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### SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUB VALENTINE LUNCHEON

By Maryanne Christiano-Mistretta

The Mountainside Senior Citizen Club celebrated Valentine's Day at the Spanish Tavern, 1239 U.S. 22, Mountainside. There were over 50 attendees including Mayor Paul N. Mirabelli; senior coordinator Kim Moriak; and Eve Vitale, president of The Mountainside Senior Club for the past 12 years.

In addition to a full course lunch meal, Lou Sabini of Sabini Entertainment provided the entertainment. He sang beautiful love songs, including, "As Time Goes By," "After the Loving," "More," "What a Wonderful World," and "You are the Sunshine of My Life."

There were also door prizes and raffles. Everyone went home with a Valentine's heart shaped box filled with chocolates.

more information on Mountainside Senior Citizen Club, contact Eve at 908-789-8568.



(above, l-r) Meurice Lake, Mayor Paul N. Mirabelli, Eve Vitale, and Kim Moriak.

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(above) Lou Sabini of Sabini Entertainment.

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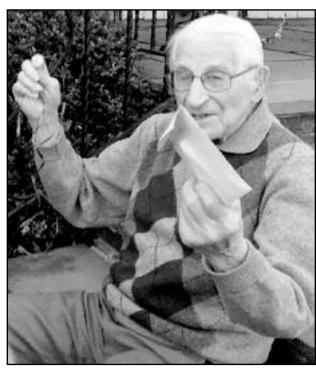
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# HARRY DEVLIN ARTWORK UNVEILING AT HETFIELD HOUSE

The Mountainside Restoration Committee will host a reception to celebrate the unveiling of their newly-acquired Harry Devlin painting. Devlin family members will be in attendance and his daughter, Wende Devlin Gates, and son, David Devlin, will speak about their famous parents Wende and Harry Devlin. The public is invited. Reservations are recommended. To make a reservation, please call 908-789-9420; or email hetfieldhouse1@yahoo.com.

This event will take place on Thursday evening, March 22, at 7 p.m. The Deacon Andrew Hetfield House is located at Constitution Plaza adjacent to the Mountainside Library. Constitution Plaza is the first right off Birch Hill Road which is off New Providence Road near the Mountainside Volunteer Fire House.

Harry Devlin, who died in 2001, was a resident of Mountainside and once served on the board of the Mountainside Historic Restoration Committee. Harry and his wife Wende were authors and painters who had 7 children. Harry enjoyed various careers in illustration, political cartooning, writing a nationally-syndicated comic strip based on his family life, writing and illustrating 28 children's books, portrait painting, painting of architecture and buildings culminating with the publishing of his coffee

table book "Portraits of American Architecture: Monuments to a Romantic Mood 1830-1900." The Devlins were recipients of many awards for their prolific works.

Coincidentally, March 22 would have been Harry Devlin's 100th birthday. What more fitting tribute to Harry and his works, than to celebrate his painting, his birthday and his life at the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House. Harry created the line drawing of the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House which is still used prominently in the Mountainside Historic Committee's publications. Many Mountainside households have prints of this Hetfield House drawing which were distributed during the 100th birthday celebration of Mountainside in 1995. Copies of the limited edition signed and numbered prints will be available for sale.

The Mountainside Restoration Committee is a committee of volunteers governed by the Borough of Mountainside whose purpose is to restore and maintain the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House and the Levi Cory House and collect and save historic information and items from destruction.

For information on the Mountainside Historic Committee events or to donate funds, please call (908)789-9420; or, go to: mountainsidehistory.org.



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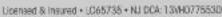








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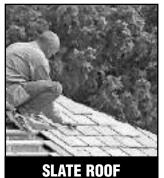
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#### **MOUNTAINSIDE PTO'S ANNUAL SPRING FLING**

The Mountainside Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is excited to announce and invite all those within the Mountainside school and business community to attend and celebrate 30+ years of fundraising success, made possible through your generosity and continued commitment to supporting Mountainside's public school children.

The Spring Fling is an evening of camaraderie and community. Join us for dinner and the opportunity to leave a winner, be it through the Tricky Tray with excellent prize baskets or bidding on fantastic silent auction items, like tickets to Broadway shows and sporting events. The Spring Fling is designed to raise funds in support of programs and services dedicated to the children the PTO serves.

If you are a business member of our community, there are exciting ways for you to

partner with the PTO and sponsor or advertise at this event. The PTO is committed to making your participation a visible and worthwhile opportunity, reaching more than 300 community members at the event, and many more through social media. Space is limited - if you are interested, please contact Lili DeVita at lilidevita@gmail.com or 908-405-6703.

The Spring Fling will be held Friday, April 6, 2018, 6 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn,

304 U.S. 22, Springfield, New Jersey.

Tickets are on sale and the fee of \$55 includes admission and dinner (salad, entrée, and dessert). Please contact Danielle McLaughlin at danielle070806@yahoo.com or call 908-313-7306 to purchase.

For more information on the Mountainside PTO visit: mountainsideschools.org/domain/74





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#### IRS WARNS PUBLIC ABOUT SCAMS TARGETING TAXPAYERS

The IRS is urging the public to be aware of suspicious individuals claiming to be from the IRS.

Thousands of people have lost millions of dollars and their personal information to tax scams. Scammers use the regular mail, telephone, or email to set up individuals, businesses, payroll, and tax professionals.

The IRS doesn't initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages, or social media channels to request personal or financial information. Recognize the telltale signs of a scam.

### SCAMS TARGETING TAXPAYERS IRS-IMPERSONATION TELEPHONE SCAMS

A sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers, including recent immigrants, has been making the rounds throughout the country. Callers claim to be IRS employees, using fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. They may know a lot about their targets, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling.

Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a gift card or wire transfer. Victims may be threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting. Victims may be told they have a refund due to try to trick them into sharing private information. If the phone isn't answered, the scammers often leave an "urgent" callback request.

Some thieves have used video relay services (VRS) to try to scam deaf and hard of hearing

individuals. Taxpayers are urged not trust calls just because they are made through VRS, as interpreters don't screen calls for validity.

Limited English Proficiency victims are often approached in their native language, threatened with deportation, police arrest and license revocation, among other things. IRS urges all taxpayers caution before paying unexpected tax bills. Note that the IRS doesn't:

- Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer.
   Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe any taxes.
- Threaten to bring in local police or other lawenforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.
- Demand payment without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

#### **SCAMS TARGETING TAX PROFESSIONALS**

Increasingly, tax professionals are being targeted by identity thieves. These criminals — many of them sophisticated, organized syndicates - are redoubling their efforts to gather personal data to file fraudulent federal and state income tax returns.

### SURGE IN EMAIL, PHISHING AND MALWARE SCHEMES

Phishing (as in "fishing for information") is a scam where fraudsters send e-mail messages to trick unsuspecting victims into revealing personal and financial information that can be used to steal the victims' identity.

The IRS has issued several alerts about the fraudulent use of the IRS name or logo by scammers trying to gain access to consumers' financial information to steal their identity and assets.

Scam emails are designed to trick taxpayers into thinking these are official communications from the IRS or others in the tax industry, including tax software companies. These phishing schemes may seek information related to refunds, filing status, confirming personal information, ordering transcripts, and verifying PIN information.

Be alert to bogus emails that appear to come from your tax professional, requesting information for an IRS form. IRS doesn't require Life Insurance and Annuity updates from taxpayers or a tax professional.

Variations can be seen via text messages. The IRS is aware of email phishing scams that include links to bogus web sites intended to mirror the official IRS web site. These emails contain the direction "you are to update your IRS e-file immediately." These emails are not from the IRS.

The sites may ask for information used to file false tax returns or they may carry malware, which can infect computers and allow criminals to access your files or track your keystrokes to gain information.

For more details, visit www.irs.gov; YouTube IRS Videos on Tax Scams.

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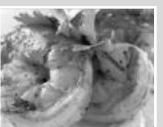
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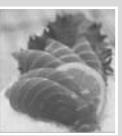
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#### MARCH 2018 PROGRAMS AT THE MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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.

The Mountainside Public Library has scheduled the following programs for March and early April. The Library will be closed on March 30, in observance of Good Friday.

#### **Tuesday Night Movies**

we will be showing

#### "All Saints" (2017, PG).

On March 6.

Based on a true story, Pastor Michael Spurlock is forced to shut down a small church frequented by a group of refugees from Southeast Asia.

#### "Fanny's Journey" (2016, NR).

will be presented on March 13.

In 1943, a teenaged girl and her younger sisters are sent from their home in France to an Italian foster home for Jewish children. When the Nazis arrive, they must reach the Swiss border on their own. Based on a true story. we will screen

#### "Maudie" (2016, PG-13).

On March 20,

Maudie, a rising folk painter, is hired to be the housekeeper of the recluse, Everett Lewis. Unexpectedly, Everett finds himself falling in love.

#### "Dunkirk" (2017, PG-13).

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#### Aging Services Kiosk.

Friday, March 9 at 12:30 p.m.

Donna Farrell of The Union County Department of Human Services Division on Aging & Disability Resource Connection will be at the library to answer questions about: Pharmaceutical Assistance, Home Energy Assistance/USF Cooling Assistance, Home Care, Home Delivered or Congregate Meals, and Medicaid Caregiver Relief Transportation.

#### **Opera on Film Series**

Friday, March 9 at 1 p.m.

Friday Operas on Film series, sponsored by the T. Robel Hill Foundation and presented by Mena Clemson. A 1976 recording of Adriana Lecouvreur by Francesco Cilèa will be screened. Montserrat Caballé and José Carreras star, and the NHK Symphony Orchestra of Tokyo is conducted by Gianfranco Masini.

#### **New Jersey Makers Day** Saturday, March 10.

Makers Day is designed to be a statewide event that celebrates, promotes, and introduces maker culture, as well as the values associated with making, tinkering and STEM-based learning. This year, in addition to all-day 3D Printer demonstrations, we will feature a variety of hands on projects and activities for children of all ages from 10 a.m. to noon.

Registration is a must, and priority will be given to Mountainside residents!

#### Saturday Musical Getaways: Bob Wylde Jazz Trio,

Saturday, March 10 at 2 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of soft and swinging jazz with the Bob Wylde Jazz Trio. The trio is composed of Bob Wylde on guitar, Thomson Kneeland on bass and Steve Johns on drums. The group has performed in the New Jersey area for the past three years at various venues including restaurants, libraries, nature conservancies and senior centers.

#### **Career Networking Group.**

Monday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.

"Will Artificial Intelligence take Your Job?" You may have heard a few things about Artificial Intelligence (AI) over the past year or two -- programs that have beat human beings in games like Jeopardy, Poker and GO. AI being used in voice assistants such as the Amazon Echo, Apple Siri and Google Home; AI enabling self-driving vehicles. Believe it or not, that is just the tip of the iceberg. AI is currently being applied to a wide range of tasks and spaces, including finance, medicine, project management, education, sales and more. But the most important question of all, can Artificial Intelligence replace you? What do you need to know, and more importantly, how do you keep pace with this important, disruptive and rapidly evolving technology? The answers may surprise you. The presenter, George Pace, is an IT technology leader, focusing on how to extract business value from the latest technologies.

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

Thursday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m.

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#### **UNION COUNTY CLERK JOANNE RAJOPPI TO BE PRESENTED WITH** "WOMEN IN AMERICAN HISTORY" AWARD

March is Women's History month and the Crane's Ford Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter will be presenting Joanne Rajoppi, Union County Clerk, with the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution "Women in American History" award on Saturday, March 10, 2018, at noon at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, NJ.

The "Women in American History" award, sponsored by the NSDAR, is designed to recognize worthy women, and celebrate their contribution to history, culture, and society.

Joanne Rajoppi is the first woman County clerk in the 154-year history of Union County. She is the former Mayor of Springfield, former Union County Freeholder and first woman chairman of the Freeholder Board, and former NJ Assistant Secretary of State during the Byrne Administration. She has been an advocate for women running for public office, writing her first book, "Women in Office: Getting There and Staying There" in 1993.

As an author, her first book published in 2013 chronicled the military service of her great-grandfather during the American Civil War titled "New Brunswick and the Civil War: The Brunswick Boys in the Great Rebellion" letters he wrote to his family. She followed the story with the Hamilton women after the war writing her most recent book: "Northern Women in the Aftermath of the Civil War: The Wives and Daughters of the Brunswick Boys." This book was published in 2017. Ms. Rajoppi will be presenting a power-point program on her most recent book and copies of the book will be available for purchase.

The public is invited to join us for the presentation with a reception to follow. The Crane's Ford chapter will also be celebrating its 74th Anniversary, chartered on March 8,

The NSDAR is a volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, historic preservation, service to veterans and meaningful community service. Membership is open to any woman 18 years or older who can prove lineal descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American Independence.

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### THE REV. JANE MCCREADY JOINS IMAGINE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Lutheran Church, 524 South Street, New Providence, where she has been a member since 1996. She has a B.A. from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana and received her Master of Divinity from The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Prior to attending Seminary, Jane worked in New York City for the 55th Street Dance Theater Foundation at City



(above) The Rev. Jane McCready.

### **IMAGINE GIFTED \$15K**

Imagine: A Center for Coping with Loss located in Mountainside, was recently awarded a \$15,000 unrestricted gift for best efforts towards sustainability by Sax LLP, a leading accounting, tax and advisory firm, during its first annual Founder's Award event which celebrates the good work of local nonprofits.

Stuart Arnold, Imagine's Board Chair and the organization's representative at the event walked away with a \$15,000 check to support Imagine's mission to provide free year-round peer support groups for families and children who are dealing with loss due to death or a life-altering physical illness.

When receiving the check, Stuart Arnold stated, "We've come a very long way, and we serve hundreds of families now with our support services for children who are grieving and who need a place to feel comfortable, safe and warm ... and a place where they can relate to people who are going through a similar situation. Thank you for helping us, because the work we are doing changes the trajectory of young people's lives."

"When I first saw the application for Sax's Founder's Award I was hopeful because sustainability is something we've been focused on since day one of our founding," said Mary Robinson, Imagine Founder and Executive Director who wrote the winning essay. "However, when I heard there were over 180 applicants I knew it would be tough to stand out among so many other worthy not-for-profit organizations."

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Rev. Jane McCready is Pastor at Faith Center Theater and as a Legal Assistant for 16 Heights Community Emergency Group. years.

> she attended an Imagine Annual Breakfast. When her brother died suddenly when she was 11 there were no grief support organizations that existed which could have helped her. She felt instantly connected to the mission of Imagine and it has been an important part of her ministry. Faith Lutheran has hosted a number of education and support programs led by Imagine, and is recognized as a Good Mourning site. Through her ministry Jane has referred families to Imagine and members of her congregation serve as volunteers.

> Jane currently serves as Chair of the Family Promise Union County Community Board; Chair of the New Providence-Berkeley Heights Interfaith Clergy Group; Chair, First Contact and Coordinator of the New Providence-Berkeley

Jane and her husband Gary lived in Westfield Jane was introduced to Imagine in 2013 when for 20 years where they raised their family, and currently reside in New Providence. She has been an active community volunteer and has been recognized for her leadership. In addition to spending time with her husband and three children, she enjoys traveling, New York City, the theater, museums, music and sports.

> Imagine is a free year-round peer grief support center located at 244 Sheffield Street, Mountainside, New Jersey, and serving all of Union County and beyond. Imagine serves children, young adults and parents/guardians who have had a parent, sibling, or child die. Support groups for caregivers of a person living with a life-altering physical illness are also available. If you are interested in learning more about Imagine please visit our website at imaginenj.org or call 908-264-3100.



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