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FIRST RESPONDER'S DAY A SUCCESS AT NP RECREATION PLAYGROUND CAMP

On Wednesday, July 19, campers at New Providence Recreation's Playground camp had the opportunity to interact with police, fire and emergency medical personnel during a "First Responder's Day" event.

Summer Camps Administrator Elaine Berman initiated what she hopes will be an annual camp experience. With help from Detective Mike Hand and Lieutenant Justine Kennedy of the NP Police Department (NPPD), Deputy Chief Vincent Wycko of the NP Fire Department (NPFD), and Susan DeLuise of NP Emergency Medical Services (NPEMS), participants from each group were recruited to attend and speak.

Each guest spent time explaining their responsibilities, the jobs they perform and the training they completed. NPFD Captains Will Zagorski and Scott Paxton spoke first to the group, followed by Bria Bernstein and Sara

Costa, volunteers on the NPEMS Rescue Squad. NP Police Department's Patrolman Joe Parlapiano finished the "First Responders" presentation.

All the speakers were pleased by the enthusiasm of the campers who ranged in age from 5 to 12. Patrolman Parlapiano shared the importance of these events. "The interaction with the kids helps us create relationships, which makes it easier for them to approach us when they need help. Creating rapport with the kids at a younger age makes them more comfortable around us as they get older."

In addition to the information provided by the guest speakers, each organization provided a vehicle for campers to see first-hand and up close. Demonstrations were given while the police cruiser, fire engine, and ambulance were explored.





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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SUMMIT'S 2017 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Junior League of Summit proudly announces the awarding of its 2017 Shirley Wight Keeney Voluntarism Scholarships to New Providence's recent graduates, Malay Nanavaty and Emily Peterson.

"The scholarship awards are one of my favorite parts of the League year. It is always so amazing to hear what these young men and women have accomplished, and the huge contributions they have made to our community at such a young age," noted Michelle DeMuth, Junior League of Summit President (2016-2017). "Mr. Nanavaty and Ms. Peterson are incredibly impressive and truly embody Shirley Wight Keeney's dedication to community service."

Malay Nanavaty attended the Academy for Allied Health Studies. Since 2015 Malay has been an active volunteer at the New Providence EMS. Malay was motivated to undertake a 144 hour EMT course and become an active member of his local rescue squad following a 2015 externship in India. There, Malay learned about medicine in a developing nation and had the opportunity to volunteer in an emergency room. He came home inspired and ready to apply those skills to his local community.

Malay has also been a strong volunteer within the Boy Scout organization. A Boy Scout since 2009, Malay earned 29 merit badges and numerous awards. His Eagle project was to design, plan and stencil paint a map of the United States on the playgrounds of Salt Brook Elementary School and Allen Roberts Elementary School. This project included 13 scouts and a total of 133 service hours to complete. Even though he has aged out of the boys scouts, he remains active as an assistant scout master.

The second scholarship recipient, Emily Peterson, attended New Providence High School. Emily is the founder of an NPHS club, Teens4Refugees. This club collects supplies for Operation Refugee Child, which distributes supplies to refugee camps in Greece. Teens4Refugees also tutors local refugees ranging in ages from 4-18. As a member of this club, Emily has coordinated and attended these weekly tutoring sessions. In addition, Emily has been involved with Pathway Cooks and Humanitarian Experiences for Youth.

The Shirley Wight Keeney Voluntarism Scholarships are awarded annually by the Junior League of Summit to local, graduating seniors. The scholarships' namesake, Shirley Wight Keeney, was a beloved member of the Junior League of Summit and the Summit community. As an active volunteer, Ms. Keeney truly demonstrated the League's Mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through effective action and leadership. Her volunteer work began as a child when she worked with her mother in the Welfare Branch in the Fortnightly Club helping to deliver food to the ill and those otherwise in need. In her tenure as the President of the Junior League of Summit from 1953-1955, Keeney led the League as it established the Summit Child Care Center (now the Learning

Circle). She served as Executive Secretary for the League for over 25 years and volunteered in the Thrift Shop up until her passing in 2010. Ms. Keeney was recognized in 1989 by the Summit YWCA as being one of five "outstanding Women of the Community." In 1998 Congressman Bob Franks presented Ms. Keeney with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition and Appreciation for her outstanding community contributions.

The Junior League of Summit is a nonprofit, charitable and educational organization of women who are committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Notable projects started by the League include: the Summit First Aid Squad; the Summit Speech School; two safe houses in Summit for battered women; the Mabie playground in downtown Summit; Senior Connections (AKA Big Wheels), a senior transportation system; and a rain garden at the Jefferson Primary School, where children learn about healthy eating and gardening. The League also operates the Junior League of Summit Thrift Shop, a stalwart Summit shop that offers residents the opportunity to buy highly discounted clothing, accessories, toys and housewares.

For more information about the Junior League of Summit, please visit the website atwww.jlsummit.org or contact the office at 908-273-7349.



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"Tragedy unfolded in front of New Providence High School on May 31, 2017 as three New Providence High School students lost their lives today, one dying at the scene of a horrific two car traffic crash and two other victims succumbing to their injuries at Morristown Memorial Hospital. The crash involved two vehicles driven by New Providence High School Juniors and Seniors right outside of the very building they were to graduate from. One juvenile male driver was given sobriety tests at the scene and taken away in handcuffs by police officers, suspected of driving while intoxicated and causing the terrible crash."

Thankfully, this is not an actual press release, but rather a synopsis of the Every 15 Minutes Program, a dramatization put on at the High School by the New Providence Alliance in cooperation with Atlantic Health Systems and the New Providence Police Department. Although the grisly accident was staged as part of the program, the emotions and impact of this program were very real, as are the hard facts and consequences of driving under the influence.

The Every15 Minutes Program, which aims at reducing incidents of drunk driving, emphasizes the fact that every fifteen minutes someone dies in an alcohol related motor vehicle accident. The program, which was organized by the New Providence Alliance to Prevent Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Atlantic Health Systems, was a cooperative effort between the schools, police, fire and EMS as well as the involved students and their parents.

This year's program began at 8:00 am when select students were removed from their





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classroom every fifteen minutes by Dave Chango, Student Assistance Counselor, and Sgt. Carovillano and were made up as walking dead. These students were not permitted to talk to other students, use their cell phones or e-mail. The idea was for them and their friends to experience, for 24 hours, what it would be like if they were no longer here in this world.

At 2:00 pm, all high school juniors and seniors were escorted to Pioneer Drive where a prearranged mock crash was covered with a large tarp. Upon removal of the tarp, students and spectators observed a horrific crash with terrible consequences. The passenger of one car driven by a drunk driver was thrown through the windshield and was pronounced dead at the scene. Several other high school students were severely injured and the Fire Department and EMS personnel used the "Jaws of Life" to extricate the injured occupants.

The injured students were taken by ambulance to Morristown Memorial Hospital where two of the students succumbed to their injuries. At the scene, the Police administered field sobriety tests to the driver who was then placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated.

The day ended with students and parents observing the court hearing for the charges of Vehicular Homicide and Manslaughter. After hearing testimony from a considerable number of witnesses, Judge Gross passed sentence and found the driver guilty of 3 counts of vehicular manslaughter. The driver was sentenced to 30 years in prison. This young man was visually shaken and impact statements were read by the victims' parents and sibling. The scene ended with the juvenile being escorted from the court by the police officers.

At the conclusion of the court hearing, all of the accident victims and walking dead were taken to the Murray Hill Inn where they spent several hours with Dave Chango, New Providence guidance counselors, a police officer and Alliance members taking part in activities designed to show what it's actually like when your driving abilities are impaired by alcohol. These activities included the use of drunk driving goggles which the police officer provided. The students also had the chance to discuss the day's events and the impact these events had on them.

The following day all students returned to school and attended an early morning assembly. To start off, the students saw a film of the previous day's events that had been edited overnight by Alliance members Joe Narciso and Patrick MacDonald. Then several students read letters they had written to their parents the previous evening that began:

Dear Mom and Dad,

Every 15 Minutes, someone dies as a result of an alcohol related collision.

Today, I died, and I never got the chance to tell you.

This was an extremely emotional part of the program and ended with not a dry eye in the entire auditorium. Then Joseph Carollo, a New Providence teacher spoke to the audience about losing his brother in law in a drunk driving incident where he was the driver. It was extremely impactful to the students as he has been their teacher for years. His delivery was moving, he provided lessons to the kids and demonstrated that one bad choice can lead to a life altering existence for those left behind.

This program could not take place without the unwavering support and involvement of the community, specifically, the New Providence School District, New Providence Police Department and Court, New Providence Rescue Squad, New Providence Fire Department, New Providence Borough Council, Union County Prosecutor's Office, Atlantic Health, DeFalco Towing and the New Providence Alliance. The NP Alliance is funded by a grant from the Governor's Council on alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Each year the New Providence Alliance provides meaningful programs to students and parents within our community to provide information and guidance on how to prevent alcohol and drug abuse.





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DR. KEITH MASON PUBLISHES ARTICLE ABOUT MUSICALS





New Providence resident Dr. Keith Mason, veteran educator and researcher, has published an article in Teachers Matter Magazine. His article "Musicals Foster Habits of Mind" appears in the latest issue of the New Zealand publication. The 16 Habits of Mind are dispositions that some educators use to help students devise creative solutions to life situations. The article offers examples of specific musicals and how they

foster these habits. Dr. Mason has taught world languages and linguistics for 35 years and received his Ph.D. in romance linguistics from the University of Michigan. He is an eight-time recipient of the Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award for Educational Impact. He devotes much of his efforts devising ways to integrate musicals into the curriculum, especially through national and international publications.

COUNTY CLERK WARNS OF WIRE FRAUD RELATED TO MORTGAGES

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi alerted Union County residents and businesses to be aware of mortgage wire transfer fraud, a trending fraud victimizing prospective home owners, in which funds are steered from legitimate accounts to unauthorized ones.

"June is National Home Ownership Month, but unfortunately many prospective buyers are being defrauded by a vicious scam," said Ms. Rajoppi. "Being informed and aware is the best strategy for avoiding this type of fraud."

Mortgage wire transfer fraud falls into the FBI category of "Business Email Compromise" schemes, a category that has been growing by leaps and bounds. The impact of wire transfer fraud is significant. Since 2013, American home owners have been defrauded in an amount exceeding \$748 million. The tactics can vary but the central theme is consistent. The fraudster, posing as the title company, notifies the buyer by

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi alerted email that there has been a change in the nion County residents and businesses to be instructions for the wire transfer.

Typically, the fraudulent email address closely mimics the address of the legitimate title company. Sometimes the only difference is one letter. If the unwary recipient complies with the instructions, the money ends up in a "staged" account – often an overseas one — set up by the fraudster. "There are endless variations to this scheme, so the best defense is to pick up the phone whenever you receive a notification regarding a wire transfer, and check with a reliable source to confirm that the instructions and account number are legitimate," said Ms. Rajoppi.

More details about Business Email Compromise fraud are available from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. For all County Clerk programs and services visit online, ucnj.org/county-clerk.





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IMAGINE WELCOMES NEW VOLUNTEER FACILITATORS

On July 7-10th for 32-hours 16 new volunteers were trained to take on a year-long commitment at Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss as volunteer facilitators. The training is delivered by Imagine clinical staff who model how to provide support using mirroring and reflection and by immersing the volunteers in the experience of a support group. "The training was so rich and gave me a true sense of how to facilitate as well as the value in the work we do," said one newly trained facilitator, Maria Mujica.

"Volunteers are the heart and soul of Imagine and we could not be more grateful to all of the people who take on this commitment," said Mary Robinson, Imagine Executive Director.

"Since moving into our new space (244 Sheffield St., Mountainside, NJ) we have grown quickly as anticipated," said Mandi Zucker, Imagine's Program Director. "These new volunteers mean we can start a fifth Night of Support in September serving 60 additional children and adults without having to place anyone on a waiting list. We now provide support

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a family member with a terminal or chronic illness. Support groups meet on weekday nights for an hour and a half. Dinner is provided prior to the group meeting. To schedule an orientation for yourself or your family, or for more information about volunteering, please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or info@imaginenj.org.



(above, back row, l-r) Kathy Vergel (Westfield), Nina Carnavale (Caldwell), Florence Wilcox (Watchung), Meredith Stick (Westfield), Remy Davis (Basking Ridge), Monica Rodriguez (Union), Alayne Morgenthal (Westfield), Beth Rakin (Warren). (front row, l-r) Kathy Dulan (Westfield), Elizabeth Savnik (Bound Brook), Mandi Zucker (Westfield), Dorothy Jean Jones (Piscataway),

Juliann Satz (North Brunswick), Jacqueline Miller (North Plainfield), Anna Berman (Warren), Veronica Ortiz (North Plainfield), Mackenzie Kuhl (Westfield), Maria Mujica (Union).

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 season, 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 1st. Directors who have submitted a project that is of interest to CDC Theatre will be contacted via email on or about October 1 so that we might schedule an interview.

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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. 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.



(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, Zagham 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 in Union.



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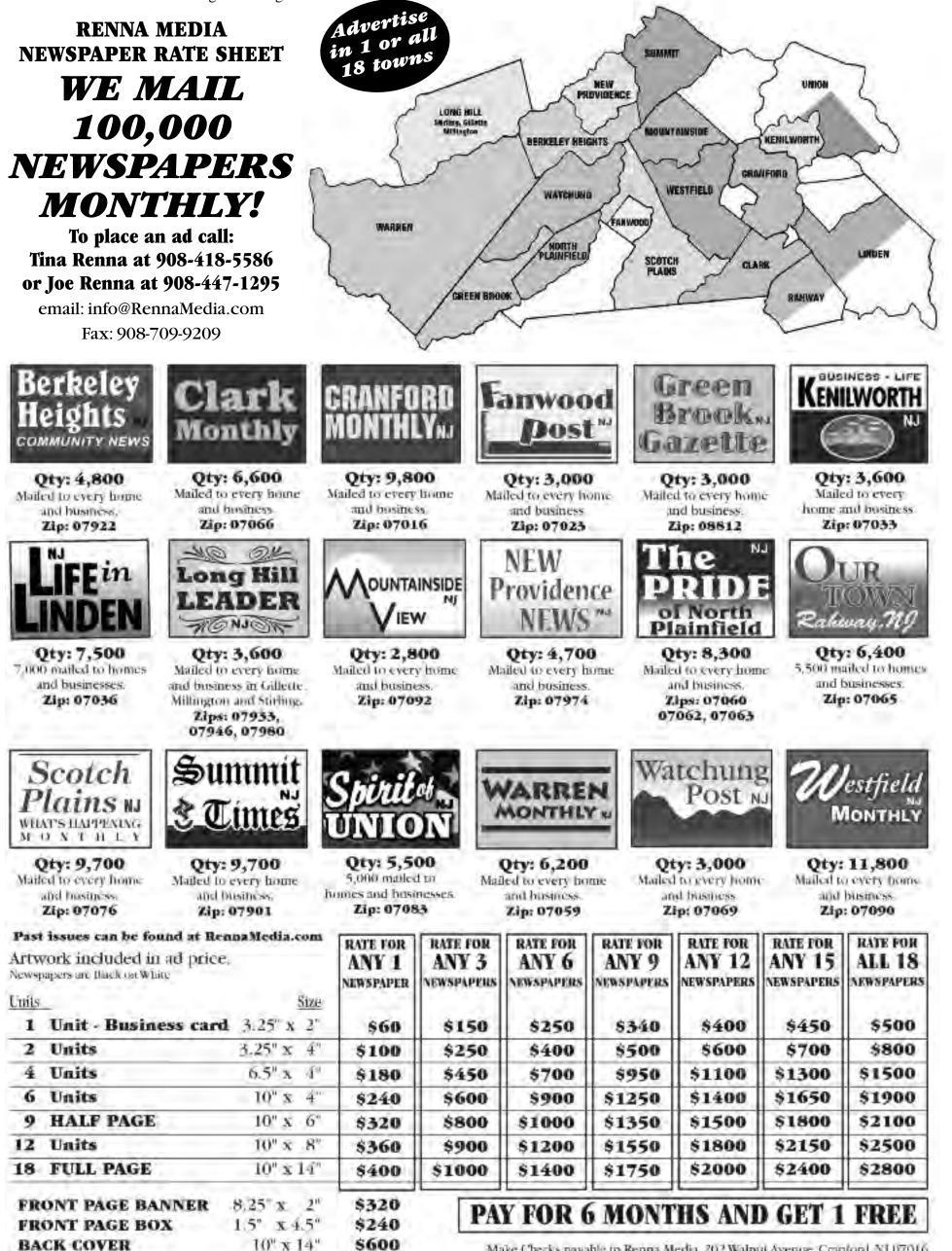
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LANTERN HILL HOSTS RIBBON CUTTING FOR CONTINUING CARE NEIGHBORHOOD

Woodland Pointe's opening expands specialized health care services in Union County

On Thursday, July 20, Lantern Hill, a distinctive Erickson Living senior living community in New Providence, New Jersey, hosted a Celebration and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to commemorate the recent opening of its continuing care neighborhood, Woodland Pointe. In addition to independent living, Lantern Hill's diverse services and care includes sub-acute rehabilitation, assisted living, memory care, and nursing care.

Woodland Pointe features 17 private, onebedroom assisted living apartment homes, 28 private studio apartments within memory care, and outpatient rehabilitation is available for independent living residents. In June 2017, 40 private suites opened, adding Medicare-approved skilled nursing and rehabilitation services to the community. New Providence Mayor Al Morgan, local dignitaries, and more than 50 Lantern Hill residents, employees, and guests attended the celebration which included a ceremonial ribbon cutting, champagne toast, exclusive tours by Lantern Hill staff, as well as delicious hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and specialty drinks from Lantern Hill's Signature Dining.

Lantern Hill's on-site medical center is operated by Summit Medical Group, the largest and oldest physician-owned, multidisciplinary medical practice in New Jersey. With Summit Medical Group's experienced doctors and other medical professionals, residents have convenient, quality care right on campus.

"We are excited to celebrate the opening of our continuing care neighborhood and to bring highquality health care options to seniors in Union



(above l-r) Those participating in the inaugural celebration and ribbon cutting on July 20 for its continuing care neighborhood, Woodland Pointe, included: Beata Chauhan, Doctor of Osteopathy, Medical Director; Al Morgan, Mayor of New Providence; Susan Danduone, resident of Woodland Pointe; Patricia Swan, Executive Director of Lantern Hill; and, Jerry McDonald, Associate Executive Director of Lantern Hill and Woodland Pointe Administrator. (Photo credit: Jacqueline Catanzaro)

County," said Lantern Hill's Executive Director Patricia Swan, who is also vice chair of the Suburban Chamber of Commerce and a member of the New Providence Lions Club. "Lantern Hill's fantastic and caring staff is dedicated to Erickson Living's person-centered care philosophy, which makes our community a premier provider in the New Jersey marketplace," said Swan.

"Our team is trained to focus on the whole person, not just a medical condition. We work with residents one-on-one and evaluate individual's physical, spiritual, and emotional needs to develop an individualized care plan," said Director of Continuing Care and Associate Executive Director Jerry McDonald.

Continuing care at Lantern Hill makes it possible for people who value their independence to obtain some extra support with daily needs like light housekeeping, meal preparation, bathing, or medication management. The neighborhood's intimate setting enables staff to cater services to each person's need and requests.

Residents can choose from a variety of activities that suit their interests, such as chair yoga and tai chi, mind-word games to stimulate the brain and memory, social clubs, movie nights, musical programs, educational speaker series, pet therapy, and outings into the greater local community for shopping and dining.

Lantern Hill's continuing care neighborhood features design details such as light-filled inviting living areas offering the comforts of home, plus a salon/spa, and creative arts studio. Assisted living and memory care apartment homes include large bathrooms, ample storage and closet space, and beautiful views of the scenic campus.

The opening of Woodland Pointe completes Lantern Hill's Phase One, which includes 161 independent living apartments and 85 continuing care residences. Phase Two, currently under construction, is scheduled to open in early 2018 and consists of two additional buildings, which will add 114 independent living apartments to the community, for a total of 275 independent living apartment homes.

10 PRACTICAL IDEAS TO MAKE YOUR FUNDRAISING MORE SUCCESSFUL

On Thursday, August 10th, from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., fundraising and development consultant Bill McGoldrick will lead an interactive session for nonprofit professionals at the offices of The Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce located at 173 Elm Street in Westfield. Attendees will walk away with 10 ideas to spark their fundraising efforts. He will discuss current trends in philanthropy and how age, gender, and other factors affect how people respond to requests for support. Bill will discuss what makes the best philanthropies successful and how to maximize your program's ability to build donor support over time.

Bill McGoldrick, co-founder of Washburn & McGoldrick, has consulted at many of the finest universities in the United States, United Kingdom, Europe, Canada and Australia, providing strategic advice, board, volunteer and staff training, campaign planning and counsel, program planning and assessment, and retreat facilitation.

Bill led the alumni relations, communications and development programs at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for 16 years. He was also major gift director at The College of William and Mary, and public relations director at SUNY Oswego and at Harrisburg (PA) Area Community College.

To sign up for this program, go to gwaccnj.com/events/mcgoldrick. RSVP in advance: GWACC members \$5; prospective members \$10. This program is sponsored by The Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Boys & Girls Club of Union County and The Arc of Union County.



(above) Bill McGoldrick

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