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## **HOLIDAY MAIL FOR HEROES**

Submitted by Ellen de Havilland

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Sending a touch of home to our heroes abroad helps to bring the spirit of the season out. Kelly Adams, executive director of Arbor Terrace, took a day to volunteer and came out to The Arc Kohler School in Mountainside to craft some

handmade cards for our troops and heroes who are serving overseas, as part of the American Red Cross "Holiday Mail for Heroes" program. A simple card can have a profound impact. This program is just one way the volunteers from Arbor Terrace are sending holiday cheer to the servicemen and women who defend our freedom. Special thanks go out to Maria Owens, of Arbor Terrace, for

coordinating this very special project and collecting

the supplies to make the cards. Jennifer Kaufman, principal at The Arc Kohler School, shared with us that "working on a project such as 'Holiday Mail for Heroes' allows our students to give back to the community and to provide some holiday cheer to the brave men and women who serve our country. It also provides a way for our students to showcase their talents and practice many of the skills that they work on here at school."

With help from the team of teachers and therapists at the school, Shelby Camhi, speech language pathologist at The Arc Kohler School, shared that "the kids had a great time making cards for the soldiers, and it provided them with the opportunity to utilize the skills we work on in therapy -following directions, practicing colors, learning holiday concepts, practicing 'yes' and 'no' responses, and making requests."

Volunteers from Arbor Terrace donated all of the supplies and worked with the students to create handmade cards with personal messages. To kick off the season and get into the spirit of the holidays, Arbor Terrace also donated a pizza lunch for the teachers and staff to enjoy. The staff at The Arc Kohler School work hard each day to help the students grow and gain independence. Thank you, Arbor Terrace, for reminding our teachers how important they are to our students!

If you'd like to join in with this campaign and send cards of thanks and holiday cheer to military members, veterans and families, visit:

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## **UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE DEAN'S LIST**

Taylor Hendrzak of Mountainside has been named to the University of Delaware Dean's List for the Fall 2017 semester.

To meet eligibility requirements for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.33 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester.



## **HETFIELD HOUSE TO HOST ROARING '20s SPEAKEASY SOCIAL**

years' Colonial and Downton Abbey themed dinners, volunteers at Mountainside's historic Deacon Andrew Hetfield House are planning a Flappers & Bootleggers Roaring '20s Speakeasy Social dinner event. Scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, February 23, 2018 (snow date February 24) and held at Mountainside's historic Deacon Andrew Hetfield House, this enjoyable event is a fundraiser for the Mountainside Restoration Committee with a portion of the proceeds going to the restoration and maintenance of the historic Hetfield and Levi Cory houses. This event is sponsored in-part by The Arbor Terrace Mountainside Assisted Living Facility.

Interestingly, the Hetfield House, at its previous location on Route 22, was once the site of a "tea house" during Prohibition. Old timers tell stories indicating that "there was more than tea served in that tea house!" So in homage to its previous incarnation, the Hetfield House will once again become a "speakeasy" for a night.

The evening will begin with a reception held

Coming off the successes of their previous in the Hetfield House's formal parlor where guests will enjoy live music, appetizers and Jeffrey's Jumpin' signature cocktail. After the reception, guests will proceed to the center rooms and small tables for a buffet dinner featuring salad, vegetables, and main dishes (beef and meatless). Beer and wine will be served with dinner. After dinner, diners will enjoy desserts, coffee/tea and participate in Roaring '20s party activities. Throughout the evening, costumed servers will assist guests amidst era-appropriate decorations accompanied by live music. Guests are encouraged to dress in Roaring '20s attire.

Presented by the volunteers of the Mountainside Historic Committee, space for this Flappers & Bootleggers Roaring '20s Speakeasy Social is limited and any interested adults should call for reservations immediately. The cost is \$75 per person. Full payments are due within one week of reservation. Reservation forms can be found at the Mountainside Library, Borough Hall,

at mountainsidehistory.org or by calling (908)789-9420.



(above) Costumed members of the Mountainside Historic Committee await their dinner guests for last year's Downton Abbey dinner at the Hetfield House.



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## SCHOOL DISTRICT PLACED ON THE COLLEGE BOARD'S AP HONOR ROLL

Submitted by Thomas Long

Berkeley Heights is one of 447 school districts in the United States and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the 8th Annual AP® District Honor Roll.

To be included on the 8th Annual Honor Roll, Berkeley Heights had to, since 2015, increase the number of Governor Livingston High School students participating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of three or higher. Reaching these goals shows that this district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for AP.

"This is an exciting and wonderful recognition for our school district to receive," stated Judith A. Rattner, Berkeley Heights Superintendent of Schools. "I am so proud of our students and educators for their hard work and outstanding achievement."

National data from 2017 show that among American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students with a



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high degree of readiness for AP, only about half The following criteria were used. are participating. The first step to getting more of these students to participate is to give them access. Courses must be made available, gatekeeping must stop, and doors must be equitably opened. Berkeley Heights is committed to expanding the availability of AP courses among prepared and motivated students of all backgrounds.

"Congratulations to all the educators and administrators in this district who have worked to clear a path for more students of all backgrounds to participate and succeed in AP," stated Trevor Packer, Senior Vice President, AP and Instruction, for the College Board. "These educators and administrators are fostering a culture in their schools and classrooms that allows students to face new challenges and build the confidence to succeed."

Helping more students learn at a higher level and earn higher AP scores is an objective of all members of the AP community, from AP teachers to district and school administrators to college professors. Many districts are experimenting with initiatives and strategies to see how they can expand access and improve student performance at the same time.

In 2017, more than 4000 colleges and universities around the world received AP scores for college credit, advanced placement, or both, and/or consideration in the admissions process. Inclusion in the 8th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on a review of three years of AP data, from 2015 to 2017, looking across 38 AP Exams, including world language and culture.

Districts must:

Increase participation/access to AP by at least four percent in large districts, at least six percent in medium districts, and at least 11 percent in small districts;

Increased or maintained the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African Hispanic/Latino, and Native American, Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students taking exams and increased or maintained the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students scoring 3+ on at least one AP Exam; and

Improve or maintain performance levels when comparing the 2017 percentage of students scoring a three or higher to the 2015 percentage, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70 percent of its AP students earn a three or higher.

When these outcomes have been achieved among an AP student population in which 30 percent or more are underrepresented minority students (American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander) and/or 30 percent or more are low-income students (students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch), a symbol has been affixed to the district name to highlight this work.

The complete 8th Annual AP District Honor Roll can be found here: apcentral.collegeboard.org/score-reportsdata/awards/honor-roll



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### **RELAY 2018 RETURNS TO GOVERNOR LIVINGSTON HS**

Submitted by Marlene Sincaglia

The Event Leadership Team announced that The 2018 Relay for Life of Berkeley Heights, Mountainside, New Providence, and Summit will be returning to Governor Livingston High School on June 2 to 3, 2018. Mrs. Rattner stated, "We are excited about the possibility of Relay for Life returning to Governor Livingston High School in 2018.

This event is an integral part of our community and an incredible opportunity for our students to help others." Being at the high school also allows for an indoor location in case of inclement weather.

There will be a Kick Off for Relay on Thursday, March 1, 2018. It will be held at the Governor Livingston High School Cafeteria at 7 p.m. The theme of Kick Off is Back TO GL. We envision a future that is cancer free. Everything you need to know about Relay for Life will be presented in an interactive setting. Relay passports will be distributed. Get stamps for various benchmarks that will result in being eligible for a \$100 gift card. Sign up as an individual or with a team that evening.

The Event Leadership Team is hoping that many more teams will join us this year. If you have a group of friends, a book club, or other group, please form a team. Relay 2018 is

looking for people who will work together to solicit money for ACS and then walk the track on June 2nd to demonstrate that cancer does not sleep and neither do we.

Relay for Life is a community event. The three prongs are Celebrate, Remember, and Fight Back. Everyone has been touched by cancer. At relay we Celebrate the survivors and those who are starting the journey. At Relay, we Remember those we lost to cancer and at Relay, we Fight Back to help prevent cancer.

Relay for Life raises money for the American Cancer Society (ACS). The ACS is leading the fight for a world without cancer. From research, education and prevention to treatment, recovery and support of patients, caregivers, long-term survivors, ACS stands united in its mission to achieve a world free from the pain and suffering of cancer.

The website cancer.org features the latest most accurate information on virtually all topics related to cancer from prevention and diagnosis to survivorship and caregiving.

The toll free helpline 1-800-227-2345 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to help cancer patients, and those seeking information, resources, and support. For more information go to RelayforLife.org.

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## **MOUNTAINSIDE GIRLS EASE ON DOWN TO WOODLAND THEATRE**



(above) Alexa Torres as "Dorothy" during rehearsal.

Four Mountainside girls caught the acting bug and gave a great performance in "The Wiz," held at the historic Woodland Theatre, 60 Woodland Road, Maplewood, last month. The girls from Mountainside who acted in the play are: Abby and Mia Galm, Sarah Craven, and Alexa Torres, who was one of the girls who starred as Dorothy. The other Dorothy was Celeste Palermo from Springfield. There were 65 kids in all, from neighboring towns including New Providence, Westfield, Summit, and Union, and a real live dog who played Toto! Rehearsals were held at Front and Center for Performing Arts, 95 Victory Road, Springfield, a facility that offers individuals of all ages and skill levels the opportunity to grow and develop artistically and personally in a nurturing environment.

For more information on Front and Center, and to see photographs from the live performance of The Wiz, visit: front-n-center.com and to see photographs from "The Wiz," visit Front and Center's Facebook page at:

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(above) Danielle Bobish, office manager at Front and Center Performing Arts.









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## **OUR LADY OF LOURDES CELEBRATION**

On Sunday, February 11, 2018, the parish community of Our Lady of Lourdes (OLL) in Mountainside will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the 18th Anniversary of their Perpetual Adoration Chapel with a Mass at 5:00 p.m., to be followed by a light supper in the church hall. The Main Celebrant and Homilist will be Father Bill Benedetto, Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Lourdes.

The Adoration Chapel first opened on February 11, 2000, thanks to the tireless efforts of Jack Schuvart, Frank Ciccarino and Irene Ciccarino. It has remained a place where the faithful visit with the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There are always scheduled adorers present while the Holy Eucharist is exposed. It is very fitting that the chapel opened on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes and

shares its anniversary with the Feast Day each year.

The dedicated leaders who keep the chapel organized, the hundreds of scheduled adorers updated and who make sure every hour is covered are Irene Ciccarino, Kathy Snyder, Marianne Taylor, Tinkey Dunne, and Elizabeth Soares.

The Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes is extremely proud of its Adoration Chapel and of the hundreds of people from within and outside the parish who devotedly keep their scheduled hour each and every week and to those who fill in when the need arises.

All are invited to join in celebrating this milestone. OLL is located at 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, NJ. For information, call the Parish Office at (908) 232-1162.



This tournament meets the 6a requirement for earning a Chess merit badge.

### **COLDWELL BANKER NEW HOMES ANNOUNCES THE GRAND OPENING OF ECHO RIDGE TOWNHOMES**

Whether a move up, family, first time buyer, or empty nester, the spaciousness and amenities of a single family home but with the convenience of maintenance free living awaits at Echo Ridge Townhomes on Echo Ridge Way in Mountainside, New Jersey. This intimate community of only 23 luxuriously appointed three bedroom, two-and-a-half bath townhomes with flexible space, decks or patios, and scenic views by the talents of Menza and Beissel hosed its Grand Opening on Sunday, January 28, 2018. Prices start from the mid-\$700,000's.

"We are excited to not only work once again with builders Michael Menza and Howard Beissel, but also to offer buyers this amazing new community which is designed to appeal to a variety of buyers," notes Coldwell Banker New Homes Vice President David Schoner. "With more than 20 years experience in creating noteworthy communities and one-of-a-kind luxury homes in the area, Echo Ridge is sure to become another success story. They take the traditions of building a home to a new level by incorporating the latest design trends and building techniques to create stylish and functional homes that owners can truly appreciate and live in for many years to come. The most exciting part is that buyers, especially those in the area who are looking to right size whether empty nesting or just starting out, will now have this unique option in a town renowned for its convenience and close proximity to Manhattan via train or bus."

He adds, "The community has been designed as a low-density neighborhood which allows a perfect balance between the townhomes and the preservation of its natural forest surroundings. Inside, each features a dramatic use of space, which allows buyers to easily transition from their single family home, condo, or even an apartment. All offer brand name amenities, hand crafted finishes and mill work, and top notch invisible construction systems for efficiency and added value."

New Homes Specialist Frank Isoldi of Coldwell Banker in Westfield East agrees and points out, "Buyers will immediately notice these townhomes are more light-filled and wider than most townhome designs with a popular open living concept perfect for today's buyer's lifestyle needs. The overall concept gives them a single family home feel, but without the maintenance."

He continues, "Foyers are open and inviting bringing guests into the living area where everyone will love to gather, to chat by the fireplace or go out onto the deck or patio for al fresco entertaining. Meal prep is easy and stylish in the designer kitchen with center island, quartz countertops, plenty of wood cabinetry and stainless steel appliances. Depending on the model, first floors can also feature a flex space. Other features include hardwood floors in the living areas, several multi-media ports, a powder room, laundry room, and access to the two car garage."

Owners can choose a model with a first or second floor owner's suite with walk-in closets and lavish tiled bath with dual vanities and oversized glass enclosed shower with bench seat and dual showerheads. Upstairs are two bedrooms walk-in closets, full tiled bath, study and an abundance of storage space. Some models offer a wonderful loft area perfect for a media room, office or whatever the owner desires. Basements are also available on select models and offer high ceilings, multiple windows and under slab plumbing for future finishing.

"Echo Ridge Townhomes is complimented by



#### Echo Ridge Townhomes Grand Opening

(above) Echo Ridge Townhomes, a community of only 23 luxuriously appointed townhomes with flexible space, decks or patios, and scenic views by the talents of Menza and Beissel, hosted its Grand Opening on Sunday, January 28th, on Echo Ridge Way in Mountainside, NJ. For additional information, please contact New Homes Specialist Frank Isoldi of Coldwell Banker Westfield East on cell at (908) 787-5990, in the office direct at (908) 301-2038, or visit www.cbnewhomes.com. its location in Mountainside," points out Isoldi. "It is one of the state's most sought after addresses for its established neighborhood setting, convenient shopping, fine array of dining options, and close proximity to major commuter routes including Route 22, 78 and the Garden State Parkway as well as trains and buses to New York City from Summit and Westfield.

Residents also enjoy top rated schools and wonderful recreation including nearby golf courses and country clubs, parks, lake, and the renowned Watchung Reservation."

He adds, "The community is also very pet friendly with its sidewalks and close proximity to area parks including Echo Lake Park which features a dog run and three mile loop for nice long walks."

For additional information, please contact New Homes Specialist Frank Isoldi of Coldwell Banker Westfield East on cell at (908) 787-5990, in the office direct at (908) 301-2038, or visit ,cbnewhomes.com.



## WHAT BEGAN AS A HELPFUL MEAL BECAME A LASTING FRIENDSHIP

Submitted by Marianne Kranz

John S. prides himself on having four library cards. An accomplished author, history buff, and fervent reader, he makes good use of all four. And while he does enjoy his frequent trips to the library, he recently discovered the ease of Amazon and cannot get over the speed in which books arrive at his front door.

"I ordered it Wednesday and it was here Friday," he said with disbelief on a recent afternoon sitting at his kitchen table at home in Mountainside. Seated across from him was his wife Madge. Beside him was the man he credits with introducing him to Amazon and taking him, at the age of 90, to buy his first laptop computer, SAGE Meals on Wheels volunteer, Robert Lecky. "If it weren't for Robert, I wouldn't have this computer or Amazon."

Robert first met the couple in September 2016 when he began delivering Meals on Wheels to



(above) John and Madge S. of Mountainside met SAGE Meals on Wheels volunteer Robert Lecky (center) after Madge fell and broke both wrists. After seven months the couple no longer needed the meal service, but the bond they formed with Robert remains strong and the three get together every Wednesday for lunch and a visit. their home. Madge, 83, greeted him at the door with two broken wrists from a recent fall and John limped over with a damaged knee, which he hurt trying to lift Madge after the fall.

"I honestly don't know what we would have done without Robert," said Madge. While the meals were a big help, it turns out that Meals on Wheels was a gift well beyond a nutritional one.

"We hit it off right out of the box," recalls Robert.

Soon after that first meeting, John, a proud native of Northern Ireland, and genealogy enthusiast, began looking into Robert's heritage and was thrilled to report back that they shared a similar lineage and may indeed be distant relatives going way, way back. "Genealogy is never ending, it's amazing who you can be related to," John said laughing.

By March the couple was feeling much better and no longer needed Meals on Wheels, but after seven months of getting to know Robert they were sad to say "good-bye." The three decided to keep it going and get together every Wednesday afternoon for lunch and a visit. Sometimes Robert brings a pizza, other times Madge prepares a light meal. Occasionally the three will get together on a Saturday as they did to buy John's computer or, more recently, when Robert took them on a drive to Pennsylvania to pick out Jake, a new puppy.

Their former dog, also a Beagle named Jake, had recently died and the thought of being without a dog wasn't a consideration. "Such a beautiful pet," John said looking over at Jake as he curled into Madge's lap for a rare, quiet moment.

"Learning the story of John and Madge, including how they met (they dated from separate continents for a bit before John made the move to the U.S.) and what they've done (Madge taught elementary school in East Orange for 35 years and John has had a host of careers including field hockey coach at Drew University and publishing two books – he's working on his third) are wonderful perks of being a volunteer," Robert said, adding, "John has the mind of a 25-year-old and Madge is just as nice as can be."

A former financer, Robert, 68, decided to become a volunteer with Meals on Wheels after he retired from a career on Wall Street. "Volunteering with people who are not your parents is a learning experience. It's taught me to be much more sensitive to issues of the elderly." And while he does admire the couple for their independence, he said he does worry about them being alone, so he's given them both his home and cell numbers. "They know they can call me for anything," he said.

Of the many things Robert likes about being a SAGE volunteer, making a positive impact on someone's life is at the top of the list. "At the end of the day it makes me feel good to help other people and know I'm making a difference in someone's life."

John laughed at hearing this, and teased, "Robert keeps coming back to see us because he enjoys the history lessons. He likes the free education he's getting."

Established in 1966, SAGE Meals-on-Wheels was one of the first meal delivery programs in New Jersey. Professionally planned and prepared meals are delivered to individuals aged 60 and older who are unable to food shop or cook for themselves, or who may need respite following a hospital stay.

To learn more about volunteering with Meals on Wheels please visit SAGEEldercare.org or contact Marianne Kranz at

mkranz@sageeldercare.org or 908-598-5514.

### **MICHAELA MCCLAIN BAND TO PERFORM AT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ**

The Salem Roadhouse Cafe proudly presents the Michaela McClain Band performing on Saturday, February 10, 2018. The Salem Roadhouse Cafe is located at: 829 Salem Road, Union.

Michaela McClain is a singer/songwriter born and raised in Bernardsville. Her "folky-soul" sound is reminiscent of Carol King, Norah Jones, and Alicia Keys, and "her warm groove creates an atmosphere of love that's irresistible." Her musical influences range from Carlos Jobim, Ella Fitzgerald, Indigo Girls, to India Arie. Bandmates are: Meredith Foreman, drums; Brad Schwartzseid, bass; and Raul Abbad, guitar.

At her 2016 and 2017 performances at the Roadhouse, Michaela demonstrated her solid songwriting and performing capabilities, accompanied by an extremely talented band.

An original art exhibit by local artist Kerrie Wandlass will be on display at the Roadhouse Gallery of Fine Arts. All ages are welcome. It's a wholesome show, so bring the entire family! Doors open 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$20/\$15 for students with ID.

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#### ABOUT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ

Dedication best defines the Salem Roadhouse Café: dedication to excellent music and dedication to the community. As its tenth year begins, Salem Roadhouse Café reaffirms its commitment to both.

Started in 2008 by members of Townley Presbyterian Church with a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth, the Roadhouse Café continues to operate as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities. That may be its social mission... but the Roadhouse Café is and has been a performance venue beloved by the musicians who play there because of its special intimacy with the audience

#### CHURCH MUSIC, IT'S NOT

The Roadhouse Café has always offered its stage to local and independent main stream musicians. It's a clean, safe place for people who enjoy listening to live music, in a world of clubs and bars. Jazz, rock, folk and other groups have performed. During the past ten years well over 100 different entertainers have appeared. Local fine artists also display their works.

#### **COMMUNITY ORIENTATION**

The Salem Roadhouse Café has raised funds for many carefully chosen charities. They include: The Presbytery of Elizabeth E-port Center, Center For Hope Hospice, Community Food Bank, Monarch Housing, Angel Paws Animal Rescue, National MS Society, Haiti Disaster Relief, Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief, The Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program, Making It Possible To End Homelessness, Camp Johnsonburg, The Music Institute, and others. Thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.

## **FEBRUARY 2018 PROGRAMS AT THE MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The Mountainside Public Library is located at 1 Constitution Plaza, Mountainside, NJ. To register for these programs, stop into the library or call 908-233-0115.

Note: The Library will be closed on Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents' Day.

TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIES

Showtime is 6:30 p.m. for each movie. **The Glass Castle (2017, PG-13)** is our first movie to be shown on *February* 6.

Chronicling the adventures of an eccentric, resilient and tight-knit family, The Glass Castle is a remarkable story of unconditional love. On February 13,

our film is Going in Style (2017, PG-13). Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine and Alan Arkin team up as lifelong buddies who decide to buck retirement and step off the straight-and-narrow when their pension fund becomes a corporate casualty and try to knock off the very bank that absconded with their money. The Secret of Roan Inish (1995, PG) is our feature film on February. In this family film set in Ireland, 10-year-old Fiona is sent to Donegal to live with her grandparents when he spies a wild child. Fiona believes that the child

is her long-lost brother, who mysteriously disappeared when his cradle floated out on the tide.

On February 27, we will screen

#### The Big Sick (2017, R).

Based on a true story, The Big Sick tells the story of Pakistan-born aspiring comedian Kumail, who connects with grad student Emily after one of his standup sets. However, what they thought would be just a one-night stand blossoms into the real thing.

When Emily is beset with a mystery illness, it forces Kumail to navigate the medical crisis with her parents, whom he's never met, while dealing with the emotional tug-of-war

between his family and his heart.

#### Brown Bag Academy.

Our popular Great Courses series continues on Mondays in February

(except February 19) at 1:15 p.m. with "How to Listen to and Understand Great Music," narrated by Professor Robert Greenberg, Music Historian-in-Residence at the San Francisco Performances. Learning how to appreciate the unmatched beauty, genius, and power of concert

music can permanently enrich your life. Bring your lunch! Coffee, tea and cookies will be served.

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#### **Pipsqueak Players**

Thursday February 8 at 3:45 p.m. Mountainside-based Pipsqueak Players is a youth literacy enrichment program that boosts fluency, comprehension, and confidence by integrating theatrical concepts in a supportive and fun workshop style environment. Improv, repetition, storyboarding and character exploration are just a few ways a child's reading comprehension is developed through this program. The final two sessions of this series will explore a different picture book culminating in a performance at the end of each class. Whether your child has a budding

interest in theater or is aspiring to move up a reading level, this class is a fresh, fun ensemble experience! Classes are designed for 5- to 7-yearolds. Preregistration is required.

### Opera on Film Series

Friday, February 9 at 1:00 p.m. Friday Operas on Film series, sponsored by the T. Robel Hill Foundation and presented by Mena Clemson. This month's performance is a 1978 recording of Tosca by Giacomo Puccini. Shirley Verrett stars as Floria Tosca and the role of Mario Carvaradossi is played by Luciano Pavarotti. James Conlon conducts the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and Chorus.

#### "Valentine Card Workshop"

Saturday, February 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Drop in when you can to make one-of-a-kind Valentines for someone special. Children will need an adult helper. There will be cards to make for preschoolers through adults! Please call the library at 908-233-0115 to register so that we have enough supplies on hand.

#### **Guided Meditation for Inner Peace**

Thursday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m. Join us every month as we explore and experience the most talked about evidence based meditation techniques for inner peace, overall well-being and stress reduction This month's topic will explore intentions and affirmations.

#### **Come Read to Kalee**

Friday, February 16 and Friday, March 2 at 3:30 p.m.

Kalee is a therapy dog who makes her home in Mountainside. Therapy dogs are dogs who go with their owners to volunteer in settings such as schools, hospitals, and nursing homes. From working with a child who is learning to read to visiting a senior in assisted living, therapy dogs and their owners work together as a team to improve the lives of other people. Come cuddle up and read to Kalee for 5-10 minutes. Please bring two favorite

books with you to read when you come. This program is especially designed for emergent and beginning readers in Grades K-1. You must reserve a spot for this program. Kalee will be with us monthly through June.

#### Medicare Workshop

Saturday, March 3, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At what age must you apply for Medicare benefits—even if you're still working? Even if you're not eligible for Social Security? Neil Berger will answer these questions when he returns for a special workshop on Medicare. This entertaining two-hour seminar, explained in easy-to-understand terms, is vital if you are approaching Medicare eligibility within the next few years or are a caregiver for (or the adult child of) someone approaching Medicare eligibility. Learn what Medicare covers, when to apply, penalties for late enrollment and the various options available. (Note: Mr. Berger is not affiliated with a financial organization, nor is he selling a service or product.)

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