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## MADISON EASTER FUN FEST 2018

By Peter Daniele, Vice President Madison Area Chamber of Commerce

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On behalf of the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce, and as chairman of our Easter Fun Fest event, I would like to thank our sponsors Cleaners Advantage and Whole Foods Market and all of the families who came downtown on March 24, 2018 to celebrate Easter with our community and businesses. Our 11th annual Easter Fun Fest was a great success due to everyone's participation.

With plenty of sunshine, families came and enjoyed collecting Easter eggs around town while exchanging greetings and spending time with the Easter Bunny.

The event brought families from nearby towns, all who commented on how they enjoy Madison's town, events, and incredible community spirit. We all enjoyed hearing these positive compliments and we hope that these types of events continue to bring new people into our community and to the downtown area.

Children got to take a chance to win a blue and orange Riprock Specialized bicycle donated by Peter Daniele of Rose City Collision, 291 Main St. and supplied by Hilltop Bicycles | HB Madison, 14 Kings Road, Madison, New Jersey.

The winner of the bicycle was William Graham. In addition to the bicycle, the family received a bouquet of flowers, arranged by Maria in the flower department and donated by Stop & Shop, 133 Main Street, Madison. They also received three deluxe car wash coupons donated by Ken Maietta, owner of Madison Car Wash, 267 Main Street, Madison.

Second prize winner received a large candy and toy filled Easter basket donated by Stop & Shop store manager, Tom Rebele.

This year's jelly bean contest was once again a highlight of the event. Nicholas Volltrauer won an LED Tetra fish aquarium and gift certificate donated by Ned Finn owner of The Madison Pet Shop, 26 Main Street, Madison. He also won a \$25 gift certificate donated by Tons of Toys, 64 Main Street, Madison.

Second place jelly bean winner, Beau Garret, won another candy and toy filled Easter basket



(above, left, center, right) Grand Prize Winner: William Graham,  
(above, center) Jelly Bean Contest Winner: Nicholas Volltrauer  
(above, right) Basket winner: Beau Garret

from Stop & Shop plus a \$25 gift certificate to Tons of Toys.

I would like to extend a very special thank you to the following members of the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce: Chamber President, John Morris; Executive Director, Karen Giambra; Frank Iannarone of Madison Pharmacy, 66 Main St., and Robbin Salmeri.

The above volunteers all worked together as a team to make this a successful spring event.

Special thanks to Kate Salko of Tomkat Woodworking, Madison, for entertaining the children as our Easter Bunny and to Christina Carter, of Carter Smile, 290 Madison Avenue, Madison, and her staff, for volunteering throughout the event.

Thanks also goes to Jerry Amato for his help at the jelly bean table and to Joseph Falco of Rose City Jewelers, 1 Waverly Place, Madison, for letting us occupy the front corner of his storefront.

We would also like to thank Cindy Weir and Patrolman Nelson Jimenez of the Madison Police Department for traffic control and pedestrian safety.

Madison business owners were pleased with the Chamber's annual Easter Fun Fest and hope that the families that participated and visited their stores will return for future shopping.

Thank you again to the many that came out for this fun family event and for your continued support of our Madison businesses.

Happy Easter to All and Enjoy Spring!

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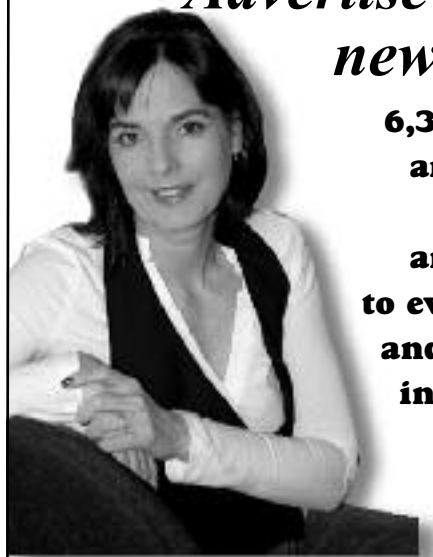
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The Sheriff's Community Services Unit operates Hope One in partnership with the Morris County Department of Human Services, the Mental Health Association of Morris County, and Morris County Prevention is Key and their Center for Addiction Recovery Education and Success (CARES).

Hope One travels twice a week to locations throughout Morris County, bringing services to persons in need. A sheriff's officer, licensed clinician, and a certified peer recovery specialist, who understand the needs of those suffering with addiction, staff the vehicle.

They are able to provide clients immediate access to services and treatment facilities, putting them on the road to recovery and wellness.

In addition, Narcan rescue training and kits are provided to family members and friends of those suffering with opiate addiction.

"We're able to get them treatment right away because of our connections and partnerships we've created," said Corporal Erica Valvano.

"Removing the barriers that people come across in getting treatment," added Lieutenant Denise Thornton.

The exterior of the Hope One vehicle is decorated with a purple ribbon to signify recovery. "Hope One" is inscribed within the purple ribbon, along with the Morris County "Stigma Free" logo. A 24-hour contact number for Morris County CARES also is on the vehicle.

When the Hope One vehicle comes, it parks and sets up refreshments, coffee, free Wi-Fi, a charging station, and donated toiletries in an effort to encourage those in need of services to approach the vehicle. Hope One sets up at locations that are natural places for the community to frequent, such as grocery stores, pharmacies, libraries, and parks. Providing a



(above) *The Hope One vehicle.*

comfortable, stigma free setting has allowed this program to effectively make contact with and provide services to individuals who have had difficulty navigating the journey of accessing appropriate services in the past.

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## THURSDAY MORNING CLUB OPERATION COOKIE/CANDY

The Thursday Morning Club members, under the direction of the Home Life Community Service Program, continued the annual tradition of providing “treats” to the local care institutions. Members of the club donated home baked cookies and sugar free baked cookies, as well as individually wrapped candies and on Thursday morning March 1, 2018. The members gathered at the Madison Community House, Madison, New Jersey, to participate in Operation Cookie/Candy. This is an annual activity sponsored by the Home Life Community Service Program of

the club. The donated home baked cookies and bags of candy were packed in containers and distributed to local care institutions. This year a total of 175 containers were delivered to the residents of Garden Terrace Nursing Home in Chatham, Chatham Hills care facility in Chatham Township, Cheshire Home in Florham Park, and Senior citizens at Harmony House Adult Day Care Center in Madison. Many thanks to the 45 members who baked, packaged, and donated their time making this worthy activity a great success.



(above, l-r) Connie Jardula, Olga Soriano, Connie Rostiac (Chair of Home Life Program), Joan Cummings. Thursday Morning Club members standing “ready” to take the bags of treats and deliver them to local care institutions.

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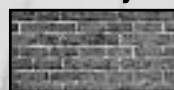
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(above) Loving kitty waiting to be adopted.

Photos by Maryanne Christiano-Mistretta

## ST. HUBERT'S RAISES OVER \$9000

By Maryanne Christiano-Mistretta

It was a purr-fect afternoon. St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center hosted a Cat Tea to raise money to benefit the homeless animals at their shelter. The event, held on Sunday, February 24, 2018, was sold-out, with exactly 85 cat lovers in attendance. Over \$9000 was raised from ticket sales, a Tricky Tray, and sponsorship opportunities. There was also a "Cuddle Corner," where guests could meet cats available for adoption. In addition, there was plenty of food, including tea sampling and gourmet treats; and door prizes.

Nora Parker, Assistant to the Vice President, hosted the event and began by saying, "It may be the Year of the Dog, but here at St. Hubert's, it's the Day of the Cat."

She spoke about the 786 homeless pets who came in to the shelter after the hurricane in Puerto

Rico. St. Hubert's continues to work with Puerto Rico Animal Unite and their website is updated daily.

Then Matt Wildman, cat behavior expert and Vice President of Community Engagement, gave a presentation and read a whimsical poem which offered insights into the mind of a cat. "I'm obsessed with dogs, but I completely worship cats," he said.

Development Manager, Kim Kancylarz, said that St. Hubert's currently has over 240 cats in care, waiting to be adopted. The cats are all spayed and neutered to prevent unwanted kittens.

St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center is located at 575 Woodland Avenue, Madison, New Jersey.

For more information on St. Hubert's, call 973-377-2295, or visit: sthuberts.org.



(above, l-r) Volunteers, Lisa Kiernan and Megan Bernius.



(above) Kim Kancylarz, Development Manager at St. Hubert's.



(above) Samantha Friedman, vet tech and foster mother; and Cornflake.

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The Taste of Madison was held on March 19, 2018 at the Brooklake Country Club, Florham Park, New Jersey.

The 17th annual food & wine extravaganza and festival benefits charitable causes, business development and civic improvements in Madison, New Jersey. It is a “must-attend” party for food lovers and a celebration of the best of Madison. Chefs from the area’s best restaurants graciously served samples of their finest dishes. Gary's Wine & Marketplace, the event’s longtime presenting sponsor, provided guests with fine wine, beer, and spirits.

The Taste of Madison Organizing Committee is a volunteer, non-profit partnership between Rotary Club of Madison, Madison Downtown

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## FRIENDS OF MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATE 80TH ANNIVERSARY

*Submitted by Sylvia Luber*

The Friends of the Madison Public Library celebrated their 80th Anniversary at an annual Gala Benefit on Saturday, March 10, 2018, at the library, 39 Keep Street, Madison, New Jersey, by honoring their founder, The Thursday Morning Club. Guests enjoyed delicious food prepared by the Catering department of the Thursday Morning Club under the direction of Bernie Grohol.

Sylvia Luber, Chair of the Friends, formally welcomed Lynn Favreau who began as Madison's new library director 10 months ago. She was previously the Director of Mountainside Public Library. "The Friends enjoy working with Lynn and look forward to helping her and the library as they move forward with their new projects," said Luber.

Speaking for Trustees' president, Tom Bintinger, Trustee vice president, David Luber, described initiatives being taken by the library trustees and the borough government to meet objectives from the library's strategic plan. These will focus on redesigning and refreshing the main children's and adult wings of the building, including installing a new, energy-efficient membrane on the roof, installing energy efficient lighting, placing new carpeting and creating additional program and collaborative spaces within the building.

Luber based her talk on a document she found entitled "Founding of the Friends" by Harriet Pilch Hewson. In 1936, Hewson was inspired by an article in a magazine describing how a mid-western town saved its library by forming a Friends Group and charging each member \$1. After receiving permission from the Board of Trustees she mailed letters to 250 card holders and received a response from 101 persons and four organizations. When Hewson became President of the Thursday Morning Club in 1938 she asked the club to actively sponsor the Friends since "the club was so connected with the civic life of Madison, it should attract other donors and organizations to the library." And, she was right. Her second letter to prominent citizens requested their "interest and influence" and \$1 a year to buy books. This first meeting of the charter members of the "Friends of the Library Group sponsored by the Thursday Morning Club was held on Friday evening, December 16, 1938 in the Madison Library. "One woman's vision combined with the efforts of the Thursday Morning Club saved the Madison Public Library and left a lasting legacy of support," concluded Luber.

"It is a privilege for the Friends to honor the Thursday Morning Club not only as our founder, but also because they have greatly contributed to the educational, social, and recreational fabric of the community for the past 122 years," said Luber.

Carol Schessler, President of the Thursday Morning Club, told guests that the mission of the club changes to meet the needs of the community, but our purpose, as noted by our motto, 'I serve,' stays the same."

She continued, "Our Club is unique in that we own, operate, and maintain our own building, the Madison Community House. We currently have a Nursery School on the premises and operate the Before and After School Child Care program in the three Madison Elementary schools. Our House is open 365 days a year, and over 55,000 people use it during that time."

Michal Holzman, past president of the Thursday Morning Club and historian, spoke about the early history of the club in the 1900s and emphasized that assistance was provided to everyone in need. The club introduced many services to Madison including a District Nurse, the Shade Tree Commission, the first playground, regular garbage collection, a recreation center, the first morning kindergarten, a "Baby Keep-Well" clinic and provided social service and counseling to families and individuals. In 1924, through the bequest of club member Mrs. Mary Cash Brown, the club was able to build a Settlement House, the current Madison Community House, on Cook Avenue.

People are always amazed at how much the Thursday Morning Club has done and continues to do.

Luber presented Schessler with an engraved plaque to be hung in the library and one for the Madison Community House honoring the Thursday the Morning Club as Founder of the Friends.

Proceeds from the Gala will be used to support special library programs for children, teens and adults, and to expand the book and media collections. During the past years, the Friends contributed to funding for the newly remodeled Children's Picture Book room and the upgrade to the library's Wi-Fi system. New museums were also added to the popular Museum Pass Program. Adult education programs sponsored by the Friends include Minicourses co-sponsored with Drew University and Summer Seminars co-sponsored with the Madison Senior Center.

For information about the Friends, visit the website [friendsmadisonnjlibrary.org](http://friendsmadisonnjlibrary.org).

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS 'THE SECRET LIFE OF THE NEW JERSEY DEVIL'

*Submitted by Kathleen Rogers-vanLeeuwen*

Dr. Brian Regal will speak on "The Secret Life of the New Jersey Devil" at the Madison Historical Society, located at the Madison Public Library, Chase Room, 39 Keep Street, Madison, New Jersey. Regal's presentation will take place on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, beginning at 7:15 p.m. Light refreshments will be available from 7 p.m. The presentation is open to the public, and there is no admission charge.

Dr. Regal will talk about the New Jersey Devil, a popular piece of North Eastern folklore. It is widely believed to have been demonic offspring of an 18th century character known as Mother Leeds. It continues to be sighted and searched for to this day, has inspired television productions, and is the mascot of the state's hockey team. Unfortunately, there is no physical evidence for the creature's existence or that it was originally based upon a monstrous birth. Written with Dr. Frank J. Esposito, Regal's latest book, "The Secret History of the Jersey Devil," is a complete reexamination of the origins of the legend of the Jersey Devil.

The Madison Historical Society's role is to assemble, record, and preserve all matters of historical interest concerning Madison and its residents. Formed in 1922 to preserve the old

Bottle Hill Tavern, the Society has organized a significant collection of historic documents, maps, and photographs over the intervening years. These are housed at the Local History Center at the Madison Public Library.

For more information about the Society or to inquire about membership, call 973-377-0722, ext. 8 or visit the Society's website at [madisonhistoricalsociety.org](http://madisonhistoricalsociety.org).



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(above l-r) Michael Soriano, Olga Soriano (past president and 2nd VP, Thursday Morning Club); Sue Hess (TMC member); Claire Burling (Operations, TMC); Bernie Grohol (past president, Thursday Morning Club and Chair, Catering Department).



(above l-r) Bill Bowen; Corinne Bowen (library employee); Lynn Favreau (Madison Library Director); Len Favreau (husband).

Photos by David Luber



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(above l-r) Sharon Streit, Pete Streit, Tracey Roth (Chair, Hospitality, Friends of the Madison Public Library); Val King (Assistant to Hospitality, Friends of the Madison Public Library)



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## MADISON TO HOLD FIRST TOWN SWAP APRIL 28

*Submitted by Claire Whitcomb*

Madison's first Town Swap will be held on April 28, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the municipal garage on John Avenue, Madison, New Jersey. A partnership between the Madison Environmental Commission and the Department of Public Works, the Town Swap gives residents a chance to clean out their closets and find something new; for free.

Ken O'Brien, DPW superintendent is pulling town trucks out of the garage and giving volunteers a rainproof space to setting up tables for the swap. The only rules: Residents must produce a valid ID and items must be in good condition. Otherwise, everything is free.

Items that can be brought to the swap are: non-upholstered furniture, electronics, small appliances, children's toys, play equipment, dishes, glassware, art, household items, sports equipment, exercise machines, musical instruments, area rugs, draperies, and curtains.

At the end of the day, leftovers will be picked up by Habitat from Humanity ReStore, the

Vietnam Veterans of America and local churches.

"The Town Swap a first step in thinking about trash differently," says O'Brien. "Instead of putting something out on their curbs, Madison residents have a chance to give their items a new home. We're creating community and reducing the Borough's trash pickup costs."

The swap was organized by Ellen Kranefuss of the Environmental Commission and Cari Reyes of the DPW with the guidance of superintendent O'Brien. Reyes' job includes

fielding questions from residents about what to do with everything from electronics to furniture.

"My work has really opened my eyes to what Madison puts in the landfill. It has changed my perspective," says Reyes. "So, Ken and I began brainstorming ways to not only reduce waste but more importantly put these items into the hands of those who might need them. It's exciting that we are making that happen."

For more information, call Madison's Department of Public Works, 973-593-3088.

## PRINCIPAL OF THE DAY

Josiah Alvarez was recently nominated Principal of the Day by the second grade teachers at Madison Elementary School, Madison, New Jersey. He was chosen for this honor because of his exemplary character, model behavior, and dedication to learning. The Principal of the Day gets to wear their very own Principal of the Day t-shirt, assist Principal Robinson with her tasks, and eat lunch with Principal Robinson.



(above) Josiah Alvarez



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# Madison Town Swap!

Saturday, April 28, 8:00am-1:00pm  
 DPW Municipal Garage, John Ave.

Clean out your garage, attic, or closet, at Madison's FREE Town Swap! Bring your old items and come away with something new. Help keep items out of the landfill while reducing Madison's carbon footprint.

**Open to Madison residents only.**  
**Please bring valid ID with address.**

**Only items in good and working condition will be accepted.**  
**Any items not taken during the swap will be donated or discarded.**

<p><b>Items Accepted:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-upholstered furniture</li> <li>Electronic gadgets, computers, laptops</li> <li>Small appliances</li> <li>Children's toys and play equipment</li> <li>Collectibles (dishes, glassware, art)</li> <li>Household items</li> <li>Sports Equipment</li> <li>Exercise Machines</li> <li>Draperies and Curtains</li> <li>Area rugs (no major stains)</li> <li>Musical Instruments</li> <li>Music</li> </ul>	<p><b>Items NOT Accepted:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clothing</li> <li>Baby seats</li> <li>Bike helmets</li> <li>TV's</li> <li>Books/magazines</li> <li>Mattresses</li> <li>Stuffed Animals</li> <li>Liquids of any kind</li> <li>Hazardous Materials</li> <li>Weapons</li> <li>Textiles and Material</li> <li>Beauty supplies</li> <li>Upholstered furniture</li> </ul>
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**\*Trophies WILL be accepted: costs \$1/trophy to recycle.**



## MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS APRIL 2018

The library is located at 39 Keep Street, Madison, New Jersey,  
open Monday to Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.;  
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
For more information, or to register for programs, website at: [madisonnjlibrary.org](http://madisonnjlibrary.org).

### Keep This, Toss That

Monday, April 9, 7 p.m.

Organizing Humorist™ and author of multiple bestsellers including *Keep This Toss That*, Jamie Novak, will visit the Library and advise us all how to de-clutter. She travels between her offices in NJ and CA, presenting programs on how to laugh away the clutter. She's been seen on QVC, HGTV, Better TV, and writes for Reader's Digest online. When not on the road, Jamie is searching for a cure to her addiction to clipping recipes that she never prepares. Please register online.

### Handwriting Analysis

Wednesday, April 25, 7p.m.

Join us for a fun and interesting night with Elaine Dudek, as she presents a free program on handwriting analysis. Registration is limited to 20, so everyone can have a chance to have his or her handwriting analyzed. Find out what yours says about you!  
Please register online.

### Green Fair

Saturday, April 21, noon to 2 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day at the Madison Public Library in the Chase Room & Courtyard. Come enjoy and learn about ways to protect the earth and environment at the MPL Green Fair. Learn about: home energy efficiency including solar power; the quality of our water; the importance of native NJ plants; alternatives to landfill hogs (i.e. plastic disposable water bottles and plastic bags); hear from MJS seventh graders about select science projects, and more from Sustainable Madison, Madison Shade Tree Commission, the Madison Garden Club, and much more.

### Film Night

Wednesday, April 11, 7 p.m.

"Key Largo"

Stars: Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, Edward G. Robinson, Lionel Barrymore  
A man visits his old friend's hotel and finds a gangster running things. As a hurricane approaches, a tense confrontation ensues.

## ANTIQUE DEALER LINDA PASTORINO SPEAKS AT THURSDAY MORNING CLUB

Interested in antiques, either a personal collection or those marketed in our area? Meet Linda Pastorino, a well-known antiques expert and prestigious local dealer, who will share her broad interests and considerable expertise at the Thursday Morning Club on Thursday, April 5, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend her talk at the Community House, 25 Cook Avenue, Madison, New Jersey. There is no charge for admission.

Pastorino is not only a dealer of antique and ethnic jewelry, artifacts, and costumes in Chester; she also designs clothes and fashion accessories, and has maintained a manufacturing company in Asia. She chose the Parsons School of Design for her college studies after developing an early interest in ethnic jewelry, costumes, and objets d'art during her many trips to flea markets and auction houses around the world. While a student at Parsons, she worked at New York's eclectic Putumayo store, where she sold antiques, clothing, and folk art. She explains that her interests also "include all kinds of decorative arts spanning Europe and America."

Her presentation at the club will focus on the appraisal process and the workings of auction markets, how social media affects the selling of items based on a younger generational approach, and how marketing the same items differently will affect their value and selling price.

Organized in 1896, the club is a member of both the New Jersey State and General Federation of Women's Clubs. The club offers

programs and services to support the community, and its Community House provides a home for a number of sports, recreation, and civic groups.

For information about the Thursday Morning Club or membership, call the Community House at (973) 377-0244  
or visit [TMCMCH.org](http://TMCMCH.org).



(above) Linda Pastorino

## MADISON SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Madison Senior Center is located at 28 Walnut Street, Madison, New Jersey. For more information call 973-593-3094 or visit [rosenet.org/347/Senior-Services](http://rosenet.org/347/Senior-Services).

### Free Life & Legacy Planning Seminar.

April 6, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served, and everyone receives a free gift card to Charlie Browns. Seating is limited, call to make a reservation: 973-593-3094.

### Spring Luncheon

Wednesday, April 18, noon.

Celebrating the Madison Senior Center Volunteers for their incredible services.

Everyone is invited. Food, provided by Romanelli's Pizza & Italian Eatery, will include salad, penne ala vodka, eggplant rollatini, and chicken francaise. RSVP by Friday, April 13 by calling 973-593-3096. Donation: \$10.

### The Essex House & Turtle Back Zoo

Wednesday, April 25, 11:30 a.m.

Depart from Rosedale Ave Rink Parking Lot, Madison. Lunch at The Essex House at noon. Menu includes: salad; penne ala vodka; choice of: chicken francaise, grilled chopped steak, or pan seared salmon. All entrees include seasonal veggies, whipped potato, fresh bread rolls and butter, ice cream parfait, with coffee and tea.

Arrive at the Zoo between 1:30 and 2 p.m. Depart for Madison at 6 p.m. \$68 per person.

### Impressionist Art talk by Judy Ebright.

Friday, April 27, 1:30 p.m.

Refreshments and snacks will be available.

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF MADISON

has an enthusiastic and engaged network of ordinary people doing extraordinary things to serve humanity in our local and global communities. We have 88 members and are inviting like-minded individuals to join our successful and vibrant club. President Michel Belt encourages you to come learn about Rotary by attending any one of our three weekly meetings as our guest.

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# MADISON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HOST HOME EXPO 2018

Submitted by Karen Giambra

The Madison Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its annual Home Expo 2018 on Saturday, April 28, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Madison Junior School, 160 Main Street, Madison, New Jersey.

For the benefit of consumers, the Home Expo will gather local contractors and home professionals. They will be displaying superior products and explaining their services for homeowners looking to renovate, decorate, or enhance the appearance and value of their homes. The show's participating contractors are intent on helping consumers make their homes more beautiful, safe, and energy efficient.

PipeWorks Services, 33 River Road, Chatham, New Jersey; and Jaeger Lumber, 133 Main Street, Madison, New Jersey, will be returning this year as two of the event sponsors for this event. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

The event is free of charge to the public and is presented by the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce. For sponsorship information or an application to be a vendor at the Home Expo please contact Karen Giambra at 973-377-7830 or by email at [MadisonChamber@gmail.com](mailto:MadisonChamber@gmail.com).

The Chamber's website, which features an events calendar, a membership directory and other resources, is located at [MadisonNJChamber.org](http://MadisonNJChamber.org).

## JOIN THE CHAMBER MAY DAY TEAM! SATURDAY, MAY 5, 8:00AM-12:00PM

The Downtown Development Commission (DDC) will sponsor annual "May Day in Madison", a town-wide beautification day where volunteers help clean, mulch and improve Madison's parks, business districts, and other public places. This event fosters pride, volunteerism, community spirit and promotes the need for shared responsibility in beautifying and maintaining our town.

Let's do it together! All are welcome! Contact Karen at [MadisonChamber@gmail.com](mailto:MadisonChamber@gmail.com) or at 973-377-7830 and sign up to be part of the Chamber team.

Thank you in advance for volunteering.

# MADISON ROTARY ANNOUNCES 2018 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Rotary Club of Madison, Madison, New Jersey, will provide four \$1000 scholarship awards to graduating seniors who exemplify this motto through their volunteer service activities and actions. Examples would include but not limited to participation in a service club like Interact or Key Club, participating in organized mission trips, volunteering to help others, volunteering at a community organization like the YMCA or food bank, scouting, shoveling sidewalks for seniors, raising money to benefit others, etc.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

Graduating seniors who live in Madison and attend an accredited high school are eligible to apply. (Does not have to be Madison High School). Financial need is not a consideration.

Three scholarships are based on citizenship and "Service above Self" for students attending college. One Scholarship is based on citizenship and "Service above Self" for a student planning

to attend business, vocational or technical school. Scholarships may be redirected to others if there are not applicants from both categories.

How to Apply?

Students apply by completing the application found on website: [madisonrotary.org](http://madisonrotary.org) and answering the questions regarding their volunteer and community service activities in and out of school. Be as thorough and complete as possible describing the activities and or services you provided. If you served in a leadership capacity, please be sure to include that information.

Send to: Barry Kroll, Scholarship Chair, 27 Laurel Way, Madison, New Jersey 07940 or by email to: [barrykroll@aol.com](mailto:barrykroll@aol.com). Deadline for submission is Monday, April 30, 2018.

Interviews:

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### Mind Your Own Local Business

Mind Your Local Business uses real life examples to illustrate successful techniques for managing and marketing your business. Local businesses will be featured. The first episode is about crafting a 30 second elevator speech. The February 2018 meeting of the Irish Business Association held at Molly Maguire's in Clark, NJ is featured in the first episode. Businesses that would like to be featured in an episode can email Joe at [joerenna@rennamedia.com](mailto:joerenna@rennamedia.com).

### The Peterstown Show

The Peterstown show is a video continuation of the Peterstown Newspaper. The show focuses on the 100-year history of an Italian American Neighborhood in Elizabeth, NJ. Like the newspaper, it preserves the culture and traditions while recording the oral history that may be lost. The first episode is an interview with Carmela Lepore who turned 108-years-old on January 30, 2018.

### Renna's Arena hosted by Nick Renna

Nick Renna has been the voice of high school sports as a public address announcer and brings that experience to a variety show; an eclectic mix of old and new video about general interests. His first episode is a video he shot of a 5th and 6th grade St. Anthony's Grammar School game from 1989.

### The Video Shoebox

As a camera bug from a very young age Joe Renna amassed a collection of VHS tapes and 8 mm film. The first video is of the Linden Debutant Ball that he shot in 1992. There are hundreds of hours of videos to come.

Anyone with 8mm film or VHS tape to transfer should email [joerenna@rennamedia.com](mailto:joerenna@rennamedia.com).

Renna Media will convert film for free if we use it on the show.

## PLEASE VIEW / LIKE / COMMENT / SUBSCRIBE.

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## TRI-TOWN 55+ COALITION PROVIDES OVER 2500 RIDES IN FIRST YEAR

Since its launch in April 2017, the Rides for Seniors program has provided over 2500 subsidized rides for residents 65 and older living in Madison, Chatham Borough and Chatham Township. More than 285 registered seniors have taken advantage of the on-demand car service to run errands, get to doctor's appointments, go shopping or visit loved ones. The Tri-Town 55+ Coalition started the program in partnership with GoGoGrandparent, a national company based in California which accesses Uber and Lyft using an 800 number without a cell phone.

While GoGoGrandparent is available nationwide, the Rides for Seniors program is the only one of its kind to offer a subsidy. Eligible riders receive \$5 off each ride up to four rides per month. The subsidy is made possible through grant funding and sponsorship support, including a grant from the Grotta Fund for Senior Care and a sponsorship commitment from AARP for 2018. A Gift-a-Ride program is also available to offset the costs for riders. For

more information, to register for Rides for Seniors or donate, visit the Tri-Town 55+ Coalition web site at [www.tritown55plus.org](http://www.tritown55plus.org).

The Tri-Town 55+ Coalition will mark the first anniversary of Rides for Seniors with a special celebration at the Madison Area YMCA on Wednesday, May 23 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. The event is free and open to all residents although pre-registration is requested. Refreshments, entertainment, prize drawings and information on community services will be provided. To register, please call the Tri-Town 55+ Coalition at (862) 246-6065 and provide you name and telephone number. Please note that all guests entering the YMCA must present a valid state/government-issued ID.

The Rides for Seniors program was only the first initiative of the non-profit Tri-Town 55+ Coalition to create lifelong communities for town residents based on the World Health Organization's age-friendly themes. Since the fall of 2017 the Madison Chamber of Commerce and the Coalition have been

working with local businesses to ensure that they are accessible, offer a comfortable atmosphere and provide great service to attract the growing population of older adults in the community through the Age-Friendly Business Initiative.

This spring, the Coalition is partnering with the Mayors' Wellness Committee of the Chathams (MWCC) on an exciting new project, Chatham's Urban Track. Recognizing the importance of walkable communities to improve public health and quality of life, the Mayors' Wellness Committee plans to create a self-guided walking tour along the 3.3 mile loop of the sidewalks on the Borough's Main Street. Plans to highlight places of historic, economic and social interest along the way, including rest stops, will make the track inviting for walkers of all ages. TransOptions, a Coalition partner, is conducting a Walkability Study on Monday, April 16th from 10 am to 1 pm and is seeking community volunteers. If you are interested, please (973) 267-7600.



**Tri-Town 55+ Coalition**  
*Working Together to Build  
Lifelong Communities*



### You're Invited to Celebrate! The First Anniversary of the Rides for Seniors Program

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

1:30PM to 2:30PM

Madison Area YMCA, 111 Kings Road, Madison, NJ

**PLEASE NOTE:** All visitors and guests must present a valid state/government-issued photo ID when entering the facility.

Enjoy live entertainment, refreshments, giveaways and raffle drawings!

Event is **FREE** but pre-registration is requested. Kindly RSVP with name and phone number to (862) 246-6065 or email [TriTown55plus@gmail.com](mailto:TriTown55plus@gmail.com) by May 21.

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