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CULTURE CELEBRATED AT HOLY TRINITY 10TH GREEKFEST

Submitted by Lia Lewis

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church located at 250 Gallows Hill Rd, Westfield, New Jersey, celebrated its tenth annual Greek festival 'NJ GreekFest 2018' over 4 days beginning May 31 thru June 3, 2018.

The church, which is part of the Metropolis District of New Jersey, was established in 1966, and has been an active member in the Westfield community for over 52 years. Some of Holy Trinity's faithful come from throughout Union County as well as many other New Jersey counties. Holy Trinity provides liturgical services, religious education, ethnic Greek education, adult and youth ministries, fellowship events, and charitable giving opportunities.

Holy Trinity began hosting their cultural festival to the surrounding communities to express fellowship and outreach. All of Westfield becomes Greek for four days experiencing authentic appetizers, meals, desserts, and wine. A live band plays modern Greek music, and youth dance troupes perform 100+ year old dances in traditional costumes. Parishioners and restauranteurs demonstrated Greek cooking at 'YiaYia's Kouzina.' Holy Trinity donates a portion of its festival proceeds to various non-profit organizations such as the Westfield Rescue Squad and Children's Specialized Hospital located in nearby Mountainside, NJ.

The Holy Trinity volunteers (a true family) work together to make this cultural event possible. We are grateful to both the many event leaders who worked months in advance to plan the event and the even larger number of parishioner who worked tirelessly over the four-day event to provide festival patrons a true Greek experience.

Lastly, we are grateful to the real attraction at this year's NJ GreekFest



which, in addition to the tasty food, wine, beer, coffee, pastries, is all of you who came out and supported NJ GreekFest 2018.

For more information about Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church please visit holymtrinitywestfield.org.

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(above) Fr. Peter Delvizi, Christina Colonias, Nico Scerbo, Joe Newman, Mike Chmiel.

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WESTFIELD COMMUNITY BAND PRESENTS ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CONCERT

The Westfield Community Band, under the direction of Dr. Thomas Connors, continues its 106th season with its annual Independence Day Concert on July 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Mindowaskin Park. The band will be joined by members of the Westfield Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), who will present a special program in tribute to Independence Day. Also featured will be appearances by Westfield's own "Towne Crier", who will present the "news of the day" and an address by a member of the Westfield Town Council.

The band's music program will feature selections which celebrate America, including "Battle Hymn of the Republic", "National Emblem" march, "America, The Beautiful", "God Bless America", "This Land is Your Land", by renowned folk singer, Woody Guthrie, and "The Ultimate Patriotic Sing-Along", an audience sing-along of popular traditional and contemporary patriotic songs. The band will conclude this special themed concert with a performance of Sousa's most famous march "The Stars and Stripes Forever".

The band concludes its 2018 Summer Concert Series with a concert on July 12th. The band rehearses each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Community Room in the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street. The band's membership includes musicians from age 16 to age 86, including many active and retired music educators. Under the music direction of Dr. Thomas Connors, director of Instrumental Music Studies and an assistant professor of music education at Kean University, the band performs a wide variety of concert band literature, including many contemporary compositions.

Experienced area musicians who are interested in a position with the band should contact band president Barry Rosenberg at 908-337-9073 or info@westfieldcommunityband.com.

The band's Summer Concert Series is sponsored by the Westfield Recreation Department, Don Bogardus, Director. Chairs and blankets are recommended. In the event of rain, the concert will take place in the Westfield Community Room, located in the Westfield Municipal Building.



(above) The Westfield Community Concert Band will present the band's Independence Day Concert on July 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Mindowaskin Park, Westfield. The band will conclude its 2018 Summer Concert Series on July 12.

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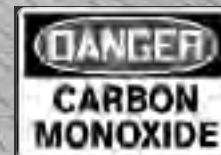
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(above, l-r) Kathy Maglaras and Yiana Leitching



(above, r-l) Lovebay Michael Okafor from Nigeria, is a student of theology, is staying with George Koutjafies, a resident of Berkeley Heights, during his internship at Overlook Medical center in Summit, New Jersey. Some of Holy Trinity's faithful come from throughout Union County as well as many other counties.

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GREEKFEST FEATURED COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS

One of the cooking demonstrations during the festival was given by church members Kathy Maglaras of New Providence, and Yiana Leitching of Schotch Plains. Kathy and Yiana were introduced by Yiana's mother, Avi, 20

years ago and became friends. The two usually bake together, this was the first time they made Spanakopita together, which is a Greek spinach pie, they used Yiana's mother's receipie. Both of their families hail from Kalamata Greece.

SPANAKOPITA RECIPE

INGREDIENTS

- (Specialties available from The Greek Store, Kenilworth, NJ)
- 1lb #7 Filo Dough (flaky sheets of dough)
 - 1/8c. olive oil
 - 4 large onions, finely chopped
 - 1/4 cup dill, finely chopped
 - 2 Ibs- 4 boxes frozen chopped spinach, thawed & drained
 - 1 lb of Feta Cheese, crumbled
 - 4 eggs
 - 2 sticks of butter

PREPARATION - PART 1

- 1.Heat oil. Saute 4 large onions in oil until translucent
2. Add chopped spinach, cook with onions in pan for 10 min.
3. Add dill and salt & pepper to spinach mixture
4. Beat 4 eggs and add them to mixture
5. Add cheese to mixture

PREPARATION - PART 2

1. In rectangular pan, brush each layer of filo with butter one on top of the other (total of 8 sheets of filo)
2. Add the spinach mixture on top of filo
3. Add 8 more sheets of filo (brush each sheet with butter
4. Put in refrigerator for 20 mins before cutting.
5. Cut filo on top of spinach pie into squares
6. Bake at 350 oven for about 1 hour until golden brown

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UNICO AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO STEVEN DI MARIA AND GIANNA RICERCA

The hard work that graduating seniors Steven Di Maria and Gianna Ricerca put in at Westfield High School was recognized by scholarships awards by UNICO.

The Westfield residents and eight other graduating seniors were recently honored by the Elizabeth Chapter of UNICO with scholarships during a celebratory dinner.

Each recipient underwent an extensive application process that included an interview session that weighed heavily in the decision. UNICO bases its awards to college-bound seniors on "academic achievement, initiative and resourcefulness, outstanding leadership and the ability indicative of success in higher education."

Steven was a member of the National Honor Society during the 2017-2018 school year, participated in the Science Olympiad (2016-2017), and earned Distinguished Honor Roll all four years of high school. He also attained the Seal of Biliteracy in Latin in 2017.

Gianna was a member of the National Italian Honors Society in 2017 and received honorable

mention in the Italian National Exam in 2015, 2016 and 2017. Gianna graduated from the Youth Police Academy in 2017 and worked as an intern for the Scotch Plains Police Department in 2017.

During his interview, Steven named his parents as his role models because of their compassion and understanding nature. He will attend Syracuse University in the fall as a Sport Analytics major.

In her interview, Gianna named her father as her role model because he works for the community and others. She is undecided on college in the fall, but she has narrowed her choices to Rider University and Monmouth University.

UNICO's stated objectives are "to promote and enhance the image of Italian Americans; for members to be of service to the community; to promote Italian heritage and culture; to promote, support and assist charitable, scientific, cultural,

educational, and literary projects; to promote members' interest in public welfare; and to cooperate with others in civic, social and cultural development."

The charitable organization raises funds for scholarships and helping other community service organizations. Gifts at the 2018 dinner were presented to St. Genevieve Church, InRoads to Opportunity, The ARC of Union County, Center for Hope Hospice, Cooley's Anemia Fund, Elmora Youth League, Our Lady of Guadalupe School and Community Food Bank of NJ.

The next meeting of the Elizabeth Chapter of UNICO will be at 7 p.m. September 5, 2018 at Costa's Italian Ristorante in Roselle Park. Anyone interested in learning more about the organization, becoming a member, or attending the dinner in October should contact Nino Quaglia at ninoefdshop@gmail.com.



(above, l-r) Elizabeth Chapter of UNICO Scholarship Committee co-chairs Jennifer Barrett and Carole Cascio stand on either side of Gianna Ricerca of Westfield, who was awarded a scholarship by the Elizabeth chapter of UNICO on June 6.



(above, l-r) Steven Di Maria of Westfield with Elizabeth Chapter of UNICO Scholarship Committee co-chairs Jennifer Barrett and Carole Cascio.

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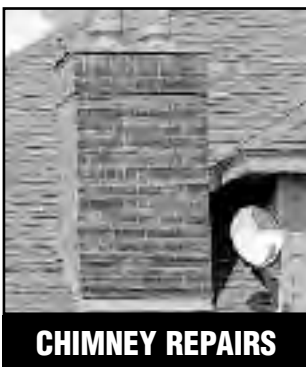
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COLLEGE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WESTFIELD AWARDS 2018 SCHOLARSHIPS

The College Woman's Club of Westfield awarded close to \$50,000 in Scholarships at its 101th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at Echo Lake Country Club. The awards were made to five young women from Westfield to help them pursue their college education. The recipients were selected based on academic achievement, community service, and financial need.

A scholarship in memory of civic leader and long time College Woman's Club Board member and Trustee Betty List was awarded for the first time and presented by her children Robert List and Karen List. A Scholarship in memory of Katharine Jaruzelski was presented by Jenny Jaruzelski, both past presidents of the Club. The Gaile Boothe Scholarship, The Marge McCornack Scholarship, and the Past Presidents Scholarship, presented by past president Carol Mucci, were awarded along with the College Woman's Club of Westfield Scholarships. According to Scholarship Chairperson, Annmarie Puleio, "We award these Scholarships in the spirit of our Founders Mabel Sturgis, Wellesley, 1902 and Helen Welch, Vassar, 1914 and thanks to the enduring commitment and abiding generosity of our members to further the education of women."



(above, back, l-r) Winners of the College Woman's Club of Westfield, Catherine Posyton, Julia Vricella-Stokes, Stephanie Hoodja; (front, row) Catherine Moore and Isabel Lee.

Stephanie Hoodja received The Marge McCornack and the College Woman's Club Scholarships totaling \$13,000. Ms Hoodja will attend Rutgers University to study Marketing.

Isabel Lee was awarded The Betty List Scholarship for her commitment to civic improvement and the College Woman's Club Scholarship. Her awards total \$13,000. Ms Lee plans to pursue a career in civil engineering at the University of Pittsburgh. Her primary interest is in bridge construction and repair.

Catherine Moore received the \$5,000 Katharine Jaruzelski Scholarship. She will pursue her interest in Music Production and Composition as a Music Education, Piano Major at the University of Michigan.

Catherine Posyton received both the Past Presidents Scholarship and a College Woman's Club Scholarship totaling \$13,000. She is interested in a career in Public Relations and

Marketing and will study these majors at Rutgers University.

Julia Varicella-Stokes was awarded the \$5,000 Gaile K. Boothe Scholarship to study Nursing at Villanova University. She plans to become a Nurse Practitioner in Pediatrics.

The College Woman's Club of Westfield is proud to acknowledge this outstanding group of young women. Applications for the scholarship are available through local high school guidance departments in February of each year and are evaluated by a committee of CWC members each spring. Funds for the scholarships come from nominal membership dues, donations, interest on investments and legacies from our members.

The College Woman's Club of Westfield in its 101st year. To learn how to join and participate in the many social activities of the College Women's Club, contact cwc.westfield@gmail.com.

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CHURCH VOLUNTEERS BRING SMILES TO CENTER FOR HOPE RESIDENTS

Submitted by Caryn Starr-Gates, Center for Hope Hospice, Inc.

Residents at the Center for Hope Hospice were delighted by a recent visit from the Christ Centered Crochet Club (4Cs) of St. Helen's Church in Westfield, New Jersey. Club members entertained the residents at Peggy's House in Scotch Plains—one of two Center for Hope residences—by showing them how to crochet hats, which they donate to area hospitals, and talked to them about the club. The 4Cs donated 25 hand-crocheted hats to the Center for residents to use, as a memento of their time spent together.

"It was an amazing afternoon with the residents at the Center for Hope," said Alesia Porter, who heads the club. "We especially enjoyed the belly laughs of one resident who watched us work; the joy she expressed being with us was so heartwarming."

The 4Cs was started in October 2014 when then-third-graders Kaeley Yurchak and Isabel Cortese of Garwood, parishioners of St. Helen's Church, brought the idea to Porter as a fun activity that also served as a community service project. The club has grown to nearly 30 members, ranging in age from 3 to 86. They meet at St. Helen's twice a month to make hats for premature babies, children and adults in hospitals and medical facilities throughout central and northern New Jersey. They also participate in the American Heart Association's Little Hats, Big Hearts™, which provides handmade red hats to babies born in February for American Heart Month.

St. Helen's Church shares a special connection to Center for Hope Hospice. The Center's founder, Father Charles Hudson, said Mass every Sunday at the church; parishioners honored Hudson in early February at a program celebrating his life and his messages of love, peace and hope. Yarn donations are being accepted by the Center of Hope to support the 4C's Ministry.

The Center for Hope Hospice offers hospice and palliative care at Peggy's House in Scotch Plains and Father Hudson House in Elizabeth, in patients' homes, and in other medical and

long-term care settings. Organizations interested in partnering with the Center for volunteer opportunities can contact Stacy Kaplan at skaplan@cfhh.org or (908) 288-9111.

About Center for Hope Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.

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(above l-r) Volunteers from St. Helen's 4Cs who visited the Center for Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains Front row: Annabel Lang, Katie McDermott, Annika Schnatz, Meagan Postaski and Maricar Postaski from Westfield; Back row: Ashely Postaski, Judy Lang and Natalie DuHaime (Westfield), Marcie Kenny from North Plainfield and Alesia Porter of Scotch Plains.

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WHS DREAM TEAM RAISES MONEY FOR CHRIS HERREN ASSEMBLY

The Dream Team, a Westfield High School club that encourages students to make healthy decisions and provides drug/alcohol free social events to the school community, recently held a special tournament to help raise money toward sponsoring a visit from former NBA basketball player Chris Herren. Herren, who struggled with substance abuse for much of his basketball career, now shares his story with schools and other audiences.

“It was a fun night for a great purpose,” says Susan Kolesar who, with fellow Dream Team adviser Lauren Hauser and the Westfield Municipal Alliance, organized the May 3rd event. “The winning teams received great prizes from generous community businesses such as Halo Salon, Chipotle, Satsang Yoga, Alluem Yoga, Chartwells Food Service, Riju Nails, Vicki’s Diner, La Famiglia Sorrento and Thirty-One Gifts.”

Participants competed in a variation of dodgeball with each team using foam balls to try to knock over an opposing team’s pins.

Kolesar says that over the past few years the

club’s fundraising efforts have been directed at local and national charities. This year’s efforts, she says, will go toward a September assembly for high school students featuring Herren and sponsored by the Westfield Municipal Alliance.

Herren, a former point guard for the Boston Celtics and Denver Nuggets, shares his story of abuse and recovery in his memoir “Basketball Junkie.” According to his website, ahoopdream.com, he has been alcohol and drug-free since August 2008, launching “Hoop Dreams with Chris Herren” in June 2009 and traveling the

country to speak to schools, athletic teams, community groups and others.

Students wishing to become involved with the Dream Team should contact teachers/advisers Lauren Hauser at lhauser@westfieldnj12.org or Susan Kolesar at skolesar@westfieldnj12.org. To learn more or to get involved with the Westfield Municipal Alliance which sponsors the Dream Team and other efforts aimed at preventing and raising awareness of substance abuse, contact Louise DeDea at westfieldalliance@gmail.com.

Photo by Westfield Public Schools.



(above) Members of Westfield High School’s Dream Team held a recent fundraiser with monies raised to go toward an assembly in September with former NBA basketball player Chris Herren. (front row l-r): Adriana Vergara, Stephanie Alpizar, Jaimie DeDea, Sophia Pappalardo, Chloe Pappalardo. (back row l-r): Dream Team advisers Susan Kolesar and Lauren Hauser and students Steven Zucker, Anna Rossen, Luke Ertman.

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WILSON SCHOOL RECEIVES A VISIT FROM GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy took a few moments out of a busy schedule to drop in on a 5th grade class at Wilson School in Westfield on Thursday, May 24, 2018.

"Fifth grade is one of the coolest grades," said the governor as he greeted the students. "What are you studying today?"

A brief discussion of the formulas for surface area and volume needed to build an aquarium followed. Governor Murphy then gave an impromptu civics lesson, noting New Jersey's

population (the 11th largest in the U.S.) and geography (4th smallest).

"We're packed in so we need to treat the environment well," he told the attentive gathering which included 19 students, their teacher Alexander Schmidt, principal Joseph Malanga, superintendent Margaret Dolan, and representatives of the Wilson PTO.

Governor Murphy extolled what he called New Jersey's great strengths, among them public education and diversity. "This is one of the great

American states," he said.

He praised his parents and siblings (he is the youngest of four) for their dedication to public service and said he was inspired by them and many of his role models including former presidents Barack Obama and John F. Kennedy (and members of the Kennedy family) along with civil rights leader Martin Luther King.

He answered questions from the students during the approximately 20-minute visit, ranging from "Do you travel a lot?" ("I travel literally every day") to "What inspired you to become governor?" ("I grew up in a family where public service was talked about and encouraged").

When asked "What are some of the challenges as governor?" Governor Murphy answered "New Jersey has a lot of challenges," adding "so far, so good. I'm an optimist. This is a great state."


As to his favorite aspect of being governor? "Hanging out with young people like you," he said before exiting the classroom where Wilson students and staff lined the hallways, applauding as he smiled and waved good-bye.

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(above) New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy poses for a picture with the 5th grade class of Wilson teacher Alexander Schmidt during a short visit on Thursday, May 24. On left are Westfield Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Margaret Dolan and Wilson principal Joseph Malanga.

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THREE FROM WESTFIELD TAKE OATH AS NEW FOSTER CHILD ADVOCATES

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Eleven Union County residents from Westfield, Scotch Plains, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Cranford, Elizabeth, and Fanwood—and three from out-of-county locales Bloomfield, Irvington and South Orange—recently took their oath before Union County Superior Court Judge James Hely to serve as CASA volunteers. This class proves no matter where one calls home, it's the heart for helping others that leads the way. Each new advocate—ranging from age 21 to 69—will serve a Union County foster youth or sibling set in need of a

constant in their lives, and a voice in court and the community.

Volunteers with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County serve as extra eyes and ears for family law judges hearing cases involving the county's abused, neglected or abandoned children removed from home and placed in foster care.

Successful advocates have varied backgrounds and diverse experiences, and this class is no exception: it included parents and non-parents, medical professionals, attorneys, homemakers, students and retirees, and most had no prior knowledge of the foster system. In addition, four volunteers were raised outside the United States. Family and friends, and CASA staff and board members looked on as Judge Hely performed the swearing-in and commemorative pins and certificates were presented. During a celebratory

luncheon, advocates were matched to their case, a foster youth or sibling set.

CASA volunteers have court-ordered access to all parties in a foster child's life, including foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists and teachers, and incorporate into court reports findings from these contacts as well as from their own time spent with the youth. Advocates ensure a youth's needs are met and their time in care is as short as possible.

It is CASA of Union County's goal that every Union County foster child have an advocate, yet half of the more than 500 such youth still await one. Could you be their voice? The next training begins July 11, 2018 and two additional trainings are slated for the fall. For details, contact Courtney at 908-293-8136 or cgreen@casaoofunioncounty.org, or log on to www.casaoofunioncounty.org.

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(above) With Superior Court Judge James Hely are, from left, new CASA volunteers Felicia Davis of Irvington, Robin Karp of Scotch Plains, Aslam Chaudry and Carolina Bravo Sanchez of Elizabeth, Stacey Huggins of Bloomfield, Margaret Smith of Westfield, Alyssa Seiden of Scotch Plains, Rebekah Strombom of Berkeley Heights, Kristen Kim and Lisa Ripperger of Westfield, Francine Quinn of Cranford, Jessica Maier of Fanwood, Andrew Pugliese of South Orange, Katie Romano of New Providence and Executive Director Marla Higginbotham.

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Westfield High School senior Kayla Egberts represented Union County at the New Jersey State Board of Education's Annual Recognition Ceremony on May 16, 2018 where she was among students from across the state honored for making significant contributions to their schools, communities, families or others.

(left, l-r) Among those congratulating Egberts (center) on May 16 were New Jersey State Board of Education members Mary Beth Berry of Hunterdon County and Kathy Goldenberg of Burlington County, Union County Education Program Development Specialist Maria Mendez, Westfield High School Principal Dr. Derrick Nelson and Acting Commissioner of Education Dr. Lamont Repollet.

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The service organization invites those who served in Vietnam between February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975, or were in any duty location between August 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975, to join them in creating a new identity for this generation of veterans and to change the public perception of Vietnam Veterans.

Some of the activities the Westfield VVA chapter takes part in include making visits to veterans hospitals, supporting veterans memorials and observances, assisting disabled and needy veterans and their families, sponsoring programs for homeless veterans, and presenting

patriotic and historical projects in schools.

The VVA also offers Veteran Services, including medical and benefit claims assistance and financial management. Joining VVA allows veterans to connect with other veterans and stay up with the latest news and special events. You will also receive a free subscription to the VVA Veteran newspaper.

Whenever the VVA's Westfield chapter is seeking a helping hand with fundraising and recruiting efforts, Kings supermarket of Garwood has been there for them.

Chapter president Rick Harrison of Roselle says Kings has been a generous supporter of the organization and has regularly allowed the group

to set up stations in front of their store at 300 South Ave. in the Garwood Mall.

Kings is also known to support the hunger relief efforts of a number of organizations in Union County, including St. Teresa of Avila Soup Kitchen, Westfield Food Pantry, and more.

The Westfield VVA chapter celebrated its 25th anniversary with a catered barbecue party on Saturday, June 30, 2018 at the American Legion Post #328 in Clark.

Meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the American Legion Post #3 at 1003 North Avenue West in Westfield. The Westfield chapter can be reached by calling 908-416-5930 or emailing

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(above) Vietnam Veterans of America's Chapter #688 of Westfield recently set up a fundraising and recruiting station at Kings supermarket in Garwood. From left to right are John Ferry of Rahway, George Stakovich of Matawan, Ed McElroy of Elizabeth, and Chapter President Rick Harrison of Roselle.

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Highlighting this season's summer concerts will be a special Independence Day concert taking place on July 5th with appearances by the Westfield Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Westfield Town Crier. This concert will be followed on July 12th with the band's premier performances of Candide Suite,

Danzon, Slava! and Four Dances from West Side Story, all by the renowned American composer, Leonard Bernstein, in honor of his 100th birthday celebration. All of the band's summer concerts will include popular Broadway selections, marches, classical works and many patriotic compositions.

The band rehearses each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Community Room in the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street. The band's membership includes musicians from ages 18 to 90, including many active and retired music educators. Under the music direction of Dr. Thomas Connors, director of Instrumental Music Studies and an assistant

professor of music education at Kean University, the band continues to perform a wide variety of concert band literature, including many contemporary compositions. Experienced area musicians who are interested in a position with the band for next season should contact band president Barry Rosenberg at 908-337-9073 or info@westfieldcommunityband.com.

The band's Summer Concert Series is sponsored in part by the Westfield Recreation Department, Don Bogardus, Director. Chairs and blankets are recommended. In the event of rain, the concerts will take place in the Westfield Community Room, located in the Westfield Municipal Building.



(above) Westfield Community Concert Band continues annual Summer Concert Series in Mindowaskin Park, with performances on July 5 and 12.




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The winners this year were Katherine Clark and Ryan Palmer. Katie has volunteered as a camp counselor for children with autism, The Westfield Rescue Squad and the Brindle campaign. She will attend San Jose State University with plans to major in Nursing.

Ryan's selfless nature, driven approach toward his academics and lifelong dedication to the Special Olympics makes him a perfect candidate for this scholarship also. He will attend Lehigh University with plans to major in Engineering.

Congratulations to Ryan and Katie along with their parents. The JWC wishes many accomplishments in their college days and much success in their future careers!



(above) Scholarship recipients Katherine Clark and Ryan Palmer.

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IMAGINE WELCOMES SHELLEY BRINDLE TO ITS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss is pleased to announce Mayor Shelley Brindle has joined the Imagine Leadership Council, comprised of business and community leaders, both locally and nationally, who are willing to serve as passionate advocates on behalf of grieving children and teens.

"We are thrilled to welcome Shelley to the Council because of her leadership and personal understanding and connection to families coping with loss," said Stuart Arnold, Imagine Board

Chair.

"We look forward to working with her and the other Council members on ensuring no child grieves alone and on normalizing grief, death, and dying in our society."

Shelley lives in Westfield, New Jersey with her husband Kip, their three children Grace, a college freshman, Nora a junior at WHS, and Nick, a 7th grader at Roosevelt, as well as their three dogs and any number of foster dogs waiting for a good home.



(above) Mayor Shelley Brindle joins The Leadership Council of Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss.

YOGA ON THE GREEN BENEFITS IMAGINE

The Westfield High School Girls Ice Hockey team held their 2nd annual fundraiser on June 6, 2018 at Shackamaxon Country Club. The event was attended by over 120 people. A Yoga

demonstration was followed by dinner.

The club donated a percentage of their profits to the non-profit Imagine located in Mountainside, New Jersey.



JULY 27-30TH, 2018

VOLUNTEER FACILITATOR TRAINING SESSION

Imagine peer support groups are the main source of support for grieving children and families in Union County and beyond. Groups are facilitated by trained adult volunteers who attend a 32-hour training and quarterly continuing education programs. Volunteers come from all walks of life and need no special background other than a willingness to listen and the ability to be with children and adults in pain without trying to fix, solve problems, or give advice. No prior experience is necessary. Volunteers must be 21 years or older. Volunteers serve as companions and loving listeners for those who are grieving.

If you are interested in learning more about the upcoming training scheduled for July 27-30th, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily, or about Imagine, please contact Mandi at Mandi@imagine-nj.org.

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