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Cranford High School students helped make the event a success by volunteering to host, serve and bus tables during the event held at Applebees.

Kiebler-Brogan, president of the association, stated “I was so impressed with these young men and woman who showed up really early Sunday morning and energetically and enthusiastically made everyone feel welcome and special. I was most impressed and proud when they all donated the tips they received to add to our NJ Community Foodbank donation”.



(above l-r) Front row: Heidi Kiebler-Brogan, NJMHCA President, Lauren Santarelli, Alex Pachkowski, Caroline McCaffrey, Angelina Spricigo, Paige Brogan, Riley Thompson. Back row: Jeremy Hunt, Brian Waldner, Patrick Connolly, Joseph Gannon, Hunter Brogan, Scott Farley.

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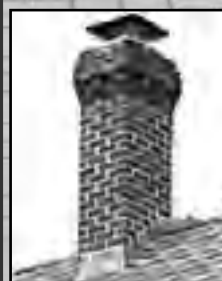
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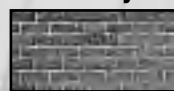
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Submitted by Margaret Gerlach, President.

On behalf of myself, the Board of Trustees and the 90th Anniversary Committee, we are pleased to announce that our historic 90th anniversary celebration will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at historic Dreyer Farms at 831 Springfield Avenue in Cranford, NJ.

The event is called “Moonlight Gala.” Time is 7:00 pm-10:00 pm and the price is \$35.00 per person. We will have music by Tom Langmaack

if you wish to dance under the moonlight. Our buffet table will consist of wine, cheese, cheese dips and spreads, crackers, fruit, shrimp, stuffed clams, eggplant parmesan on Italian bread topped with mozzarella cheese, cake, coffee, tea, soda and water.

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JEFF GOLD CYCLING UP TO 192 MILES FOR CANCER RESEARCH

On Aug. 5 and 6, Jeff Gold of Cranford will cycle up to 192 miles in the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) with the goal of raising \$48 million for critical research and cancer care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.



During PMC weekend, more than 6,200 cyclists from more than 40 states and eight countries will return to Massachusetts to participate in the PMC, choosing from 12 routes of varying mileage that run through 46 towns. Cyclists are anywhere between 15 and 84-years-old and range from seasoned triathletes to weekend warriors who trained for this event alone and everything in between.

“We are thrilled to be approaching our 38th PMC ride weekend. Seeing our growth over the years has been truly incredible and we look forward to achieving our fundraising goal of \$48 million for Dana-Farber,” said Billy Starr, founder and executive director of the PMC. “We want to wish all of our riders and volunteers a safe and enjoyable ride weekend – I’ll see everyone out on the road.”

Many riders participate in the PMC to honor a family member or friend lost to, or being treated for, cancer. More than 820 riders and volunteers are cancer survivors or current patients, considered “Living Proof” of the PMC mission to find a cure. The average cyclist trains for three months, solicits 40 sponsors and raises more than \$7,000. Volunteers, spectators, donors and sponsors are part of the camaraderie on ride weekend, all working together toward a cure.

No other single athletic event raises or contributes more money to charity than the PMC. Since 1980, the PMC has raised \$547 million dollars for Dana-Farber through the Jimmy Fund, its fundraising arm. In fact, the PMC is Dana-Farber’s largest single contributor, raising more

than 52 percent of the Jimmy Fund’s annual revenue.

The PMC is presented by the Red Sox Foundation and New Balance. To make a financial contribution to Jeff Gold of Cranford or become a virtual rider, visit www.pmc.org, or call (800) WE-CYCLE. Connect with #PanMass2017 on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest and LinkedIn.

About the Pan-Mass Challenge

The Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) is an annual bike-a-thon that today raised more money for charity than any other single athletic fundraising event in the world. The PMC was founded in 1980 by Billy Starr, who remains the event’s executive director, an annual cyclist, and a fundraiser. The PMC has since raised \$547 million for adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund. The event donates 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar directly to the cause. The PMC generates more than 52 percent of the Jimmy Fund’s annual revenue and is Dana-Farber’s single largest contributor. The PMC has successfully melded support from committed cyclists, volunteers, corporate sponsors and individual contributors. All are essential to the PMC’s goal and model: to attain maximum fundraising efficiency while increasing its annual gift. The PMC’s hope and aspiration is to provide Dana-Farber’s doctors and researchers with the necessary resources to discover cures for all cancers. For more information on the Pan-Mass Challenge, log onto www.pmc.org.

PROTECTING YOUR CREDIT; BEFORE DURING AND AFTER A DIVORCE

By: James McGlew II, Esq.

Unfortunately, at the time a divorce is finalized an individual can encounter new and unanticipated financial obligations. Any debt that was incurred during the marriage and will not be paid off at the time of divorce needs to be addressed in the parties’ settlement agreement. It is important that any written settlement reached between the divorcing parties be thorough and clear as to which of the parties is responsible for a particular debt and how and when that person will satisfy that debt.

The entry of a divorce judgment does not alleviate the joint responsibility for a joint debt. As an example, should one party agree to pay the balance due on a joint credit card debt in its entirety, and then fail to subsequently do so, the credit card company can pursue its claim against both of the individuals named on the account. The creditor is not bound by any agreement made between the divorced parties.

Additionally if payments are late or not made, the Lender or the bank that provided the credit can report negative information to the credit reporting companies. This can affect not only the credit rating of the party who was responsible to make the payments but possibly the other party as well.

The Family Law Practice Group at Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper has extensive experience in resolving divorce matters and negotiating settlement agreements that protect our clients to the fullest extent possible from experiencing these types of post-divorce debt issues.

There are several steps that can be taken to help protect yourself and your credit before, during and after a divorce:

- In any divorce settlement, attempt to close or separate any type of joint account that exists or may have existed during the

marriage. Establish your own individual checking and savings account.

- Eliminate any joint debt between the two of you or minimize the debt as much as possible.
- If the other party is assuming ownership of jointly owned real estate, make certain that you are not responsible for any mortgages or other liens against the real estate in which you will no longer have an ownership interest.
- During the period of time when you are negotiating your divorce settlement with your spouse, be certain that payments are being made on all accounts even if they are the monthly minimum amounts due.
- If you have not established credit in your individual name during the marriage, it is a good idea to do so by obtaining even a small line of credit or credit card (even if a co-signer is necessary) and be certain to pay any and all charges on such an account on time. Once a repayment history is established you can seek an increase from the credit card company.
- Check your credit score and consider enrolling in credit monitoring to be certain there are no incorrect entries or changes in your score.

At Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper, our practice includes diverse experience in areas of debtor/creditor rights, real estate and tax law which are often needed by our Family Law clients

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TWO SPECIAL EVENTS COMING TO CDC THEATRE IN CRANFORD

You do not have to look far to find live theatre in Union County this summer. CDC Theatre, New Jersey's oldest continuously operating community theatre, has two special events coming in August and early September.

The first is Neil LaBute's *The Shape of Things* which will be produced for a limited run on August, 10, 11 and 12 with performances at 8 p.m. When nerdy Adam Sorenson meets Evelyn Ann Thompson, an attractive graduate art student, at the local museum where he works, his life takes an unexpected turn. Never having great success with women, he is flattered when Evelyn shows an interest in him and, at Evelyn's suggestion, gets a new hairstyle, begins a regular exercise regimen, eats healthier foods, dresses more stylishly, and acts more confident and dominant. These initial changes are well received by Adam's friend, Phillip and Phillip's fiancée, Jenny. Jenny takes such a liking to Adam's new physique that she makes a move on Adam. *The Shape of Things* focuses on the nature of stoicism, art, psychopathy, intimacy and people's willingness to do things for love. Cynthia Ross directs Matthew Blum and Judy Tounsi as Adam and Evelyn, with Will Horner and Lita Zurka rounding out the intimate cast as Phil and Jenny.

The second is the 2017 Short Play Festival. The festival will present a program of short plays and monologues about gay marriage and will feature the collection *Standing on Ceremony: The Gay Marriage Plays*. Originally produced in Los Angeles and New York in 2011, the work includes short plays and monologues by such renowned playwrights Mo Gaffney, Neil LaBute, Paul Rudnick, and Moises Kaufman.

For this special event, CDC Theatre has partnered with the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN). GLSEN is a non-profit organization whose mission is to create safe and affirming schools for all, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Fifty percent of the ticket profits will be donated to GLSEN.

The NY Observer described *Standing on*

Ceremony as "holding a magnifying glass to the highs and lows, joys and fears, courage and silliness, of people bucking trends and making history." Edgar Hidalgo, who serves as co-producer and one of five directors lending their talents to the festival, explained that "One of CDC Theatre's goals with this special event is to expand on the conversation that *Standing on Ceremony* started six years ago. In 2015 the Supreme Court decision in *Obergefell* made gay marriage the law of the land, and we are presenting the *Standing on Ceremony* collection together with other short plays about gay marriage to explore what the institution of gay marriage, and the work and struggle to get there, continues to mean to so many in light of that great

milestone."

Rounding out the directing team are David Christopher, Alan Van Antwerp, Mary Webb, Howard Whitmore and Elizabeth Howard. Elizabeth Howard also serves as co-producer. The show will run for three nights on September 7th, 8th and 9th 2017 with performances at 8 pm.

Visit www.cdctheatre.org for tickets and further information on both of these special events.

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 l-r) *The Shape of Things* cast members Matt Blum, Judy Tounsi, Lita Zurka, and Will Horner.

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Popping up in downtowns small and large, Parklets are small open spaces that provide people with a pleasant place to relax and enjoy the business district.

"After speaking with the nearby business owners, one parking space on Eastman Street was chosen for our seasonal seating area," said Downtown Director Kathleen Miller Prunty, "and then several generous sponsors stepped up to build the Parklet, purchase the furniture and plants." Improving existing public spaces and creating new ones, as well as being more pedestrian-friendly are important elements of the 2017 Downtown Strategic Plan prepared by the Downtown Management Corporation (DMC).

Cranford's Parklet became a reality thanks to Steve Needle of Needlepoint Homes who built the seating area. Cranford resident and local Realtor Barbara Zeckman and Cranford Area Happenings donated the tables and chairs. Several flower pots came from local realtor and resident Sharon Steele, 365 Cranford Westfield NJ. "Steve, Barbara and Sharon are strong supporters of the downtown and we really appreciate their generosity and enthusiasm for

this project," said Deputy Mayor Patrick Giblin.

The Parklet is part of an overall effort to make the downtown a more interesting and inviting place to visit, shop and dine. A brightly painted public piano at Eastman Plaza has been drawing lots of attention and the giant sidewalk games are a big hit with young and old. The piano was donated by the Lafferty Family and painted by Cranford High students.

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GREGG F. CLYNE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Gregg F. Clyne Memorial Foundation, Inc., a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization recently granted a four-year scholarship award to Cranford High School graduate, Erin Readie, who will be attending the University of Delaware in the Fall.

On Thursday, June 29th a pizza and chicken slider party was held at the Clyne's home in Westfield for the past and present scholarship recipients. The University of Delaware scholarship recipients are always enthusiastic talking about and sharing their experiences. This annual gathering is especially helpful to the newly awarded student who is preparing to embark on the next stage of his/her life at college. It is wonderful to see them conversing, laughing and enjoying their time together.

Along with the scholarship recipients, Brittany VanSickle (2008), Anthony Valles (2012), Alexandra Beck (2013), Kathryn Contini (2013), Victoria Guerriero (2014), Kayleigh Denner (2015), Andrew Harting-Smith (2015), Brittany Hogan (2016) and Erin Readie (2017) the get-together was attended by board members, Patricia Walsh and Mary Friedman.

Family and friends established the Foundation in 2008 to honor Gregg's memory and his wish to provide educational opportunities for others. Gregg died in August 2006 at the age of 27 after battling a rare form of cancer, adrenal cortical

carcinoma, for four years. Since the Foundation's inception, scholarship grants have been awarded to seventeen local area high school students matriculating at the University of Delaware.

Information about The Gregg F. Clyne Memorial Foundation Inc. can be found at www.greggclynefoundation.com. Donations can be mailed to The Gregg F. Clyne Memorial Foundation, Inc., 567 Lawrence Avenue, Westfield, NJ, 07090 or made directly on the website.



(above) Mary Ann Clyne, Erin Readie, and George Clyne

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By Don Sweeney

The selection honoring another one of our Cranford war heroes was recently made at the Cranford Public Library. My research mentor, Lieutenant Colonel Steve Glazer (Ret.), of The Cranford Historical Society, conducted a one-on-one training session using the local-history archives available on the library's website. Steve also showed me the many resources that can be accessed on a computer through such sites as the Cranford Burditt files, Ancestry.com, Findagrave.com, Fold3.com and Newspapers.com. It was an eye-opening experience. I now have tools that will allow me to research the Cranford 86 on my home computer. Up to now, I was mostly dependent on Steve's research, now I am on my way to becoming an independent researcher.

One of the names I gave Steve to start my training session was Thomas Truxtun, the 66th on our list of 86. I had limited information on Lt. Col. Truxtun, but I could tell there was more to his story. I was right.

Thomas Truxtun was destined for military greatness from birth. To a history buff, the name may ring a bell. Commissioned by George Washington in 1779 as the first officer of the new United States Navy, Commodore Thomas Truxtun captained the USS Constitution and President, the fastest sailing ship afloat. He was one of the most decorated naval officers of all time and was awarded the Congressional Medal by President Thomas Jefferson in 1802. (Google Commodore Truxtun for more history.) Since that time, there has been a long line of Truxtun naval officers, as well as a continuous commission of six naval vessels named the USS Truxtun dating back to 1842. Currently in service is USS Truxtun destroyer DDG-103. <http://www.public.navy.mil/surflant/ddg103/Page/s/pastships.aspx>. Our Thomas Truxtun is a direct descendant of the Commodore.

Destined to follow in the family vocation, Truxtun was accepted to and attended the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. To everyone's disappointment, he was deemed physically unfit and forced to leave. It is stated in a biography that this would have defeated a lesser man. Not Thomas Truxtun. Just two years later, upon rebuilding his body, he applied for and was accepted at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Showing himself to be far from physically disabled, he joined and made the plebe teams in soccer and lacrosse, starting in both sports all four years there. He was the first cadet ever to be named a three-time All-American in lacrosse, and led his team as captain in his senior year to an unprecedented record of 24-3-1. Special note is made by West Point that he settled the score for being asked to leave the Naval Academy by beating arch rival Navy twice in his senior year. West Point's lacrosse center, which houses the lacrosse team's locker room, training facility and coaches offices, was and still is named after Thomas Truxtun. He graduated West Point in June 1937. Truxtun was

posthumously inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1970.

Truxtun's Cranford connection came two years after graduation when he met his love, Margery A. "Peggy" Cruikshank, while he was stationed at Ft. Bragg in North Carolina. Miss Cruikshank was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Allen Cruikshank of 115 Holly Street, Cranford. This was their official address at the time of his death. They were married at The Trinity Episcopal Church in Cranford on August 5th 1939. Tom and Peggy had two daughters, Mary Calvert and Julia, who was born while her father was overseas. They never met.

It was at Ft. Bragg that Truxtun was commissioned in Field Artillery and promoted to first lieutenant in June 1940. October of the same year he made captain and then major in May 1943. As an advanced student in Field Artillery he was promoted to lieutenant colonel before he was shipped to Hawaii and then the Philippines in December 1944.

In the Philippines, Colonel Truxtun was commanding officer of the 210th Field Artillery Battalion, 33rd Infantry Division, on Luzon. While leading the battalion on the Mountain Trail near Baguio, he was observing the effectiveness of his unit's artillery fire from an exposed position on a high vantage point, when the officer was targeted by a Japanese sniper and killed. A very unusual photograph of what seems to be a battlefield service was uncovered on Findagrave.com. It shows men of Truxtun's battalion, still in their battle fatigues, standing at attention around his flag-draped coffin as a bugler plays Taps.

At the time of his death on June 6, 1945, Truxtun had been overseas for 27 months. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Silver Star posthumously. The esteem in which his division held Truxtun is shown by the following tribute written by his division commander: "When Colonel Truxtun first came to us, we were impressed by his fine soldierly bearing, his calm, quite, unobtrusive manner; his immediately apparent intelligence; his ready smile and ever

present courtesy; his evident desire to work whole-heartedly and in earnest cooperation. These impressions, in the three years he was with us, were never changed, but were confirmed and added to. He constantly displayed a devotion to duty, professional and command abilities, tact, resourcefulness, keen intellect, judgment, and practical sense far above average. I would name him without hesitation, an outstanding officer in the 33rd Division Artillery. He was a person of unquestioned integrity, fair, honest and just in all things, open-minded, yet combined excellent force and sound balance.

"In combat Colonel Truxtun was untiring, zealous, gallant to the highest degree, careful always of the welfare of his men, careless of his own welfare provided his men were taken care of and the attack was being pushed properly."

"Officers who knew Colonel Truxtun intimately under varying conditions both good and bad have never heard him speak ill of any man. I have never heard any man speak ill of Colonel Truxtun. I think this epitomizes his character.

"He was killed in the forefront of battle, doing his job, exposing himself to see that the job was done properly.

A West Point classmate of Truxtun wrote, "It is hard for those who knew Tom to realize that he is no longer with us, but we all feel that in his Valhalla, Tom is still Tom, ready to take the lead in any task that is required, ready to join in any quartet that needs a voice, ready to lend sympathy or encouragement to the ones who need it, in short ready to continue being the magnificent guy we all loved."

Thomas Truxtun was a great American and one of our Cranford 86.

Sergeant (2); Acting Supply Sergeant (1); Lieutenant (1); Soccer (4, 3, 2, 1); Lacrosse (4, 3, 2, 1); Numerals (4); Major "A" (3, 2, 1); Captain of Lacrosse (1); Class Vice-President (1); Cadet Chapel Choir (4, 3); Hop Manager (3); Pistol Marksman.



(above, left) Margery "Peggy" Cruikshank of 115 Holly St. Graduate of Vail-Dean School, Elizabeth, and Sweet Briar College, Va. She died 2003 at age 88.

She had 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

(above, center) Lt. Col. Thomas Truxtun West Point Year book 1937.

(above, right) Commodore Thomas Truxtun 1755-1822. One of the six appointed officers in The new US Navy by President George Washington.



(above) Lt. Col. Thomas Truxtun battle field funeral June 6th, 1945 Baguio, Luzon, Philippines.

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David Lugara.

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The 17th District of the Emergency Medical Services Council presented the scholarship, and out of 51 applicants, David and 10 other Cadets in the region received the award. David is a 2017 Graduate of Cranford High School, and a lifelong Cranford resident. He volunteers twice a week for the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, having been an EMT on that squad for 2 years and a member for 3 years. David plans to attend Union County College (UCC) in September, with a major in Fire Science Technology and a minor in Criminal Justice. His plans also include eventually joining the Army.

EMS CADETS TAKE PART IN SKILLS COMPETITION

The Cranford First Aid Squad joined more than 100 youth from 16 New Jersey and New York volunteer emergency medical service organizations to compete in the Bayshore EMS Cadet/Youth Competition held on June 10th in Keyport, NJ. The EMS Council of New Jersey (EMSCNJ), which represents 20,000 EMS volunteers affiliated with nearly 300 rescue squads throughout the state, sponsors the contest each year.

The 4th annual event challenged cadet teams with basic and advanced skills in various patient-care situations. Twenty-three basic teams tested their skills at CPR, defibrillator use, hemorrhage control, splinting, bandaging and vital signs stations.

Advanced-team scenarios included a trauma victim, a cardiac victim and a motor vehicle collision with entrapped victims. Twelve advanced teams were judged on patient assessment and proper equipment use -- backboard, orthopedic/scoop, KED, traction splint, cervical collar and accessories, oxygen, assisting with nitroglycerin administration,

obtaining vital signs, CPR and airway management. The teams worked with local extrication groups during the car crash scenarios.



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(above) Cranford First Aid Squad cadets demonstrate their adult CPR skills.

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On June 13th members of Cranford's Office of Emergency Management attended a planning workshop with local long-term care facilities at the Union County Police Academy in Scotch Plains.

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(above l-r) Cranford Emergency Management Coordinator Matthew Lubin, Deputy Coordinators Lt. Steve Wilde of the Police Department, and Chief Dan Czeh of the Fire Department.

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COLLEGE WOMEN'S CLUB OF CRANFORD PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

The College Women's Club of Cranford awarded more than \$8,000 in scholarships to graduating Cranford seniors at its annual banquet held on Tuesday, June 13 at the Westwood in Garwood. Each year the club also presents a Tribute Award to honor the everyday hero.

Christina Barlik will be attending Monmouth University majoring in special education. While attending Cranford High she was a member of the spring and winter track and field team and was captain for the 2016-17 season. She was a member and vice president of the Future Educators Association. She volunteered at St. Michael's Religious School as a teacher's aide. She was president of the Quilting Club which made over 200 blankets that were donated to St. Barnabas Hospital. She was also a member of Building Bridges which is a club that works with children with special needs. Christina was a volunteer at a local soup kitchen and St. Joseph's in Elizabeth Coalition for the Homeless.

Yueging (Grace) Chen will be attending Princeton University as an economics and health sciences (Global Health) major with a concentration in East Asian studies. She was a member of Yang Yi Guzheng Ensemble where as a soloist on the Guzheng, a traditional 21 stringed Chinese instrument, she was the Grand Winner at the National Young Musicians' Showcase Competition at Carnegie Hall, the silver medalist at the Third International Zheng Competition in Hong Kong, and the first place winner at the Princeton international Chinese Music Festival. She was a speaker/performer at the Confucius Institute of Rutgers University. At Cranford High School, Yueging was a member of DECA, the team captain for the Mock Trial group and tutored students in math and English.

Erica Henninger will be attending the University of South Carolina Honors College majoring in biochemistry working toward a career in cancer research. She was a member of the Cranford High School Concert Choir performing at Carnegie Hall, Disney World, The Newark Basilica and many local events.

Erica was a homework tutor at Primetime and a teacher aide for St. Michael's CCD. She was a member of the National Honor Society and the Math Honor Society. She was a our year member, as well as a state delegate, of the Cranford High School Model United Nations. She was also a member of the Science Academy and a volunteer at the local Science Fair.

The University of Maryland is the destination of Rebecca Piassek where she will pursue a double major of journalism and political science. While at Cranford High School she was a member of the National Honor Society, the German National Honor Society, the Student Council, DECA, the Math League, and the Japanese Club. She was a four-year member of the Rotary Club and the German Club. She was a volunteer at the Food Bank of New Jersey and a Sunday School Assistant Teacher at Calvary Lutheran Church. Rebecca was a member of the Gender Equality Advocates Club, the American Sign Language Club, and the Blood Drive

Committees. She was also a long distance runner on the Cross Country team.

Molly Swanson will be heading to Virginia Tech where she will be a mechanical engineering major. Molly was a member of the National Honor Society, the Math Honor Society, and a four year member of the German Honor Society, she played softball and was a volunteer softball coach. She was a member of the German Club. She also took part in the Relay for Life program for three years.

As a mathematics major, Alexandra Taylor will be attending Colorado State University. Alexandra spent her sophomore year abroad, studying in Germany.

She was a member of the varsity swim team in Kentucky and Cranford. She was a member of the Kentucky United Nations Assembly facilitated through the YMCA. As a member of the Kentucky Youth Assembly she was part of a group that presented a bill to improve sexual education in schools which was passed. She played the cello in the school orchestra and participated in the Louisville Youth Orchestra for five years. She was also a member of BETA which is a national community volunteer organization.

The College of William and Mary is the destination of Karina Vizzoni where she will be a biology-pre-med major working toward a career in cancer research. Karina has been a piano student for nine years. She was the fundraiser coordinator for the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation. She was a member of the Math

League and the Math Honor Society. She was a member of P.R.I.D.E. and part of the steering committee. Karina was a writer and editor of the Prologue Literary Club. She was also a member of DECA , attended the state competition and received a second place award for the written test and a third place award for the oral component.

The Tribute Award was presented to Caroline Sullivan who is a graduate of Union Catholic High School. She will be attending Penn State, University Park Campus, she was accepted into the Schreyer Honors College and will be majoring in Pre-Vet/Animal Science. Caroline was very active with Imagine, a local grief support group. She served as teen facilitator and received accolades from the group this year when she was honored for her work at an awards dinner sponsored by the support services. She was selected to be the first teen ambassador to Imagine. At Union Catholic she was a member of the National honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society. She received the Prudential Spirit of Community Award for 2016. She was on the Honor Roll all four years of high school. She was a member of the varsity cross country, winter and spring track and field teams, and the cross country team captain.

The Tribute Award is funded entirely by contributions made by members of the club and residents of Cranford. Anyone interested in making a donation to the Tribute Award Fund in honor of or in memory of a friend or loved one may do so by contacting Arline McCloskey, 40 Manor Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016.



VFW POST 335 SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE 479 South Ave. E., Cranford, NJ 07016

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CRANFORD'S JULY 4TH CONTEST WINNERS

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department is pleased to announce the winners of the following games and contests:

CANOE RACES

10 – 13 Years Old:

1st Place: James Ganley & Patrick Ganley
2nd Place: Owen Woodruff & Sean Woodruff
3rd Place: Jack Cuddihy & Emma Grace Pachkowski

14 – 20 Years Old:

1st Place: Johnny Bush & Jack Carroll
2nd Place: Joe Lopes & Ted Trojan
3rd Place: Louie Constable & Tim Eimer

21 Years and Older:

1st Place: Paul Dowd & Conor Mahoney
2nd Place: Gavin Murray & Kevin Trotter
3rd Place: Erin Kelly & Chris Slayton

Mother & Child:

1st Place: Erin & William Kelly
2nd Place: Karen & Sean Woodruff
3rd Place: Theresa & Lexi Snover

Father & Child:

1st Place: John & Jacob Snover
2nd Place: Tom & Jack Carroll
3rd Place: Mike & Michael Scotti

Ma & Pa:

1st Place: Karen & Gregg Woodruff
2nd Place: Kristen & Chris Slayton
3rd Place: Theresa & John Snover

MARATHON RACES

Marathon 13 – 17 Yr. Old

1st Place: Dylan Budnik, Johnny Bush & Jack Carroll
2nd Place: Louie Constable, Tim Eimer & Joe Lopes
3rd Place: Abby Ganley, Claire Ganley & Charlotte Van Why

Marathon 18 and Over

1st Place: Connor Harkins, Will Smith, & Richie Vasquez
2nd Place: Andy Bausback, Meredith Bausback, Chris Bennett
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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE 8/9/17

Looking for some good summer reading at bargain prices? The Friends of the Cranford Public Library invite you to visit their used book sale in the Friendly Book Cellar at the Cranford Public Library, on Wednesday, August 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Items for sale include more than 10,000 adult and children's books, as well as CDs, DVDs, and recorded books. Prices range from \$.25 to \$2.00, except for specially marked vintage and autographed volumes. The library is located at 224 Walnut Avenue. Entrance to the sale is through the side door, just off the main parking lot. The sale is wheelchair accessible. Proceeds benefit the library. For more information about the Friends of the Cranford Public Library, visit the Cranford Public Library page at cranfordlibrary.org and click on the Friends of the Library tab.

CDC THEATRE INVITES DIRECTOR'S SUBMISSIONS FOR ITS 100TH SEASON

CDC Theatre in Cranford NJ is New Jersey's longest continuously producing community theatre and we are looking for Director's submissions for our 2018-2019, which will be the theatre's 100th! We will consider directors within a broad range of experience and are looking for people who will bring their enthusiasm to our theatre and the community.

Our season runs from September through June during which we typically program two musicals, a play and a children's production. Directors interested in working with us are asked to submit no more than three shows for our Program Committee to consider, along with a synopsis of each show. We also ask that you include your resume, a brief statement of your interest in the shows and why you chose to submit to CDC Theatre.

The deadline for submissions is September 1. Directors who have submitted a project that is of interest to CDC Theatre will be contacted via e-mail on or about October 1 so that we might schedule an interview.

Forms and additional information may be found by visiting our website at www.cdctheatre.org.



On behalf of Cranford High School Project Graduation and the senior class of 2017, we would like to thank our business and community organizations for their very generous support of Cranford High School Project Graduation. Your assistance enabled the senior class of 2017 to celebrate together in Project Graduation 28th anniversary of a substance free event held on graduation evening, June 22nd, 2017.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their generous support in the CHS Project Graduation Ad Journal handed out to all parents, families, friends, staff and administrators at Cranford High School Graduation.

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AROUND THE WORLD THEATER NIGHT

Join the Arthur Murray Dance Studios of Cranford and Hillsborough as we create a magical evening to raise funds for the Sunshine Kids Foundation. The performance by dance instructors and our students will be held at The Dolan Theater at the College of Saint Elizabeth, 2 Convent Road, in Morristown, on August 12 starting at 6 p.m. The cost is \$25. You can purchase tickets by calling the studio (908) 272 7955 then stopping by at 200 South Avenue, East, Suite 200, Cranford, NJ or purchased online at www.ArthurMurrayNewJersey.com.

The Sunshine Kids is a non-profit organization dedicated to children with cancer. Established in 1982, they are committed to providing positive group activities and emotional support for young cancer patients. The Sunshine Kids provides a variety of programs and events, free of charge, for kids who are receiving cancer treatments in hospitals across North America.

PROJECT HOME OF CRANFORD SEEKING SPONSORS FOR 5K

Runners, walkers and those just looking to get out on a fall day mark your calendars on Sunday October 29, 2017. Project Home of Cranford will be hosting a 5K Monster Dash starting at 9AM and a 1-Mile Family Fun Run starting at 8:30AM in Nomehegan Park in Cranford. All the profits from this event will go to help Cranford Family Care, a local charity that assists Cranford families in need.

To help defray the cost of this event we are looking for local businesses interested in being sponsors. If you would like to become a sponsor, donor or just to find out more about Project Home and our mission please email us at info@cranfordprojecthome.org, visit us at www.cranfordprojecthome.org and Like us on www.facebook.com/ProjectHomeOfCranford. For 25 years Project Home of Cranford, a 501(c)3 charity has been working through Cranford Family Care to keep Cranford families in their homes during times of financial crisis.



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VFW POPPY PROGRAM COMES UP ROSES!

The Cranford VFW Post #335 announced that its annual Buddy Poppy Program in May was a great success. "It was a special month for Buddy Poppy Program," said Lee Blowe, Cranford VFW Post Poppy Chairman. "We had a great turnout of our men and women to sell, but it was the public who really came through for us." Lee indicated that the donations for poppies this year exceeded last year's total by a whopping 40 percent. "We canvassed in both Cranford and Garwood, at mostly the popular stores and we were met with such acceptance, it just made us feel great," added Lee, who is a Vietnam veteran.

The VFW Buddy Poppy program has been around since the early 1920s. The significance of the poppy blossomed from a poem influenced by World War I, titled "In Flanders Field" – in it, poet and soldier John McCrae references poppies growing and blowing in the wind among the graves of fallen American soldiers.

The donations received by the VFW are deposited into a dedicated fund which can only

be used for the direct benefit of veterans. "A great example of the use of these funds happened just last month," explained Post Commander Jay Boxwell. "We were contacted by a veteran, a single mom, now a member of our Post, that her house had burned down and she had no where to go with her children. Our post along with other veterans' organizations donated funds to see that she had a place to stay, at least, on a temporary basis, until she could get back on her feet."

Additionally, the VFW Buddy Poppy program provides compensation to the disabled veterans who assemble the poppies in VA Homes, and provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs.

"We just want to make sure the people of Cranford and Garwood know how much we appreciate their generosity," said Commander Boxwell. "And we know they will be there again next year for us. We are so proud of our great community."

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BOOGLERIZERS AT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFE

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Original art work by local artist Kathleen Heron will be on display at the Roadhouse

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About Salem Roadhouse Café

Shh! The Roadhouse may be the best-kept secret in Northern New Jersey — the area's best jazz, rock, and even the occasional folkie in an intimate coffeehouse venue. The Roadhouse only opens to the public on the second Saturday evening of the month. It's where the area's musicians go to hear other musicians, and you might find yourself sitting next to a famous jazz drummer or a vocalist from Australia. You never know.

Musicians love the audience that takes the time to find the Roadhouse, and when musicians love their audience, they play their hearts out. Why does it take time to find the Roadhouse? We've cleverly hidden it in a church basement, where audience and musicians are within touching distance of each other. The acoustics are great.

The Roadhouse serves real coffee and tea — it's a coffeehouse, not a bar, after all. Hot and cold snacks and desserts are included in the admission.

There's art, too, because art and music go together. You can sip your coffee while perusing original works available for purchase at the Roadhouse Fine Arts Gallery. Works change with each opening.

Ask around. You might be surprised to find who knows about the Roadhouse. But you didn't hear it from us...



#1 BILLBOARD ARTIST HELPS STUDENTS

The 2nd Graders of Bloomingdale Avenue School in Cranford, NJ, raised money this year to pay for and install a Buddy Bench in their playground. The Buddy Bench is a place where children can sit when they have no one to play with on the playground. Other children know that if they see someone sitting on the bench, they should help them and include them in whatever they are doing.

Mrs. Therese Koellner arranged the project, and with Jacqueline D'Arcy, a 1st Grade teacher, she wrote a poem about the bench. Mrs. Koellner asked Rupert Holmes, a local man with an impressive musical background, if he would write music to the poem, so that they would have a song to sing about the bench. He wrote it with student Melody Jennings. Rupert offered to pay

to have the song professionally recorded in a studio by the class.

Rupert Holmes is the first person in theatrical history to solely win Tony® awards for Best Book, Best Lyrics and Best Music, doing so with his creation "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" (later dubbed, simply, "Drood") which also won the Tony® award for Best Musical. It recently received a critically-acclaimed Broadway revival by the Roundabout Theatre, has had two extensive national tours, has been performed at the Kennedy Center Opera House and the Savoy Theatre in London, has been seen in the fifty states and five continents, and will soon make its Japanese language debut in Tokyo.

In June the class recorded the song at MacroSound on 964 Koehl Ave, Union, NJ.

As a fun, creative, community outreach mission of the church, show proceeds always benefit local NJ charities. The 2017 season has been benefitting the Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program.

Admission includes the show, snacks, beverages and desserts, plus the art gallery.

Union 34TV records the shows for broadcast — so check out past shows on cable TV34. See the Roadhouse on Union TV Channel 34's "Union After Dark" nightly music series.

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