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BRIGHTENING A DAY FOR WOMEN VETERANS

The Rake & Hoe Garden Club recently launched a new project where a small group of members hosted a luncheon and flower design demonstration for a select group of veterans at the Women's Trauma Unit, Lyons VA Hospital. The women were extremely appreciative of the delicious food, donated in part by Mazella's (Mountainside) and Trader Joe's (Westfield). The women were able to make a cheerful flower arrangement to brighten their rooms, guided by the talented hands of Kay Cross and Anna Daurio. The results exceeded their expectations. The ladies also received goodie bags containing useful and fun items.

Since 1952, the Rake and Hoe Club has joyfully fulfilled their mission to provide decorating services to the Lyons Veterans Medical Center, Lyons, NJ.

Four times a year the members provide floral arrangements for dining tables and individual bedside arrangements for the veterans. Also during Spring and December members write thank you cards to the veterans thanking them for their service.

The Department of Veterans Affairs New Jersey Health Care System is comprised of two main campuses, which provide health care to veterans.

Services include long-term care, psychiatric care and a full range of medical and surgical care. Special programs include cancer screening, diabetes education, healthy aging, home based care, post-traumatic stress disorder, war related illnesses and women's health services. Lyons is affiliated with the University of Medicine and



(above l-r) Kathy Ferrier, Therapist; Rake & Hoe Members: Anna Daurio; Kay Cross; Cathy Becker; Lee Perry; Alice Cowell

Dentistry and the Trenton State Psychiatric Hospital. On a regular basis Lyons Hospital serves approximately 390 veterans.

To read more about Lyons Veterans Medical Center and the services for military heroes, please provide our http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?id-45.

Affiliated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs, and the Garden Club of New Jersey, Rake and Hoe Garden Club has between 50 and 80 members all of whom share in common: a love of flowers, gardening and community service.

To learn more about joining Rake and Hoe Garden Club, please contact Pat Wilson, 908-389-9342 or visit their website at http://www.rakeandhoe.org.



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WINE TASTING EVENT TO BENEFIT BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scouts of America, Patriots' Path Council will be holding a Riedel Wine Tasting event on Wednesday, May 24th at Alfies Ristorante in Warren at 6:30pm. Guests will sample great wine using Riedel Wine glasses, learn more about the wines, how to pour them, the effect wine glasses have and how to improve the overall enjoyment of wine. The ticket price of \$150 includes hors d'oeuvres, four glasses of red and white wine rated at 90 points or better on the Wine Spectator List, four course meal, auction and a set of Riedel Wine glasses to take home. All guests must be 21 years or older to attend. The event is being co-hosted by community members and Scouting volunteers, Karen and Michael Cantone of Warren.

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The proceeds of this event provide the necessary funds send underprivileged youth to four of our camps in New Jersey and New York State. Over 4,000 youth are served in this program, and a total of 16,000 youth served in traditional Scouting in our area. Most recently the BSA has enhanced STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) content in every facet of Scouting, from summer camp to the Pinewood Derby, by developing programs that explore the STEM principles behind familiar Scouting activities. The STEM Program is another beneficiary of this event. Registration required

The RSVP deadline is Wednesday, May 17, 2017. at www.ppcbsa.org/give/special-events.





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The Resale Shop, located at 31B Chatham Road, Summit, and open Monday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm, accepts donations during business hours of furniture, bric-a-brac, jewelry, shoes, gifts, decorations, housewares, china, and in-season, gently used, and current fashion.

In addition to seeking individual's donations, the shop accepts entire or partial estate donations, and offers an ever-changing selection of quality goods, at reasonable prices, for shoppers.

"One of the best benefits of giving unwanted items to (or shopping at) the Resale Shop is that the funds go directly back to the community for programs and services for older adults and their caregivers at SAGE Eldercare," said Rose Rittweger, manager of SAGE's Resale Shop.

The SAGE Resale Shop has helped provide funds for SAGE Eldercare programs and services since 1959. SAGE Eldercare has been helping make the communities it serves amazing places to age since 1954. The organization provides a wide array of information, support, and services designed to help individuals lead the most

independent and active lives possible. From helping with errands and Meals on Wheels, to exercise classes, community programs, care planning, an adult day health care center, and home health care, SAGE's expertise helps older adults remain independent in their own homes. SAGE is committed to being the leading provider of programs and services to meet the changing needs of older adults, their families, and caregivers throughout Union, Essex, Morris, and Somerset Counties.

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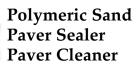


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HOMELESS VETERAN TURNS HIS LIFE AROUND WITH THE HELP OF CAU

Following the accident that left him unconscious for five days and unable to recognize his family, Donovan was unable to return to work as an operating engineer at Newark Liberty International Airport. Soon the father and veteran found himself homeless.

"I had everything once, a house, family, backyard pool and a good job," he said. "But I lost everything and ended up homeless."

Yet Donovan never gave up. With the help of his sister and a family friend, he was referred to and became a member of CAU, which operates a Home First: Financial Stability Program through which the agency serves as the member's representative with the Social Security Administration (SSA).

Through the program, CAU first becomes the member's Representative Payee with the SSA. Upon receiving the participant's benefits each month, CAU pays their rent and utilities directly to their landlord and utility provider and makes the remaining funds available to them for personal use. CAU staff also work with the participant to create a budget plan that provides financial stability.

In addition, CAU staff provide guidance to the participant on how to obtain and maintain other county and state benefits, including Section 8, food stamps, low-income housing and more.

"The Home First Program is open to anyone in the community who needs this type of assistance but it is especially helpful for the homeless," said Samir Abdul, senior accountant at CAU and program administrator. "The program authorizes us to serve as their representative with the Social Security Administration, including providing bookkeeping reports that are necessary for them to maintain benefits.

"Equally important, this program allows us to help people who are homeless due to no cause of their own to achieve financial stability and turn around their lives. That's very rewarding for us."

"I do not know what would happen to me if CAU hadn't become part of my life," Donovan said. "I am very thankful to CAU and my entitlement specialist, Yanna Espinal."

Community Access Unlimited (CAU) is a statewide nonprofit providing support programs and services to adults with disabilities as well as youth served under the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to enable them to live independently in the community, providing supports in areas including housing, vocational skills and life-skills training, education, advocacy and recreation.

About Community Access Unlimited

Community Access Unlimited (CAU), celebrating its 38th year in 2017, supports people with special needs in achieving real lives in the community. CAU provides support and gives voice to adults and youth who traditionally have little support and no voice in society. CAU helps



(above) Richard Donovan picks up donated furniture for his new apartment.

people with housing, life skills, employment, money management, socialization and civic activities. CAU also supports opportunities for advocacy through training in assertiveness, decision-making and civil right. CAU currently serves more than 6,000 individuals and families, with the number served growing each year. For more information about CAU and its services, contact us by phone at 908.354.3040, online at www.caunj.org or by mail at 80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202.

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AUDITIONS FOR TWO PRODUCTIONS AT CHC

Standing on Ceremony and The Shape of Things

CDC Theater, New Jersey's oldest continuously producing community theatre, will hold auditions for two exciting special productions that will take place in the early part of the theatre's 99th season.

The 2017 Short Play Festival featuring Standing on Ceremony: The Gay Marriage Plays, and other short pieces, will hold auditions on May 7 at 7:30pm and May 8 at 7:00pm with performances planned for September 7, 8 and 9. This special event is a non-equity, non-paying production and 50% of the ticket profits will be donated to the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network, or GLSEN. Auditions and performances will take place at CDC Theatre, 78 Winans Ave in Cranford, NJ. Additional information can be found by visiting www.cdctheatre.org or the Cranford Dramatic Club Facebook page.

In a second special event, director Cynthia Ross and cast will ask the questions. How far would you go for love? For art? What would you be willing to change? What price might you pay? Such are the painful questions explored by Neil LaBute in The Shape of Things. A young student drifts into an ever-changing relationship with an art major while his best friends' engagement crumbles, so unleashing a drama that peels back the skin of two modern-day relationships.

Auditions will be held on May 15, 16 at 7:45pm at the theatre's 78 Winans Ave location, with performances on August 10, 11 and 12 at 8:00pm.

Additional information can be found by visiting www.cdctheatre.org or the Cranford Dramatic Club's Face Book page.

9 TO 5, THE MUSICAL, AT CDC THEATRE

In May, at CDC Theatre in Cranford, three unlikely friends will take control of their office and learn there is nothing they can't do, even in a man's world. 9 to 5 The Musical, with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and book by Patricia Resnick, is based on the seminal 1980 hit movie. Set in the late 1970s, this hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era is outrageous, thought-provoking and even a little romantic.

"Having loved the movie, I was excited to see show when it was on Broadway, and was not disappointed. "Already in rehearsal at the theatre's home at 78 Winans Ave. in Cranford, Clifford Parrish, who is both the director and musical director of the show, shared some of his reasons for coming back to work on a show at CDC Theatre. "The audience was really with these women as their story unfolded. Even though we've come a long way on women's issues since 1979, the story still needs to be told. Even though it's a comedy, this show is about women's empowerment. The Dolly Parton score is also a lot of fun, with some truly beautiful ballads. I am excited about working with a tremendously talented cast!"

The large cast features frequent performers

at CDC and some new faces. Kara Wilson, Melissa Timpson and Hannah Schroeder take the leading roles of Judy, Violet and Doralee. Richard Colonna will be their lecherous boss Mr. Hart and Arlene Britt his adoring employee Roz. Jason Cilento is Joe, a handsome accountant smitten with Violet while Mark Piltz plays Doralee's supportive and attractive husband Dwayne, with Will Roper as Violet's teenage son Josh. Joel Redmount will play Hart's boss and Chairman of the Board, Mr. Tinsworthy and Danielle Gruskiewicz is Hart's unsuspecting wife. The ensemble and featured roles will be brought to live by Michele Greenspan, Katherine Brown, Joanna Riley, Carolyn Milhiser, Beth Kasper, Zach Mazouat, Edgar Hidlago and Tommy Lackamy.

The production will open on May 5 and run weekends through May 20. Additional information and tickets can be found by visiting www.cdctheatre.org.

Funding has been made possible in part by the NJ State Council on the Arts, Dept. of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs



(above) The cast of 9 to 5 The Musical.



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On Monday, May 29th, Mountainside will was awarded the Vietnam service medal, the sponsor a Memorial Day Ceremony followed by a parade honoring those who have died in our nation's service.

The ceremony will take place at 11:30am at the Veterans flagpole monument on Constitution Plaza (in front of the Library). Upon conclusion of the ceremony, Veterans, Scouts, Rescue Squad, Fire Department, Police and community groups will parade toward Deerfield School. The parade will proceed from Constitution Plaza up to Bridle Path to Wood Valley Road to Central Ave. ending in Deerfield School parking lot. It is expected to end @12:30pm.

The Grand Marshall of Mountainside's parade will be Elio (Leo) Corradi. Leo was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1968. He went through basic training at Fort Dix NJ and then A.I.T. (Advanced Individual Training) at Fort Sill OK. Leo was selected to go to the Non-Commissioned Officer Academy upon graduation. Sgt. Corradi was the deployed to Vietnam. He served 12 months as crew chief on the 105mm Howitzer with the 11th Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division. Leo

National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, Expert Badge for M14 – M-16 Rifle, NJ Distinguished Service Medal, and NJ Vietnam Service Medal.

Leo is a life member of the Mountainside VFW Post 10136 and serves as Post Quarter Master. He is married, has 2 daughters,2 granddaughters, and 1 grandson

The Mountainside Memorial Day Parade Committee is comprised of individuals representing the VFW, Mayor and Borough Council, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Fire Department and Rescue Squad and others. These groups came together to bring a fitting Memorial Day event to the town of Mountainside as an honor to our own brave citizens who have fought and sacrificed in wars so that we can enjoy the many freedoms that Mountainsiders enjoy. The Committee hopes that citizens come out in force to show their appreciation for our Veterans as we memorialize our heroes in this way.

For further information about the parade, please contact Deanna Andre at (908) 244-4111.

EXPERIENCE A BLAST FROM MOUNTAINSIDE'S PAST AT THE HETFIELD HOUSE

Senior Girl Scouts from Mountainside troops 40443 and 40468 are organizing a free Open House event at the Hetfield House. There will be ongoing games and crafts for children, food from colonial times, and tours through the historic Deacon Andrew Hetfield House. Stop in at the Hetfield House on May 21st any time between 1 and 4pm to experience a blast from the past. As was once said by Theodore Roosevelt, "the more you know about the past, the better you are prepared for the future."

The Deacon Andrew Hetfield House is located at Constitution Plaza adjacent to the Mountainside Library. Constitution Plaza is the first right off Birch Hill Road which is off New Providence Road near the Mountainside Volunteer Fire House. The Girl Scouts from troops 40443 are excited to hold this open house to complete their journey award. For further information, please call (908)789-9420; or, go to: www.mountainsidehistory.org.



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MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Mountainside Public Library is located at 1 Constitution Plaza, Mountainside, NJ.

To register for these programs, stop into the library or call 908-233-0115.

The Mountainside Public Library has scheduled the following programs for May and early June. The Library will be closed on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day.

Tuesday Night Movies.

Our first movie of the month, on

May 9,

will be Fences (2016, PG-13) starring Viola Davis, Academy Award Winner for Best Supporting Actress. On May 16,

The Hollars (2016, PG-13) will be shown. We will screen Hidden Figures (2016, PG) on May 23.

La La Land (2016, PG-13) will be our final offering of the month on

May 30.

Showtime is 6:30 PM for each movie except Fences on

May 9 which starts at 6:00 PM.

"MakeMeChic Boutique"

The sale takes place on

Friday-Saturday, June 2-3, 10 AM-5 PM.

The Friends of the Library are collecting items for their June sale. Fine and vintage jewelry, costume and fashion jewelry, watches, scarves and handbags and designer items gladly accepted! Proceeds will benefit the library and go back to the local community through library supplies, programs, and events.

Brown Bag Academy. "Opera on Film Series"

Thursday-Friday, May 11-12 at 1:00 PM.

Friday Operas on Film series, sponsored by the T. Robel Hill Foundation and presented by Mena Clemson. This month we will present Don Carlo by Giuseppe Verdi. Recorded in 1983, this film stars Placido Domingo and

Nicolai Ghiaurov. James Levine conducts The Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and Chorus. Due to the length of this film it will be shown on 2 successive days.

"Coming to America"

Thursday, May 11, 7:00 PM.

A dynamic and enjoyable speaker, Walter Choroszewski returns to the library with a program about the history of immigration to America from the first Colonial Wave

through the second mid-1800s wave of frontier expansion, culminating with the third Great Wave that passed through the Ellis Island Immigration Station in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Walter himself is the grandson of Eastern European immigrants and shares stories of his family's journey.

"Guided Meditation for Inner Peace"

Thursday, May 18 at 7:30 PM.

Join Sally Younghans each month as we explore the most talked about evidence based meditation techniques for inner peace, overall well-being and stress reduction. This month's topic is a guided meditation technique to help heal relationships

"Elder Law & Estate Planning Workshop" Monday, May 22 at 7:00 PM.

Where would you want to leave your hard earned money in case of death or disability? Nursing home, government or family members? If you answered "family members", this presentation is a must for you!

"Medicare Workshop: Basics for Boomers" Monday, June 5, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

This 2-hour seminar, explaines in easy-to-understand terms, is vital if you are approaching Medicare eligibility within the next few years or are a caregiver for (or the adult child of) someone approaching Medicare eligibility. Learn what Medicare covers, when to apply, penalties for late enrollment and the various options available. (Note: Mr. Berger is not affiliated with a financial organization, nor is he selling a service or product.)

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GIRL SCOUTS PLANT FLOWERS



(above) Mountainside Girl Scout Troop 40812 planted flowers in front of the Mountainside Fire Department.













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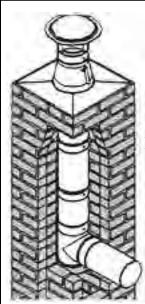
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