting into in-depth conversations with the extremely engaged staff about the area.

After that the troop headed out to a new camp called Metcalf Station where we replaced old railroad ties and rode on a self-propelled rail car, and then headed back out on the trail to stay that night at the first of many trail camps, a campsite without any Philmont staff presence.

The days following included a lot of hiking and fun activities such as mountain biking, conservation work and blacksmithing, visiting an old mine and panning for gold. The Crew was able to earn the conservation oriented 50 Miler award which required the crew to work for a total of 10 hours on conservation projects (3 hours while at Philmont and 7 hours for the Cranford community). For our conservation project at Philmont, we cut down young Ponderosa pine trees, removing them as potential fuel sources, acting as a fire break in the event of a forest fire. After completing our conservation project, we spent the next few days getting closer to Baldy Mountain, the tallest mountain on Philmont property.

We hiked an overall elevation change of 10,000 feet to get to our layover campsite (two nights) in the shadow of Baldy. The following

morning we set out early to hike to the top of Baldy. Our perseverance was rewarded when the crew stood atop Baldy, at about 12,441 feet above sea level, and enjoyed the view of the surrounding country.

The hikes after descending from Baldy were progressively less strenuous, providing more of a chance to see the sights and enjoy the backcountry programs offered by Philmont. At the remaining staff camps, the crew climbed spar poles at Pueblano campsite like old time loggers and enjoyed a nice campfire show put on by the rangers stationed there. The next day, the crew hiked to their most engaging campsite at Ponil where we shot cowboy repeater rifles and revolvers, followed by a Chuckwagon dinner which was a good break from trail food. The last campsite we visited was Dean Cow where we could have done some rock climbing. Although this was dashed by inclement weather, we played a vigorous and fun game of volleyball with the camp staff. Finally, the crew hiked the last few miles to an historic ranch which had been recently donated to Philmont for a bus ride back to base camp. The trek finally complete, we enjoyed some delicious burgers at a local restaurant in Cimarron. The following day we returned to Cranford, content in knowing that even though we had to endure heat exhaustion, purifying our water, eating less than desirable meals, hike and climb dusty steep trails all day, in the end it would be an experience none of us Scouts and adult leaders would ever forget.

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Photo courtesy of a Philmont Ranger.

“PLANTING HOPE FOR PEACE” EARNS GIRL SCOUT HER SILVER AWARD

Rachael Durant, a Senior Girl Scout in Cranford, has completed her Silver Award project entitled “Planting Hope for Peace” with the installation of a peace pole outside of St. Michael’s Church. The pole was planted and celebrated during a ceremony and dedication, organized by Ms. Durant, on September 24 to commemorate International Day of Peace, observed around the world each year on September 21.

In 1981, the United Nations designated September 21 as the annual date of the International Day of Peace, calling on the global community to join efforts and strengthen the ideals of peace within and among all nations. There are tens of thousands of Peace Poles in 180 countries all over the world dedicated as monuments to peace. They serve as constant reminder for us to visualize and pray for world peace.

“For my project, I sought to plant a Peace Pole outside St. Michael Church as a reminder for us all to pray and work for peace in our community and throughout our world, and also as a reminder to stay hopeful during difficult times,” said Rachael Durant.

The pole stands alongside the Miln Street entrance to St. Michael Church. It includes the engraved message “May peace prevail on earth” in English as well as 7 other languages: Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Arabic, Spanish, Russian and Gaelic.

The dedication service was attended by

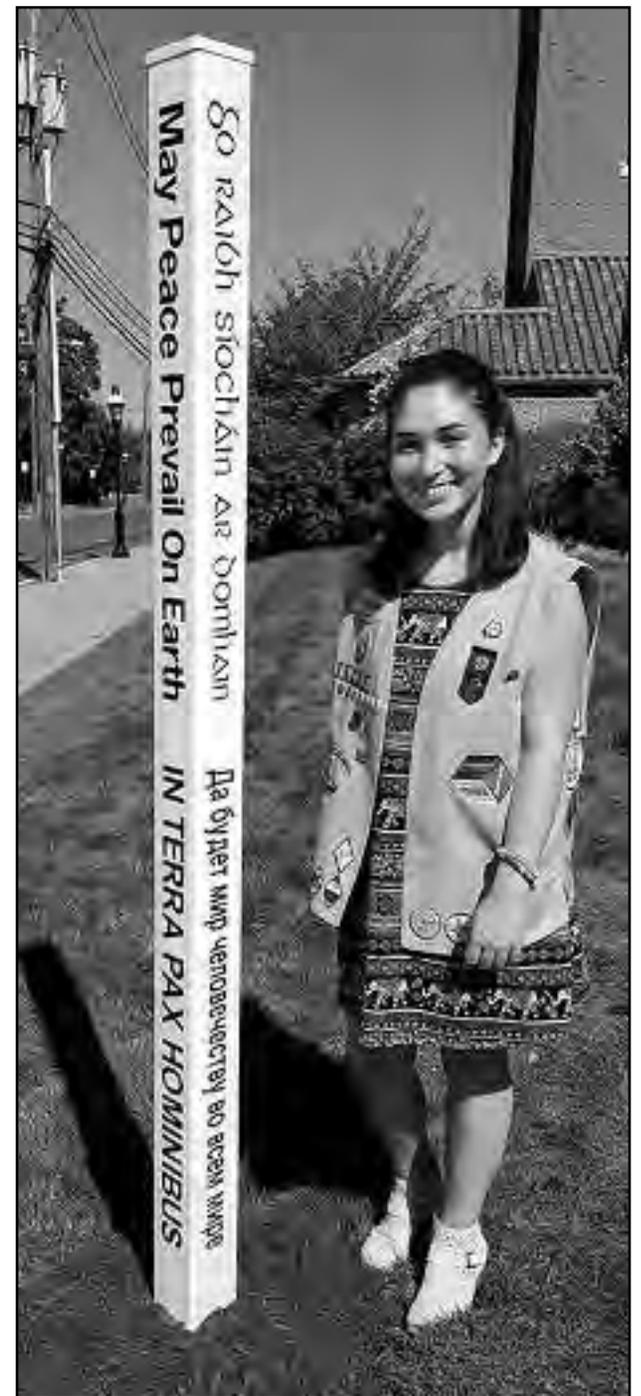
parishioners and community members, including the Mayor of Cranford. The prayer service included prayers for peace within our community and throughout the world and a blessing of the peace pole by Monsignor Shugrue. He encouraged people to use the peace pole as a visual reminder to pray for peace as they pass by it walking into or out of church or just driving by. The prayer service and blessing concluded with fellowship for all who attended.

The Silver Award is the second highest award of the Girl Scouts of the USA, and the highest award that a Girl Scout Cadette can earn. The project’s objective must be to benefit the community in some way and each Girl Scout is expected to contribute a minimum of 50 hours to the project.

About the Girl Scouts of Cranford

The Girl Scouts of Cranford boasts over 1,169 Girl Scout Members in 69 troops and is becoming one of the largest non-profit organizations in town. The Cranford Service Unit is a part of the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey (GSHNJ) Council which is part of the Girl Scouts of the USA. If your family is interested in learning more about local Girl Scouts or to find out more information on the Girls Scouts of Cranford, please visit www.cranfordgirlscouts.com.

(right) The “Planting Hope for Peace” pole, located outside of St. Michael’s Church, earned Rachael Durant her Girl Scout Silver Award.



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The Friends of the Cranford Public Library invite you to join professional photographer and publisher Walter Choroszewski for his presentation of "Classic Hollywood Romance: On Screen and Off." The lecture/PowerPoint presentation will take place at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue, on Wednesday, November 8, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Choroszewski will explore the roots of American cinema, from the Silent Screen Era through the Golden Age, and will review some of the best romantic movies ever made. The program will include stories of on-screen celebrity couples and their off-screen love lives, as well as accounts of Hollywood's longest and shortest marriages and most unusual romances. Walter Choroszewski has published 19 books of photography. He was the primary photographer of the "New Jersey & You: Perfect Together" campaign in the 1980s and 90s and was the recipient of the first New Jersey Photo Journalism Award in 1989. His photographs of New Jersey have been widely published. The program is free and all are welcome.

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SENSORY LIBRARY TIME AT THE CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Cranford Public Library will be hosting its first ever Sensory Library Time from 6-8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 10. This after-hours program was created for children with autism and their families.

Families will enjoy browsing the collection in a space that minimizes unnecessary stimulation while connecting with each other. Towards the end of our time together, we will hold two sessions of a small group program. Jammin' Jenn, a certified music therapist with years of experience working with children with autism,

will be joining us for a musical program from 6:30-7:00 p.m. and another from 7:00-7:30. Tickets for small group programs will be given out on a first come, first served basis beginning at 6:00 on the day of the program.

Sensory Library Time will be held monthly and run through June 2017. Registration is not required. This free program is sponsored by a grant from the Union County Freeholders. Join us for our first ever session on November 10.

For a list of other upcoming programs, visit www.cranfordlibrary.org.

LIBRARY PRESENTS "WORLD WAR II TURNING POINTS" LECTURE

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library are pleased to sponsor a lecture/slide presentation entitled "World War II Turning Points: Critical Battles That Enabled the Allies to Go on the Offense."

The program will be presented by Paul E. Zigo and will take place at the Cranford Community Center, located at 220 Walnut Avenue, on Wednesday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Zigo is a professor of history, author, military historian, and the founder and director of the World War II Era Studies Institute. The Institute is dedicated to furthering knowledge about and understanding of the World War II era and its impact on history.

Mr. Zigo is a graduate of Temple University and the United States Army War College. He

authored and edited Witnessing History: The Eisenhower Photographs (2009), which featured all the photos of General Dwight D. Eisenhower taken by his personal wartime photographer, Al Meserlin. He was the executive producer and narrator of the cable network series Triumphant Spirit: America's World War II Generation Speaks from 2001 to 2004. His book, The Longest Walk: The Amazing Story of the 29th Infantry Division on D-Day, 6 June 1944, was published in 2014. He is the co-author of When Men Have to Die (2017), an account of the fall of the Philippine Islands to the Japanese in 1942. Mr. Zigo is a 30-year veteran of the United States Army and retired as a colonel.

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CRANE'S FORD DAR MEMBER CELEBRATES 50 YRS

Submitted by: Mary Leonard, Regent Crane's Ford DAR chapter

At the October meeting of the Crane's Ford chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Barbara Krause was honored for her 50 years of membership in the DAR. Barbara, a Cranford resident, has actively participated with the Chapter and served as Regent from 1998 to 2005.

Most recently, she has served as Historian of the Chapter for over 17 years. Barbara has chaired the American History committee and was responsible for the American History Essay contest in the Cranford schools for many years.

As the chapter Historian, Barbara was instrumental in getting the committee of individuals who saved the historic murals, hanging in the Cranford Township Committee Room, recognized with a Historic Preservation Award from the National Society of the DAR in 2015. The late Larry Fuhro, a former Cranford High School history teacher and township historian, was recognized for his effort to save the historic murals.

In prior years, Barbara worked tirelessly to get the late Robert Fridlington, Cranford Historian and professor emeritus of history at Kean University, awarded the National DAR History

Award Gold Medal. Barbara also recognized the late Dr. Paul J. Lioy, Rutgers University Professor, environmental health scientist, worldwide speaker and author, awarding him the DAR Founders Award, The Ellen Hardin Walworth Medal for Patriotism in 2009. This award was in recognition of Dr. Lioy's work on the World Trade Center dust related issues in the aftermath of 9/11.

Barbara has served on many chapter committees including American Heritage/Conservation, Ways & Means, Bylaw, and Program. For over 23 year Barbara has been an active participant in the DAR Service to Veterans committee, visiting the veterans at the VA Health Care facility in Basking Ridge with our chapter.

Along with all the work she has done for the Crane's Ford DAR chapter, Barbara is an active member of the Cranford community serving on various committees or commissions.

The Crane's Ford chapter was chartered by the National Society in 1944. The NSDAR is a volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, historic preservation, service to veterans and meaningful



(above l-r) Barbara Krause, Historian, receives NSDAR 50 year Certificate from Mary Leonard, Regent.

community service. Membership is open to any woman 18 years or older who can prove lineal, bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American Independence. For additional information or to make application for membership please contact our Registrar, Patty Campanelli at patushkat@aol.com

NEW OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE INTRODUCED



After months of planning, the Township of Cranford has launched its new official website, www.cranfordnj.org which is designed to make it easier for the public to access official information, meeting and activity schedules and official forms. Official Township news announcements and alerts will also be prominently displayed on the website homepage as well as links to the many boards, committees, community and civic organizations. One of the

features of the new site is "How do I?" where viewers can get answers to their questions. Some of the most frequently asked questions and answers are already programmed into the section.

The site also includes links to various official department social media accounts like the Police, Fire, Parks & Recreation, Downtown Cranford, First Aid Squad and Board of Education.

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CRANFORD PORCHFEST

Submitted by Cranford Community Connection

On Saturday October 21st, much of Cranford could be found cycling through town, pushing strollers and carrying folding chairs to gather at foot of eight different lawns for the first annual Cranford Porchfest. Sponsored by Cranford Community Connection and the brainchild of Randy and Jen Geis, the event was designed to bring the community together for a free family-friendly event. Because most of the bands were from the Cranford area and the eight homes were carefully selected to be spread throughout various neighborhoods, it seemed everyone either knew a host or a musician participating in the event.

Beautiful blue skies and summer-like temperature brought huge crowds tapping their feet and cartwheeling children moving to the

music. With every genre of music represented, from Irish duos to classic rock all-female septets, crowds had a chance to sample a broad range of musical styles and talents.

The evening closed out with the popular band Alden Street, playing in Eastman Plaza attracting a crowd that, after a lively set, dispersed to dine in a variety of Cranford establishments.

Cranford Community Connection and the Porchfest Committee, consisting of Jackie Carr, Owen Dingelstedt, Jen Geis, Randy Geis, Ashley Legg, Chris Lenza and Patricia MacLean are already looking forward to planning the next successful Cranford Porchfest on October 14, 2018. Check out the Cranford Porchfest website for more information!



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The Cranford Historical Society will have its Annual Holiday Boutique/Garage Sale Fundraiser on November 11-12, 2017 at the Hanson House, located at 38 Springfield Avenue in Cranford. The hours of the boutique are from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. New and gently used holiday merchandise for the discerning shopper - young and old. This event is an opportunity to buy interesting decorations and ornaments for your home as well as some unusual items. We hope you will come by to

support this fundraiser event and do some early holiday shopping! This fundraising event will help the Cranford Historical Society, the Crane-Phillips House Museum and our History Scholarship Fund

Any questions, please call the Society office at 908-276-0082. The Society has been dedicated to the perpetuation of Cranford's history by continuing to collect and document the town's past as we now enter the 21st century. Visit our website at www.cranfordhistoricalsociety.com.



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Affairs and the Assistant Adjutant General for the New Jersey National Guard. General Chrystal has served in the military for over 30 years and saw tours in Iraq and lead recovery efforts during hurricanes Sandy, Irene, Katrina and Floyd.

If you are a veteran of any era, VFW Post #335 encourages you to attend this important event.

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For further information
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WHITE HOUSE FLORIST TO SPEAK - NOV 14

Please join the Hanson Park Conservancy on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. as we welcome Cathy Miller, dried flower designer, lecturer and author. She will be presenting her program "It's Holiday Time" at the Cranford Community Center, located at 220 Walnut Ave.

Though music was a dominant factor in her early life, Cathy Miller's love of flowers made her an avid gardener as well! After she and her husband settled in Wyckoff, Cathy joined the Wyckoff Garden Club and later served as president. She was the recipient of many blue ribbons as well as the coveted Tricolor and Creativity Awards, locally and at state levels. Her first article appeared in Family Circle magazine in June of 1976 and since then she has completed dozens of assignments for several home and garden publications, as well as appearing on many TV programs. Her crowning achievement came in October 1979, when she made her first trip to the White House to create some of her very own dried flower arrangements!

After decades of creating beautiful dried-flower arrangements for the White House, Mrs. Miller has many stories to share! She will be demonstrating how to create a mix of fresh and dried flower arrangements. Participants will have the chance to win one of four door prizes, including two of the arrangements made during the evening, as well as a copy of her book, Harvesting, Preserving & Arranging Dried Flowers. The cost will be \$10 for members of Hanson Park Conservancy and \$15 for non-members. Please go to www.hansonparkconservancy.com to register. Payment is due at time of registration.

Proceeds go towards the Hanson Park Conservancy and their efforts to beautify and maintain Hanson Park, as well as their educational programs and workshops.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS TOUR - DEC 3

The Cranford Junior Woman's Club announces its annual Home For The Holidays Tour will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2017 from 12PM-4PM. This self-guided tour showcases some of Cranford's loveliest treasures! Through the generosity of four Cranford homeowners and local businesses, organizations, and individuals, the club is showcasing four of the finest homes in Cranford and a historic church all outfitted for the holidays.

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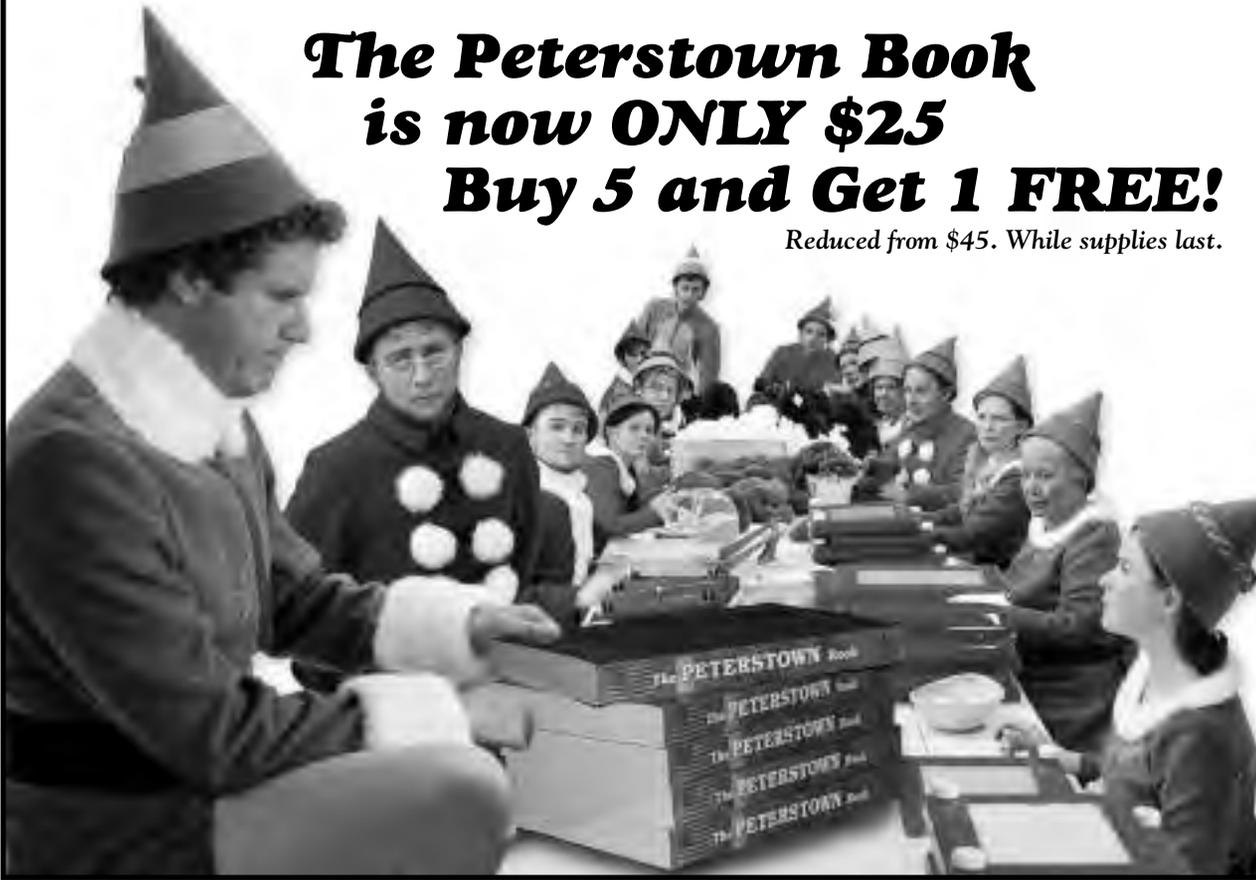
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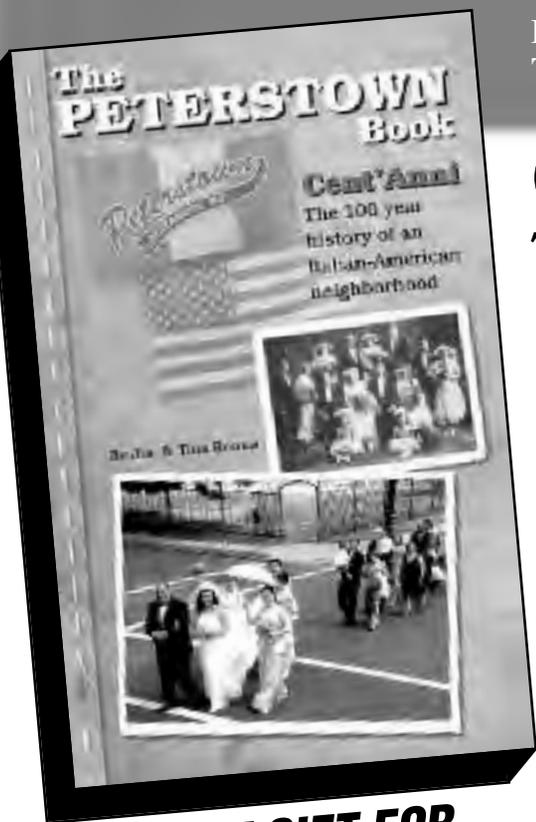
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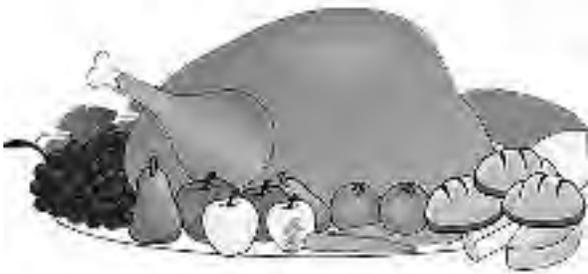
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November 16th
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at Homewood Suites by Hilton,
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from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

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Richard Titus Druckenmiller, age 82, died on June 15, 2017 in Saint John's Riverside Hospital, Yonkers New York. He was born July 8, 1935 in Rahway, New Jersey, to Titus Victor Druckenmiller and Ruth (Gerhart) Druckenmiller, the fifth of their six children.

Richard graduated from Cranford High School in 1953. After graduation, he attended Pace University in New York City. He was drafted into the Army in 1960, and served until 1962.

Following discharge, Richard joined IBM, where he was employed as a system engineer in the early development of programmed airlines reservation systems. He continued his work in airline reservations automation in two startup companies: ATARS, Van Nuys, California, and Greenwich Data Systems, Greenwich, Connecticut.

Richard left employment in the East and resided in Kansas City area, where he held positions with several churches and made many friends. He returned to Yonkers about four years ago.

Richard is survived by son Leigh Druckenmiller and wife Cristina, parents of Richard's three grandchildren, Ashleigh, Kristopher and Lukas. He is preceded in death by his parents and his oldest brother, Paul. His siblings surviving him are John, Ted, Ruth (Diener) and Arthur (Earl); also many nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

A memorial service with military honors for Richard was held on October 2, at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia, Pastor Rick Bonfim, presiding. Richard's ashes have been placed to rest in the cemetery columbarium.

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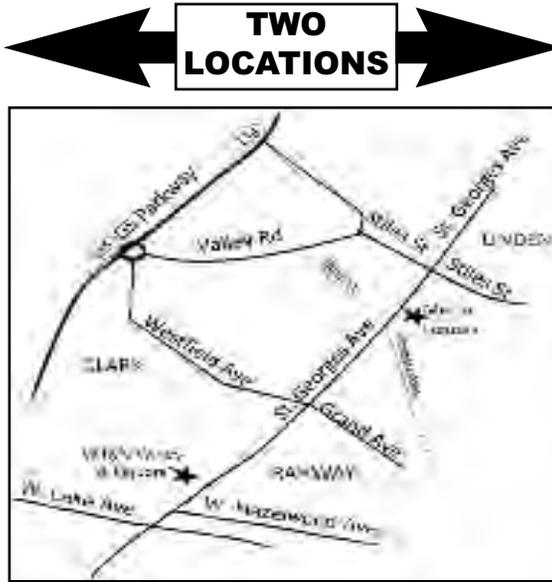
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Clos du Bois Chardonnay	1.5 L	\$19.99
Clos du Bois Cabernet, Merlot	750m	\$ 9.95
Cockburns Ruby and Tawny Porto	750ml	\$10.99
Concha Y Toro Frontera	1.5L	\$ 8.99
Coppola Diamond Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot	750ml	\$13.99
Coppola Diamond Chardonnay	750ml	\$11.99
Corbett Canyon (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 7.99
Cupcake (All types, except Prosecco and Moscato)	750ml	\$ 8.99
Dom Perignon	750ml	\$149.99
Dreaming Tree (All Types)	750ml	\$11.99
Ecco Domani (Pinot Grigio)	750ml	\$ 8.99
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Flip Flop (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 9.99
Franzia (Crisp White, Blush, Sangria, Chilable red)	5L	\$13.99
Freixenet	750ml	\$ 9.99
Gato Negro (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 9.99
Gazela Vinho Verde	750ml	\$ 5.99
Ghost Pines (Merlot and Red Blend)	750ml	\$15.99
J. Lohr Cabernet Sauvignon	750ml	\$11.99
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Joseph Carr Cabernet Sauvignon	750ml	\$19.99
Kendall Jackson Vintners Chardonnay	750ml	\$12.09
Kim Crawford (Sauvignon Blanc)	750ml	\$13.99
Korbel (All Types except Natural and Organic)	750ml	\$11.99
La Crema Sonoma Pinot Noir	750ml	\$16.99
Liberty Creek (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 7.99

Louis Jadot Beaujolais	750ml	\$ 9.99
Louis Jadot Beaujolais Villages	750ml	\$ 10.99
Louis Jadot Pouilly Fuisse	750ml	\$20.99
Luna di Luna (All Types)	1.5L	\$13.99
Mark West Pinot Noir	750ml	\$ 9.39
Mark West Pinot Noir	1.5L	\$17.99
Martini & Rossi Asti	750ml	\$11.99
Menage a Trois Red	750ml	\$ 8.99
Merry Vale (Cabernet)	750ml	\$49.99
Mezzacorona Pinot Grigio	1.5L	\$12.99
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Rex Goliath (All Types)	1.5L	\$10.99
Robert Mondavi Private Select	750ml	\$ 8.99
Robert Mondavi Private Select	1.5L	\$16.99
Rodney Strong Sonoma Cabernet & Merlot	750ml	\$15.99
Rodney Strong Sonoma Chardonnay	750ml	\$11.99
Rombauer Chardonnay	750ml	\$30.99
Ruffino Chianti	750ml	\$ 7.99
Ruffino Chianti	1.5 L	\$13.99
Ruffino Pinot Grigio	1.5L	\$11.99
Ruffino Chianti Gold	750ml	\$30.99
Ruffino Tan label	750ml	\$19.99
Santa Margerita Pinot Grigio	750ml	\$20.29
Senor Sangria (All Types)	1.5L	\$11.99
Silver Oak Alexander Valley Cabernet	750ml	\$70.99
Simi Chardonnay	750ml	\$12.09
Sonoma Cutrer Chardonnay	750ml	\$20.99
Sutter Home (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 8.99
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