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YMCA ROSETTES AT NATIONAL GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Madison Area YMCA Rosettes gymnastics team did an outstanding job at the YMCA National Gymnastics Championships in Toledo, Ohio this summer. Seventy-three Rosettes, 7 to 18 years old, competed along with 2,000 gymnasts from 100 YMCAs across the country. The Level 9 team placed 3rd, the Level 8 team placed 4th, and the Level 7 team placed 3rd. Additionally, Level 6 Rosettes placed individually in different events. Level 3 and Xcel Gold, who do not participate in the team competition, scored many high-ranking individual medals.

“The girls demonstrated excellent skill and spirit as a team,” said Madison Area YMCA Gymnastics Director Ellen Gavin. “They came together, worked hard and performed outstanding routines. Their respect, sportsmanship and support for one another are a testament to what our gymnastics program is all about.”

All seven Level 9 Rosettes qualified for finals which included: Maya Chalker of Madison, Julia Chinni of Madison, Savannah Jenks of Chatham, Ciara Hunt of Madison, Caili McShane of Madison, Grace McCormick of Madison and Isabella Ha of Morristown.

Level 9 gymnasts that placed in Top 8 overall and all-round All American Gymnast included: Maya Chalker – 8th Place

Senior Division, Isabella Ha – 7th Place Junior Division, Julia Chinni – 3rd Place Senior Division, Caili McShane – 7th Place Senior Division and Grace McCormick – 8th Place Junior Division.

Level 8 gymnasts that made it to all-around finals in Top 25 Juniors and Top 25 Seniors included: Amanda McPeck of Andover, Megan Peebles of Chatham, Alexandra Xikes of Chatham and Jessica Varca of Chatham.

For 18 years, the Madison Area YMCA Rosettes have ranked in the top 10 YMCA gymnastics teams in the country. The Rosette’s demonstration of skill, poise, spirit, teamwork and sportsmanship continues to be what sets the Madison Area YMCA gymnastics program apart from other programs in the area. The team practices team unity and determination and highly regards the YMCA core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Building character, confidence and self-esteem are part of the rich gymnastics experience at the Madison Area YMCA.

As a cause-driven charitable organization, the Madison Area YMCA is dedicated to nurturing the potential of every child and teen, and improving the community’s health and well-being and giving back by providing support to our neighbors.

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(above) Madison YMCA’s Rosettes gymnastics team at the YMCA National Gymnastics Championships in Toledo, Ohio.

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RUSSIAN VOCAL ENSEMBLE IN MADISON - SEPT. 12

LYRA, The Russian Vocal Ensemble of St. Petersburg has a quartet currently touring the US who will give a concert as part of Grace Community Music at Grace Church on Monday September 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Church, 4 Madison Ave. at Kings Rd. Madison. Admission is by donation at the door.

LYRA is a community of professional musicians. Most members are students or postgraduates of Saint-Petersburg Conservatoire, working in different choirs of Saint-Petersburg. Though the members represent different musical professions: choir conductors, opera singers, instrumentalists, music teachers - they are all united by love for choir and ensemble singing. The choir community LYRA includes about 25 people who usually tour in small groups of soloists consisting of 4-6 people. In 2001 they were awarded the Montreux (Switzerland) international choral festival diploma. In 2005 they were winners at the Coleraine International Choral Festival (Northern Ireland).

The main goal of LYRA is exploring and popularizing Russian choir music. Through performances, they introduce the enormous musical heritage of the Russian Orthodox Church, as well as traditions of Russian folk music. Music ranges from ancient songs of the Orthodox Church to works of little-known, but remarkable composers of the XVIII-XX centuries, as well as famous masters - Bortnjansky, Tchaikovsky, Tchesnokov, Gretchaninov, Rachmaninov, Stravinsky and others. Members of the Grace Church Adult Choir and School Choir II (6th grade and up) and Harmonium Choral Society will join them for the finale of the first half of the concert in a work by Rachmaninov.

For the second half of the concert the quartet, in traditional dress, will perform different folk songs of lyric, dancing and ritual nature, as well as their own arrangements of folk songs, as well as secular songs of Russian classics, such as Taneyev, Tchaikovsky and Rakhmaninov.



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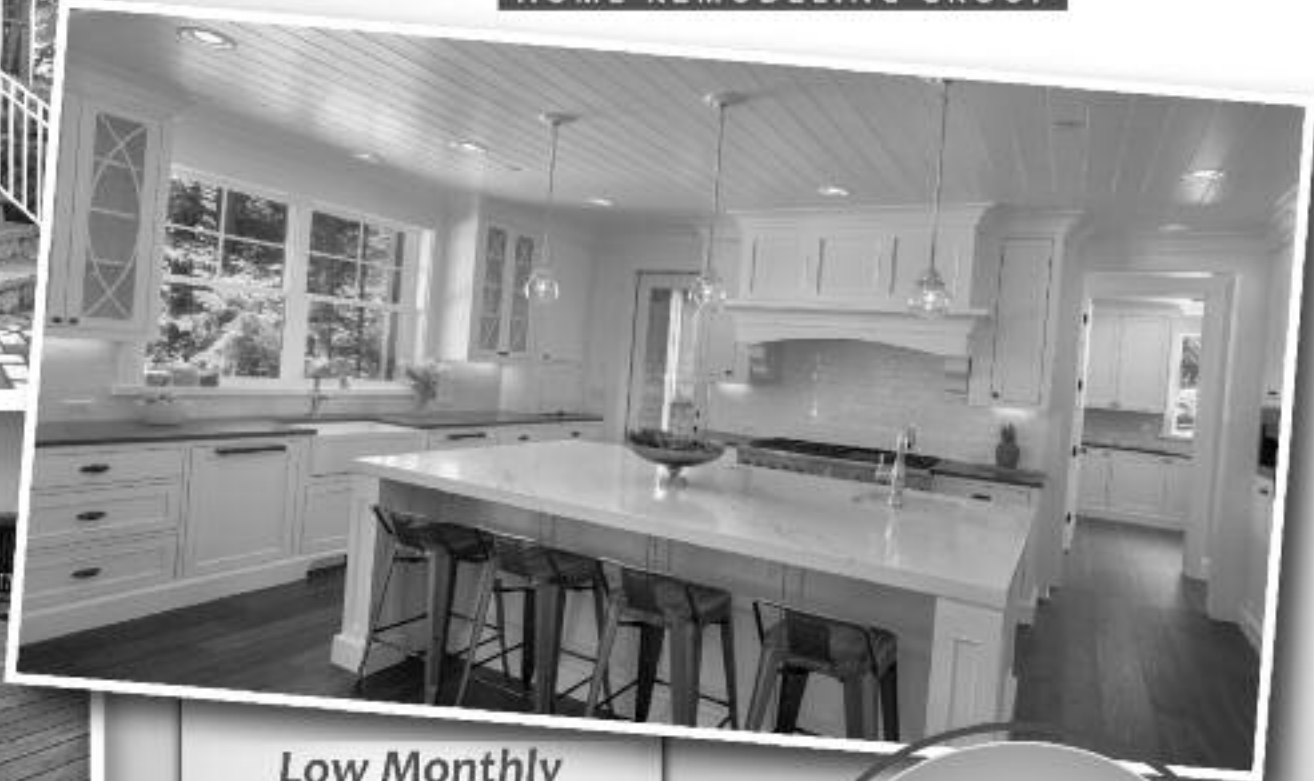


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of a bandleader in New York.

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Saturday, September 15 at 2 p.m.

2017/97 min /PG-13

Stars Reese Witherspoon, Michael Sheen,
Candice Bergen

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unexpected turn when she allows three young
guys to move in with her.

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Wednesday, September 19 at 7 p.m.

1948/112 min/NR

Stars James Stewart, Richard Conte,
Lee J. Cobb

A Chicago reporter re-opens a ten year old
murder case, with surprising results.

As students prepare to head back to school,
there is one essential school supply that requires
no shopping and doesn't cost a penny – it's a
library card.

This September, The Madison Public Library
is joining with the American Library Association
(ALA) and libraries nationwide for Library Card
Sign-up Month to encourage parents, caregivers
and students to obtain a free library card that will
save them money while reaping rewards in
academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Whether it's providing free access to STEAM
(science, technology, engineering, arts and
mathematics) programs, educational apps, in-
person and virtual homework help or technology
workshops, a library card is one of the most cost
effective back-to-school supplies. Resources at
the Madison Public Library are available to
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Libraries play an important role in the
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who use the library perform better in school and
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source of lifetime learning.

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To celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month we
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Performing Arts Center on Saturday, November
17, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. To join in the fun, bring
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residency to the library to sign-up for a free
library card. All new library card holders will
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Already have a library card? Don't worry, you
can join in, too! Current cardholders will receive
a raffle ticket for each checkout they complete
during the month of September. Tickets can be
used to enter the raffle for any of the baskets.

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has
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CHATHAM EMERGENCY SQUAD RECEIVES DONATION FROM KIWANIS CLUB

The Chatham Emergency Squad recently received a donation from the Kiwanis Club of Chatham-Madison at the club's annual Benevolence Dinner. The donation, which was similar to the contribution given to the Emergency Squad in prior years, was the result of various fundraising events held by the Kiwanis Club through the year to support local-area community organizations. Other beneficiaries of the club's fundraising efforts included Madison Little League and local-area soup kitchens.

"We are very grateful for the contribution from the Kiwanis Club of Chatham-Madison, who, like ourselves, has been serving the community for over 80 years," said Tim Brown, President of the Chatham Emergency Squad. "Thanks to the generous contributions by citizens and local-area organizations, we continue to serve the community without ever charging for our services."

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. Members come from all walks of life and includes every age group and ability.

The Kiwanis of Chatham-Madison also sponsors high school Key Clubs and middle school Builders Clubs in Chatham and Madison, as well as the ECLC school. In addition, the club provides annual scholarships to two Chatham High Schools students, to aid with their college tuition.

The Chatham-Madison Kiwanis Club meets for lunch at Charlie Brown's restaurant on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month and on the 4th

Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. New members are always welcomed to attend to learn more about the rewarding experience of being a member and to participate in various fundraisers efforts, including the Spaghetti Dinner, Fish & Chips, and Breakfast with Santa. If interested, please contact Gary at 973-477-7120 or sail420@comcast.net. Or for more information, please visit chathammadisonkiwanis.org.

The Chatham Emergency Squad is an all-

volunteer organization providing emergency medical assistance and transport to Chatham Borough and Township residents and visitors 365 days a year. CES never charges for its service and is supported almost entirely through donations from the community. To learn more about the Squad or to donate, visit:

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(above l-r) Gary Arnesen, Kiwanis Board member; Sharon Johnson, President of Kiwanis; Tim Brown, President of the Chatham Emergency Squad; and David Mutchler, Kiwanis Club Treasurer.

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The Kiwanis Club would like to congratulate once again the award recipients. Recipients from Chatham High School were Paul Danenberg and Calvin Torkelson. From Madison High School were Rachel Jung, Nicole Duffy, Noor Alhusseini, and Loyrn Camp.



(above) Noor Alhusseini.



(above) Loyrn Camp.



(above) Rachel Jung.



(above) Paul Danenberg.



(above) Nicole Duffy.



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Rotary International District 7475 is inviting Rotarians, business professionals and community leaders who are interested in expanding business opportunities and making a positive difference locally and globally to its “Rotary Means Business” (RMB) networking social. The social, hosted by Madison Rotary, will be on Thursday, September 6, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Charlie Brown's Steakhouse, 522 Southern Blvd, Chatham Township. RMB will meet monthly at various locations hosted by area Rotary clubs.

Attendees will have the opportunity to introduce themselves and their businesses and professions at the social. In addition to making new business connections and expanding their professional networks, attendees will meet service-driven area Rotarians and learn about the competitive advantages of being Rotarians.

Attendees are encouraged to bring business cards to exchange. Admission is free. Attendees will be responsible for their own food and drinks.

“Founded in 1905 as a business networking group, Rotary International is now the world’s most prominent service organization, with 1.2 million members focusing efforts in promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies. The business initiative supplements the service and friendship aspects of Rotary,” says Ray Freaney of Berkeley Heights, Governor-Elect of the District.

“Rotarians are people of all ages, backgrounds and cultures who share a passion for service. Currently, we have over 2,000 enthusiastic, dedicated and humanitarian service-driven

Rotarians in our district, which spans Essex, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Warren, Somerset, Sussex, and Union counties. We network, discuss the needs of our community and take tangible action, while sharing professional expertise and enjoying friendship. We are excited to grow our membership through business networking and local service projects, including End Hunger 3.6, Rotary-Habitat Partnership, veteran support initiatives, Camp Merry Heart, Gift of Life, and many more,” says Jeannie Tsukamoto of Harding Township, Membership Chair of the District, which consists of 87 area clubs.

Please go to portal.clubrunner.ca to register for the September RMB networking social. Registration is free but strongly encouraged as venue capacity is limited.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MADISON

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

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Vaccines are among the most successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing disease and death. In the United States, vaccines have greatly reduced infectious diseases that once routinely killed or harmed many infants, children and adults. Viruses and bacteria that cause vaccine-preventable disease and death still exist and are common in many parts of the world. These diseases can be passed on to people who are not protected by vaccines which is why vaccination is so important. It not

only protects the person receiving the vaccines, but also helps prevent the spread of certain diseases especially to those that are most vulnerable to serious complications such as infants and children, elderly and those with chronic conditions and weakened immune systems.

Even if you are healthy, vaccines are still recommended throughout our lives based on age, lifestyle, occupation, travel destinations, medical conditions and vaccines received in the past.

Talk to your health care professional or stop in at the Madison Health Department to make sure your family is up to date on all the recommended vaccines.

Vaccines are available for those without insurance or adults whose insurance does not cover particular vaccines. For more information about immunizations, please visit cdc.gov/vaccines or call the Madison Health Department at 973-593-3079.

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Once a year we hold a benefit to raise money so we can continue this good work. This year we

are hosting "Cocktails and Comedy", a night of laughter and fun. The Benefit will be Friday, September 14, 2018 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. It will be held at the new Rose Hall Theatre in beautiful downtown Madison at 10 Kings Rd. Tickets are \$100 per person, with donations over \$25 tax deductible. In lieu of a silent auction, donations toward therapy sessions for families in need are also accepted.

Tickets for the event are available by sending a check to the Grace Counseling Center at 16 Madison Ave, Madison, NJ 07940, by contacting the center at 973-822-0707, or by email info@gracecounseling.org. Hope to see you there!

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The Madison Area YMCA's Celebration of Impact barbecue, held in June drew more than 200 members, board members, donors, staff and friends to the grounds of the Family Center to highlight and celebrate the Y's impact in the community.

"The event was a wonderful way to bring people together to celebrate the impact that the Y has in our community," said Madison Area YMCA Sr. Director of Organization Advancement Amie Herman. "Powerful stories of impact shared during the event by Y members and health and wellness programming participants underscored the Y's purpose — we're here for everyone in the community whether it is for health and wellness needs, childcare and early childhood education or a sense of belonging."

Pam Cucco, a LIVESTRONG at the YMCA participant, shared how the program was a game

changer for her cancer recovery. "I was able to move past hesitancy and apprehension...and see myself whole again. It gave me optimism and a sense of purpose," she said, noting that she is indebted to the LIVESTRONG coaches. "They opened their hearts and hands in friendship."

Madison Area YMCA fitness instructor Carolie Johnson spoke about how her mother who had Alzheimer's disease for 18 years was always welcomed with open arms and treated like family when she came to the Y to work out. "My mom would sing as she did her exercises — and her trainer would sing right along with her." Carolie cited many "beautiful acts of kindness" that the Y did for her mother.

"We always feel welcome at the Y," was written in a letter by a family that expressed their gratefulness to have the ability to participate in Y

programming and summer camp through the Y's financial assistance program.

Another letter was read on behalf of a family who has a Y gymnast with a hearing impairment. The family is appreciative that she is "treated like a member of the family." Because of the gymnastics program, she is "pursuing her dreams and is confident and secure."

The free family-friendly barbecue also included a DJ, a bounce house and games for children.

As a cause-driven charitable organization, the Madison Area YMCA is dedicated to nurturing the potential of every child and teen, and improving the community's health and well-being and giving back by providing support to our neighbors.



(above) Pam Cucco, a LIVESTRONG at the YMCA participant, shared how the program was a game changer for her cancer recovery.

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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.

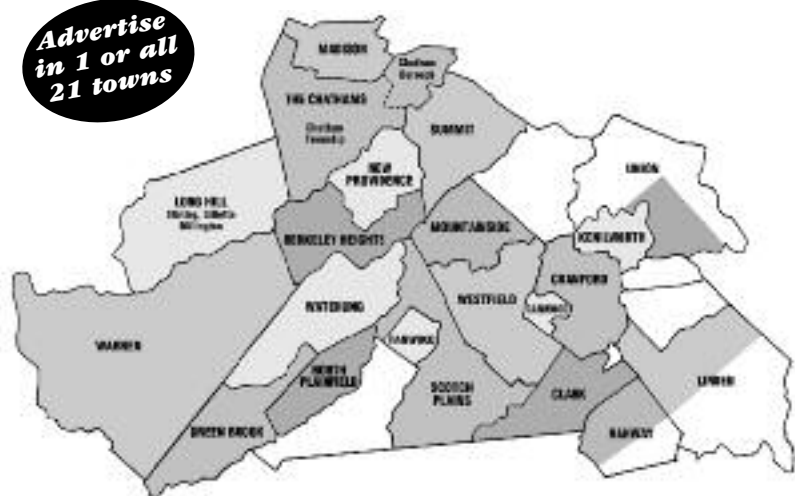
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TONS OF TRUCKS, TONS OF FUN

Submitted by: Kathy Trombacco

Seeing IS believing! Yes, twenty-six trucks, construction and utility vehicles lined up at the Madison Public Library and YMCA for a Touch-A-Truck community event on Saturday, July 28, 2018.

Surprisingly sunny weather brought out crowds of families who lined up, eager for an opportunity to sit in their favorite trucks, work the controls, and beep the horns and sirens. Free

magic shows, face painting, and balloon art were also included in the ticket price.

Touch-A-Truck, a fundraising event, was sponsored by the Friends of the Madison Public Library in cooperation with the Madison Area YMCA and the local Rotary. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Madison Public Library to fund the purchase of children’s books, media, and to sponsor special events.



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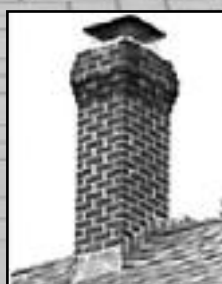
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