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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.

Eleven Union County residents from Fanwood, Scotch Plains, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Cranford, Elizabeth, and Westfield — 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 area foster child have an advocate; yet half of the more than 500 Union County foster youth still wait for theirs.

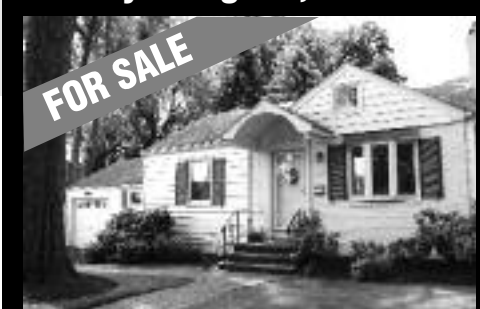
More Fanwood volunteers are needed, and the next training starts in July. For details on training or other ways to get involved, contact Courtney at 908-293-8136 or cgreen@casaoofunioncounty.org.

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UNITED FOR A CAUSE WALK AND RUN AT YMCA

Submitted by Andrea Ganzman

Nearly 300 people recently participated in the United for a Cause 5K and Family 1 Mile Walk/Run at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA on May 16, 2018. The event was a collaboration between the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council, and supports the LIVESTRONG(r) at the YMCA program, a 12-week physical activity program free to members of our community recovering from cancer, and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council Health and Wellness Scholarship.

Christopher Manzano took home first place in the 5K, followed by Alex Calfano in second and Matt Calfano in third. Bridget Sherrat was the first woman to cross the finish line, followed by Dina Lindner in second and Isabella Fiore in third.

For full race results, visit my3.raceresult.com/98113/results?lang=en#1_320D20.



(above) Christopher Manzano was the overall winner of the United for a Cause 5K .



(above, l-r) Matt and Alex Calfano took home second and third place overall during the United for a Cause 5K on May 16, 2018.



(above, l-r) Dana Lindner Bridget Sherrat took home first and second place, respectively, in the Women's category, during the United for a Cause 5K on May 16, 2018.

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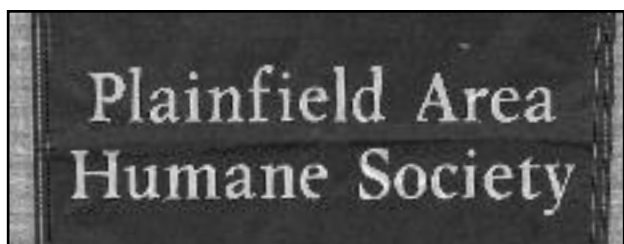
PAWS AND CLAWS FOR A CAUSE ART SHOW

Submitted by Pat Kane

School One, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, recently hosted the Paws and Claws for a Cause Art Show and Benefit. This event, hosted by Jessica Cavaliere's and Brian Rosenberger's fourth grade artists, gave School One and its community an opportunity to join in on a service project to support the Plainfield Area Humane Society (P.A.H.S.).

The event, which was held during School One's Parent Visitation, included an art show which displayed amazing art work created by Grade K to 4. The fourth-grade students created "bobble head" dogs, cats and other animals made of ceramic. Many were painted to mimic the dogs and cats currently at the shelter.

Mrs. Sue MacWhitney-Toufo, Director of the Plainfield Area Humane Society, was in attendance and shared information about animal adoption, fostering, and pet care. To support the shelter, a pet food/supply drive was also held with all donations going to the Plainfield Area Humane Society. The event was a huge success.



(above) Paws and Claws for a Cause Art Show.

COUNCIL RECOGNIZES COLLEGE CLUB EFFORTS



(above) On June 18, 2018, the Borough of Fanwood Council recognized the Fanwood-Scotch Plains College Club, a non-profit formed in 1933 to help young women pursue a college education by making scholarships available. The College Club awarded a total of \$30,750 in scholarships to 17 women this year and more than \$630,000 in scholarships since its founding 85 years ago. Accepting the proclamation from Councilwoman Kathy Mitchell (left) was president Melissa Tice (glasses, black jacket) and other members of the board.

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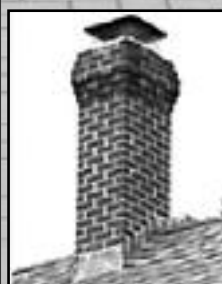
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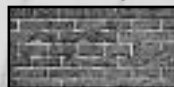
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COLLEGE CLUB PROUDLY ANNOUNCES 2018 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Submitted by Carol Lutz

Celebrating its 85th Anniversary, the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains continues its tradition since its inception in 1933 to support the pursuit of a college education for young women in the Scotch Plains and Fanwood communities by providing "material aid" by way of scholarships. To date the College Club has awarded approximately \$630,000 in scholarships.

This past May, the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains awarded a total of \$30,750.00 in scholarships to 12 students, 7 of whom are high school seniors who will graduate this June and 5 of whom are currently attending college.

Among the 2018 high school recipients for academic year 2018-2019 are Olivia Barcia, daughter of Vincent and Michele Barcia, who received \$4,000 and will be attending Lafayette College; Pauline Bayotas, daughter of Paolo and Wendy Bayotas, who received \$2,500 and will be attending the University of Pittsburgh; Alanna Gaona, daughter of Guido and Julia Gaona, who received \$4,000 and will be attending Fairleigh Dickinson University; Isabella Hurtado, daughter of Jim and Anne Marie Hurtado, who received \$4,000 and will be attending The Fashion Institute of Technology; Aubrey Johnson, daughter of Richard Johnson and Lisa Fenev, who received \$3,500 and will be attending the University of New Hampshire; and Kelly Mehorter, daughter of John and Mary Rose Mehorter, who received \$1,500 and will be attending Ithaca College.

Madeline Bord, daughter Meredith and Bruce Bord, the highest-ranking female of the class of 2018 at SPFHS, received an award of \$1,000 in recognition of her academic excellence. Madeline will be attending Johns Hopkins University in the fall.

Among the 2018 college recipients for academic year 2018-2019 are: Fizzah Ehsan, daughter of Saeed Alam And Raffat Ayoub, who was awarded the Marie Leppert Scholarship for community service and received \$1,500 and will be a sophomore at The College of New Jersey; Jillian Lapidus, daughter of Jack and Cynthia

Lapidus, who received \$3,500 and will be a junior at Albright College; Elisa Staniec, daughter of George and Lorraine Staniec, who received \$1,500 and will be a senior at The Pennsylvania State University; Gabriela MacPherson, daughter of Gordon and Martha MacPherson, who received \$3,000 and will be a junior at The College of William and Mary; and Alexis Marta, daughter of Melissa Stryker, who received \$750 and will be a sophomore at The College of New Jersey.

This is the 82nd year that female students seeking financial assistance to pursue a four year college degree have been helped by the club's fundraising efforts. Two of the club's largest efforts are the annual spring luncheon and the sale of the community calendar.

A special dinner reception was held for the recipients and their families on Monday, May 21st. Club President Melissa Tice and Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs Tish Isack and Marie Walford made the scholarship presentations at the dinner. Melissa Tice and Tish Isack also presented the High School awards at the SPFHS annual awards assembly.

The College Club hosts monthly informative programs presented by guest speakers on the third Monday of every month from September to May which are free and open to the public at the Fanwood Presbyterian church. Anyone interested in more information about the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains or would like to become a member please visit the club's website at www.collegeclubfsp-org.doodlekit.com.



(above) of the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains's 82nd year of scholarship recipients.

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The series begins on Tuesday, June 26 and continues every Tuesday evening (except for Monday, July 2) for eight consecutive weeks. The movies begin at dusk (approximately 8:30 p.m. at the beginning of the schedule, 8 p.m. at the end). Be sure to bring a blanket or a beach chair!

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Tuesday, July 10

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Tuesday, July 17

"The Incredibles (2004)"

Tuesday, July 24

"Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (PG-13)"

Tuesday, July 31

"Coco"

Tuesday, August 7

"Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13)"

Tuesday, August 14 "Cars 3"

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The event recognized these six outstanding citizens for their community service, as evidenced by their leadership and interests within the Union County community, and for their embodiment of the values of the century old Scout Oath and Law in their personal and professional lives. The event co-chairs were Timothy Boyle of 16 Prospect Wine Bar & Bistro and Gene Jannotti of the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

Catherine Flynn is a partner at DeCotiss, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP; Paul Harbaugh

is the Chancellor of Union County Rugby Club; Ana Liranzo is CEO and Owner of Omega Maintenance Corp. located in Elizabeth; Colleen Mayr has been the Mayor of Fanwood since 2004 and currently serves as Director of Business Development for DMR Architects in Hasbrouck Heights; Nicholas Pantagis is the Owner of Pantagis Renaissance; and Mary Robinson is the Executive Director & Founder of Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss and the Founder and former Executive Director of Good Grief located in Morristown, NJ.

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(above) Citizen of the Month: Mindy Scarlett, who has volunteered to further our business community for many years, is currently the Fanwood representative to the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce. Mindy's main project each year is Ladies Night Out, an annual shopping spree aimed to bring women to downtown Fanwood. Mindy received the traditional gift for being named 'Citizen of the Month,' a print of Fanwood's historic train station from Council President Jack Molenaar.



(above) The Fanwood Rescue Squad received a grant of \$1,000 from New Jersey American Water. Accepting the grant from NJAW's Manager of Operations Michael Bange (left) was squad president Ed Winsor; accompanied by (left to right) squad members Chrissy O'Connor; Maggie Richard, Lily Hsiao, Nam-June Joe and Steve Siegal.

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FAMILY'S RAISES \$17,500 FOR AUTISM GROUP

Submitted by Tom Kranz

It was a proud moment for the Banks Family of Fanwood as they presented a check for \$17,500 to Autism New Jersey, money raised during the annual Rockin' For Autism fair at LaGrande Park in April and several other fundraisers. The event took place at the Sheelen's Crossing restaurant, located at 200 South Avenue in Fanwood.

The fundraisers began nine years ago when Mallory Banks decided to sell baked goods in the name of her brother Ethan who has autism. Those

bake sales, which raised a few hundred dollars, have grown into an event that takes almost a year to organize with the help of her mom, Gina Banks, and dad, Jeff Banks. Mayor Colleen Mahr represented the Borough of Fanwood, which renders assistance for the LaGrande Park event. Accepting on behalf of Autism New Jersey was Ellen Schisler, Associate Executive Director. Also presenting a check for \$250 to Autism New Jersey on behalf of the Fanwood PBA were Lt. Frank Marrerro and Officer Dan Kranz.



(above) The Banks family presenting a check for \$17,500 to Autism New Jersey. Mallory Banks started raising money nine years ago, and her efforts have grown into the Rockin' For Autism fair that is now held annually.

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