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(above) Fanwood Rescue Squad



(above) Fanwood firefighters



(above) Officer Kathy Case celebrates a victory at the ring toss.



(above) Sinae and Skyler of Scotch Plains aboard Ladder 1.

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FANNY WOOD DAY SEPTEMBER 17

Summer is drawing to a close but that doesn't mean that the fun has to stop! This year, the 22nd annual Fanny Wood Day will return on Sunday, September 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Fanwood along So. Martine Ave. and South Ave.

ACTIVITIES

Fanny Wood Day is much more than just a street fair. Besides the many food and crafts vendors, this year's Fanny Wood Day will host a wide array of activities including the return of kid-friendly activities such as a petting zoo, pony rides, and numerous kiddie rides. Back by popular demand are many of the same contests that were offered last year such as the pizza eating, ice cream eating, the hoola hoop contest and more!!

COME HUNGRY

Fanny Wood Day has something to offer everyone. If contests aren't your thing, grab some

delicious food from one of the many food exhibitors and trucks, kick back for some serious people-watching, stroll the many interesting booths, visit the local merchants and enjoy live entertainment.

KIDS ZONE

The kids will have fun with the trackless train, pony rides and petting zoo, kiddie rides and more. There will be face painting, temporary tattoos, contests and more.

MUSIC

Musical entertainment will be provided the stage area with a DJ and live entertainers throughout the day.

So mark your calendars and visit the street fair where you'll be sure to run into many friends and neighbors. It's a fun day and a chance to show your support to the community just by showing up and enjoying yourselves.

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The Annual "Celebrate Fall" Arts & Crafts Fair, hosted by the Borough of Fanwood and produced by JC Promotions, Inc., will be held on Sunday, September 10 at the Fanwood Train Station. It will feature 50+ artisans selling and displaying their original work. Open to the public from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., you will find a wide

variety of items such as paintings, sculpture, ironworks, metal works, glassworks, pottery, jewelry, fashion clothing, garden works and much more. Be sure to come hungry and enjoy the wide variety of food being sold including shish ka bob, french fries, gyros, burgers, kettle corn, zeppoles, ice cream and more.

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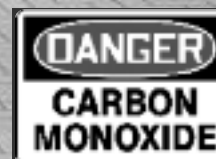
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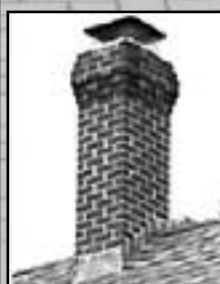
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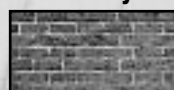
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The annual Ice Cream Social at The Chelsea at Fanwood was another huge success. Rain couldn't keep away many senior friends from inside and outside the Chelsea. Community Relations Directors Pam Gabel and Ken Gelb dished out the ice cream and toppings to the

guests, including Joe Bruno, President of the Fanwood Seniors Club. Fanwood Senior Coordinator Paulette Drogon was the host on behalf of the town of Fanwood. Entertainment was provided by DJ Mel Witschi and Dandy Dan the Balloon Man.

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(above) Joe Bruno, President of the Fanwood Seniors Club, builds his sundae.




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DAVID LAZARUS COACHES NATIONAL CHESS TEAM IN ISRAELI COMPETITION

David Lazarus of Fanwood coached the 2017 United States Maccabiah Chess Team in an international competition held in Israel from July 6 to 17, 2017.

Locally, Lazarus helps John Moldovan and Patrick Mazillo direct the Westfield Chess Quads on Sundays at the Westfield YMCA. He was recruited to coach by Michael Weinstein of Pine Brook during a tournament in Westfield on April 2, 2017.

Lazarus accepted the challenge with the support and insistence of his wife. He underwent extensive background and reference checks and then received a congratulatory welcome letter from Maccabiah National Leader Shane Carr. Many other coaches had been hired in early 2016, so Lazarus quickly made up for lost time in preparing for the competition, undergoing medical tests and information webinars.

On June 27, he and hundreds of others boarded planes to Israel to take part in the Maccabiah competition. This competition is held every 4 years and attracts athletes from around the world.

The first three weeks included many activities. The first week entailed Israel Connect, six days of excursions to many of Israel's most important and historic sights. On July 4, Lazarus and his junior team of four boys and two girls headed to Haifa, where the junior chess tournament was held. On July 6th, 1,135 US athletes and athletes from 80 other nations converged in Jerusalem for the opening ceremonies. "We had been told this would be the highlight of the games and we weren't disappointed," said Lazarus. "To have 50,000 people cheering you as you walk around the track is something I never thought I would experience in my lifetime. It was surreal and no matter how many times I watch the videos, I still have to pinch myself."

U.S. players, Joseph Zeltsan of New York and Simona Nayberg of California earned the individual boys' and girls' gold medals.

"I was happy with our performance although I had little to do with it. My job was to make sure the kids had the best possible overall experience of appreciating their heritage and on that point I believe we succeeded," said Lazarus.



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(above) Coach David Lazarus of Fanwood with his junior team overlooking Jerusalem.



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MARCHING BAND TO HOST ANNUAL FESTIVAL

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Marching Band will welcome ten other New Jersey marching bands to the 19th Annual Marching Band Festival

on Saturday, September 16, 2017 starting at 6:00 pm at SPF High School.

Admission cost will be \$10.00 for adults, \$7.00 for students and seniors, including a free program with every paid admission. Food, drinks and 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.

The 165 member SPFHS Raider Marching Band will perform their 2017 show - ELEMENTS: Water, Earth, Fire & Air under the direction of Mr. Durand Thomas. Band staff also includes assistant director John Gillick, Chris DiCarlo and Scott Burrows, color guard director Jackie Tumolo and assistant Jackie Close. Student drum majors are Briana McGowan, Samantha Graifer and Audrey Smith.

During the 2017 season, the band performs at SPFHS home and away football games and USBands competitions. In 2014 the SPF Marching Band was the NJ Group 6A State Champion and National Gold Medal Champion. In 2015 SPF Marching Band was the Group 6 Open State Silver Medal Champion. Additional information is available at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Boosters website: spfmusicboosters.org.

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(above) The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Marching Band during the 2016 Marching Band Festival. Photos from this and other events can be found online at rennamedia.com.


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The quilters will be learning about a new pattern for this year and those who knit and crochet will continue to work on the projects they

do for charity.

All are welcome to come and see what is being done and to join the group. If fabric, batting or yarn is needed, Needles Nitters may e-mail their request to needlenite@fanwoodpc.org.

For further information about these projects or directions to Fanwood Presbyterian Church please call the office at 908-889-8891 or e-mail admin@fanwoodpc.org or check the web www.fanwoodpc.org.

THRIFT SHOP FRESHLY STOCKED

The Thrift Shop at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church opens on Wednesday, September 13th with freshly stocked clothing for all ages. Many of these items for sale are new or nearly new.

House wares, linens, 'Bric a Brac', books, craft projects and fabric can all be 'new to you' items.

The volunteers who work at the Shop have been busy and will be filling the shelves and racks continually. All proceeds are donated to many community organizations.

The volunteers are from the area and not all members of Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

Many volunteers come to work a morning shift from 9:30 to Noon and others from 12 Noon to 4 pm. A time of fellowship is shared over bag lunches. The Thrift Shop would welcome new volunteers. Please stop in to talk with members about joining.

The Shop will be open each Wednesday from 10am to 4pm.

The Thrift Shop is located on McDermott Place at the rear of the Church complex. For further information and directions please call the church office at 908-889-8891 or e-mail admin@fanwoodpc.org.

BARBERSHOP HARMONY CHORUS FREE PERFORMANCE

The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains welcomes the Morris Music Men on September 18, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

The Morris Music Men are Morris County's barbershop harmony chorus. They are an all-male, a cappella chorus comprised of men from all walks of life and levels of singing experience who share one thing in common: an irresistible urge to sing.

The Morris Music Men sing barbershop style 4-part harmony and are a chapter of the 26,000 member Barbershop Harmony Society. Their director is Nate Barrett, an energetic professional musician who has inspired the group to become

the fastest growing barbershop chorus in the Northeast. They sing for many civic and charitable organizations, private groups, churches and fundraisers each year.

Please come and join us for this free program open to the public.

The College Club's mission is to support education of our youth and local community, and we encourage you to join us

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Presented by Library of America with support from the NEH, World War I and America is a two-year initiative that aims to bring veterans and their families together with the general public to explore the continuing relevance of the war by reading, discussing, and sharing insights into the writings of Americans who experienced it firsthand.

September programs at Scotch Plains Public Library include:

- Monday, September 18, 7 pm: Opening Event: Prelude to War: The Events That Drew the U.S. into WWI, lecture by Tim White, Assistant Professor of History, New Jersey City University

- Monday, September 25, 7 pm: War Illustration: A Straight Unbroken Line, presentations by two illustrators who are active members of the Society of Illustrators' Air Force Art Program and other projects involving the military.

Propaganda Posters of WWI -- Dennis Dittrich, illustrator, and Associate Professor of Art, New Jersey City University

Observations from an illustrator embedding with warriors in training and on the front lines -- Victor Juhasz, illustrator

- Thursday, September 28, 7 pm: Combat paper and Frontline Arts

Veterans who have created written word and visual art pieces through this project (<https://www.frontlinearts.org/the-story/>) will share their work and their stories with attendees.

Registration for these events is recommended. Please visit our website, www.scotlib.org, or call 908-322-5007 x204 for more information and to register. Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue in the center of town.

RICHARD DELUCA JOINS GWACC BOARD



Richard DeLuca of the Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper law firm has joined the board of the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (GWACC). "We

are fortunate to have Mr. Richard DeLuca join our Board of Directors. His experience will complement those of the current Board members and I am sure that he will be a very active member and bring new and fresh ideas to all of us," said Executive Director Gene Jannotti.

DeLuca is the Director of Business Development and Marketing at Lindabury. Prior

to that, he held positions in marketing and business development at Stark & Stark, Pillsbury Winthrop, Reed Smith, LLP, and Weil, Gotshal & Manges. DeLuca is a graduate of Rutgers University.

For the past year, DeLuca has served as a volunteer mentor in the Young Entrepreneurs Academy Program sponsored by the GWACC. "I am excited to join the Board because I see the great work the Chamber does in the local business community and I want to be part of those efforts," said DeLuca.

About the GWACC

Established almost 70 years ago, the GWACC is the primary business organization in Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, and Westfield. The chamber promotes local business opportunities, economic development, and community growth. The GWACC includes 500 member businesses and nonprofit organizations. For more information, go to GWACCNJ.com.



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The Rotary Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains is hosting the Annual Robert H. Kraus Memorial Golf Outing, which will benefit the Robert H. Kraus Memorial Scholarship as well as other Rotary initiatives. The golf outing will take place on Monday, September 18, 2017 at the Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club, 100 Tillinghast Turn, Scotch Plains.

Although the location has not changed, this year the start time will take place earlier in the day. Check-in will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a breakfast buffet from 9:00am to 11am. The Shotgun Start is scheduled for 11:00am with cocktails, dinner and awards from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The event will feature several Hole in One prizes as well as auction prizes, including a foursome at Basking Ridge Country Club, and College and Pro sports tickets.

The scholarship was created to honor the

memory of Bob Kraus, a long time Rotarian and respected member of the community. It is awarded to a Scotch Plains Fanwood High School graduating senior who will be attending Rutgers University, has been involved in extracurricular activities or volunteerism, and has maintained minimum grade point average of 3.0. The first scholarship was awarded in 2011.

For information about registration for the golf outing and sponsorship opportunities, go to <http://www.fsprotary.org/golf-outing/> or contact Donna at dannunzio22@gmail.com

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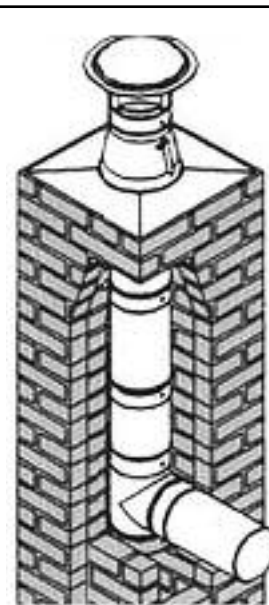
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