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## GIRL SCOUTS EARN PRESTIGIOUS GOLD AND SILVER AWARDS

The Girl Scouts of Cranford presented the national organization's most prestigious honor – the Gold Award – to two young women of Cranford, NJ. The Gold Award recipients, Amanda Bush and Mary Grace McNamara, were honored at a recognition dinner held on May 24th at The Westwood. Guest speakers included Assemblywoman Nancy Muñoz; Martha Garcia, Director of Veteran's Services at Fairleigh Dickinson University; Kathryn Ferguson, Teacher at Livingston Avenue Elementary School and Kelly Reider, Detective in the Juvenile Bureau of the Cranford Police Department.

Amanda Bush, now a freshman at Fordham University, focused her Gold Award project on raising awareness about pet therapy and its extensive benefits. Amanda was inspired by her own pet therapy dog, Jessie, who goes on visits to various facilities and cheers up all the people she greets. For her project, Amanda joined Jessie on some of her pet therapy visits to nursing homes and healthcare facilities in order to witness and take part in the advantages of pet therapy firsthand. Amanda created a brochure and video about all the benefits and the simple steps for getting involved with pet therapy. She then went to various events on behalf of St.

Hubert's Animal Welfare Center, the animal shelter based in Madison, NJ, that has a pet therapy certification program, and handed out the brochures at the events.

Mary Grace McNamara spearheaded her project, Diabetic Dudes, after she found a lack of support groups for preteen male Type 1 Diabetics who felt very different and sometimes isolated. By creating a supportive environment that caters to where they are developmentally, Mary Grace naturally created connections and relationships amongst the members. As they learned Type 1 Diabetes management techniques from the sustainable curriculum she created, Diabetic Dudes taught the children how to manage their disease and tackle feelings of stress and isolation.

Also during the evening, the Distinguished Girl Scout Service Award and Scholarship was presented to both Rebecca Durant and Morgana Haub for contributing over 40 hours of community service as a mentor to younger Cranford Girl Scouts.

The Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn, was presented to the following girls: Julia Butka, Madison Weischadle, Madison Dilts, Mikaylee Grohol, Isabelle Hunt, Victoria Lima, Julia Love, and Jaliah Meralla.



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On June 19th Believe NYC and the Broadway community came together for a fantastic one night only fundraiser to benefit Autism Speaks! Broadway soloists as well as performers from around the country performed to inspire compassion, kindness, and understanding. They were joined by talented young artists from Cranford who auditioned for the opportunity to perform on a Broadway stage and support this amazing cause.

Autism Speaks has grown into the world's leading autism science and advocacy organization, dedicated to funding research into causes, prevention, treatments and a cure for autism; increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders; and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families. This event is a unique way for performing arts students to give their time and talent to an organization that has positively impacted the world community.



*Shining Stars Performers practice for their performance at the Gershwin Theatre in New York City. (above l-r) The performers standing in a circle around pianist Drew Batich are: Ryan Fey, Gina Berry, Josh Moreines, Sean Fey, Adam Fleissner and Brian Curci.*

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The Cranford Police Department will be participating in the 34th Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1st from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Patrolman Robert F. Hand Plaza and on the front lawn of the Cranford Police Department headquarters. This free nationwide event, developed by the National Association of Town Watch, began in 1984 as an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods were organized and fighting back against crime. The event provides an excellent opportunity for residents to interact with members of the Cranford Police Department in an informal setting. Residents and visitors may also obtain information about the Department's many youth, educational, safety and public awareness programs.

Numerous police and emergency vehicles will be on display, including marked police patrol cars, command post truck, police motorcycle,

emergency services unit utility vehicles, and equipment from the Union County Office of Emergency Management and New Jersey Transit Police Department. Public Safety personnel will be on hand to answer questions or demonstrate equipment.

A DJ, face painter, and animal performers will be on site to provide entertainment for children and adults, and AAA, the Cranford Department of Recreation, PSE&G, and other organizations will be handing out literature and giveaways. In addition, Hands of Life Martial Arts of Garwood will be conducting free demonstrations throughout the night. There will be a rock wall, bungee run, and other inflatables. These additional displays and events are courtesy of generous donations made by PSE&G and the Cranford Municipal Alliance. For the 9th year in

a row, a blood drive will also be held during National Night Out.

As in the past, members of the Cranford PBA Local #52 will be on hand to provide refreshments to all in attendance.

Cranford Police Chief James Wozniak believes the National Night Out program provides an excellent chance for residents to meet with officers and other public safety personnel. "Maintaining a strong relationship with the community we serve is very important to us," he stated. "Our National Night Out event grows each year and allows us the opportunity to build that relationship with our community." Chief Wozniak noted that Cranford's National Night Out event is being coordinated by Detective Kelly Rieder. Detective Rieder can be reached at 908-709-7344.



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Josephine Walsh, director of Mobile Meals Operations, reports that clients welcome and look forward to receiving the home-delivered meals serving those who are unable to shop and prepare their own meals on either a temporary or permanent basis. The service is available to

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The Rake & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield's membership is diverse, spanning all ages (including juniors ages 7-18), interests, and occupations.

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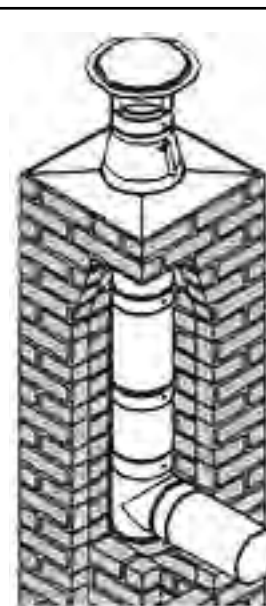
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The race was kicked off after a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem by Ms. Martinez's 8th Grade Chorus.

The top male finisher in the PTA sponsored event was HAS 8th grader Dylan Hudack. Colin Farley was just a few seconds behind in 2nd place, followed by Michael Carrea in 3rd.

On the girls' side, HAS 7th grader Lauryn Fletcher was the top finisher for the third year in a row. Elena Amitie took 2nd place honors, and Ms. Theresa Pallitto finished 3rd.

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## THE BENEFITS OF DIVORCE (AND POST-DIVORCE) MEDIATION

By: James McGlew II, Esq.

Many couples who are contemplating divorce or separation believe that litigation is their only option. The truth is that many couples can utilize mediation as a means of resolving their marital issues. Additionally, many couples who have been divorced but are dealing with issues which have arisen after their divorce settlement can use mediation as a cost-effective means of achieving a resolution. Mediation is a fair, unbiased and less confrontational alternative to the parties returning to Court. Many discover they have more individual control in the mediation process than when utilizing the Courts. Divorce mediation offers the possibility to avoid the lengthy and costly process of litigating disputes.

Mediation is a private process for discussing and resolving the parental and financial issues that are part of your divorce or the issues that often arise after your divorce has been finalized. Instead of choosing to pursue the resolution of their disputes through the court system, couples voluntarily agree to work out issues between themselves with the assistance of a neutral third party (an accredited family law mediator).

In some cases one spouse sees the advantages in mediation while the other party is reluctant, mistakenly believing that mediation is a form of marriage counseling. This is not the case. Mediation is a completely non-binding process where the parties attempt to resolve the issues that arise in a separation or divorce or where issues have come about after the parties are divorced (e.g. a party's loss of employment, a child's emancipation or their selection and cost of college, relocation of children

out-of-state, compliance with Court Orders). Mediation does not include any form of therapy or counseling.

Sometimes parties believe that going to mediation will set a precedent for future negotiations. This is also not true. The mediation process is confidential. Any disclosures or communications made during mediation are never to be repeated to a judge or third party. The mediator cannot be brought to court to discuss or testify about anything that was discussed in mediation. The entire process is also non-binding on the parties meaning that their understanding must become a signed court Order or formal agreement to be final.

Many parties feel that the issues that they present are too complicated for mediation. An accredited, experienced family law mediator (preferably an experienced family law attorney) who has met the standards required by the New Jersey Supreme Court, is uniquely qualified to deal with virtually any issue which may arise during family mediation.

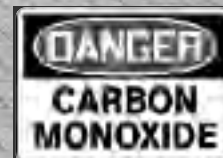
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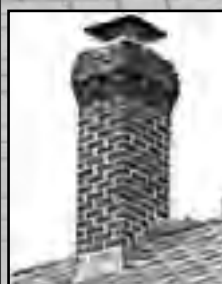
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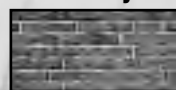
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So many questions, and here are my answers. True Beauty is beauty on the inside of a person. It is love, confidence and a dose of boldness. It is knowing Who you are and Whose you are. Knowing the value and worth you hold, while staying humble at all times. For many years I struggled with not knowing who I was, the value I held, and that I was enough. This caused my self worth and self image to be tarnished. I thought I had to look or dress a certain way in order to be noticed. I thought I had to be like this one and that one to be considered likeable. I was an emotional mess heading for destruction. Fast forward 20 years later, and I can honestly say I love myself, flaws and all. What changed? The inner me. As I grew stronger in my faith, He began to change me. I felt renewed and different. The world was no longer on my shoulders. I could simply be me!

I began to change my thinking. Reading books such as "As A Man Thinketh" by Earl Nightingale, Steve Harvey's book "JUMP," and of course, the Bible, allowed my inner beauty to heal and shine "bright like diamond." I also listened to motivational speakers like Les Brown (my favorite), Zig Ziglar and Jim Rohn. I allowed the positive in and kept the negative out. I FELT GREAT!

I've always had an entrepreneurial spirit, but after starting my family, I put all those dreams to bed. No time for that, right? WRONG! God had other plans. He continued to give me visions and dreams about where I should and would be. I tried to suppress them because I didn't think I could do it all. And I was right, I couldn't do it all—but He could. He could give me all the resources, tools, wisdom and grace that I needed to start this journey. I starved my doubt by feeding my FAITH, and in doing that, TRUBEAUTY HAIR STUDIO & HAIR LOSS CENTER, LLC., was created.

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# PUBLIC INVITED TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S 90TH YEAR CELEBRATION

Submitted by: Margaret Gerlach, President

This year marks the 90th Anniversary of the founding of the Cranford Historical Society (CHS) on February 11, 1927 by a group of Cranford citizens in preserving and perpetuating the history of our fantastic town. These citizens worked endlessly researching the history of Cranford finding old maps, collecting documents and photographs, etc. They formed a Board of Trustees and would have their meetings in each others' homes or at the Union Junior College. To raise money, they needed the support of the community, and started a membership drive for only \$2.50 a year. In 1929, the Township of Cranford acquired the "Little House" on North Union Avenue. In 1932, the Township gave the CHS the front room to display their archival possessions. Mrs. Fannie Crane Hopfensach gave tours of this house four days a week until 1962.

In 1962, the Trustees started to make repairs to the "Little House" which was renovated with a half bathroom and kitchen facilities. Support beams were placed in the basement. The archival wing was added through the generosity of the Cranford Junior Service League and the "Little House" became a museum called the Crane-Phillips House Museum named after the two previous owners of the house.

In 1964, the CHS placed a plaque commemorating the Pepperidge Tree called "Old Peppy" dated 200 years at that time

In 1964, in celebration of New Jersey's 300th anniversary, Trustee Homer Hall wrote a book called "300 Years at Crane's Ford." This book shows the areas background in the days when American Indians were its only inhabitants. Also in 1964, the CHS discovered during the Revolutionary War, the militia assembled and crossed the Rahway River to join troops to fight the "Battle of Springfield." The CHS also discovered the first school house in Cranford was located at the corner of South Union Avenue and Lincoln Avenue West.

In 1995 and 1996, the late Trustee and Curator Robert Fridlington and the late Past President and

Trustee Larry Fuhro wrote two books for the Images of America series; Images of Cranford, and Images of Cranford Volume II. Larry Fuhro also drew a map of Cranford in the early years. Maps and books are sold at the Hanson House office or at the Crane-Phillips House Museum.

More of the achievements of the Cranford Historical Society are:

- Recordings of the Oral History of Cranford were recently put on CD's.
- Annual historic tours and visits by third graders and scouts of Cranford are given at the Crane-Phillips House Museum to show what life was like in the 1870's without plumbing and electricity in Cranford.
- The Cranford Historical Society has a newsletter called "The Mill Wheel" which is mailed to members five times a year.
- All our free programs both for children and adults are held twice a month at the Crane-Phillips House Museum or the Hanson House.

In 1990, the Township of Cranford leased the Hanson House located at 38 Springfield Avenue to the CHS for their headquarters. The CHS maintains the Hanson House and Crane-Phillips House museum under the leadership of the President and Board of Trustees through grants, donations and membership dues. Our dues now have risen (from \$2.50) to currently your choice of \$15, \$25, \$50 or \$100. We are always looking for new members. If have not joined, we cordially invite you to do so.

For many years, the CHS has restored the Hanson House and the Crane-Phillips House Museum.

At the Crane-Phillips House Museum, Boy Scouts earned their Eagle Scout Award; one for building us an "Outhouse" and one for building a picket fence and arbor. This fence separates the Victorian flower garden from the historic tool garden which years before were done by an Eagle Scout to showcase them and also our stone garden. Another Boy Scout built a kiosk depicting historic sites in town located at Grey's

Funeral Home. A Girl Scout Troop built a vegetable garden bin so we could plant vegetable for our annual "Four Centuries in a Weekend" program for visitors to see. A Girl Scout working on her gold award set up a monitor downstairs so that visitors unable to climb the steep steps to the second floor can view the two bedrooms. The CHS also honored the Civil War by presenting programs to honor the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War. In addition, the CHS participates in the Cranford Memorial Day Parade every year.

The CHS has achieved so much through the years. We had a food drive last year for Cranford Family Care at our Ice Cream Social which was a success. The CHS also has the Cranford High School History Award Scholarship fund which is given to a Senior High School student every year. We also train high school students to become docents at the museum to help our Trustees give tours.

The Hanson House office is opened Monday and Tuesday from 9:30am to 11:30am and Monday through Thursday from 3:30pm to 5:30pm for the community to research their homes or have questions about the history of Cranford.

On Saturday, September 16th, 2017 the Cranford Historical Society will be celebrating our 90th Anniversary at the "Moonlight Gala" from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. at Dreyer Farms on Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

This celebration is opened to the community at a price of \$35.00 per person. R.S.V.P. by August 31st, 2017.

If you would like to attend please mail a check payable to the Cranford Historical Society, 38 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016.

Proceeds benefit the Cranford Historical Society's History Award Scholarship fund, maintenance of the Hanson House and Crane-Phillips House Museum and grounds.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 908-276-0082 or email [cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net](mailto:cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net).

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# CRANFORD'S FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

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On Tuesday, July 4, 2017 a fireworks display will be the highlight of Cranford's Annual Fourth of July Celebration. The day-long community festival will offer something for everyone, including canoe races, a one-mile fun run and a four-mile run, plus food vendors in the park. There will also be amusement rides and games.

The festivities will begin at 8:00 a.m. with canoe races scheduled at the Cranford Canoe Club, 250 Springfield Ave., Cranford, NJ. Registration will be immediately before the races at 7:30am on July 4th at the Canoe Club.

The Jaycees will conduct their Annual

Firecracker Run beginning with a one-mile Fun Run at 8:30am and a four-miler at 9:00am at Nomahegan Park, Springfield Ave., Cranford, NJ. For more info regarding registration and the race go to [www.cranfordjaycees.com](http://www.cranfordjaycees.com).

The fireworks will begin at 9:15 p.m. at Nomahegan Park, Cranford, NJ. Limited parking will be available at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave, Cranford, however, residents are urged to walk if possible. Rain Date for Fireworks will be on Wednesday, July 5th.

For more information call the Cranford Recreation & Parks at (908) 709-7283.

## CRANFORD WEST CAMP GROUNDS RE-OPENING FOR SUMMER SEASON

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department is pleased to announce that Cranford West is now opened. Cranford West is a rustic style camp located in Hope, New Jersey. Cranford residents have the opportunity to unwind after a long week to enjoy fishing, boating, hiking, picnicking and the local scenery and attractions the area has to offer. Reservations are now being accepted for weekends through Labor Day Weekend, two weeks prior to the weekend requested. The Community Center is open to take reservations Monday through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays (in June) from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Cabin and tent sites are \$25.00 per night. Residents must be 21 and older and show proof of residency.

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In-person registration and picture ID hours are as follows: Monday & Wednesday 9 am - 4 pm; Tuesday & Thursday 9 am to 8:30 pm; Friday 9 am to 2 pm; Saturday 10am to 2pm. Please visit the website at [www.cranford.com/pool](http://www.cranford.com/pool) for more information or contact the Pool and Fitness Center at 908-709-7260.



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## GRANTS TO SUPPORT INNOVATION IN THE CRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Cranford Fund for Educational Excellence has awarded nearly \$23,000 in grants to fund innovative classroom projects in the Cranford public schools for the 2017-2018 school 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.

The Board of Education formally accepted the grants on June 12, and they will be awarded directly to the teachers who applied for them earlier this year. This is the third annual round of awards since the 2014 relaunch 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.

“Since 2014, we have been delighted to see how enthusiastically the Cranford community has embraced and supported CFEE’s renewed efforts. All of the thoughtful, creative ideas reflected in this year’s grant applications show, once again, how deeply Cranford’s teachers care about doing the utmost to challenge and inspire their students,” CFEE co-president Pete Turnamian said. “We thank everyone who made the effort to apply for a grant.”

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.

“We thank the school district leadership for their partnership, and we thank everyone who contributed to CFEE over the past year,” CFEE co-president Corey Walsh said. “New, creative classroom methods are critical for preparing students for our rapidly changing world, and we are thrilled to see that the Cranford community so readily supports this vital work.”

### 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.** Applicant: Jennifer Hilborn. Cranford High School. 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.



(above) Ukuleles for fourth- and fifth-graders at Livingston Avenue School, funded by a CFEE grant last year, will be supplemented with a storage cart and new teaching materials in 2017-18.



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# JOSEPH WHELAN, VIETNAM GREEN BERET, ONE OF CRANFORD'S 86

*Submitted by Don Sweeney*

Since taking on the responsibility to tell the stories of the Cranford 86, I find myself gravitated to war movies on demand and in theaters as I spend hours researching the stories of our hometown heroes. The movies that have historical themes of real encounters are the ones that I am attracted to the most. The latest was the story of PFC Desmond T. Doss, a Medal of Honor recipient despite refusing to bear arms during WW2. The movie is *Hacksaw Ridge*, directed by Mel Gibson. If you haven't seen it, you must. As I walked from the theater I said to my son, "I can't believe this happened over 70 years ago and I have never heard this amazing story."

In the past year I have read stories much like this as we uncover the history of the 86 Cranford men who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of our country. Most of the people who knew these men and their stories have passed on, leaving the stories tucked away and untold to today's Cranford inhabitants.

The one that caught my eye in my six-inch stack of photocopies of old news articles was the story of Joseph Vincent Whelan, a Green Beret from the Vietnam Conflict. Born on February 1st 1942 in Bayonne, he lived most of his life at 126 Makatom Drive in Cranford, moving here when he was two months old. He graduated St. Michael's Elementary School before moving up to Cranford High School, where he was captain of his golf team as well as a valued member of the varsity football team. A note under his yearbook picture states "Joe [is] even-tempered . . . a nicer guy you couldn't meet."

Joseph Whelan joined the Army immediately after graduation in 1959 and served for three years. Stationed in Greenland, he saw no action as this was after the conclusion of the Korean Conflict. As the Vietnam Conflict broke out, he reenlisted in 1965 and attended Officer Candidate School. After graduation, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and later attained the rank of captain. He was wounded twice during his first tour of duty in Vietnam when his Special Forces unit was overrun by North Vietnamese troops during the nearly two-month-long siege of Khe Sanh early in 1968. He was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for valor during that tour (<http://www.history.com/topics/vietnam-war/battle-of-khe-sanh>).

Joseph was then sent back for another tour in Vietnam. He served with the 5th Special Forces Group (Green Berets) as commander of a joint Vietnamese and American platoon. He was killed in action while on a combat mission deep in enemy territory when his platoon was ambushed at landing zone Providence in Laos on October 25, 1969, three weeks after starting his second tour of duty in Southeast Asia. He was posthumously awarded a Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action.

His Silver Star citation reads: Captain Whelan distinguished himself on 24 October 1969 while commanding a platoon of Vietnamese civilian

irregulars during an exploitation mission deep in enemy-held territory.

Subjected to enemy fire, the platoon was inserted by helicopter into the planned area of operations. After moving some distance from the landing zone, the platoon was attacked from every side by an estimated company of North Vietnamese armed with rockets and automatic weapons. Several Americans and Vietnamese were seriously wounded in the initial exchange of fire.

Although rocket-propelled grenades exploded overhead and machine gun fire raked the area, Captain Whelan moved from cover through open terrain to a group of Vietnamese irregulars stunned by the suddenness and ferocity of the enemy's attack. He quickly allayed the irregulars' fear and disorder by forming them into a large squad and rallying others to join them. Shouting commands and encouragement to his men, Captain Whelan then led a bold rush against fortified enemy positions atop a nearby hill. Firing their weapons on the run, Captain Whelan's squad, with him at the fore, broke through rank after rank of enemy soldiers.

Although knocked down several times in his advance by the blasts of exploding grenades, Captain Whelan struggled to his feet each time and continued to lead his men on. As the allies neared the crest of the hill, a last barrage of rocket-propelled grenades unleashed by the enemy mortally wounded Captain Whelan. Inspired by his unfailing courage and leadership, Captain Whelan's men fought on and routed the North Vietnamese from their defensive positions.

Captain Whelan's gallantry in action, at the cost of his life, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

In addition to the Silver and Bronze Stars for his gallantry under hostile fire, Joseph Whelan received many other awards for his service in Vietnam, including two Purple Hearts and the Army Commendation Medal.

He left behind in Cranford his widow Dorothy (Gillespie) and a daughter Charlotte, then 18-months old. Charlotte later attended Clemson University and settled in South Carolina where she married the son of a South Carolina state senator.

A service was held at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, and Joseph Whelan was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. Captain Joseph Vincent Whelan was one of America's finest and one of our Cranford 86.



## JOSEPH VINCENT WHELAN

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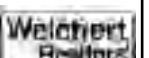
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

This letter comes with sincere thanks to all who participated in honoring the men and women who lost their lives while defending our country's freedom. The Township of Cranford has 86 residents who have given their life for our freedom, and I am proud to say, each and every one of these residents were recognized this year once again, as a flag with their names on a ribbon for each soldier stood proudly at the ceremony.

The Memorial Day Committee members: Master of Ceremonies Barbara Bilger, Mark Dingelstedt, Jerry Dobbins, Elizabeth Mathieu, Heinz Ricken, Chris Sands and Don Sweeney.

VFW Post #335: Commander Jay Boxwell, Grand Marshal Peter Klein, and all of the members of Cranford's VFW Post #335.

Volunteers of the Recreation & Parks Advisory Board: Don Barone, Carolyn Capone-Pugliese, Marita Dow, Chairperson Martha Garcia and Wally Shackell.

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Clergy Council: specifically Reverend Andrew Kruger and Reverend Cameron Overbey.

The Recreation and Parks Staff: Bill Babkowski, Lori Donnelly, Gerry Fedorchak and Patty Kozlowski.

Cranford Police Department, Cranford Fire Department, Cranford First Aid Squad Cranford Department of Public Works, Cranford Board of Education, TV 35, Green Thumb Garden Club of Cranford, Cranford Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts and many more.

An extended thanks for the efforts of many other individuals who participated and volunteered their time and energy which made our Memorial Day ceremony a success.

Stephen Robertazzi, RA, CPO  
Director

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Thursday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Why should kids have all the fun? The Cranford Public Library is pleased to announce that it will be conducting its eighth annual adult summer reading program. The program is open to Cranford Public Library card holders and MURAL patrons 18 years and older. The program began on June 16 and will run through August 4. There will be random drawings for weekly prizes, including \$25 gift cards to A Tote Heure, Café Paris, Ciao Bello, the Cranford

Theatre, Garlic Rose, Dreyer Farms, Pairings, Tablespoon Café, the Thirsty Turtle, and Trader Joes's, as well as two grand prizes, which will be awarded at the end of the program. The two grand prizes are \$75 gift certificates to the Ambeli Greek Taverna and the Kilkenny House Restaurant and Pub. Whether you read a little or a lot, stop by the library and join the fun. Registration is not required. Just turn in the titles of books you have read or listened to.

### NEW MUSEUM PASS - BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN

The Cranford Public Library recently added the Brooklyn Botanic Garden to its museum pass program. The Fodor's Travel online site describes the Brooklyn Botanic Garden as "a gem even among New York's superlative botanical sites, this verdant 52-acre oasis charms with its array of 'gardens within the garden'—an idyllic Japanese Hill-and-Pond garden, a nearly century-old rose garden, and a Shakespeare garden."

The library also lends passes to the Frick Collection, Grounds for Sculpture, the Guggenheim Museum, the International Center of Photography Museum, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University, the Montclair Art Museum, the Morris Museum, the Museum of the City of New York, the Museum of the Moving Image, Newark Museum, and the Stickley Museum.

Purchased for the library by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library, the passes can be borrowed by adult Cranford Library card holders and adult members of the Friends of the Cranford Public Library with MURAL borrowing privileges. Passes circulate for two days and are available on a first come, first served basis. They cannot be reserved or renewed. To see if a pass is available, visit the Cranford Public Library page at [cranfordlibrary.org](http://cranfordlibrary.org) and search the Library catalog by museum name. For more information about the library pass program, visit the Library page and click on the Museum Passes tab. Also, if you present your valid Cranford Public Library card at Liberty Science Center, you will be entitled to a \$3.00 discount off the price of admission.

### RADIANCE CHAMBER ENSEMBLE JULY 13 AT THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library are pleased to sponsor a performance by the Radiance Chamber Ensemble on Thursday, July 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center located at 220 Walnut Ave. The Ensemble features Joan Baldwin on piano, Lea Karpman on

violin, Peggy Reynolds on viola, Oliver Shapiro on cello, and Michael Schneider on violin. The performance will include works by Telemann, Mozart, Gershwin, Scott Joplin, Mendelssohn, and Granados. Admission to the program is free and all are welcome.

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# LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN

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The Cranford Police Department participated in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run which was held on June 9. They joined with over 3,000 law enforcement officers from over 300 New Jersey police departments. They each take a turn running one of 26 separate legs carrying the "Flame of Hope," the Special Olympic torch, throughout the day which began at 4:45 a.m. and

snakes through more than 300 towns. The run ends in the evening on the same day at the Special Olympics New Jersey summer games opening ceremony held at The College of New Jersey. The event started in 1984 to join a national effort. It's goal is to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics New Jersey. You can learn more and donate by visiting [www.sonj.org](http://www.sonj.org).



(above l-r), Communications Officer Kyle McCartney, Tommy Wisniewski, Patrolman Dan Donnerstag, Captain Guy Patterson, Patrolman Mike Dubitsky, and Lieutenant Chris Polito.



(above l-r) Lieutenant Edward Davenport, Chief James Wozniak, Patrolman William Pietrucha, Captain Guy Patterson, Patrolman Mike Dubitsky, Patrolman Dan Donnerstag, Lieutenant Chris Polito, Communications Officer Kyle McCartney, Tommy Wisniewski, Captain Joseph Van Bergen, Parking Officer Art Kennedy, and Lieutenant Stephen Wilde. Photo by Cranford Police Department

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## CRANFORD TEACHERS AMONG THOSE HONORED AT KEAN UNIVERSITY

Kean University hosted Union County's Teachers of the Year on Wednesday, May 24 with a breakfast and award ceremony at the New Jersey Center for Science, Technology and Mathematics. Sponsored by the Union County Superintendents' Roundtable, the Union County Teacher Recognition Program honors one outstanding teacher from each school within the county. Nearly 60 of the honored teachers are Kean University alumni.

Cranford teachers who were honored included Donna Cathcart, Gregory D'Amato, Eileen Faitoute, Judy Grogan, Nicole Halkias, Dawn Klotz, Megan Reid, and Mellisa Todding.

"There is no doubt that your impact will be realized beyond the scope of this state, this

nation, and indeed this world," Anthony A. Pittman, Ph.D., acting dean of Kean's College of Education, told the teachers. "You educate and empower our next generation of leaders."

The featured speaker at the event, 2016-2017 New Jersey Teacher of the Year Argine Safari, recalled a high school teacher who pushed her and encouraged her to reach for more.

"Think for a moment how incredible that power is that we have in our classrooms. Think of the influence that we all have," Safari said. "Every child deserves to have a champion. I had my champion, and I'm sure that you can name teachers who influenced you. We have to continue to work and advocate for our students."

Also speaking at the event were Interim Executive County Superintendent for Union County Juan Torres, Superintendent of Springfield Public Schools Michael A. Davino, and Union County Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen. Each praised the honored teachers for their dedication to the students of the county.

"Thank you is the best that I can come up with, but I think you know how much I appreciate you," said Davino.

Pittman left the assembled educators with an original poem that he wrote in the teachers' honor, which read in part, "One day soon I hope you find / You did more than help them pass / I hope you'll soon discover / That your wind helps them soar first class."



(above) Anthony Pittman, Ph.D., acting dean, Kean University College of Education (front, left) poses with the nearly 60 Kean University alumni honored as Union County Teachers of the Year at the New Jersey Center for Science, Technology and Mathematics at Kean University.

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