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CRANFORD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



(above) Scholarship winners with Grand Knight Wally Shackell and members of the Scholarship Committee.

The Cranford Knights of Columbus presented scholarships to 12 students during their General Meeting held on June 20, 2017. William Doolan received the Monsignor Louis Fimiani Memorial Award and Christina Barlik received the Christine Bagniewski Memorial Award. The other scholarship winners were Lillian Rebelo, Julia Reilly, Lauren Byrne, Mallory Vollbrecht, Connor Fitch, Peter Coates, Caroline Sullivan, Emma Palicio (absent), Jennifer Cappucci and Rebecca Durant.

This year, the Council distributed \$7,100 in scholarship monies. The Council would like to thank the Scholarship

Committee chaired by Ed Bagniewski.

The Cranford Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization dedicated to our four core principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The Cranford Council supports many worthy charities and civic causes locally, statewide and nationally and is committed to being a viable part of our community.

For information about joining the Cranford Council, please contact either our Grand Knight Wally Shackell or Membership Chair John Caprio at 732-306-5634 or visit www.cranfordknights.org.

CENTENNIAL VILLAGE GROUP'S MUSIC FEST

On Saturday, September 16, the Centennial Village Group will be holding its 10th Music Fest outside of Lincoln School, 132 Thomas Street in Cranford. The event begins at 4 p.m., with music and festivities lasting until 9 p.m. Admission is free.

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an evening of fun family entertainment, featuring live music from local artists. This year's Music Fest will include music by local bands Hugo Furst, and The Lovehandles. There will be delicious food from area vendors, lawn games, and face painting, as well as

a 50/50 raffle and tricky tray fund raiser. All proceeds will go towards helping Centennials Village Group's beautification efforts in the area.

The Centennial Village Group is made up a volunteers dedicated to the revitalization and beautification of the Centennial Village area in Cranford. In addition to Music Fest, the group holds an annual 5K race to raise funds for its continual efforts to improve the community. For more information about the Centennial Village and the group, visit www.facebook.com/CentennialVillageGroup.

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The Cranford High School Marching Band will perform along with ten other New Jersey marching bands during the 19th Annual Marching Band Festival to be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017 starting at 6:00 pm at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Admission cost will be \$10.00 for adults, \$7.00 for students. A free program will be included with every paid admission. Food, drinks, and a 50/50 raffle will be available all evening. Scotch Plains Fanwood High School is located at 667 Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, NJ.

The festival will take place on the varsity field behind the high school at the rear of the parking lot.

The Festival will include performances by marching bands from: Bridgewater-Raritan High School, Chatham High School, Cranford High School, Edison High School, East Brunswick High School, Fair Lawn High School, Immaculata High School, J. P. Stevens High School, Weehawken High School, Westfield High School and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.



(above) Image from 2016 Marching Band Festival held at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School

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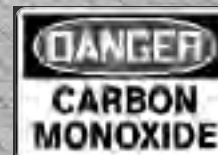
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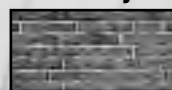
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The Musical Club awards scholarships to gifted students wishing to pursue their music studies at the college and graduate level. In order to qualify, students must provide evidence of outstanding musical and academic achievement as well as a commitment to pursuing a degree in music at an accredited conservatory or college.

Scholarships are awarded after an audition

process and are renewable for four years. This year two new scholarships were awarded to two graduating seniors at Cranford High School. Maggie Manhardt has been awarded the Caroline Holt Memorial Scholarship and will be attending

Shenandoah University as a Vocal Performance Major. Sarah Vollenbroek has been awarded the Rachel Hylan Memorial Scholarship and will be attending Rowan University as a Music Education major.



(above) Scholarship winners, Sara Vollenbroek, Jacob Gelber and Maggie Manhardt performed at the recent Musical Club Annual Luncheon.



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On Sunday, September 10th, we welcome New Jersey Synod Bishop Tracie Bartholomew to our pulpit. The Bishop will kick off our celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and address the church's need to adapt in an ever-changing world. We will also hold our annual "Blessing of the Backpacks". Each September, we take a moment to bless our kids as they begin a new school year. Briefcases are also welcome!

On September 17th, we will do the Lord's work for "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday. This year, we will sell freshly made baklava with all proceeds going to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Disaster Relief Fund earmarked for Middle Eastern refugees. Everyone is invited to sample our delicious baklava, which we will make under the skillful eye of the owner of Old City Café in Cranford. You can buy this tasty treat at the church between 11a-2pm. Pick up some baklava to take home, or sit down and enjoy a piece with a cup of coffee and some fellowship.

And on September 24th, we kick off a new Sunday School year focusing on our "Water is Life" theme. Bring water from your favorite



vacation spot and join us as we celebrate the gift of water, both from a physical and a spiritual standpoint. Thanks be to God for the waters of our Baptism, which we invite you to share.

Sunday worship begins at 9:30am in the sanctuary and usually lasts for about an hour. We welcome everyone, no matter what your background or where you are in your spiritual journey. Children are always welcome at our services. Dress as you feel comfortable. Calvary Lutheran Church is located at 108 Eastman Street in Cranford. For more information about our congregation call the office at 908-276-2418 or go to calvarycranford.com.

MOVING WITH YOUR CHILDREN OUT-OF-STATE AFTER A DIVORCE

By: James McGlew II, Esq.

One of the most contentious issues faced by many divorced parents has always been whether the custodial parent has the right to relocate with the parties' children out of state. In an increasingly mobile society this has become an issue for many parents. Often custodial parents decide that they cannot continue to reside in New Jersey. They need to explore job opportunities in other states and/or move back to a state where they were raised and may have a family-type support system in place. They may have started a relationship with someone who resides out-of-state or may be contemplating marriage with that person who has an established career in another state. For years, the custodial parent could not permanently remove the children from the state of New Jersey without the written consent of the other party or a court Order. If there was no agreement, the party wishing to move would petition the court for permission. Over the past several decades the standard our Courts have used to make this determination has evolved. For more than 15 years, the standard has been that the prospect of moving the children out of state would be granted unless it was "inimical to the child's interest."

Last month, the New Jersey Supreme Court changed the standard that lower courts are to utilize when determining whether or not a custodial parent may relocate the children out of New Jersey. It was also determined that this new standard would apply whether or not the party seeking to move has been the child's primary residential parent. This ruling represents a significant departure from existing law by changing the standard a court is obligated to interpret. It also gives the noncustodial parent considerably more input and seeks to protect the rights of both parents.

When examining the issue of relocation our courts are now charged with determining whether there is "cause" (to be interpreted under the existing statute) to authorize a child's relocation out of New Jersey. To do so, courts are now obligated to weigh many factors including, but not limited to: "the parents' ability to agree, to communicate and cooperate in matters relating to the child; the parents' willingness to accept custody and any history of unwillingness to allow parenting time not based on substantiated abuse; the interaction and relationship of the child with its parents and siblings; the history of domestic violence, if any; the safety of the child and the safety of either parent from

physical abuse by the other parent; the preferences of the child when of sufficient age and capacity to reason so as to form an intelligent decision; the needs of the child; the stability of the home environment offered; the quality and continuity of the child's education; the fitness of the parents' homes; the extent and quality of the time spent with the child prior to or subsequent to the separation; the parents' employment responsibilities; and the age and number of children."

The court found that such a showing of "cause" was required "to preserve the rights of the noncustodial parent and the child to maintain and develop their familial relationship." Furthermore, in making the determination of "cause" the court must examine the custodial parent's interest in freedom of movement as qualified by his or her custodial obligation, the State's interest in protecting the best interests of the child, and the competing interests of the noncustodial parent."

In conducting their best interest analysis, the Supreme Court has directed the lower courts to consider the position of the parent of primary residence who might have important insights about the current and proposed arrangement that will most effectively serve the child. Of similar importance is the input of the parent of alternate residence who may similarly offer significant information about the child. The court also stated that the views of other adults who have significant relationships with the child may also lend assistance to the Court in making its determination. Lower courts were instructed to consider all of the above in addition to other evidence including documentary evidence, judicial interviews with the child conducted at the court's discretion and expert testimony. Courts often rely on the expertise of psychologists and other mental health professionals when making these determinations.

This new standard has a great impact on those parents who are either seeking to move out of New Jersey with their children or wish to object to such a request by their former spouse. Each case in this regard is extremely fact sensitive and requires a family lawyer with experience.

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CRANFORD DAR PRESENTS FORGOTTEN PATRIOTS BOOK TO LIBRARY

A rare 854 page research volume entitled *Forgotten Patriots—African American and American Indian Patriots in the Revolutionary War* has been donated to the Cranford Public Library by the Crane's Ford Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). The book was originally presented by the New Jersey state DAR to Crane's Ford honoring their member Bonnie Cierkowski of Cranford, who had served the NJDAR as their state librarian.

The book indicates it is "Dedicated to the memory of the known and unknown African American and Native American patriots, soldiers, and seamen of the American Revolution." *Forgotten Patriots* includes the names of over 6,600 individuals. It further indicates, "But the work is not done. Undoubtedly there are many other minority patriots who remain undiscovered or for whom documentation does not yet exist." The history documents participants in 15 states individually, including the Old Northwest.

In the introduction section it states, "The subtitle of this book—A guide to Service, Sources, and Studies—also reveals the several purposes of the publication. No other similar guide exists for the history of the participation of African Americans and American Indians in the Revolutionary War. The research that has led to this expanded volume is an integral part of DAR's ongoing operations that does not end with this publication. The subject of this book is essential to the work of the DAR to document the history of the role of all individuals in the Revolutionary War and to preserve it for future generations."

In the "Final Thoughts" section of the book, the editor writes, "Untold hours of research for over twenty-four years have gone into the preparation of this book and its predecessor

publication. This is a fascinating and important subject for anyone interested in the period of the American Revolution. And while the research to identify and document forgotten patriots will continue as a part of the daily activities of DAR, it is hoped that this work will spur others to undertake an examination of their own ancestry and the rich heritage that makes up our great nation."

The *Forgotten Patriots* editor and Project Manager was the National Society DAR Library Director Eric G. Grundset, 2008. This fascinating and historical research volume was published by the NJDAR in limited edition. Cranford Library Director John Malar accepted the book donation from Bonnie Cierkowski and Barbara Krause representing the Crane's Ford DAR.



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(above l-r) John Malar, director of Cranford Public Library, displays book *Forgotten Patriots* presented from Cranford DAR by members Bonnie Cierkowski and Barbara Krause.



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Typical picnic fare will be featured; hamburgers, hot dogs and more, and there will be the Post's famous "#335 clams" on the half shell, and delicious buttered corn on the cob. Musical entertainment will be provided and there will be prizes and games galore.

Tickets are \$20 per in advance and \$25 day of. Kids under 12 are free. Of course refreshments are included in the price. Tickets can be purchased at the at the basement lounge at the Post. Proceeds from this event will be used for the Post building fund to provide for building and grounds maintenance and repair.

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Each piece will cost \$2. Baklava is a traditional Middle Eastern dessert made with filo pastry filled with nuts and held together with simple syrup or honey.

OKTOBERFEST SCHEDULED FOR SEPT 9TH & 10TH

The Deutscher Club of Clark and the Bayern Verein Newark announced that their joint Annual Oktoberfest will take place at the clubhouse grounds, 787 Featherbed Lane, Clark, NJ. The event will feature German food, beer, music, and traditional Bavarian dancers.

Activities will take place from 5 pm to 11 pm on Saturday, September 9th with the John and Maria Orchestra providing live music between 6 pm and 10 pm. On September 10th, activities will

take place from 12 noon to 6 pm with Bernie's Orchestra providing live music between 1 pm and 5 pm.

Come and see the dancers that participated and won in the competition held at the 26th Gaufest in Buffalo, New York this past 4th of July weekend.

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On Sunday September 10, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. The Right Reverend William H. Stokes, the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey, will formally induct the Reverend Andrew David Kruger as the Priest-in-Charge of Trinity Episcopal Church, 119 Forest Avenue, Cranford, NJ. "We are so happy to officially recognize Father Andy's ministry here at Trinity Cranford", said Dave Burnett, Trinity's Senior Warden. During the ceremony, Father Andy will be presented with a series of gifts including a Bible, stole, prayer book, oil, and keys to the church to highlight different aspects of his priestly duties. "We invite everyone to join us to celebrate this very special event in Trinity's history", Mr. Burnett added. A reception will follow the induction.

Father Andy was ordained an Anglican priest in November 2011 in South Africa. In 2011 and 2012, he was Curate at the Cathedral of St. Michael and St. George, Grahamstown, SA. In

2013, he served as Assistant Priest of the Parish of St. Faith's, Durban, SA. From January 2014 until December 2016 he was the Rector of the Parish of Umkomaas with Scottburgh, SA. He began his ministry at Trinity Cranford on Feb. 5, 2017. Farther Andy has a Masters in Theology from the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa. He was coordinator of the Liturgical Task Team for the Diocese of Natal and has been a member of the Secretariat of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa's Prayer Book Revision Committee. Father Andy has broad experience in intergenerational pastoral care, youth ministry, and parish growth. He can speak three languages and read four including New Testament Greek. His wife Heather recently began her doctoral studies in Astrophysical Sciences at Princeton University. They both enjoy music and Heather plays the flute.

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CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY FALL STORY TIME SESSION

The Cranford Public Library will be starting its fall story time session in September, and we've got something for everyone!

Babies ages 3-12 months are invited to join us for our first ever "Lapsit Story Time" on Monday mornings at 10:15. This story time, designed for our youngest library users, is a perfect way for babies and caregivers to bond while encouraging essential early literacy practices. We'll be sharing songs and a short book or two. The program will run from September 18 through October 23.

Our preschool-aged friends can get school ready at the library! Our "3-4-5 Story Time" will be held each Tuesday morning at 10:15 from September 19-October 24. This enriching story time will help nourish a love of reading by introducing both classic and new books and some fun songs.

Our walkers—children ages 13-23 months—are invited to join us for "Baby Story Time."

This short, lively story time is sure to engage our young friends! We'll be introducing new songs, stories, and sounds from September 20-October 25.

Our two-year-old friends and their caregivers are invited to join us for "Toddler Story Time" on Thursday mornings at 10:15. We'll be sharing simple, developmentally appropriate stories and singing a few tunes from September 21 through October 26.

Join us for "Farm Fun," a special Saturday story time, featuring rhymes, songs, puppets, and audience participation! This program is perfect for children ages 3-5, and will be held on September 30 at 10:15 a.m. in the Library's Raddin Room.

The library does not require registration for story time, but we ask that participants arrive on time as latecomers are not guaranteed admittance. Thanks to the Library's Friends Group, our programs are always free.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. ENTRY TO WW1: MEET WILLIAM ASA HALE, AVIATION ENGINEER FOR THE U.S. ARMY, ONE OF CRANFORD'S 86.

Written by Don Sweeney, Research by Lt. Col. Steve Glazer (ret.), Cranford Historical Society

As I thumb through pages of new articles and other research we have accumulated in our search for stories of our Cranford 86, I struggle each month as to which direction to take. Which war, which hero? Such difficult decisions for me.

As my wife and I walked the streets of Hoboken last Friday night, in route to visit our son at college, we passed a fence with posters advertising an event kicking off the two-year commemoration (2017-2018) of the 100th anniversary of our nation's involvement in World War I. I thought that should be our direction for the rest of the year. I remembered one story about William Asa Hale, a young engineering graduate from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken. His story personally touched me, particularly with my son Jimmy being a 4th year chemical engineering student at Stevens. I remember the empathy I felt for the parents of such a bright young man at the doorstep of a wonderful life.

With my press deadline just one week ahead, I started my research process. My research partner Steve Glazer was my first call, followed by the Stevens library archive department, and finally use of my new Cranford Library website research skills. In just one day Steve delivered to my home over 25 amazing articles gathered from dozens of online sources. Stevens's archives provided a crisp photo of the young graduate from their yearbook archives. I had all I needed to introduce William Asa Hale to the people of Cranford. I was excited to tell another amazing story of a fine young Cranford man.

Born in Brooklyn in 1894 to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hale, they moved to Cranford before William started school. As a popular member of the student body at Cleveland High School, Cranford's public high school, now Cleveland Plaza, William played varsity baseball and graduated with the class of 1912. Early evidence of William's industrious character was found in a Cranford Chronicle advertisement he placed for the sale of magazine subscriptions for Christmas gifts in 1910 as an ambitious sixteen year-old. He later entered Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ, and graduated in 1916 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. Interestingly, civil and mechanical engineering were the only two options at Stevens in 1912. While there, he was an accomplished member of their varsity track team.

A historical search shows William's lineage dates back to Asa Hale (1759-1843), a soldier in George Washington's military forces who served under General Lafayette during the Revolutionary War in 1777 in the defense of Lake Champlain. This military ancestry also explains William's middle name.

Being just twelve years after the Wright brothers took flight at Kitty Hawk, William was

fascinated by aviation. It is told that he was a born mechanic. He had a thorough familiarity with the construction of motors, explaining his direction in education after high school into mechanical engineering. His first job out of college was with the Standard Aircraft Company at their Elizabeth plant. After just two months he was promoted to the position of consulting engineer in the production of aviation propellers. He was soon regarded as one of the nation's foremost propeller experts. One of William's employers is quoted as saying that "he has the brain of a 40-year-old engineer." An article from The Statesman Journal of Salem, Oregon, also spoke of William's visit to a textile plant there. The town was thrilled that "W. A. Hale" was considering their company to manufacture flax material to be used in the construction of wings on bi-planes.

With America's entry into World War I in April of 1917, the idea of aircrafts being added to the nation's arsenal became a production priority. William's talents were quickly focused by his new employer on the design and testing of planes destined for the battlefield in France. From Elizabeth, he was transferred to the government's flying field in Dayton, Ohio. There, William, as a civilian engineer in the aviation section of the signal corps, was employed in support of the war effort on aircraft for the U. S. Army Air Corps. In short order, he was sent to Curtiss Field in Buffalo, New York. This was the nation's hot spot of military aircraft testing. During a seven-week period of testing at this time, six test pilots were killed in flight.

During a test flight of the largest flying machine of its day, on July 15, 1918, William was aboard as an inspector observing a new propeller design. The plane was being piloted by Homer Sharp, an Army aviation cadet from Fort Worth, Texas. Before the flight, William was told by his commanding officer that he didn't have to make this flight, that another inspector could do it. William was reported to have replied, "It's my duty." He said the he wouldn't feel that the test was sufficient or complete unless he went himself. William was also noted for this comment: "A fact that is often lost sight of is that when our planes are delivered over there, they must be right. It's my job to make sure they are right."

During the flight it is believed that the aircraft's engine failed at a very low altitude, after which the plane went into a tailspin and crashed. The motor crushed both young men aboard. William was killed almost instantly and Homer Sharp, the pilot, was critically injured, dying later that day. It was reported that virtually every bone in both their bodies, including their heads, were broken. A bloodstained, chilling letter found in William's pocket told of a premonition of his death that day.

In a letter later published in the Cranford Chronicle as a "tribute from a chum," it was written about William: "While engaged in his work he developed and standardized a great deal of data on propellers. His ability and energy resulted in his assignment to propeller testing with a roving commission which took him to large industrial plants and flying fields all over the country. His advancement was rapid and he was recently rated as consulting engineer on propellers. War has stolen a fine engineer from our country and a dear friend from us all. Although not a flier, his testing and observation work necessitated frequent flights with a pilot, and it was in one of these that he met his ultimate death. His life was given to the service of his country, the same as a soldier in the front."

A poignant letter submitted to the Cranford Chronicle by William himself, the week after he, a civilian, was listed in the paper along with all uniformed service members on the town's Roll of Honor, read as follows. "Words mean nothing and only actions count, but I must demand that in fairness of those who have a right to such recognition, you remove my name from the town honor roll, which you published May 17, 1917. Let no one confuse my work, which is and will be like that in any other business office, with the danger and hardships endured by those actively engaged in flying service. That I am engaged in designing airplanes for the use of the U.S. government is fortunate and interesting but it entitles me to no more honor than does the occupation of any other man who, sacrificing nothing, pursues the usual routine of his business." These self-deprecating words were written 14 months before William indeed sacrificed all.

The township of Cranford disagreed with the degree of dedication William Asa Hale gave to his country. His name was not only enshrined on our town's World War I tablet at Memorial Park, but also became one of the street names commemorating our World War I heroes, with "Hale St." being emblazoned on the distinctive cement-and-ceramic tile street signs that were erected after the war and still stand today.

William's funeral was held at 18 Cranford Avenue where he was raised and molded into the selfless man he became. He was buried at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield with military honors, a rare event for a "civilian."

It is unbelievable to me that this story that I share with you today was about a man who died when only 23 years old. William Asa Hale was a great American and one of our Cranford 86.

If you have any information about one of our Cranford 86 please reach out to me. I am anxiously seeking additional information about this special group of men. Email me at djsween@aol.com or call (908) 272-0876.



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Patti Williams, a registered nurse and certified pastoral bereavement counselor, along with Virginia Waters, a PhD. Psychologist, will lead the sessions from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Thompson Youth Center of the church. Patti and Virginia are beginning the 18th year of this ministry, and have helped about 2,600 people experience healing, find a new purpose for their lives, and feel joy once again. This is an experience like no other.

The sessions include learning about the stages of grief and understanding the tasks of the grieving process, coping strategies, dealing with loneliness, building a support system, and other helpful skills for healing.

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The seminar is dedicated to Patti's late

husband, the Rev. Dr. Bruce D. Williams, who had a vision for this program out of wanting to help others deal with their pain and suffering during their time of loss.



(above) Patti Williams, a registered nurse and certified pastoral bereavement counselor, along with Virginia Waters, a PhD. Psychologist, will lead a free eight-week seminar "Journey to Wholeness - Healing the Grieving Heart".

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UNION COUNTY INTERFAITH COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Union County interfaith Coordinating Council, an organization of clergy and lay persons representing all faith traditions, held an Interfaith Prayer Unity Service at the First United Methodist Church, Westfield, NJ on July 20, 2017.

This event followed a solidarity gathering held on June 28 at Temple Sha'arey Shalom in Springfield, NJ.

Additional programs are being planned

including supporting Union County Thanksgiving Services in November, a Homeless Sabbath in December and the Third Annual Day of Prayer Service at The Parish Community of St. Helen in Westfield on October 24.

For more information on the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council please contact Rod Spearman at rspearman@caunj.org or UCInterfaith@caunj.org or by phone @ (908) 354-3040 x 4324.

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(above) The following clergy, spokespersons and musicians participated in this truly ecumenical service: The Rev. Dr. David Mertz, host pastor of The First United Methodist Church of Westfield, Rev. Anthony Randazzo of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church of Westfield, Rev. Carmine Pernini of Zion Lutheran Church, Rahway, Rev. Ann Marie Alderman of the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield, Zaghaym Chaundry of the Muslim Community Center of Union County, Eric Kussman, Jr. of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield, Rev. Mayra Castaneda of the First Baptist Church of Westfield, Rev. Richard Hogans, Chaplain of the Union County Correctional Center & Shiloh Baptist Church in Elizabeth, Rabbi Ethan Prosnit of Temple Emanuel, Westfield and Dr. Mohammed Ali Chaudry of the Islamic Society of Basking Ridge. Music selections were provided by Jonathan Evers of the First United Methodist Church of Westfield and Cynthia Manno of the Townley Presbyterian Church in Union.

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IT'S WAY "COOLER IN CRANFORD"

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The town's Office of Business & Economic Development thinks Cranford is a really special place and launched a new campaign to make sure everyone knows. "The locally owned shops and services, variety of food places, great events and activities like the Scarecrow Stroll, Rock Yoga, Cranford Paint Out, LEGO contest and, of course, the colorful public piano are just some of the reasons we think it's "Cooler in Cranford", said Director Kathleen Miller Prunty.

Business owners are helping to spread the word with decals in their front windows and Cooler in Cranford kid sized tee shirts were handed out at events. The Downtown Cranford office encourages the public to share pictures and thoughts about why they think it's "Cooler in Cranford" to live, shop, work or enjoy many events, activities and treasures like the Canoe Club, bike trails and more. You can send a photo or comments to dmc@cranfordnj.org and tell them why you think it's Cooler in Cranford.

Ms. Prunty wanted to give special thanks to local realtor Sharon Steele, an enthusiastic supporter of the community and local businesses, who sponsored 200 Cooler in Cranford kids tee shirts that were given out at various events. There have been many requests for the shirts so we approached Think d'sign Print about selling adult and kid sizes at their store at 11 North Avenue E and online at www.thinkdsignprint.com



(above l-r) James, Kaitlin, Grace wearing their Cooler in Cranford T-Shirt.

EVAN SCHULZ OF CRANFORD FIRST AID SQUAD AWARDED GAIL LAWRENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Evan Schulz, a volunteer EMT for the Cranford First Aid Squad, has been awarded the Gail Lawrence Scholarship by the EMS Council of New Jersey.

The \$1,000 Gail Lawrence Scholarship is awarded to EMSCNJ affiliated volunteers earning advanced degrees in any medical field. The grant was established in memory of Lawrence, a mobile intensive care nurse, advanced practice nurse, and educator with Rutgers University. Evan, a graduate of the State University of New York, is pursuing an advanced degree as a Physician Assistant at Arcadia University in Glenside PA.



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF OUTING



The Cranford Knights of Columbus Council 6226 will be holding its 13th Annual Golf Outing on Friday, September 15th at Galloping Hill Golf Club in Kenilworth, NJ. This year, we will be making a Donation to

The Cranford Municipal Alliance and Cranford Family Care as well as our other worthy charities.

There will be a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. The cost per golfer is \$140.00 which includes 18 holes of golf, all cart and green fees, prizes, lunch at Galloping Hill and dinner at the Kenilworth Knights of Columbus Hall.

For additional information, please contact John Doolan, at 908-451-8947 or via E-mail at jdoolan@verizon.net or visit www.cranfordknights.org.

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CRANFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY "SCHOOL DAYS"

The Cranford Historical Society will present "School Days" on Sunday, September 10, 2017 from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Crane-Phillips House Museum, located at 124 North Union Avenue, Cranford.

All are welcome. Admission is free but donations are greatly appreciated. Join us at the Crane-Phillips House Museum to explore school days of the past.

What tools did children bring with them each day to Cranford's schools? What did classrooms, textbooks and desks look like in great grandparent's day? How did children learn

before computers and white boards? What was for lunch before Pizza Day? Can you pass the 8th grade final exam? All these and more questions will be answered as you explore Cranford's school days of the past.

For further info, please call the Historical Society's office at 908-276-0082 or email us at cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net.

The Society has been dedicated to the perpetuation of Cranford's history by continuing to collect and document the town's past as we now enter the 21st century. Visit our website at www.cranfordhistoricalsociety.com



PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND CRANFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Saturday, September 16th, 2017

from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

the Cranford Historical Society will be celebrating their 90th Anniversary at the

"Moonlight Gala"

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This celebration is opened to our members and 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
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Proceeds benefit the Cranford Historical Society's History Award Scholarship fund, maintenance of the Hanson House and Crane-Phillips House Museum and grounds.

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THEATER TO PRESENT A STAGED READING

The Theater Project will present a staged reading of *Our Brother of Saint Mary's Ave* by Tylie Shider on Saturday, September 9, at 2:00 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue.

Our Brother of Saint Mary's Ave examines a community's dysfunction in the wake of a mysterious murder. The community includes: Mephobosheth and Sheba, the son and quasi-widow of the deceased; Ishmael and Isaac, estranged adult children of an addict; Michal and David, a dead-end couple with differing ideas about their relationship; Hagar, a superstitious liturgical dancer who makes it her business to rid the sanctuary of evil after witnessing a black cat run in; Uriah, a police officer looking to solve the murder mystery and maybe even the mystery of

his past; and Nathan, a prophet/messenger.

Tylie Shider is an award winning dramatist from Plainfield. He studied theater at Delaware State University, where he was awarded the Drama Desk Award for student Playwright and Producer. Post-graduation, he founded the New Generation Theater Company to write plays and create opportunities for student actors to exercise their gifts. In 2010, he was commissioned to write for Plainfield High School's Advanced Acting class. His short play "Josiah's Kidd" won Best Play and Audience Favorite at the Theater Project's 2015 Think Fast Short Play competition and was selected for the New York New Works theater festival. He is an active member of the Theater Project's Playwrights' Group. He premiered his Web series, *The Miseducation of a First Generation College Student*, on his YouTube

channel in 2016. Mr. Shider's most recent play, *Encore*, has been selected for inclusion in the New Moon Short Play Festival, Luna Stage. Following the reading, the audience will have the opportunity to discuss the play with the Mr. Shider. The Theater Project, is an acclaimed professional theater group and the winner of two New Jersey Tony Awards. The program is sponsored by the Friends. Admission is free and all are welcome.

AUDITIONS FOR A CHRISTMAS CAROL COMING AT CDC THEATRE

CDC Theatre in Cranford will be having auditions for its December production of a musical version of *A Christmas Carol*. This high energy version of the classic, first performed at Madison Square Garden, is full of heart and optimism. The score was composed by Alan Menken (*The Little Mermaid*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Aladdin*) with lyrics by Lynn Ahrens (*Ragtime*, *Once on this Island*, *Seussical*).

Auditions will be held at the CDC Theater, located at 78 Winans Avenue in Cranford, on

Tuesday, September 19th at 7pm and Saturday, September 23rd from 11am-2pm. Performance dates are December 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, and 16. Actors are asked to please prepare 32 bars of a musical theatre song in the style of the show and provide clearly printed and legible sheet music in a binder (an accompanist will be provided). Please be prepared to dance at all auditions. Female dancers, please bring tap shoes as well as regular dance footwear.

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CRANFORD AUXILIARY POLICE OPEN HOUSE

The Cranford Auxiliary Police Department (C.A.P.D) is conducting an open house / informational session on Tuesday September 19th, 2017 from 7pm to 9pm, at Cranford Police Headquarters located at 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford.

Please join us to learn more about the CAPD, our members, how to apply, and attend one of our monthly training sessions. Applications will be available during the open house and CAPD officers will be available for questions. Refreshments will be served.

The CAPD is a strictly volunteer organization that traces its roots back to 1916. Our members supplement the full-time Cranford Police Department in times of emergencies and participate in various police and civic related activities on a weekly basis. Auxiliary officers play a vital role in community policing and assisting in Cranford's ability to respond to major storms, floods, traffic emergencies, and large public functions.

Membership represents an excellent and rewarding way to donate time back to the community of Cranford. Being a Cranford Auxiliary Police Officer is an exciting, fun and productive way to serve your community and help ensure public safety and satisfaction. The CAPD is seeking qualified candidates interested in becoming a Cranford Auxiliary Police Officer.

All Auxiliary police officers receive training at the John H. Stamler Police Academy, with mandatory attendance three times per week during the basic course. Training at the academy is held Tuesday, Thursday nights and all-day Saturday.

Training provided at the Stamler Police Academy for auxiliary police includes basic police skills consisting of use of force, first-aid, crowd control and patrol techniques. Thereafter, you will be continually trained locally in basic first-aid and CPR, as well as police procedures and other areas concerning public health, safety and law and order.

All applicants must be at least 18 years old and must either reside in Cranford or a municipality within 5 miles of Cranford that does not have an auxiliary police unit.

Interested persons can download an "Auxiliary Police Application" from the Cranford Police Department website @ <http://cranford.com/police/forms>

Applications can be submitted throughout the year, but must be submitted prior to 4pm on November 3rd, 2017 to be considered for the February 2018 academy class.

Questions may be directed to: Cranford Police Department @ 908-272-2222. Ask for Detective Sergeant Russell Luedecker or leave a message on extension # 7479.

REGISTRATION FOR FALL PARK 7 REC PROGRAMS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12TH

The Cranford Recreation & Parks Department would like to announce that registration for Fall programs begins on Tuesday, September 12, at 10:00am. Our brochure, which lists all programs, will be mailed to Cranford residents and may also be viewed on line at www.cranford.com/rec or by following us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CranfordRecreationAndParks. All programs are for Cranford residents only.

We are strongly encouraging registration for all classes to be done online through Community Pass. Online registration will enable you to

register 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to make payment by credit card and to receive the latest program updates as they occur through your account. You may access your existing account or create a new accounts by visiting <https://register.communitypass.net/cranford>. If you would like assistance to register online, please stop by the Recreation Department or call (908) 709-7283.

If you have any other questions, please call the Cranford Rec. & Parks Dept. at the number above.

CRANFORD PAINT OUT – SEPT. 16

Artists will be "painting the town" on Saturday, September 16 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the Annual Community Paint Out.

The event brings area artists of all ages to Cranford to celebrate the unique and the beautiful about the town. The finished pieces will be on display and available for purchase at Hanson Park from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. that afternoon. This is the third year the Paint Out has been sponsored by The Artist Framer in Cranford.

Artists of all ages and abilities are invited to join the fun and can register online at www.theartistframer.com. For young artists (age 16 and under) registration is free, and for Community Artists (17 and over) registration is

\$10 up to the date of the event, or \$15 starting at 11:00 at the Artist Framer, 17 North Avenue East, on the day of the Paint Out. The first 50 community artists to register online will get a special Paint Out Survival Bag. Pieces by the Community Artists will be judged and prizes will be awarded at Hanson Park.

So artists, bring your easels, brushes, paints, pencils and pens, and join your fellow artists around town. The Cranford Historic Preservation Advisory Board will provide a list of sites to explore and portray. And community members, come to Hanson Park to admire the depictions of picturesque Cranford.

For more information contact Stefanie Lalor at theartistframer@hotmail.com or 908-932-1133.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE GETS GREAT GRADES

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Cranford VFW Post #335's Auxiliary held their Second Annual School Supply Drive on Saturday, August 12 and it was a smashing success!

Diane McCracken, President of the Auxiliary explained, "Last year we filled 38 back packs with donations and we were so excited about it. But this year we almost doubled that number, it is really fantastic!"

Cranford Family Care coordinates the dispensing of the supplies to needy school children in Cranford and this year they identified 50 as candidates for the back packs and supplies.

"When they told us they had a need for 50 this

year, we thought that would be a struggle" stated Kim Waked, Chairperson of the drive. "On Saturday when we saw all the bags that came in we were simply amazed. We actually got 75 back packs and enough school supplies to fill everyone of them. The people of our town just overwhelmed us with their generosity", added Waked.

The Auxiliary to Cranford VFW Post #335 is a support organization made up of men and women who are related to VFW members or eligible men and women.

For information on joining this very active organization, please call 908-276-9730.

ST. MICHAEL FEAST WILL FEATURE DOWNTOWN FUN GAMES, MUSIC, LOCAL FOOD AND RIDES

The Feast of St. Michael celebrates its 13th year as a Cranford community event, Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 28th – Oct. 1st, at the grounds of St. Michaels's School on Alden Street.

Hosted by St. Michael's Parish and sponsored by a number of Cranford businesses and organizations, the Feast offers food, new rides, prizes and live entertainment. Thousands of people have been known to stop by the festival during the four-day event, and Feast organizers expect a record turnout this year.

Attendees will get a chance to take in a bird's eye view of Cranford from atop a Ferris wheel, enjoy a spin on the Sizzler, listen to live performances by The Fine Line, Brother John Brown Band, Goldenseal Band and The Alden Street Band and snack on food from local eateries.

"Pay one price Bracelet night" will be on Thursday, September 28th and Sunday, October 1st for unlimited rides. Also, advance sale discount ride tickets may be purchased until Tuesday, September 26th at St. Michael's Parish Center, 40 Alden Street and Lifeline Technology Solutions, 108 Walnut Ave.

The event also offers a 50/50 raffle with a chance to win a portion of the proceeds. Tickets can be purchased at the St. Michael's Parish Center. Remaining proceeds will be used to maintain and improve the church and school facilities.

Check out the Feast on Thursday, September 28th 6-9pm; Friday, September 29th 6-10pm; Saturday, September 30th 3-10pm; October 1st 1-5pm.



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