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## **VERONICA CUNNINGHAM WILL ATTEND AIR FORCE ACADEMY**

Veronica Cunningham of Scotch Plains, a senior at Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung, plans to major in Astronautical Engineering with a minor in Arabic at the United States Air Force Academy.

The application process to the Academy was rigorous but Veronica's passion for serving her country was a driving force.

"I began my application on March 1, 2016 in the middle of my junior year," explained Veronica, who shared that the Air Force Academy was her first choice for furthering her education. She completed a pre-candidate questionnaire which, she said, "allowed the Academy to deem me competitive to continue my application for the Class of 2021."

The formal application, which came out in July of 2016, necessitated the completion of physical examinations, essays, letters of recommendation, and at least one interview with an Admissions Liaison Officer (ALO) who is either a retired or active duty Air Force Officer.

"My ALO required three interviews with him where he tested my character, leadership, desire to serve, and most of all my willingness to become a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force," she said.

"During the period between April and December of 2016 – in addition to keeping up my grades, playing sports, and ensuring that I improve myself in all facets of life to prove I can challenge myself enough for the Academy – I had to apply to my two Senators, my Congresswoman, and the Vice President for nominations," added Veronica. "Every applicant to a Service Academy must have a nomination in order to receive an appointment."

Veronica also interviewed with Congressional and Senatorial staffers to compete against several other applicants for one of the sought-after nominations.

nomination "I received my from Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman on December 8, 2016 and I am honored to have done so," she said. "I am extremely fortunate to have received one of the 1,200 appointments to the Air Force Academy Class of 2021. A year and nine



(above) Veronica Cunningham of Scotch Plains is pictured holding the United States Air Force flag.

Photo by: Mount Saint Mary Academy

days after submitting my pre-candidate questionnaire, I received an appointment."

For Veronica, who will report to the United States Air Force Academy on June 29, serving in the military also means carrying on a rich legacy in her family.

"I have always been surrounded by the military. Most of my parents' friends are either active duty or retired soldiers. My family also has a long military history as well, dating back to the Civil War. So, I have always been accustomed to many military traditions."

Veronica recalls knowing around the third grade that she wanted to be a member of the Armed Forces. When she heard about the Air Force Academy, however, she said she "almost immediately fell in love with it."

"The chance to fly and study some of the greatest planes in history appealed to me. I love the structure and discipline that comes with the military lifestyle. The constant challenges, both physical and mental, are designed to allow me to push myself past what I believed to be my limits and I look forward to embracing every challenge thrust my way," she said.



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## **BOARD OF ED RECOGNIZES WINTER ATHLETES**

On Thursday, March 30, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education celebrated the accomplishments of student athletes for the memorable season of winter sports. Sam Wustefeld was recognized for emerging as the #2 top wrestler in the State of New Jersey. Izu Mozie was recognized for winning the North II Group 3 Sectional Championship for his shot put throw of over 50 feet.

The Varsity Bowling Team had a phenomenal season with 13 wins and 4 losses completing their season as the North II Group 3 Finalists, the Union County Conference Watchung Division Champions, and the Union County Champions.

The 33 members of Girls Varsity Swim Team ended their season as the North II Group B State Sectional Finalists followed by the 25 members of the Boys Varsity Swim Team winning their third consecutive Sectional Title in the North II Group B Sectional Championship meet.

Some of our swimmers competed at the Meet of Champions where they brought home gold, silver and bronze medals. Rachel Maizes qualified for the 100 Breaststroke and she earned a Silver Medal, placing her 2nd in the State of New Jersey.

The Girls Medley Relay Team comprised of senior Stephanie Judge, junior Rachel Maizes, junior Danielle (DeeDee) Maizes and junior Erika Frazier qualified for and defended their prior championship by earning the Gold Medal, placing them 1st in the State of New Jersey.

Sophomore Josh Cohen qualified for the 500 Freestyle and earned the Bronze Medal, placing him 3rd in the State of New Jersey.

Senior and United States Naval Academy committed recruit, Chris Bondarowicz, qualified for the 100 Breaststroke and completed his high school swimming career by earning the Gold Medal, placing him 1st in New Jersey.



(above l-r) Jesse Martinez, William Harden III, Sam Wustefeld, and Head Coach Marc Fabiano.



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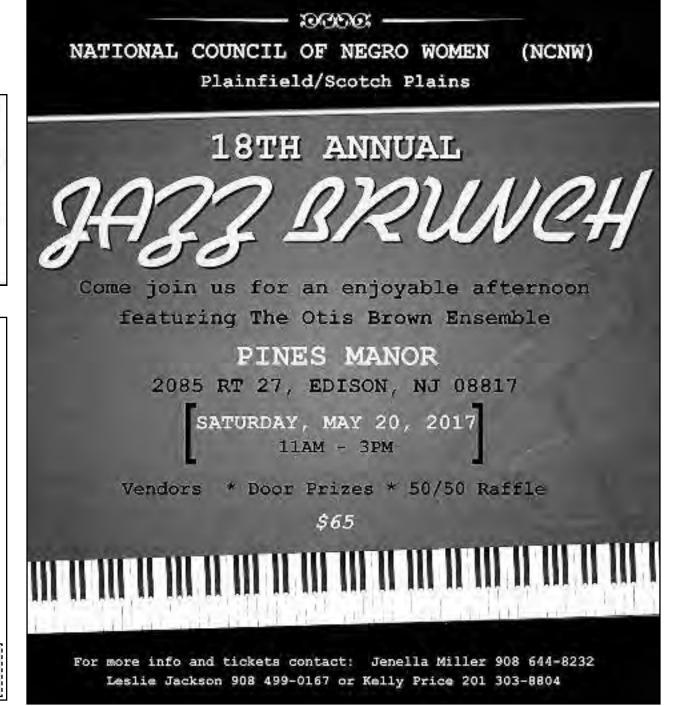


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# **EDISON HEATING & COOLING CELEBRATING 30TH ANNIVERSARY**



(above) Edison Heating & Cooling was founded in 1987 by Scotch Plains resident Michael Iarrapino.



Edison Heating & Cooling was founded in 1987 by Scotch Plains resident Michael Iarrapino in the basement of his parents' home. The company was built on a strong core from the very start with the advice from his grandfather to provide a product that is built to last from a company that people can trust. Since then our customers have enjoyed 30 years of not only quality installations but a service department that delivers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year.

From its single truck beginning to the over 100 vehicle fleet Edison Heating & Cooling has remained loyal to its employees and the community that we serve. Edison Heating & Cooling is active in several local and national charities and youth sports sponsorship programs. Our over 100 employees all live and work right here in the Garden State and serve as important parts of our community. All our employees are background checked and drug tested to ensure the safety of our customers.

Owner Michael Iarrapino resides in Scotch Plains and is also an active member of the community. He can often be seen coaching youth sports in town or at a local church activity. Mike is a car enthusiast and can be found during the year at charity car shows and benefits throughout New Jersey. Mike often lends not only his time but the Edison Heating & Cooling resources to countless community projects from ballfield renovations to local shelters caring for the less fortunate.

The business has been recognized and accredited by the Better Business Bureau with an A+ rating and has just received its 5th consecutive Carrier Presidents Award which is given only to the top 2% of Carrier dealers nation-wide. Carrier has also granted the company Factory Authorized Dealer status so every customer receives a 100% satisfaction guarantee from Carrier on every installation we perform. So if you're not happy with your installation Carrier will refund the cost of the installation.

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# Scotch Plains Rescue Squad Tip of the Month **DANGERS OF ALCOHOL-BASED HAND SANITIZERS**



Parents know the importance of keeping their children's hands as germ-free as possible, and besides hand washing, hand sanitizers are often the go-to choice able After all these

when water is not available. After all, these products are purported to kill many different types of microorganisms. What could be safer?

Now comes some news that these products may also be dangerous for our children. Just recently, the Centers for Disease Control announced that "over 70,000 children drank hand sanitizer between 2011 and 2014. While some older kids intentionally ingest the alcoholic liquid to get drunk, most cases are much more innocent. About 90% of the reported incidents occurred among children younger than five." Since some of these sanitizers are scented and come in colorful bottles, they are attractive to young children. These bottles are also commonly found in schools, daycares, and other places where children are present and are usually easily accessible to them.

Some of these sanitizers contain up to 95% alcohol, and should only be used under adult supervision. Most side effects, such as eye and mouth irritation, cough, abdominal pain and vomiting, are usually minor. However, if enough sanitizer is ingested, it can raise a child's blood

alcohol level very high, resulting in seizures, respiratory issues, low blood sugar, and coma. In this case, 911 should be called immediately, along with the National Poison Control Hotline at 1-800-222-1222. This hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year.

So talk to your children about the dangers of ingesting these sanitizers, and keep them out of reach of small children. Some companies make non-alcohol based hand sanitizers which are nontoxic, and there are also sanitized wipes which may be more suitable for your family's needs.

Contributing Author: Susan Baldani, a life member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad.

The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad is a volunteer organization of Neighbors Helping Neighbors. With over 90 volunteers, we answer calls not only in Scotch Plains but in surrounding towns as well when needed. Besides answering calls, you will see our ambulances at many special events held in town, such as Scotch Plains Day, the Memorial Day Parade, high school football games, and the summer concerts on the Village Green. We are also available to provide demonstrations for Boys and Girls Scout troops, clubs, and any other group that may be interested in what we do. In addition, we lend out wheelchairs, crutches, canes and other assorted medical equipment free of charge. Please reach out to us if there is something we can do for you. (908) 322-2103 for non-emergencies or scotchplainsrescuesquad@gmail.com





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#### **DEAR VETERANS AND FAMILIES:**

Memorial Day pays tribute to American military personnel of all wars who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in service to our country. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Day Parade Committee will sponsor several events in observance of Memorial Day.

#### Memorial Day Concert (Sunday, May 28)

The sixth annual Memorial Day Concert, entitled A Tribute to Fallen Heroes, will take place at the Alan Augustine Village Green on Park Avenue, adjacent to the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Full Count Big Band will play patriotic tunes and traditional marches. The program will include the reading of letters written by members of the U.S. military to their loved ones back home.

#### Memorial Day Ceremonies (Monday, May 29)

There will be a memorial service and presentation of wreaths at 9:00 a.m. at the Fanwood Memorial Library at 5 Forest Road. A memorial tribute and laying of wreaths will take place at 10:00 a.m. at the gazebo on Park Avenue and Front Street in downtown Scotch Plains.

#### Memorial Day Parade (Monday, May 29)

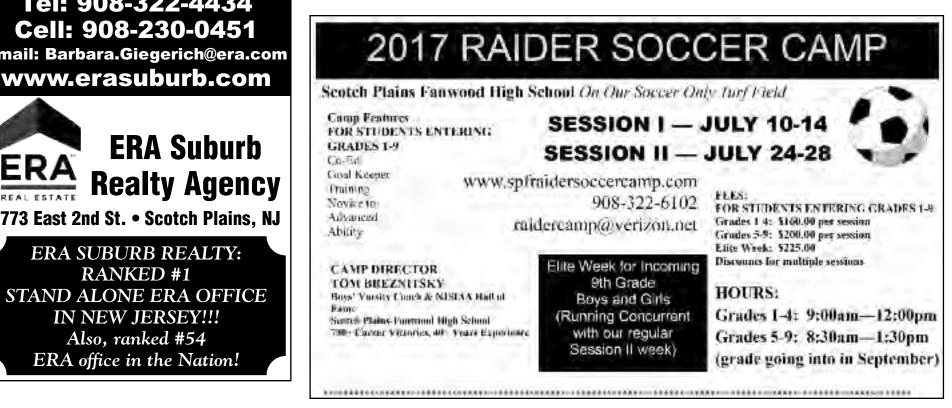
The theme for this year's Parade is They Gave Their Tomorrows... For Our Todays. Starting at 10:45 a.m. at the gazebo in downtown Scotch Plains, the Parade will proceed along Park Avenue, move onto Martine Avenue into downtown Fanwood and end at La Grande Park in Fanwood.

The 2017 Parade Grand Marshals are Fanwood residents Alan Ebersole (posthumously), Ed Miller and Joe Nagy. Members of the Greatest Generation, they proudly served their country in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II. The Parade Committee thanks them for their dedication, commitment and sacrifice in service to our great nation.

In cooperation with the Parade Committee, Mayor Colleen Mahr of Fanwood and Mayor Al Smith of Scotch Plains invite to you to attend the Memorial Day events. We hope that you will be able to join us as we honor those who gave their lives in service to America.

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## **RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT ON MAY 12TH – MAY 13TH**

Scotch Plains residents, along with friends and family, will join together at the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Scotch Plains at Scotch Plains Fanwood High School to raise funds and awareness in an effort to help create a world without cancer. The event starts on Friday May 12th at 6 pm, and ends on Saturday, May 14th early morning.

Founded by Dr. Gordy Klatt in Washington in 1985, the Relay For Life movement is the world's largest fundraising event to save lives from

On May 12th – May 13th, Fanwood and cancer. Uniting communities across the globe, we celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action for lifesaving change. During Relay For Life events, members of each team take turns walking or running around the track or path. Teams participate in fundraising in the months leading up to the event.

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In addition to the support of the community, Relay For Life is also supported by many local businesses and organizations.

Take action this year and help make cancer a priority by participating or donating to the Relay For Life of Fanwood / Scotch Plains. Visit RelayForLife.org or to learn more about the event, or contact Diane Nicholson, diane.nicholson@cancer.org, 404-653-5290



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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

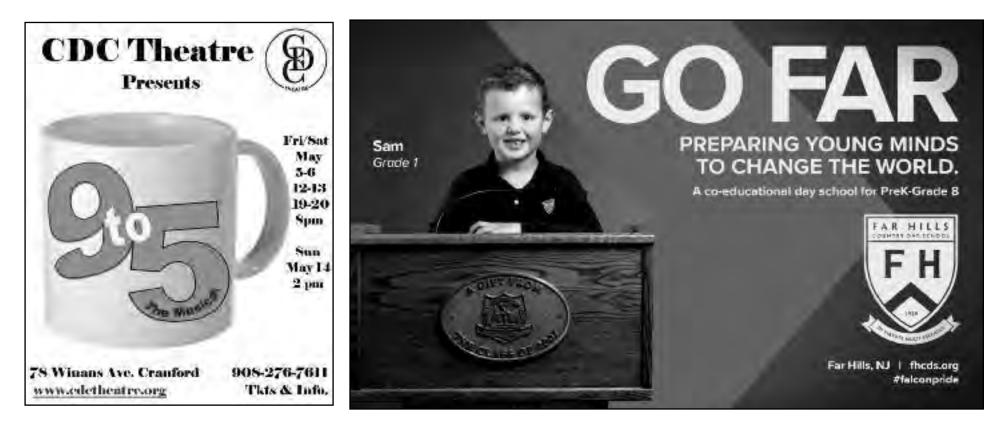
at CDC and some new faces. Kara Wilson, Melissa Timpson and Hannah Schroeder take the leading roles of Judy, Violet and Doralee. Richard Colonna will be their lecherous boss Mr. Hart and Arlene Britt his adoring employee Roz. Jason Cilento is Joe, a handsome accountant smitten with Violet while Mark 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.



## **3RD ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL**

The annual Arts & Crafts Festival is a juried ice cream and more. event is held in the heart of their downtown at the Fanwood Train Station. It will feature 50+ artisans selling and displaying their original work. Open to the public from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., you will find a wide variety of items such as, paintings, sculpture, ironworks, metalworks, glassworks, pottery, jewelry, fashion clothing, garden works and much more.

Be sure to come hungry and enjoy the wide variety of food being sold including shish ka bob, French fries, gyros, burgers, kettle corn, zeppoles,

There will also be live music playing throughout the day. For the children we will have a "hands on" free craft table.

This event is on the day before Mother's Day and offers an opportunity to find that special gift for your loved one.

This event is hosted by the Borough of Fanwood and is produced by JC Promotions, Inc.

For more information please call JC Promotions, Inc. at 201.998.1144 or events@jcpromotions.info.







#### **BUS TRIP TO CITI FIELD METS VS DODGERS GAME**

Scotch Plains Letter Carriers Branch 4102 is Dodgers game, bus departs Scotch Plains Town sponsoring a bus trip to Citi Field.

Proceeds will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Sunday, August 6th, 2017, Mets vs Hall at 10:15 a.m. Cost \$60 per person. Interested persons should call Rick at 908-410-6543.

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#### PARAMEDIC UNIT STATIONED AT RESCUE SQUAD Scotch Plains Monthly • Page 15 • May 2017

Submitted by: Susan Baldani, a life member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad.

April 19, 2017 Scotch Plains, NJ - The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad is pleased to announce that advanced medical care for our community and surrounding towns is now closer than ever. Since December 2016, paramedics from JFK Medical Center have being stationed at our building on Bartle Avenue.

The rescue squad provides BLS care (Basic Life Support) by Emergency Medical Technicians. This includes everything from the stabilization of broken bones, CPR and defibrillation, child birth assistance, and the Heimlich maneuver to bandaging cuts and managing bleeding, to name just a few. Medic units provide ALS care (Advanced Life Support) by paramedics. These include cardiac defibrillation as well, but paramedics also provide intravenous fluids and medicines, are able to monitor heart rhythms and intubate patients, and are in communication with an Emergency Room doctor who can guide the care that the patient receives. Because our area has been getting a large number of ALS calls, having one of these units right in our town provides quicker access to advanced life saving measures that paramedics can provide. Since medic units

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The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad is a volunteer organization of Neighbors Helping Neighbors. With over 90 volunteers, we answer calls not only in Scotch Plains but in surrounding towns as well when needed. Besides answering calls, you will see our ambulances at many special events held in town, such as Scotch Plains Day, the Memorial Day Parade, high school football games, and the summer concerts on the Village Green. We are also available to provide demonstrations for Boys and Girls Scout troops, clubs, and any other group that may be interested in what we do. In addition, we lend out wheelchairs, crutches, canes and other assorted medical equipment free of charge. Please reach out to us if there is something we can do for you. (908) 322-2103 for non-emergencies or scotchplainsrescuesquad@gmail.com.

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# Desperately Seeking Scotch Plains

Several clients (two pictured here), seeking escape from their current housing situation, have entrusted me to find their next home in our town. If you, or anyone you know, is looking to be sprung from Scotch Plains this Spring, please call me today!





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# **2ND ANNUAL NINE, WINE AND DINE**

The Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (GWACC) Foundation will hold its 2nd Annual Nine, Wine & Dine golf outing on Wednesday, May 10th for \$149 at Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains. Everyone is encouraged to participate—no matter your oncourse abilities. The full golf package includes use of the locker facilities, practice green, driving range, golf cart and wine and dinner. If golf isn't your game, you can sign up for the dinner portion of the event for only \$49. Registration and the practice range opens at 3 pm. Shotgun start is at 4 pm and dinner begins at 7 pm.

Contests include the Crown Cadillac Hole in

One, a Putting Contest, Beat the Pro, Closest to the Pin, and Longest Drive (two age categories). Door prizes will be awarded at dinner. The dress code is standard golf attire.

All proceeds raised will go to the GWACC Foundation, a 501c3 organization that donates money to area nonprofits as well as scholarship funds to local high school seniors planning to study for a business degree in college.

To register for the golf outing, go to the GWACC website at gwaccnj.com. For sponsorship information, contact the Chamber at 908-233-3021 or email Gene Jannotti at gene@gwaccnj.com.

#### FANWOOD LADIES NIGHT OUT SET FOR JUNE 15TH

Ladies, come to Fanwood Ladies Night Out on June 15th from 6 - 9 pm for a fun evening in downtown Fanwood! Local merchants will stay open late and offer special discounts. Once you finish shopping, you can redeem your receipts for tricky tray tickets. A large tricky tray event is held in the registration area from 8 to 9 pm.

Several sponsorship packages are available for local businesses to connect with the over 250 women who come to Fanwood for Ladies Night Out. This event is sponsored by the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact Mindy Scarlett at mindy@scarlettryanconsulting.com.



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## **TRAINING WHEEL TOSS SUNDAY MAY 7TH**

struggling to teach their children how to ride a two-wheeled bicycle to sign up for its upcoming Training Wheel Toss on Sunday, May 7 (rain date: May 21). The event will be held in the Union County Vocational School Parking Lot (near the Police Academy Building), which is located at 1776 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. Trained volunteers will be on hand to teach young cyclists how to ride on two wheels and leave their training wheels behind forever!

In order to participate, each cyclist must wear a helmet, have a bicycle that is in good working condition, must be able to rest his or her feet flat on the ground while sitting on his or her bicycle

Fanwood Recreation invites parents who are seat, must be at least four years old and must be accompanied by an adult throughout the session. Failure to meet any of these conditions will disqualify the cyclist from participating in this event. Parents or guardians are encouraged to remove training wheels prior to the event, if possible, and will be required to sign a liability waiver at the event.

> Registration is FREE to Fanwood and Scotch Plains residents. Space is limited; participants must pre-register and choose the hour they'll arrive.

> Anyone who does not register in advance will not be allowed to participate. To register, please go to fanwoodrecreation.org.



### **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



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



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 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 they provide for our military heroes, please visit 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.

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.

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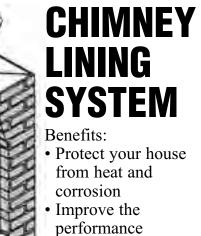
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