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SAGE HONORS TIM DONOHUE OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS

SAGE Eldercare, a unique community resource that offers program and services for older adults and their caregivers, celebrated its 2016 partners, volunteers, and staff at a meeting held on September 12, 2017.

"Our dedicated volunteers and community partners provide SAGE with the ability to reach those in need. We could not do it without you," said Angela Sullivan, SAGE Executive Director.

Sullivan, along with 2016 Board President Kitty Hartman, highlighted the achievements of the organization in 2016, including the 50 year anniversary of Meals on Wheels and the startup of a friendly visitor program. In addition, SAGE served older adults and caregivers in our community with guidance, planning, and support, home care, information and referrals, educational and exercise programs, caregiver support groups, grocery shopping and errand services, Medicare counseling, and in the Spend-A-Day adult day health care program.

Tim Donohue of Berkeley Heights was presented with the Outstanding Youth Volunteer of the Year Award.

ABOUT SAGE ELDERCARE

Since 1954, SAGE Eldercare has been helping make the communities it serves amazing places to age. The non-profit organization provides a wide array of information, support, and services designed to help individuals lead the most independent and active lives possible. From helping with errands and delivering Meals on Wheels, to exercise classes, community programs and support groups, Medicare counseling, care planning, an adult day health care center, and home health care, as well as the SAGE Resale Shop and Furniture Restoration Workshop, SAGE's expertise helps older adults remain independent in their own homes. SAGE is committed to being the leading provider of programs and services to meet the changing needs of older adults, their families, and caregivers in Union, Essex, Morris, and Somerset Counties. For more information, please call 908.273.5550 or visit www.sageeldercare.org.



(above) Tim Donohue of Berkeley Heights was presented with the Outstanding Youth Volunteer of the Year Award by SAGE Eldercare. SAGE Executive Director Angela Sullivan noted that the current University of Miami freshman is, "a special young man, who through his volunteerism. has been a great friend to SAGE and to those we serve. Tim came to know of SAGE when his grandmother attended our Spend-A-Day adult day service. He has been described by our staff as a very dedicated grandson and someone who takes on tasks with great enthusiasm." He chose SAGE as the recipient of his Eagle Scout projects, including building two large wooden plant boxes used by Spend-A-Day participants, as well as producing videos to showcase SAGE's services. This award was created in 2005 to acknowledge ongoing volunteer involvement by local youth who have committed their time and service to SAGE.

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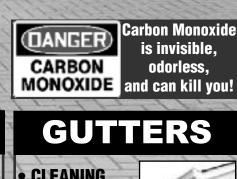
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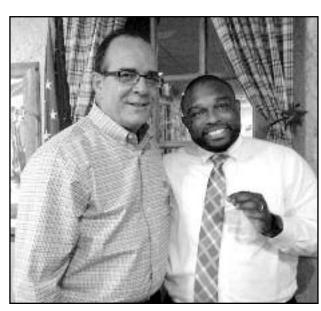


roared into action once again. A recent meeting saw the induction of the Rotary Club's 24th current member, and fourth to join this year, Dwayne Fraser, who is Vice President and Manager of ConnectOne Bank-Berkeley Heights. During the same meeting, the Rotary Club received a citation for the third year in a row from the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians for exceptional humanitarian actions and community service. The meeting also hosted fellow Rotarian Hedy Knapp, a member of the Rotary Club of Fanwood/Scotch Plains and

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Partners in Westfield. Knapp delivered a

The Rotary Club of Berkeley Heights has



(above l-r): President Jim Ramentol and Dwayne Fraser

cautionary presentation on how to protect against current insidious telephone scams and onlineand phone-based identity theft.

The Berkeley Heights Rotary Club is a group of local business-people, professionals, and community leaders working to aid and strengthen our community and the world.

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WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

The Watchung Arts Center was founded in 1978, providing the Watchung community with an eclectic mix of professional and emerging artists in the performing and visual arts. As the Center looks forward to its 40th season, and a gala anniversary celebration, it is pleased to announce its performance and exhibition schedule for the fall of 2017.

The season will open on Friday, October 6 with an exciting jazz performance by piano virtuoso, Rio Clemente, known to his fans as "The Bishop of Jazz". Whether performing as a soloist or with a guest artist or two, Rio never fails to impress, adding an amazing sense of creativity and interpretation to his music, and breathing new life into jazz and popular standards that sustain his growing legion of fans.

Two weeks later, on Saturday, October 21, another jazz artist will appear --- this time, young Plainfield resident, Alexis Morrast. At the age of 16, Alexis has already performed at a



wide range of jazz venues, including multiple appearances at the Apollo Theatre in New York, where she was the 2017 winner of the nationally televised FOX broadcast "Showtime at the Apollo". She has also appeared at the U.S. Open in 2013; the 2015 Central Jersey Jazz Festival in New Brunswick, featuring trumpet player Sean Jones; NJPAC with Christian McBride; as well as on Millennium Stage at The Kennedy Center, and most recently abroad in Cape Town South Africa!

Saturday, October 28 will offer a change of pace, with an evening of harmonies from the '50's and '60's, in "The Everly Set: Sean Altman & Jack Skuller Approximate The Everly Brothers". New York based musicians Altman and Skuller have had successful musical careers individually, and have been performing as the Everly Set since 2015.

November 11 will offer an opportunity to celebrate with the Watchung Arts Center at its "40th Anniversary Gala". Details are still being finalized, but it promises to be an evening of good food and fun, with musical performances by some of the WAC's favorite artists.

2017 at the Watchung Arts Center will end with the "Annual Holiday Concert" on Saturday, December 9. What better way to celebrate the season of "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men" than with the music of "Amani", whose name mean "peace" in Swahili"? Led by saxophonist Marty Eigen, "Amani" includes keyboardist Fred Fischer, vocalist Stephan Fuller and, on guitar, Flip Peters.

Each month, the Center displays the work of local artists in its two galleries, opening each show with a gala art reception, open to the public, usually on the first Sunday of the month. September will offer a group exhibit, "UNEXPECTED: What is a Painting?", curated by Gail Winbury and Paul Pinkman, in the Heinz W. Otto Gallery, and "Reverie of Colors" by Indira Servaia in the Lower Gallery. The opening for these exhibits is on Sunday, September 10 from1 to 4 PM. Additional exhibits scheduled for the fall are:



- October Unique Visions "Connections"; and Ross Wagner exhibit.
- November New Jersey Photography Forum 23rd Annual Juried Photography Exhibit; and Green Brook artist Ghanshyam Patel.
- December Annual Watchung Arts Center Members Juried Show

In addition to its performance and exhibit schedule, the Watchung Arts Center also features classes for adults and children. Children's classes in Drawing and Painting Enrichment are slated to begin on September 26, with Teen Art Classes starting on September 25. Also beginning in September will be adult classes in Yoga and Zumba.

The WAC also provides meeting space for groups such as the Contemporary Art Group (CAG), and the Unique Vision Workshop. The Watchung Arts Center is available for rental for parties and special events, and also offers Children's Art Birthday Parties, hosted by art instructor Monica Otero.

The Watchung Arts Center is located on the circle at 18 Stirling Road, Watchung, NJ. The office and galleries are open Tues.-Fri. noon-5pm and Sat. 10:00am-3:00pm. To obtain more information about upcoming performances, classes and workshops, and monthly art exhibitions, please visit WatchungArts.org or call 908-753-0190.



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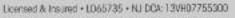
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ANNUAL MAYOR'S CUP PD VS. FD CHARITY SOFTBALL GAME OCT 7

Batter up...get ready for the third annual Mayor's Cup Charity Softball Game between the Berkeley Heights Police and Fire Departments. This year's game will be held on October 7th at 4:30 p.m. at Snyder Avenue Park. The charity game began as the kick-off fundraiser to renovate Veterans Memorial Park. The Police and Fire Departments quickly stepped up to host the game honoring our veterans and military personnel. Many veterans now serve in these departments, and giving back to honor our service men and



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women quickly became a priority of both. Since the launch of the first game, over \$170,000 has been raised by the volunteer Veterans Memorial Park Committee. Through its operation: We Remember efforts, the Committee has completely renovated the park, and last year launched the Hometown Heroes Banner Program.

The entire community has been supportive of these efforts. This year's game will once again help provide funding for the continued maintenance of the Park and Committee projects. Every dollar raised goes directly to these efforts and is tax deductible for donors. The sense of pride and appreciation for all those who have served in our military and put themselves in harm's way to protect all of us and the freedom we cherish is immortalized at the park. The statue entitled "Fallen Soldier," donated by the late Vito Mondelli, a Marine Corps and Korean War veteran, greets those who enter. It is a symbol of the courage and sacrifice made by those who have served.

Again this year, the Berkeley Heights PAL and Rotary Club have volunteered to help with the game festivities. There will be a 50/50 raffle, hot dogs, refreshments, home baked goods, and local restaurants will provide pizza.

Businesses wishing to help are invited to contact us at 908-451-2058. All proceeds will go toward the park projects. The fabulous and family friendly event welcomes everyone to attend. There is no admission charge, but donations are greatly appreciated.

Contributions can also be made on line at the Committee's website: BHMemorialPark.com

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29 Park Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922. Volunteers are always welcome to help with projects.

CLOSING IN ON GREEN COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GOAL

Berkeley Heights has almost reached its goal sustainability programs. By for the Green Community Challenge Pledge. More than 200 residents have made a commitment to protecting the environment by signing the Pledge. "Our goal is for 241 residents to sign off on the pledge," says Environmental Commissioner Kinan Tadmori. "Many of your neighbors have already taken the pledge. It's easy and just takes a minute or two. The only requirements are that you be a Berkeley Heights resident and over 18 years of age. Please spread the word."

The pledge is available at

tinyurl.com/gut6mc4.

This is not an advertising promotion: residents' names and addresses will be kept confidential. The action will help Berkeley Heights reach Sustainable Jersey Silver Certification.

Sustainable Jersey is a nonprofit organization that provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue

supporting community efforts to reduce waste, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and improve environmental equity, Sustainable Jersey is empowering communities to build a better world for future generations. You can find more information at www.sustainablejersey.com.

The Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission was established to protect, develop or use natural resources, including water resources, located within the Township. The Commission comments on and recommends plans to the Zoning Board, and it recommends plans and programs to the Planning Board for the development and use of open lands and wetlands. All the members volunteer their time on a variety of projects and tasks.

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Susan Ferris Rights, Co-President of the League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit (BHNPS), is urging voters to prepare for Election Day, November 7th, by visiting VOTE411.org. On this website voters will be able to find their polling place, check voting hours and read tips about voting in NJ.

"Voters need simple, helpful tools to help them navigate the voting process and Election Day," said Susan Ferris Rights. "VOTE411.org is the nation's premiere online election resource, and the League of Women Voters of BHNPS has provided information on the candidates running for office in our communities on VOTE411.org so that it can serve as a resource for all voters. Simply enter your address for your customized information."

"This Election Day, Tuesday, November 7, millions of voters will head to the polls and stand up for what matters most to our communities and our lives," said Susan Ferris Rights. "The best



www.RainbowGutterCleaning.com blair@rainbowguttercleaning.com thing we can all do is urge everyone to prepare by visiting VOTE411.org and go vote."

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership is open to men and women of all ages. With 800 affiliates across the county, the League is one of the nation's most trusted organizations.

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"The musical is like a Jazz Age take on Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream; a potent cocktail of an all-night party in late 1920s Manhattan," says director Sean Lough. Adapted from a book-length poem written in and about the Roaring Twenties, The Wild Party tells the story of one wild evening in the Manhattan apartment shared by Queenie and Burrs, a vaudeville dancer and a vaudeville clown. In a relationship marked by vicious behavior and recklessness, mirroring the times in which they live, they decide to throw a party to end all parties. As the guests arrive, we meet an assortment of people living on the edge. Queenie and Burrs set out to make each other jealous, but Queenie begins to fall in love with her conquest named Mr. Black. After a long night of decadence, Burrs' jealousy erupts and he comes to a violent end at Mr. Black's hand. In the stark light of a new day, Queenie moves out into a brighter world, although not necessarily a brighter future, leaving the passed-out revelers in her wake. An award-winning score by Andrew Lippa provides excitement and drive for this tale of passions out of control. Capturing the sound of a bygone era with a nod to the present one, he makes us realize that moral decadence is not only limited to our past.

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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE LAUNCHES ONLINE SURVEY

The Berkeley Heights Communications Committee (BHCC) on September 11 announced its launch of an online survey to gain feedback topics related to Township on key communications.

The survey, which is brief and should take less than five minutes to complete, is available online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/BHBeHeard.

Residents and members of the Berkeley Heights community can also take the survey on the Township website at www.berkeleyheightstwpnj.gov.

"We need input from the community to help us improve Township communications," said Sander Raaymakers, Chairperson of the Berkeley Heights Communications Committee. "We encourage people to share their unvarnished

town."

Jeanne Kingsley, Township Council Vice President and member of the BHCC, stated, "the BHCC has been actively collecting feedback from the Township community at the street fair and summer concert series, and we are pleased to expand accessibility of this simple survey online. The survey also provides the ability for individuals to express their interest in joining the BHCC or any other all-volunteer committees to help make a difference and raise the profile of our top-rated town."

The BHCC survey is expected to be available online through October 2017 and the input will be used to develop a long-term communications plan for the Township. Hard copies of the survey

views on how they prefer to stay connected to the can be obtained at Town Hall located at 29 Park Avenue.

THE BERKELEY HEIGHTS COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Founded in 2010, the Berkeley Heights Communications Committee (BHCC) is an allvolunteer committee consisting of business owners, community leaders, and residents of Berkeley Heights Township. The BHCC's mission is to maximize the transparency of Township activities as well as promote both public and private sector initiatives aimed at enhancing the quality of life for local community members.

For more information, visit the Township's website at www.berkeleyheightstwpnj.gov.



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