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# THE SKY'S THE LIMIT FOR LUCKY LIBRARY PATRONS



During the May 10th Fanwood Scotch Plains Rotary Club Rotary Club meeting two Orion Starblast 4.5 telescopes were donated to the Fanwood Memorial Library and the Scotch Plains Public Library for patrons to check out.
(above l to r) Don Rosenberg, Wayne Zuhl, Dan Weiss, Director of Fanwood Memorial Library; FSP Rotary President Carmela Resnick; Kim Decker, Michelle Willis, Directory of Scotch Plains Public Library; and Steve Goldberg.

The Fanwood Scotch Plains Rotary Club recently donated two Orion Starblast 4.5 telescopes to Fanwood Memorial Library and the Scotch Plains Public Library which library patrons can check out with a library card. Rotarian Wayne Zuhl was inspired by an article he read in Sky & Telescope Magazine about an astronomy club in New Hampshire which successfully implemented a program to provide free telescopes to libraries. According to Zuhl, the program has been "well received by libraries and patrons alike," contributing more than 100 telescopes to libraries throughout the state.

The telescopes cost approximately \$400 each, including modifications specially designed by Wayne Zuhl and Jim Nordhausen of Amateur Astronomers, Inc. (AAI) in Cranford, to make them user-friendly for beginners. Features include a star map, lens pen to clean the eyepiece, head light for handsfree illumination, and an instruction manual with step-by-step directions for using the telescope. Patrons will also find helpful information about the donor organization and AAI.

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Fanwood and Scotch Plains Libraries will loan the telescopes to residents and "bring joy and the beauty of the night to everyone," said Zuhl. Each library will have its own telescope so that aspiring astronomers can view the moon, planets, and other celestial wonders at their leisure.

Eventually, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club hopes to collaborate with other Rotary Clubs to expand the telescope project to include additional libraries in New Jersey. In true democratic spirit, future stargazers will soon have the opportunity to borrow a telescope with as much ease as a library book. Photo by Maria LaMorte-Wright.





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# **FREE SUMMER MOVIES AT LA GRANDE PARK**

The Fanwood Recreation Commission announces its 2017 Free Summer Movie Series at La Grande Park. Enjoy a night under the stars watching one of Hollywood's latest familyfriendly flicks on Fanwood's state-of-the-art, 16 foot-wide outdoor movie screen!

The series begins on Tuesday, June 27th and continues every Tuesday evening for eight consecutive weeks (except for Wednesday, July 5th). The movies begin at dusk (approximately 8:30 PM at the beginning of the schedule, 8 PM at the end). Be sure to bring a blanket or a beach chair! (And maybe some bug spray too.)

SCHEDULE\*

Tuesday, June 27	The Secret Life of Pets	
Wednesday, July 5	Jungle Book	
	(2016 version)	
Tuesday, July 11	Moana	
Tuesday, July 18	Miss Peregrine's Home	
	for Peculiar Children	
Tuesday, July 25	Zootopia	
Tuesday, August 1	Finding Dory	
Tuesday, August 8	Fantastic Beasts and	
	Where to Find Them	
Tuesday August 15	Sing	

Tuesday, August 15 Sing



\*Rain date for all movies is the following evening. For more information, go to fanwoodrecreation.org or call (908) 370-7092.

# SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY IN LA GRANDE PARK

The Fanwood Recreation Commission invites you to Fanwood's tenth annual Party in the Park! The Party takes place on the first Free Movie Night of the summer, at La Grande Park, Tuesday, June 27th, from 6–8:30 pm (rain date is Wednesday, June 28th). Enjoy food, music, beverages and more! And for the kids, there'll be rides and other amusements, and contests inspired by the free movie of the evening, The Secret Life of Pets, which will begin at dusk.

For more information, please check fanwoodrecreation.org. Please note: small fees will be charged for rides and some food items.



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# **SPF HIGH SCHOOL DECA RECEIVES AWARDS IN CALIFORNIA**

Seventeen Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA students traveled to Anaheim California to compete in the International Career Development Conference. Over 10,000 students from fourteen different countries competed in various business, leadership and entrepreneurship

events. Students compete in categories that having one of the top three test scores in require business presentations as well as core competency tests. Four students from Scotch Plains Fanwood High School were recognized for outstanding achievement at the conference. Senior Claudia Gentile was recognized for



(above) Matthew Fox



(abovel-r) Niva Patel, Max Mazursky, and Claudia Gentile.

Principles of Hospitality and Tourism. Senior Max Mazursky was recognized for having one of the top three test scores in Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team Decision Making. In addition the team of Mazursky and junior Niva Patel placed amongst the top twenty teams in the Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team Decision Making event based upon their case study presentation and test scores.

Senior Matthew Fox was awarded the prestigious Larry Lorenzi scholarship. The Scholarship was awarded based on Matt's DECA involvement, leadership ability, community service and academic performance.

The scholarship is named after former NJ state DECA advisor and National DECA board member, Larry "Loris" Lorenzi who helped to expand NJ DECA.

The entire Scotch Plains-Fanwood chapter was recognized at the national conference for achieving Thrive level status. Thrive level chapters complete three projects throughout the school year in Entrepreneurship, Community Service and Promotion. Only twenty-two schools from New Jersey were recognized as Thrive level chapters.

DECA is the co-curricular Marketing and Business club of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. DECA prepares emerging leaders and. entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. Mrs. Marjorie FitzGibbon is the club's advisor.

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# FANWOOD SHADE TREE COMMISSION ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE



An Arbor Day observance was held on April 28th at Fanwood's Carriage House Park. The observance is a program of the Fanwood Shade Tree Commission, which recruits the Park Middle School Environmental Club to present a short program.

This year is the 24th consecutive year

Fanwood has been named a Tree City USA, a designation that sets Fanwood apart as a town that values trees and has an active program for tree sustainability. Children from Park Middle did a presentation on the Emerald Ash Borer, a beetle that is killing ash trees through this part of the country.

Cub Scouts from Pack 98 at Coles Elementary School provided a color guard. And Fanwood Councilwoman Kathy Mitchell read a proclamation from the Mayor and Council. Councilmen Russ Huegel and Tom Kranz were also present. Shade Tree Commission Chairman Steve Falco was master of ceremonies.





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# PTA REFLECTIONS CONTEST WINNERS

On March 16, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education recognized the students who participated in the PTA Reflections Program. This is a nationally acclaimed student recognition program established by the National PTA designed to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. Students in grades K to 12 can reflect on a common theme and create original works of art.

The theme for 2016-2017 was "What Is Your Story?" whereby students submitted their interpretation of the theme in six artistic areas including: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts.

The following ten students received a Certificate of Participation from the Union County PTA for their creative entries:

Isobel Bruce, 4th grade student at Brunner School received recognition for her literary submission entitled, "My Story". Aditi Gokhale, 2nd grade student at Coles School received recognition for her literary submission entitled, "A Night at the Hotel". Taylor Murray, 2nd grade student at Coles School received recognition for her music composition entitled, "My Lifetime Story". Emma Telepis, a 3rd grade student at Coles School received recognition for her photographic entry entitled, "My Favorite Place". Luca DiMeglio, a 3rd grade student at Coles School received recognition for his photographic entry entitled, "My First Day". Ava Khan, a 4th grade student at Coles School received recognition for her visual arts entry entitled, "A Bridge Between 2 Worlds". Mitav Mehta, a 2nd grade student at McGinn School received recognition for his visual arts entry entitled, "Feet in Two Worlds". Kevin Wright, a 3rd grade student at School One received recognition for his visual arts entry entitled, "The Voices Inside My Head". Emily Colasanti, a 5th grade student at Terrill Middle School received county recognition for her literary entry entitled, "Who am I...".

Kayla Fiore, a 5th grade student at Terrill

her music entry entitled, "Changes".

In addition to the ten students being recognized by the county, the following three students creative entries have received recognition from the State PTA:

Briana McGowan, an 11th grade student at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School received an "Honorable Mention Award" for her literary entry entitled, "I am OK".

Ellie Agnello, a 4th grade student at Coles

Middle School received county recognition for School received an "Award of Merit" for her film production entitled, "This is my Story".

> Ryan Agnello, an 8th grade student at Terrill Middle Scholl continues to be recognized by the State of New Jersey PTA with an "Award of Excellence" for his film production entitled, "Why I'm Always Late".

> This is the fifth year that one of Ryan's film productions is being recognized by Union County and the State of New Jersey PTA. Ryan's entry wll now be judged at the national level.











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# **BEST ROTARY CLUB IN THE UNIVERSE**

During the May 10th Fanwood Scotch Plains Rotary Club Rotary Club meeting the members celebrated winning the Governor's Cup which is presented to one club in the district recognizing the "Outstanding Club of the Year Award." Members joked that their club is the "Best Rotary Club in the Universe." If you would like to make a difference in the community and learn more about Rotary, you can attend a Wednesday lunch meeting at 12:15 pm at the Stagehouse Restaurant in Scotch Plains. For more information, you can visit their website at www.fsprotary.org or follow them on Facebook.



Photo by Maria LaMorte-Wright

# THE CARRIAGE HOUSE POETRY SERIES JUNE

The Carriage House Poetry Series was established in December of 1998. The initiative began as a project funded in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. With the support of additional grants and the Fanwood Borough Mayor and Council, the series features some of the finest contemporary poets each year.

All readings are held in the Kuran Arts Center (a nineteenth century carriage house, formerly known as the Fanwood Carriage House and for which the series was named). The Arts Center is located on Watson Road (off Martine Avenue,

The Carriage House Poetry Series was GPS use 75 N. Martine Avenue) in Fanwood, tablished in December of 1998. The initiative New Jersey..

June 17, 2017, Saturday Afternoon, 3-5 p.m., Book Launch & Reception for The Only Proof by Nancy Lubarsky (Aldrich Press). Nancy Lubarsky Will Read from the Book at 4 p.m. All Are Welcome.

June 20, 2017, Reading Featuring: Mary-Jane Grandinetti & Deborah Gerrish Held in the Kuran Arts Center at 8 p.m.

"To have great poets, there must be great audiences." Whether we meet electronically or in person, we're happy to share our commitment to poetry and to poets with you, our "great audience."

# SERVICE LEAGUE THRIFT SHOP SUMMER HOURS

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League Thrift Shop at 1741 East 2nd St., Scotch Plains will be open for the summer. Summer hours are Tues.- Fri 10-2:30 and Saturday 10-1.

The shop will have all new summer items to take you thru the lazy, hazy, days of summer. The shop will have home decor to give your home that summertime look, kitchenware for summer cooking, good books for summer reading, and of course, work and leisure clothing for women, and men. Children can be hard on summer clothing. The Thrift Shop will have the extra clothing they will need. For special June events; graduation, weddings, and Father's Day, shoppers will find last minute gifts and clothing for that important occasion.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that has served our communities since 1974. Since its founding, the League has donated \$1.1 million for local causes. Anyone interested in learning more about the League or League membership is invited to call 908-322-5420, visit our website at www.scotchplainsthriftshop.weebly.com or speak to any of our volunteers at the shop.

Check out our Facebook page "Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League" and give us a "Like." Donations of new/gently used in season items are always welcome during business hours. Please remember, your donations are appreciated, but must be saleable. Free parking on the street and in the rear of the building (enter parking lot via Willow Ave.).



# **FANWOOD CULTURAL ARTS SERIES**

# **"TREES PLEASE"**

Fanwood resident Phillip Snair a student at School One in Scotch Plains, won 2nd place in the 2017 Union County Arbor Day Poetry Contest for his poem "Trees please."

# "Trees please"

By Phillip R. Snair

You take away bad gases and provide us fresh air. You provide us homes and keep us

cool and fair.

You give us paper so we can read. You provide animals food they need.

I like watching you grow with me.

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Fanwood Cultural Arts Performance Series presents Susan Graham and Carolle-Ann Mochernuk on June 10, 2017. Doors open at 6:45 p.m., shows start at 7 p.m. and normally run until a little after 9 p.m. Great performances in a historic setting right in your own back yard! Suggested donation is \$15, \$10 for seniors and students.

The Performance Series takes place at the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center also known as "The Old Carriage House". The Arts Center faces Watson Road; however, it is part of the Fanwood Borough Hall property and the actual address is 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, NJ 07023. Please go to our Directions page for in depth directions, maps and photos at:

directions, and our Venue page to learn more about this beautiful historic building.



(above) Susan Graham and Carolle-Ann Mochernuk to perform June 10, 2017 at The Old Carriage House.

# **LILLIAN OLSH CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY**

Living at Fanwood since 2015, celebrated her family of more than 35 nieces, grandnieces and 100th birthday on May 19th.

Lillian is originally from Colonia and spent party.

Lillian Olsh, a resident of the Chelsea Senior more than 35 years working for AT&T. She has a grandnephews, several of whom were at her



(above) Lillian Olsh and her grandniece Caitlin Madden, grandniece Alyssa Curry, niece Susan Wilson, Susan's husband Bob Wilson, grandnephew Chris Curry and niece Mary Jean Madden of Scotch Plains, a preschool teacher at Brunner Elementary.



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# WWW II VETS SELECTED TO BE CO-GRAND MARSHALS OF MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Longtime Fanwood residents Joe Nagy and Ed Miller were honored during a memorial service held on Monday, May 29. They had been selected to serve as co-grand marshals of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Day Parade which was canceled due to rain. Also honored was Alan Ebersole, who had accepted the honor to be a co-grand marshal this year but died in late April at age 94. The annual parade commemorates the sacrifices of fallen service men and women.

### Joe Nagy

Joe Nagy spent two years in military training before the age of 20 to aid in America's efforts to win World War II.

The 94-year-old Nagy originally worked in nearby Perth Amboy in the clay industry before being drafted into the Army in 1943 and training in Fort Dix. From there, he spent 90 days in Texas working in the Tank Destroyer Battalion and later served in a unit in South Carolina. His South Carolina unit was dismantled in 1944, and then went to train in Mississippi to become an infantry replacement.

He was part of the occupying force in Japan. In September 1945 -- just one month after the atomic bomb was dropped -- Nagy's unit conducted operations to bring peace to Japan.

"Japan was badly devastated. Tokyo was almost nothing," continued Nagy. "(In Hiroshima) One bomb and 120,000 people disappeared. You really recognized the futility of war in that moment."

Nagy remained in the reserves for 23 years when he returned home and eventually retired as a major.

### **Ed Miller**

Ed Miller, originally a native of Kearny, New Jersey, had just finished high school when he was drafted into the Army Air Corps in 1943. Part of



"Right out of school, the Army needed machinists. In high school, I had worked for a fellow who made model airplane engines, so I luckily had a little experience," explained Miller.

Deployed to the Philippines in 1944, Miller was part of the 5th fighter squadron in support of the Chinese. Miller was assigned to the floating Air Depot of the Pacific to combat Japanese aggression in the South China Sea.

"We were there to support the invasion of Japan. That was our one and only focus," Miller said.

Upon his return home following victory, Miller moved to Fanwood and worked manufacturing steel in nearby Garwood. He successfully earned his degree in math and science from Jersey City State College.



(above l-r) The late Alan Ebersole, Joe Nagy and Ed Miller were selected in April to serve as the co-grand marshals of the 2017 Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Day Parade.





# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AWARDS NIGHT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONDERS**

On April 26th the Knights of Columbus held their 42nd

annual awards night for public safety responders in Scotch

Plains and Fanwood. The Knights of Columbus Father



(above) Fanwood Rescue Squad Treasurer Bob Kruthers who, at age 90, is serving his 60th year of active membership with the Squad. He is also a Knight and is seen wearing his Knights sash. John Nelligan Council is based at St. Bartholomew the Apostole Church, Scotch Plains, NJ, and presents these

(above) Fanwood Assistant Fire Chief Steve Szanto presented an award to the entire Fanwood Fire Department for their dedicated service in serving the people of Fanwood. Accepting the award were a number of Fanwood firefighters including Chief John Piccola. awards every year to Fanwood and Scotch Plains police, rescue and fire responders for outstanding service.

Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr made opening remarks. Awards were presented by Seth McQuillan, Grand Knight.



(above) Scotch Plains Deputy Fire Chief John Lestarchick presented awards to Firefighter Douglas Freitag and Chief Jonathan Ellis, both of whom are in their 40th year of service with the SPFD.



(above) Scotch Plains Police Chief Ted Conley presented awards to Detectives Mark Lynch (yellow tie) and Brian Hayeck for solving a rash of burglaries in 8 towns in three counties. He also presented an award to Sgt. Jerald Brown for his 19 years of service as an officer, instructor and his involvement with Scotch Plains youngsters. Grand Knight Seth McQuillan is at far right.



(above) Fanwood Police Chief Richard Trigo recognized Sgt. Marc Gottlick and Officers Elliot Bernard, Dan Kranz, and Kevin Stomber (not present) for administering Narcan on two additional occasions, helping two more victims back to consciousness. Chief Richard Trigo also recognized Lt. Francisco Marrerro and Off. Daniel Piccola for administering Narcan to an individual who overdosed on an opioid.

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(above) Fanwood Rescue Squad President Jeff Downing presented an award to Vice President/Training Officer Patty Buckridee for her ten years of dedicated service to the Rescue Squad including three years as Captain. Grand Knight Seth McQuillan is also pictured.



(above) Scotch Plains Rescue Squad Deputy Chief Carolyn Sorge presented an award to Deputy Chief Christopher Smith for his dedication and diligent service to the Rescue Squad.

# **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.

# **SCOTCH PLAINS INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

Township of Scotch Plains will host its 2nd Independence Day celebration: Fireworks at the Scotch Hills Golf Course! The course will open at 7pm for viewers to set down chairs & blankets; fireworks will go off at dusk. Please wear comfortable shoes; no heels will be permitted on the golf course. Food Vendors will be on site throughout the evening. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the premises. There will be

On Saturday, July 1 (rain date July 2nd) the several road closures leading up to and during the event to ensure safety for pedestrians and motorists alike. Please check the Township website: www.scotchplainsnj.gov for details. The golf course will be open Saturday morning for golfers; the last tee time is at 10:00am. The course will re-open at 10:00 am on Sunday, July 2nd. For more information please contact the Manager's Office at (908)322-6700 Ext. 314.



(above) 2016 Scotch Plains Independence Day Celebration.



# PRESBYTERIAN **CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

July 17th to the 21st the Fanwood Presbyterian Church will hold a Vacation Bible School each day from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The theme is "Maker Fun Factory" to discover that we are lovingly crafted by God. This program is for children 4 years old to those entering grade 6. There is special program for those entering grade 6 called "Mission Possible" a week of fun, fellowship and service. They will travel off campus a few days during the week to participate in local mission work. All are welcome. The registration deadline is Friday June 30 and registration is first come first serve until the capacity is reached. The registration form may be picked up mornings at the church office.

For more information or directions to the church please call the church office at 908-889-8891 or e-mail admin@fanwoodpc.org or on the website www.fanwoodpc.org.

# **TENNIS OUTING AND DINNER TO BENEFIT FOSTER YOUTH**

Roots & Wings, a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the critical needs of young adults who have aged out of New Jersey's foster care system, will host its fourth annual tennis outing and dinner at the Westfield Tennis Club on Saturday, June 10, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. The benefit event is open to tennis players of every level as well as those who just want to watch the fun and enjoy a casual, catered dinner.

"We will have Round Robin doubles for both USTA rated players as well as an opportunity for advanced beginners and intermediate level players to be on the court with state or club champions who will provide tips," said Roots & Wings event chairman Joe Masterson. "This fun event is open to the public so we hope lots of tennis players and friends will join us."

To learn more or for a sign-up link, email joemasterson1@gmail.com, visit rootandwingsnj.org, or call Joe Masterson at 908-403-8621.

About Roots & Wings: Roots & Wings, headquartered in Morris County, expanded into Union County in 2014. First Lady Mary Pat Christie has recognized the organization with a New Jersey Heroes award.







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