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CHAMBER HONORS BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS

The Madison Area Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Awards Dinner on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at Brooklake Country Club. Businesses and Individuals were honored. Awards were given in eight categories at the year-end celebration.

The evening was filled with good cheer, laughter and friendship and included a dinner buffet, cash bar, door prizes and an awards ceremony that was held in the lounge overlooking the golf course.

"The Chamber's Annual Awards Dinner celebrates the outstanding achievements of a carefully selected group of distinguished individuals, businesses and community organizations. All of our 2018 honorees are being honored for their dedication and support of Madison businesses and the community as a whole," said Chamber President John Morris.

In the Business Improvement category, the Chamber honored the AVE Florham Park, 90 Park Ave. with the 2018 Best New Building award while Daddy Matty's, 6 Elmer St. received the 2018 Innovation Award. Harvest Bistro, 50 1/2 Main St. received Best New Relaunch and the 2018 Outstanding Preservation Award went to The Museum of Early Trades & Crafts, 9 Main St.

The 2018 Appreciation Award honored Thomas Haralampoudis of Madison for his incredible generosity and support of the businesses and the community of Madison.

The Chamber 2018 Community Service Award was presented to the Forum Club of Madison for the organizations dedication and ongoing service.

The recipient of 2018 Distinguished Service Award honored Bar Method Madison, 122 Main St., owner Gina Striffler for her substantial contributions to the community of Madison.

"Gina has implemented over 50 non-exercise related projects in 2017 and 2018 - countless fundraisers for community and charitable causes to which 100% of monies raised were donated to the cause," said Karen



(above) Extra Mile Award Winner Healthy Italia owners Laura & Cristina.

Giambra, Chamber executive director, in opening remarks.

"Gina's unique, supportive community within her 4 walls of Bar Method truly reaches out beyond her 4 walls to service the broader community. Her mission is to "be the good" and make a difference."

The much anticipated "Extra Mile Award" is the only Chamber award determined by the general public. This year honored Healthy Italia.

"Our honorees delivered thoughtful, enjoyable and touching acceptance speeches and the Chamber Board can't thank them enough for their efforts," said Morris. "The very memorable night was made possible by our honorees, guests, award presenters, many Chamber volunteers and the event's organizer, Karen Giambra, Chamber's executive director."

The awards were sponsored by Jacquie Dinsmore of TAPinto Madison and the centerpieces were sponsored by Whole Foods Market, 222 Main St. The Madison Pharmacy, 66 Main St. donated the balloons that served as part of the table centerpieces.



(above) Distinguished Service Award Winner Gina Stiffler pictured with the Bar Method Madison staff.

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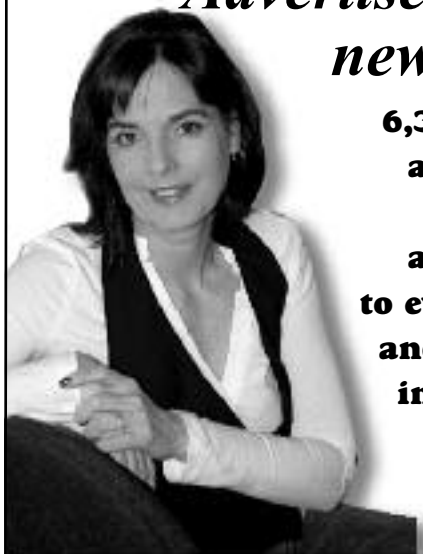
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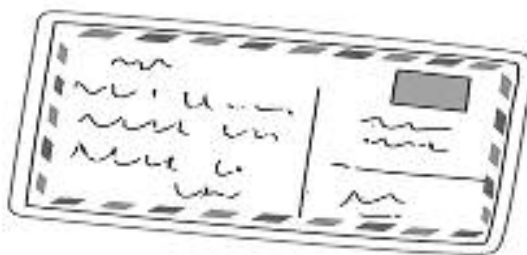
place at the Madison Senior Center at 28 Walnut Street in Madison at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 15th, 2018. For more information please call 973-593-3095 or email Sara Mikula at mikulas@rosenet.org.

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THURSDAY MORNING CLUB'S EDUCATION COMMITTEE HAD A BUSY YEAR

Submitted by Eileen Ryan

The Thursday Morning Club's Education Committee, chaired by Cathy Gotliffe, had a very busy and productive 2017-2018 academic year selecting, honoring and funding seven initiatives for students from sixth grade through high school.

The year began with the Scholarship Social and Game Day on Thursday, January 25. The event honored the recipients of the 2017 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) and Girls' Career Institute (GCI) Scholarships, which sponsors students at multi-day institutes at Kean University (HOBY) and Douglass College (GCI). The 2017 HOBY recipient, Logan Sabol, and the 2017 GCI recipient, De'nai Simms of Burlington Township High School, were honored by the TMC at the Scholarship Social event. Both students considered their experiences to be life-changing events, and thanked the Thursday Morning Club (TMC) for their support.

The Education Committee extends sincere thanks to all those who attended, and to those who volunteered their time before, during and after the function to make it fun for all while generating funds for these institutes, as well as scholarships for Madison Junior School students and the winners of the Memorial Day Patriotic Contests. The profits from the event were sufficient to cover our seven scholarships in 2018.

This year, TMC sponsored Marisa Papa, a MHS junior, to attend the HOBY seminar held from June 8-10, 2018 at Kean University.

Two students from Benedictine Academy, Molly Burke and Christina Altamirano, were sponsored to go to this year's GCI. On May 20, both students and their parents attended the Girls' Career Institute Orientation/Reception held in Succasunna, and on June 4-7 Molly and Christina both attended the GCI at Douglass College.

In conjunction with the Madison Patriotic

Celebrations Committee, the Thursday Morning Club sponsored three Madison students who received awards on Monday, May 28, 2018. At a formal ceremony at Borough Hall on Memorial Day, Mayor Robert Conley, TMC Public Issues Chair Anne Lawless, and Carmela Vitale presented Certificates of Achievement and \$50 gift cards to the three winners selected for their outstanding work in three different genres: Daphne Rodas, art winner; Maggie Kim, essay winner; Sam Cohen, poetry winner.

TMC also sponsored two awards presented to two special needs students in Madison Junior School. These students were selected by the school based on exceptional dedication, attendance, participation and performance. Dr. Louis Caruso, the principal, facilitated the selection of the students. The awards included a framed certificate of achievement and a \$50 gift card. On June 14 Carol Schessler, TMC President, spoke at the MJS assembly and

presented the award for most improved seventh grader to Ben Preston. Carol noted that Ben received a "loud and spontaneous applause." The most improved sixth grader award was presented to Mia McSherry.

About the Thursday Morning Club

Organized in 1896, the Thursday Morning Club owns, operates and maintains the Madison Community House with its Community House Nursery School and Before and After School Child Care program. It is a Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) and the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC). 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. The Thursday Morning Club is a non-profit service organization with over 260 members whose goal is to provide services for the town of Madison and neighboring communities.



(above, pictured l-r) Winners of Madison's Memorial Day Awards Maggie Kim, Sam Cohen, Daphne Rodas pictured with Anne Lawless (back row), TMC Chair, Public Issues.

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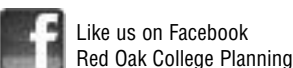
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The Madison Fire Department is a combination fire department presently consisting of 14 career and 24 volunteer personnel. It takes great pride in the fire service and its service to the great Borough of Madison. However, across the nation and in our area, fire departments with volunteer ranks are struggling to maintain sufficient and effective membership. Only 10 of our volunteer firefighters are qualified as interior firefighters. The reality is we need your help to build on our strengths to better serve Madison.

Being a volunteer firefighter is an extremely rewarding experience. From fires to floods, firefighters make a difference in the community by coming to the aid of people in times of their greatest need. When damaging storms hit, loss of life and property is often in the balance and the fire department is there. Madison Fire Department has and will continue to positively impact the welfare of all people in our community.

In Madison, our firehouse is staffed 24/7 with career staff, with the majority of career firefighters working weekdays when volunteers are usually working their fulltime jobs. When there is a call for help, our volunteer firefighters respond immediately to the scene, which allows our response time to be as quick as possible. Our volunteer firefighters meet the fire apparatus on location and immediately go to work. Both career and volunteer members are needed to quickly and effectively respond to an emergency scene. Volunteering can help you hone skills that not only help your community, but also help you grow as an individual.

Making the decision to become a volunteer firefighter should not be taken lightly. It requires extensive and rigorous training and a strong

commitment to service. As a member of the Madison Fire Department, you will complete courses at the Morris County Fire Academy and train locally with the department on drill nights. New volunteers will also be assigned a mentor to help in the first few months of becoming a firefighter.

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PAST ALA UNIT #43 PRESIDENTS CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY

Maryann Doherty, Annmarie Landishman and Doris Sallie, all Past Presidents of American Legion Auxiliary Unit #43 of Madison- Florham Park, sang "God Bless America" along with a resident at Lyons Veterans Administration Hospital recently.

The ladies were also members of the Gray Mares, a group of Past Presidents of The Morris County American Legion Auxiliary that recently disbanded. The treasury that remained was distributed to the Morris County ALA Hazel Sacco Scholarship Fund, The ALA Department of New Jersey Past Presidents Nurses' Scholarship Fund and a Karaoke machine for use by the Recreation Department at Lyons Veterans' Administration Hospital Building #143. The residents and staff were delighted by the gift which will be used in therapy by many of the residents.

The American Legion Auxiliary will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2019.



(above) Maryann Doherty, Annmarie Landishman and Doris Sallie pictured with a resident of Lyons Veterans' Administration Hospital, enjoying a karaoke machine that the group donated.

ST. HUBERT'S EARNS 4-STAR RATING AGAIN

Submitted by Nora Parker

St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center's strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned it a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. This is the fifth consecutive year that the Center has earned this top distinction. Only 9% of the charities evaluated have received at least 5 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center outperforms most other charities in America.

"The confidence that our donors have in St. Hubert's is so important," said President & CEO Heather Cammisa. "Consistently achieving the highest rating, 4 Stars, from Charity Navigator demonstrates to our supporters our good governance and financial accountability."

Charity Navigator is the nation's largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities. Since 2002, using objective analysis, it has awarded only the most fiscally responsible organizations a 4-star rating. It's well developed Accountability & Transparency metrics reveal which charities operate in accordance with industry best practices and whether they are open with their donors and stakeholders.

"St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center's exceptional 4-star rating sets it apart from its peers and demonstrates its trustworthiness to the public," according to Michael Thatcher, President & CEO of Charity Navigator. "Only a quarter of charities rated by Charity Navigator receive the distinction of our 4-star rating. This adds St. Hubert's to a preeminent group of charities working to overcome our world's most pressing challenges. Based on its 4-star rating, people can trust that their donations are going to a financially responsible and ethical charity when they decide to support St. Hubert's."

St. Hubert's four shelter sites are open seven days a week. For information about dog, cat and small animal adoption, as well as the myriad of

community programs and services the Center offers locally, regionally and nationally, visit sthuberts.org

ABOUT ST. HUBERT'S ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER

Founded in 1939, St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the humane treatment of animals. Its services to the community include pet adoption and animal rescue, humane education, a pet helpline, pet training, professional education, animal-assisted therapy, and pet loss support. St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center has shelters in Madison, North Branch, and Ledgewood, NJ, a dog training school in Madison, and a PetSmart Charities Everyday Adoption Center at the PetSmart in Mt. Olive. For more information about St. Hubert's, visit www.sthuberts.org or contact the Madison shelter at (973) 377-2295, the North Branch shelter at (908) 526-3330, the Ledgewood shelter at (973) 347-5469, or the Everyday Adoption Center at (973) 448-7601, ext. 7.

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FORUM CLUB SEEKING BOCCE PLAYERS FOR FALL LEAGUE

The Forum Club, located at 32 Edgewood Road, Madison, New Jersey, held their 13th Annual Bocce Ball Tournament on Wednesday, June 20, 2018. A dinner was served immediately afterwards at the club, donated by Rocco's Tuscany Bar and Grill, served with wine donated by Villa Rose.

Teams started playing the first week of May. This year there were thirty-two teams comprised of 128 players. Four games per night were held Monday thru Thursday. Beginners were teamed up with more experienced players who came from Madison as well as surrounding towns.

Plans are in the works for another league to be formed in the Fall sponsored by the Madison YMCA.

For more information about the Forum Club, and the Fall Bocce League, contact Victor Bocchino, 973-377-5758.



(above, l-r) Rocco's Tuscany Bar and Grill team consisted of Danny Philips Jr., Julia Peters, Rocco Iossa, (not pictured Sidney Iosso).



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TRI-TOWN 55+ CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Tri-Town 55+ Coalition marked its first anniversary of the Rides for Seniors with a special celebration at the Madison Area YMCA this spring. Local residents were treated to live entertainment, refreshments, door prizes and information on pedestrian safety, transportation options and more.

Since its launch in April 2017, the Rides for Seniors program has provided over 2,400 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 to donate, visit the Tri-Town 55+ Coalition web site at www.tritown55plus.org.



(above) Audience enjoys the festivities.



(above) The Four Old Parts Barbershop Quartet serenades event attendees.



(above) Members of the Tri-Town 55+ Coalition celebrate their collaborative efforts in the success of the Rides for Seniors program.

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(above) Mayor Bob Conley addresses the attendees at Tri-Town 55+ Coalition anniversary event.

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(all ages)

The library is hosting a Family Karaoke Night! Bring everyone down for an evening of singing, dancing, and fun. Professional Karaoke services are being provided by LaRoche Event Services. Sponsored by Friends of the Madison Public Library.

DIY Upcycle Tote

Wednesday, Aug. 15, 4-5pm
(5th grade+)

Bring an old shirt (or a few) and find out how you can upcycle it into a tote bag!

This program will be held in the Chase Room.

Binary Jewelry

Monday, Aug. 20, 2-3pm
(5th grade+)

Learn how to spell your name in binary code! Each person will get to take home jewelry or a keychain with their name coded in beads.

Registration is required.

Program meets in the Chase Room.

How to Write a Great College Essay with CollegeWise
Wednesday, Aug. 29, 7pm

Collegewise, a national college counseling company, will be having a FREE seminar on Wednesday, August 29 at 7 pm at Madison Public Library in which they will discuss “How to Write Great College Essays”. A lot of really good kids write really bad college essays; essays about how soccer taught them the importance of teamwork, or how they struggled to adapt to strange cultures during a trip to Paris. It’s not their fault; most kids have just never been taught what college admissions officers actually want to read about, or that great college essays need to be written very differently from the essays assigned in high school English classes. That’s why this seminar was created—to teach Collegewise kids how to find and write their best stories for college essays.

Collegewise will explain what admissions officers actually want (and don’t want) to read, reveal the five most overused essay topics on which far too many kids rely, and teach writing techniques that will help any student write more engaging and effective college essays. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend as we always get great feedback from the mothers and fathers that join us for this one. Free. Please register online for this program at madisonnjlibrary.org.

MOVIES

Ministry of Fear

Wednesday, Aug. 8, 7:00 pm
86 min/1944/NR • Director: Fritz Lang
Stars Ray Milland, Marjorie Reynolds

Stephen Neale has just been released from an asylum during World War 2 in England when he stumbles on a deadly Nazi spy plot by accident, and tries to stop it. Free. No registration required.

The Intern

Saturday, August 18, 2:00 pm
2015/121min/PG-13 • Director: Nancy Meyers
Stars Robert DeNiro, Anne Hathaway, Rene Russo
A seventy-year-old widower has discovered that retirement isn't all it's cracked up to be. Seizing an opportunity to get back in the game, he becomes a senior intern at an online fashion site and bonds with its young CEO.

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The “MCL Concert Series” continues with a jazz theme throughout the summer months and into the fall.

AUGUST 25 AT 3PM:
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Leonieke is a 16-year-old professional jazz pianist and jazz organist who has been leading her own trio for the past six years. She has won the International Women in Jazz “Youth in Action Award” (2013 & 2017); Governor’s Award for “Exceptional Promise in Music” (2017); Hot House Fans Decision Award for “Best Up and Coming Young Artist” (2015) and is a TEDx speaker. Leonieke has recorded two CD’s as a leader and one as a sideman. She was the subject of an hour-long interview “The Future of Jazz” over WBGO, and performs regularly at New York and New Jersey’s finest Jazz venues.

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On August 10, 2018 Mama D & the Vexations will be performing. This high-energy cover band with a soulful edge is based in Morristown, NJ. Their rendition of hits from the 60s through today keep the crowd moving all night long, and always chanting "One More Song!"

On August 24, 2018 Jumping the Gun will be sharing classic rock from the Rolling Stones, Petty, Springsteen and Beatles to Carrie Underwood, Grace Potter and Amy Winehouse. JTG Band has been together over 10 years playing outdoor festivals, local bars and

fundraisers.

The series will close out the summer on September 7, 2018 with Rosewood.

Guests are encouraged to tour METC's current exhibit, Are We There Yet? Stories of Travel by Stagecoach and Steam, which examines personal accounts of the rigors of travel in 19th century New Jersey. Bring the family and plan to spend time Friday evening in downtown Madison exploring the town's many unique shops and restaurants. The Downtown Concert Series is sponsored by the Downtown Development Commission.

For more information about these events or any other program or event at METC, please log onto our website at www.metc.org, email us at info@metc.org or call 973-377-2982. You can also "like" on Facebook (facebook.com/METCnj) and follow us on Twitter (@metcnj)



MADISON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS ACCEPTING MEMBERS

Founded more than 60 years ago, the Chamber is a volunteer, non-profit organization comprised of business leaders. The Chamber's primary function is to support, preserve and develop business in Madison and their vital projects support both their members and the community. The Chamber seeks to preserve Madison and the surrounding area as an outstanding place in which to live, work and do business.

"Joining the Chamber is a great business decision that gives any business a competitive edge," said Chamber's executive director Karen Giambra. "We are a great group of supportive business owners and we have much to offer."

Membership includes the Chamber website, networking, ribbon cuttings, group advertising opportunities and lectures.

The Chamber produces the popular Loyalty Rewards Card Program, which offers special discounts and incentives from Chamber businesses, and the Madison Gift Check program where gift checks can be purchased in any denomination at The Provident Bank and used in any participating Madison business. The organization also produces the Nautilus Diner placemat program giving businesses an affordable way to market their business.


Chamber's programs and activities include Easter Fun Fest, the Madison Car Show, Taste of Madison, holiday shopping promotions, Halloween Parade & Magic Show, and the Fire Extinguisher Inspection Program. The Chamber also hosts a members only holiday party in January and the Annual Awards Dinner in June.

The Chamber actively partners with many other community organizations, including the The Borough of Madison, the Downtown Development Commission, The Rotary Club of Madison, and the Madison P.B.A. 92.

The Madison Area Chamber of Commerce also offers many ways in which to network by offering a monthly Networking Breakfast, bi-monthly focus meetings and monthly Happy Hours.

For more information about joining the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce, activities, programs and meeting schedules visit their website at MadisonNJChamber.org.

The Chamber's executive director Karen Giambra can be reached by email at MadisonChamber@gmail.com or by phone at 973-377-7830.



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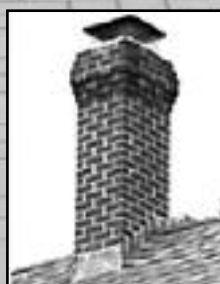
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