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## CUB SCOUTS VISIT THE MT. HOREB FIRE COMPANY

*Submitted by: Tricia Patricco*

Last month Cub Scouts from Pack 182, Den 9, Warren Bears enjoyed a great visit to the Mt. Horeb Fire Company, Warren, New Jersey, led by Asst. Fire Chief and Elks officer Dave Dante. The kids worked on their "Baloo the Builder" and "Paws for Action" requirements, making some special artwork to show gratitude to our volunteer firefighters, as well as getting a hands-on tour of the station and a firetruck from Mr. Dante. The Scouts learned about fire safety, how the fire company volunteers serve our community and what we can do to support them.

About half declared they would sign-up as new Junior Firefighters in Warren when they turned 16.

Scouts in attendance: Marcello Gioia, Joseph Guerra, Tyler Kachtan, Ryan Kim, Joseph Miller, Gideon Minieri, Wilson Parry, Bernie Ryder, Mateusz Teepe, and Kayden Thursfield-Ritchie.

Stay tuned, you may see these faces helping around the fire departments in several years!

Did you know the Mt. Horeb Fire Co. needs volunteers? Learn more here: [mthorebfireco.org](http://mthorebfireco.org)

Cub Scout Pack 182 in Warren Township serves the local community and surrounding towns. To join Cub Scouts or find out more about Pack 182 visit our Facebook page: [Pack182WarrenNJ/](https://www.facebook.com/Pack182WarrenNJ/), our website [warrenpack182.org](http://warrenpack182.org) or by contacting us at [membership@warrenpack182.org](mailto:membership@warrenpack182.org).



(above) Joseph Guerra



(above) Marcello Gioia



(above) Hands on learning.

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## ADELE DELEEUEW SCHOLARSHIP AVAIAABLE TO WARREN STUDENTS

A scholarship fund of \$1 million was established by the late Adele DeLeeuw to assist needy students in the Plainfield area for their pursuit of post-secondary education. The fund is managed by PNC Advisors (PNC), and is administered by the Plainfield Foundation through the Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield.

Adele DeLeeuw was a well-known author of books for children of all ages, a prominent Plainfield resident for almost her entire life. She was a patron of the arts and literature, and took a special interest in young people.

Adele lived in Plainfield with her parents and her sister, Cateau, who was an artist. Her father was a consulting engineer with an office in New York City.

After their father and then their mother passed away, Adele and Cateau continued to reside in Plainfield. They were members and proud supporters of many literary and arts organizations in the area.

Adele was also a champion for her City of Plainfield. An article in the Courier News from 1979 said that Adele "relishes giving the Queen City, her home since 1914, an oral or written boost."

She had the opportunity to give that support in her freelance writings for the Courier News over an eight-year period. Her opinion pieces were well-received, and were eagerly anticipated by many readers.

Adele died on June 13, 1988. She was pre-deceased by her sister, Cateau. With no immediate survivors, Adele set aside a portion of her estate for a scholarship program to be administered by the Plainfield Foundation.

Reflecting her own and her family's interests, Adele stipulated in her will that the annual earnings from her scholarship endowment would be awarded to graduating seniors from high schools in Plainfield, North Plainfield, South

Plainfield, Edison, Fanwood, Scotch Plains, Watchung, and Warren. She further stipulated that eligible seniors must pursue a course of study in art, poetry, writing, journalism, or engineering; courses of study that reflected her own family's careers and interests.

Eligible students who receive first-year scholarships are encouraged to submit applications for subsequent years and receive additional awards.

To be eligible applicants must attend or be accepted to attend an accredited college or university on an undergraduate or graduate level in one of the eligible areas of study: art, engineering, journalism, poetry, and writing.

Eligible students can download the application form here: [rotarypnp.org/pdfs/DELEFORM2018-19.pdf](http://rotarypnp.org/pdfs/DELEFORM2018-19.pdf)



(above) Adele DeLeeuw (1899 to 1988).

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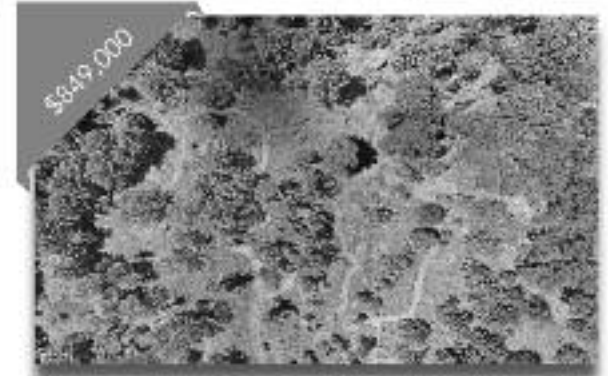
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## RECOGNITION FOR WARREN'S PREP FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE

*Submitted by Mark M. Krane*

Warren Township was recently recognized in a case study regarding the responsibilities of municipal government's preparation for emergency response. Warren Township Deputy Mayor Victor Sordillo is publishing a series of articles for the National Safety Council (Public Eye on Safety).

His first article discusses the need for Municipalities to develop a Municipality Continuation of Service Plan (MCSP) in the event of an emergency. His second article

provides a case study on Warren Township's response to Superstorm Sandy.

For 100 years, the National Safety Council has been the leading safety advocate preventing unintentional injuries and death. For 100 years, the National Safety Council has been the leading safety advocate preventing unintentional injuries and death.

Mr. Sordillo is a member of the Government and Public Safety Division. He has written and spoken on the topic of improving safety for the public and is considered an expert on the topic. He's also a registered Professional Engineer and Certified Safety Professional; and a Senior Vice

President of Sompo International, a \$30B global insurance company.

According to Mr. Sordillo, "The environment appears to be getting significantly more dangerous. It seems like only a few weeks pass by before we hear of a hurricane approaching, a major forest fire, floods, tornadoes, a pandemic warning, or an earthquake. In addition, human-initiated potential disasters such as terrorism, war, and cyber-attacks are reported daily. As elected officials and community leaders, it is our responsibility to identify potential exposures that can affect our town, city, county, or state and to be prepared for such events."



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## COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM RECERTIFICATION

The Township Committee is pleased to report that in December, 2017 Warren Township received its annual recertification for the Community Rating System (CRS) through National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The objective of the CRS is to recognize communities that are doing more than meeting the minimum NFIP requirements to help their citizens prevent or reduce flood losses. The CRS also provides an incentive for communities to initiate new flood risk reduction activities.

Warren Township is currently rated as a Class 8 community that provides our residents a ten percent discount on their flood insurance premiums. We currently have eighty-six flood

policies in Warren Township. Policyholders automatically receive the 10 percent discount on their bill.

The Warren Township Engineering Department will continue to provide support to all of our residents regarding flooding and methods to minimize the impacts from floods. In addition, the Engineering Department continues to seek out new activities that will reduce flooding and to provide credit in the CRS with the goal to provide further discounts to our policyholders.

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Chelsea Senior Living in Warren hosted a joint effort with Mt. Bethel Village in Warren, a residence and day program for adults with special needs, to bring a touch of holiday magic to needy families. Over 70 toys were collected by both organizations to benefit the Pregnancy Aid Center in Raritan, N.J. The event was organized by Toni

Daniels, Lifestyle Director at Chelsea, with the support of Ashley Scalzo, Executive Director at Chelsea. The Mt. Bethel Village contingent was spearheaded by Lee Ann Gattorno, Program Director, with the full support from Carolann Garafola, MBV Executive Director, who also serves as Warren's Mayor.

The event was held at Chelsea on December 21st and the toys were distributed by individuals from MBV on December 22nd. Staff, families and seniors from both facilities approached this worthwhile cause with the spirit of giving that defines the Holiday season. Everyone hopes that this becomes a joint effort for years to come!



(above) Group photo taken in the lobby of the Chelsea featuring Chelsea and MBV residents, staff and families.

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## WHRHS DISTRICT PLACED ON 8TH ANNUAL AP® DISTRICT HONOR ROLL

Watchung Hills Regional High School District is one of 447 school districts in the U.S. 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, the Watchung Hills Regional High School District had to, since 2015, increase the number of students participating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. Reaching these goals shows that this district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for AP.

“The shared ownership and collaborative efforts of our faculty members across grade levels and departments have cultivated a learning environment in which our students continue to exceed our expectations. Our percentage of students scoring 3 or higher and 4 or higher has steadily risen each year since 2012, while we continue to open access and opportunities for more students to take AP courses,” stated Elizabeth C. Jewett, WHRHS Superintendent.

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 high degree of readiness for AP, only about half 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. The Watchung Hills Regional High School District 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, head of AP and Instruction. “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 4,000 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. The following criteria were used.

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 American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native 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 3 or higher to the 2015 percentage, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70% of its AP students earn a 3 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-reports-data/awards/honor-roll](http://apcentral.collegeboard.org/score-reports-data/awards/honor-roll)



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Leaving an abusive relationship is not easy and poses threats to the victim and their family and friends. The victim may still be in love with the abuser, in hopes that the situation will change. Feelings of guilt and remorse may overcome the victim as they evaluate leaving the relationship, especially if they have children.

In other cases, the victim may be afraid to leave because of threatening or harassing behavior. Leaving becomes even more difficult if they do not have an independent source of income or the support of family and friends.

Safe+Sound Somerset, a nonprofit agency whose mission is to empower survivors of domestic abuse and engage the community to

break the cycle of violence, provides specialized crisis and ongoing supportive services for victims of domestic abuse and their children throughout Somerset County. Safe+Sound Somerset offers a comprehensive range of services to adults and children, including a 24-hour toll-free Call or Text Crisis Hotline, (866) 685-1122.

Safe+Sound Somerset provides safe-house protection, transitional housing and support to victims of domestic abuse, individual or group counseling and legal advocacy.

The overall goal is to empower clients with tools to increase their safety and reduce the risk of future harm to themselves and their children. Ultimately, clients and their children have the capacity to live free from abuse.

Safe+Sound Somerset's Community Education Program provides information to the diverse populations within the County about the dynamics of domestic abuse, teen dating violence and the agency's programs.

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# WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL 2017 MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERT

*Submitted by Denis Kelly, WHRHS*

As 8th grade students in Warren Township, Long Hill Township, Watchung, and Green Brook Township settle into the last half-year of their middle school career, they do so having received the gift, three days before Christmas, of being able to feel "Warrior Pride" as the future Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS)



(above, l-r) Two Marching Band's Color Guard Flagbearers, Junior Daria Monti, and Junior Victoria Tartivita, of Stirling, contributed a sense of movement to the number, "May It Be," from "Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring."



(above) During a break in the main performance space, which gave production crews an opportunity to rearrange chairs and music stands for instrumental bands, a smaller musical group of student musicians, The Sax Quartet, occupied the interest of the audience by performing several jazzy numbers. Among them was, appropriately, "Take Five," Dave Brubeck's best-known composition.



(above) Eighth grade students from Middle School in Warren Township, Long Hill Township, Watchung, and Green Brook Township, all soon-to-be First Year high school students, were the guests of honor at the 2017 Middle School Choral & Instrumental Concert, December 22, 2017, at the WHRHS Performing Arts Center (PAC).

Class of 2022.

The soon-to-be First Year high school students, were the guests of honor at the 2017 Middle School Choral & Instrumental Concert, Friday, December 22, 2017, at the WHRHS Performing Arts Center (PAC). They were welcomed by the Warrior Music Department, whose participants performed selections and highlights from the Winter Instrumental and Choral concerts that entertained audiences on December 7 and 14, 2017, respectively.

Likewise a small number of WHRHS Dance students and members of the Marching Band Color Guard provided choreography for some of the selections at the concert. Several behind-the-scenes student production crew volunteers helped make the concert a smooth performance.

Among the choral music highlights at the Middle School Concert was a reprise of the Choral Concert's crowd-pleaser, "Bohemian Rhapsody," by Queen. The anthem had figured prominently in the movie, "Wayne's World," and the theme of the concert was "Music in the Movies." The "Bohemian Rhapsody" arrangement at the concert appropriately included

student musicians on piano, electric lead guitar and bass guitar, and a drum kit.

Likewise, among the highlights from the Instrumental Concert performed at the Middle School Concert was the Wind Ensemble's rendition of perennial favorite, "A Christmas Festival," by Leroy Anderson. During a break in the main performance space behind the curtain on stage, during which production crews rearranged chairs and music stands to support different set-ups for the various instrumental bands, a smaller musical group of student musicians, The Sax Quartet, performed several jazzy numbers. Among them was, appropriately, "Take Five," Dave Brubeck's best-known composition.

As future Warriors filed out of the auditorium to return to their middle schools and then to their holiday week off, current Music Department students lined their way out, giving them greetings from WHRHS. Many encouraged the Class of 2022 to consider joining them next year as singers, instrumentalists, dancers, Marching Band and Color Guard members, and even production crew volunteers.



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(above) Among the choral music highlights at the Middle School concert was a reprise of the Choral Concert's crowd-pleasing finale, "Bohemian Rhapsody," by Queen. The choral director is Choral Music Teacher Angela DiIorio Bird, (left).



(above, l-r) Freshman Kayla Chun of Green Brook, Sophomore Jenna Hansen of Gillette, Freshman Olivia Kider of Warren, Freshman Alexis Roskosny of Warren, Sophomore Brianna Cosas of Watchung, Sophomore Abigail Kotar of Millington, and Sophomore Brianna Robinson of Green Brook.

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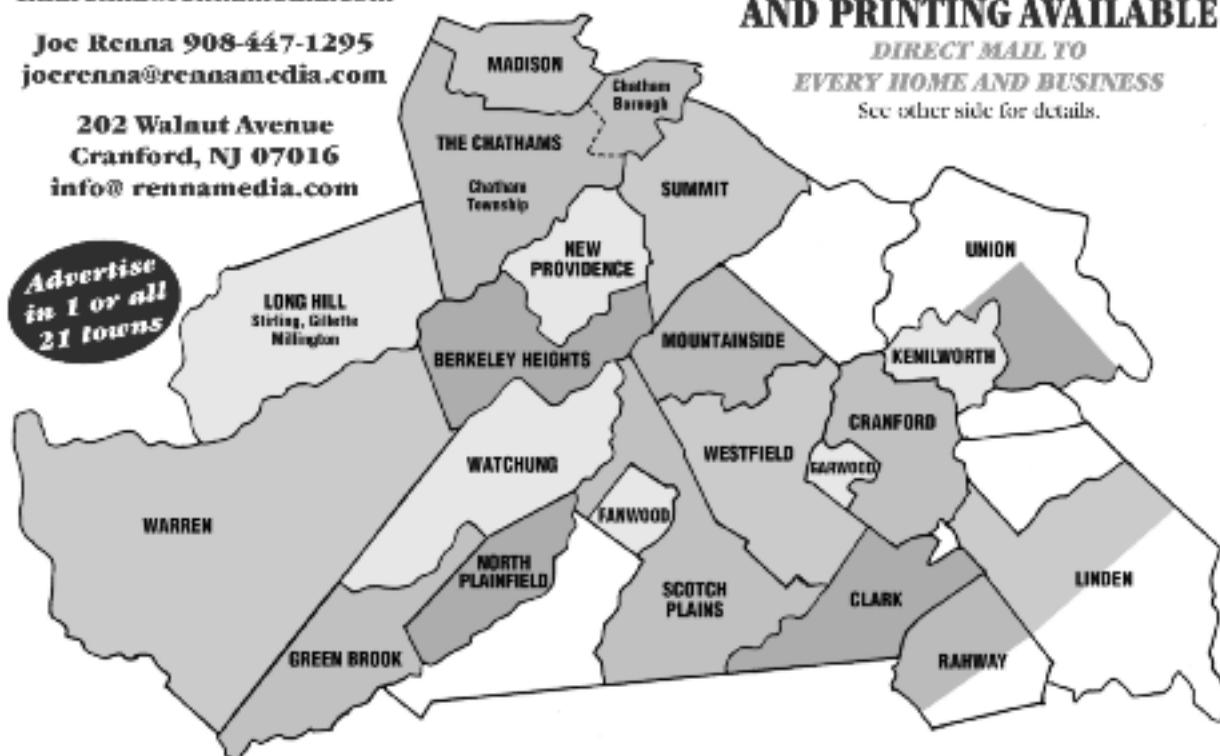
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