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14TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - AUGUST 7TH

Chief William Parenti announces that the North Plainfield Police Department will hold its 14th Annual National Night Out. America’s Night Out Against Crime celebration and Public Safety Vehicle Expo will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. The event, which will feature free, fun and informational activities for the whole family, will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the parking lot across from the Municipal Building at 263 Somerset Street. This event has grown larger and larger each year.

National Night Out is an opportunity to bring together the community residents and members of the public safety community in an informative and fun manner, thus building relationships with the community we protect and serve. The event provides attendees the opportunity to chat with law enforcement officers as well as fire and borough officials. This is an annual community-building campaign that promotes neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live.

This year’s National Night Out will include a large display of public safety emergency equipment from the North Plainfield Police Department and the North Plainfield

Fire Department as well as specialized equipment from the tactical SWAT and dive/rescue elements of the Somerset County Emergency Response Team. Attendees will have an opportunity to view and handle various pieces of equipment including a portable observation tower. Again this year, we have a DJ and will be serving hamburgers, hotdogs, soda and Italian ice. Handouts and pamphlets will also be available on such topics as domestic violence, gang awareness, identity theft, block watch associations, and crime prevention. We also have a shredder truck, courtesy of Safe Guard Document Destruction for people to shred their documents safely.

Held annually on the first Tuesday in August, National Night Out is a free, family-friendly event designed to promote community involvement in crime prevention activities and strengthen police-community partnerships so that neighborhoods will be safer, better places to live. Please join us in keeping North Plainfield a safe proud community, hope to see you there!

(below) Photos from North Plainfield’s 2017 Natioanl Night Out.

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The North Plainfield Board of Education is pleased to announce the appointment of Michelle Vella as Superintendent of Schools. Michelle has served as Acting Superintendent since December 2017, in addition to the role of Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum and Instruction, which she has held since April 2015.

Michelle has deep knowledge of North Plainfield and continues to demonstrate her dedication to the advancement of our students, staff and the community. With her appointment and the support and leadership of the Administrative team, the North Plainfield School district is well prepared to move forward and build upon the progress made over the last several years.

(right) North Plainfield Superintendent of Schools Michelle Vella



SUNDANCE SCHOOL CELEBRATES AT PEPE'S



(above) On June 8th, 2018, Sundance School teachers, located in North Plainfield, celebrated the end of the school year at Pepe's Pizzeria. Mrs. Eileen Idleman, Mrs. Tracy Conforti, Mrs. Milloni Shah, Shirley Firestine and Business Director of Sundance School, Mr. Art Hoffman. Standing with the group is the new owner of Pepe's Pizzeria Mrs. Yanira

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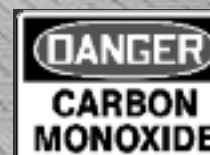
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IMAGINE VOLUNTEERS WIN TWO GOVERNOR'S JEFFERSON AWARDS

Imagine Adult Volunteer Facilitators and Teen Volunteer Facilitators were the recipients this year of the New Jersey State Governor's Jefferson Award in the Adult Volunteer Group Award category and the Youth Volunteer Group Award category.

Each year the New Jersey State Governor's Jefferson Awards highlight the spirit of civic engagement among New Jersey's 1.5 million volunteers and provide Jefferson Awards medals in 22 categories of volunteer service.

The Jefferson Awards were established in 1972 as the official recognition program of the United States Senate. They are considered America's highest honor for public service and volunteerism.

In New Jersey the awards are also the official recognition program of the Governor's Advisory Council on Volunteerism, administered by a partnership that includes the NJ Office of Volunteerism, NJ Advance Media, the Community Foundation of New Jersey, and corporate sponsors, such as PNC Bank, PSEG, BD and others.

"Imagine adult and teen volunteer facilitators are a consistent, loving, empathic presence for the children and families we serve, providing hope and support while facilitating the mourning process," said Mary Robinson, Imagine Executive Director who nominated the volunteers. "Our volunteers are the foundation of Imagine's community-based peer support model. We would not and could not exist without them and are so grateful for each and every one of them for their commitment and extraordinary service."

Imagine offers free year-round grief support groups for families with children age 3-18 who are coping with loss due to the death of a parent or sibling or other significant family members, or who are coping with a family member with a terminal or chronic physical illness. Concurrent support groups are available for parents and guardians of the children and for young adults ages 18-30.

Imagine is completely privately funded through the generosity of our donors, and our work is only made possible through their support. For more information please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or www.imagenj.org.



(above) Accepting the award on behalf of Imagine's 17 Youth Facilitators are Justin Zucker and Dani Jayinski of Scotch Plains.



(above) The 2018 New Jersey State Governor's Jefferson Awards presentation ceremony and celebration of volunteerism was held at the War Memorial in Trenton on June 2, 2018. Pictured accepting the award on behalf of all of our over 70 adult facilitators are (l-r) Imagine Adult Volunteer Facilitators Gail Rhein of Plainfield; Monica Rodriguez of Union; Joanne DeSantis of North Bergen; Tamela Beene of Westfield; Jacqueline Miller of North Plainfield; and Steve Johnson of Westfield.

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MOMS HELPING MOMS FOUNDATION MOTHER'S DAY CAMPAIGN

Submitted by Jerusha Oleksiuk

Mother's Day is often celebrated by showering the women in our lives with beautiful flowers, heartfelt cards, and taking them on special outings to show them how much they mean to us. Yet, many low-income mothers living in our community struggle each day to provide the basics for their babies.

Diapers are a necessity yet one in three families in the United States lack an adequate supply for their children. It costs approximately \$1000 per year to diaper one child. As you can imagine, the physical, mental and emotional stress that this puts on mothers can be high. In fact, studies show that lack of diapers is more distressing to mothers than not having enough food for their families.

Moms Helping Moms Foundation (MHMF) is a baby supply and diaper bank located in North Plainfield, NJ and serves Somerset, Union, Essex, Hudson and Morris counties. The organization held a Mother's Day campaign to raise dollars and diapers to support local mothers.

The generosity and response from the community was overwhelming. 19 businesses and individuals hosted diaper drives and/or collected funds. As a result, 14,276 diapers and \$4,800 have been donated. MHMF distributes 300,000 essentials to approximately 11,500 individuals each year. The donations received will ensure that diapers and other necessities efficiently and quickly go directly to those in need.

One of our diaper drive hosts was North Plainfield Nissan. North Plainfield Nissan is an avid supporter of MHMF. They donated \$2,000 to the Mother's Day campaign along with 900 diapers. Sam Asman, General Manager of the dealership, commented, "When I first learned about the great work Moms Helping Moms was doing to help women and children in our area I immediately wanted to support their mission. We care deeply about our community and partnering with Moms Helping Moms is an important way of giving back. We hope our support alleviates stress for moms who are struggling to provide

necessities for their kids."

Moms Helping Moms Foundation relies deeply on community support. Bridget Cutler, founder of Moms Helping Moms Foundation said, "The response to our Mother's Day campaign has just been incredible. We are a small, local nonprofit that depends on the generosity of our supporters to help ensure that families' basic needs are met. Diapers, wipes and baby hygiene items are always in high demand. We cannot thank our supporters enough for all they do to help us further our mission and reach more families."

ABOUT MOMS HELPING MOMS FOUNDATION:

MHMF's mission is to provide the basics so babies can have a safe, happy and healthy start. Together with their supporters, MHMF is working to end diaper need and fight childhood poverty in New Jersey. More information about Moms Helping Moms Foundation is available at www.momshelpingmomsfoundation.org.



(above) North Plainfield Nissan presented a check of \$2,000 to the Moms Helping Moms Foundation's Mother's Day campaign.



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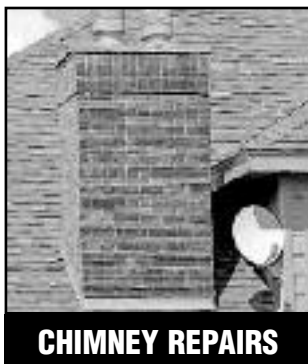
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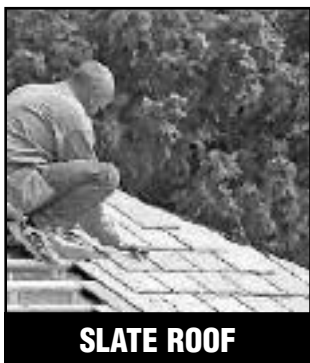
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8/8/18 7:30pm: Outdoor Concert "ReUnited" at the Vermeule Stage

8/14/18 6:30pm: Farmers Market Workshop at NP Library

8/22/18 7:30pm: Outdoor Concert "Ross Griswold" at Vermeule Stage 7:30pm: Outdoor Concert "Tuesday at Eight" at Vermeule Stage

9/9/18 2pm: Immigration Forum at Pepe's Restaurant

9/15/18 8am: Town Wide Garage Sale

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WARRENBROOK SENIOR CENTER AUGUST SPECIAL EVENTS

All Somerset County-operated Senior Centers offer a nutritionally balanced lunch, Monday through Friday, for a suggested donation of \$2.50, for anyone 60 and above.

Menu choices include a hot meat-based or meatless entrée or a cold meat-based or meatless boxed lunch. Please make reservations prior to 10:00 a.m. the previous business day. Why not invite a friend or neighbor to join you for lunch! As an additional suggestion, why not come earlier in the day and enjoy one of the center's many programs.

"Oldies But Goodies"

August 6

Sing-a-Long with Ian Gallagher, 10:30 a.m. This musical program is upbeat and interactive. Ian will offer the audience guitar music and vocals as he leads us in a variety of songs that includes music from the 60's, Oldies and Irish tunes.

Four Part iPhone/iPad Workshop

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Get the Most from this Powerful Tool in Your Pocket with Maureen Greenbaum, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. At this workshop you will get answers for your questions and explore the benefits of individual iPhone apps such as "Find My Friend," Google/Apple maps, podcasts, mail, health, camera, calendar, stocks and more!! Participants will decide the class direction. Good for beginners and those with some proficiency who are interested in learning skills to make using the iPhone more effective and FUN! **Be sure to bring your iPhone or iPad. Advanced registration is required. Space is limited**

"The American Postcard

August 10

A Gift from the Past" by Jim DelGuidice, 10:30 a.m. Since George Eastman's time, postcards have been America's treasured form of communication. They were popular because they were a quick and easy way for individuals to communicate with each other. Today Deltiology, or the collection of postcards, is a popular hobby. This program will provide the history of postcards.

"Staying Mentally Sharp"

August 13

by Mike DiCristino, Learning Rx Warren, 10:30 a.m. Regular physical activity helps keep your heart, lungs, and muscles in shape. In much the same way, exercising your brain can help keep your mind sharp and your memory intact. This program will give an overview of the importance of keeping your brain engaged and productive and will include some activities to help achieve that goal.

Warrenbrook Book Club

August 14

featured book to be discussed: "The Dew Breaker," by Edwidge Danticat, 1:30 p.m. New Members Welcome! August 20 – Italian Staycation Special Event, 10:30 a.m.

Have you ever been to Italy? Would you like to share your experiences? This is the perfect opportunity to share your travel memories with others. We will also have fun learning Italian trivia and then Lara Kats, Certified Dance Educator and Instructor, will teach us how to dance the Tarantella, an Italian Folk Dance.

"Sodium: Why Watch Your Intake?"

August 27

by Daryl Minch, M.Ed., CFCS, Family & Community Health Sciences Educator, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, 10:30 am. Your body needs sodium for many basic processes essential to life. It helps muscle function, allows nerves to send impulses throughout your body and helps regulate the balance of fluids in all of your tissues. But if you consume too much sodium, over time this can lead to potentially serious health problems. Managing your sodium intake is of key importance to maintaining your health and well-being. This program will highlight why you need to watch your intake, how to find the sodium content on food labels and suggest some salt alternatives to add flavor to your food.

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NPHS INTERACT CLUB MEMBERS ATTEND LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Submitted by Michael Townley

Two rising seniors at North Plainfield High School attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Award weekend at Drew University this year. Laura Martinez and Maeva Guevara, members of the North Plainfield High School Interact Club, were selected to attend the conference by the Club's adviser because of their dedication and leadership. Cost for the RYLA weekend, \$275 per student, was paid by the Rotary Club of the Plainfields.

"Our club takes great pride in mentoring the members of the Interact Club," said Rotary President Roberta Smith. "We work together on projects and help the Interact members develop skills, work collaboratively with others, and have fun in the process. RYLA is the perfect opportunity for us to sponsor Interact leadership development."

Rotary District 7510 and District 7470 teamed up again this year to present RYLA, merging the best skills from both districts. RYLA was held June 15, 16, 17 at Drew University in Madison. The weekend is designed for Rotary to show the best of what it can do to inspire the next generation with the ideals of Rotary.

This dynamic, three-day program is designed to engage the students in active conversation, cooperation, and creativity to not only show them

that there are like-minded people but also how to engage with them to make sure their ideas come to fruition. Former participants have started multi-million dollar charities, international service projects, and one notable individual was recognized by the New York Times as Woman of the Year in 2011 and as CNN Hero of the Year in 2015 for her founding of an orphanage and school in Nepal.

Students arrive Friday afternoon where they participate in a unique, integrated "get to know you process" so students feel like they've known each other for their entire life. Saturday morning features in renowned speakers, notable leaders who can speak directly to high school students.

On Saturday afternoon, students take what they have learned and put their skills into action in an experiential learning experience custom-designed for RYLA. The activity teaches cooperation, team building and how the ideals of Rotary can work in real life situations. It also reinforces leadership skills like no classroom can.

Saturday night is considered the highlight of the weekend. A motivational speaker teaches the students, in a unique way, that nothing is impossible and that they can achieve any dream they want. This is the part of the weekend no one

ever forgets!

Sunday is Rotary Day where students are introduced to Rotary programs, the principles of service, and how to engage these principles in local communities, the nation and in the world with Rotary's support and framework.

Over the last 27 years the local RYLA event has evolved and has become a model for RYLA's across the country. Students come away with a profound understanding of Rotary and their ability to change the world.

The Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield, founded in 1921, has served the community for over 97 years. Members are community and business leaders in the area who meet weekly on Wednesdays at 12:15 pm at Giovanna's Restaurant in Plainfield, except the first Wednesday of the month when they host a Social Hour at 8:30 a.m. at The Coffee Box, 1359 South Avenue, Plainfield. Rotarians work on community service, vocational service, and international service projects throughout the year, with their main focus on community service in Plainfield and in North Plainfield.

Contact Michael Townley, club secretary, at <mailto:PNProtary@gmail.com> for additional information or visit the Club's website at www.rotarynpn.org or its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RotaryPNP.



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August 9, 16; 10 - 11 a.m.
(birth - 3 years)

BubbleMania Comedy with a Drip

August 6, 4 - 4:50 p.m.
(entering grades K-5)

Kids in the Kitchen

August 7, 14; 1:30 - 3 p.m.
(entering grades 3-5)

Miss Jen's Lab

August 16; 2 - 3 p.m.
(entering grade K-5)

Sleepy Storytime

August 21; 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.
(birth - 5 years)

Minecraft Club

August 30; 2 - 3:30 p.m.
(entering grades 4-7)

ADULT PROGRAMS

US Citizenship Course

August 9, 16, 23, 30; 6 - 8 p.m.

AARP Smart Driver Course

August 4; 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Book Discussion

August 9, 1 - 2 p.m.

Morning Knit and Crochet

August 14, 28; 10 a.m. - noon

Book Discussion

August 16; 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.

Healthy Avenues Van

August 28; 1 - 3 p.m.

Trivia Tuesday

August 28; 2 - 3 p.m.

HOW TO AVOID TICK BITES

Information from the New Jersey Department of Health

Ticks can become infected with diseases when feeding on white-footed mice and other small mammals. An infected tick can then spread disease to a person through a tick bite. You can reduce the risk of getting diseases from ticks by taking steps to avoid tick bites.

Know where ticks are: ticks live in or near wooded or grassy areas. Always walk in the center of trails to avoid contact with ticks.

Keep your yard clean: mow lawns, clear brush and remove leaf litter.

Repel ticks: use EPA-registered repellent with DEET picaridin, IR3535, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (OLE), or 2- undecanone on skin and permethrin on clothing, boots and gear. Most repellents can be used on children older than 2 months. Products containing OLE should not be used on children under 3 years. Always follow product label instructions.

Inspect: check your entire body—and your children's— for ticks after being outside. Remove attached ticks with tweezers. Be sure to check these parts of your body and use a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body: inside belly button, back of the knees, under the arms, in/around the hair, between the legs, around the waist, in/around the ears, on the scalp.

Cover up: wear long sleeves and pants tucked into socks to prevent ticks from getting under clothes.

Shower: showering within two hours after being outside (ideally, as soon as possible) can help find and wash off unattached ticks.

Protect pets: keep pets safe by checking for ticks daily and using tick control products as recommended by your veterinarian.

For more information, visit the NJ Department of Health's website at state.nj.us/health/.

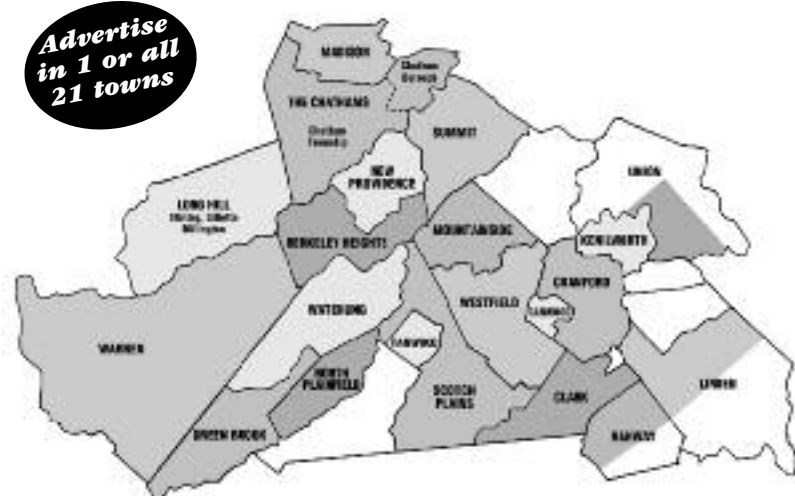
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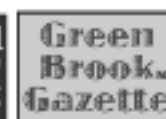
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ROTARY CLUB AWARDS \$43,125 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Rotary Club of the Plainfields recently presented scholarship awards to twenty-three graduating seniors from the class of 2018 at North Plainfield High School and at Plainfield High School.

The Rotary club awarded \$8,185 in scholarships to graduating seniors at North Plainfield High School and \$14,250 to seniors at Plainfield High School. The club also awarded another \$20,625 through the Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship Fund to past graduates of the high schools in Plainfield, North Plainfield and South Plainfield.

The local club sponsors its own F. S. Mathewson Rotary Scholarship, awarding a total of \$5,000 to students at North Plainfield High School.

The Mathewson Rotary Scholarships were presented to Gissel Martinez, Paula Yanez, Aisha Shazam, and Fiona Chen.

The Club also awards scholarships on behalf of the Plainfield Foundation, a community-based non-profit that awards funding to benefit local

community groups. This year, the Rotarians awarded \$3,185 from the Leo Albert Frieze Scholarship Fund to North Plainfield High student Fiona Chen. The Frieze Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who will pursue a major course of study in science.

At Plainfield High School, the Club awards PHS Alumni Association Scholarships and J. Wilbur Tovell Scholarships to Plainfield High School seniors on behalf of the Plainfield Foundation. The PHS Alumni Scholarship Fund was established in 1986 when the PHS Alumni Association, prior to disbanding, asked the Plainfield Foundation to award their scholarships. The Foundation established the PHS Alumni Scholarship Fund. Candidates demonstrate academic achievement, participation in school activities.

Recipients of the \$8,250 in PHS Alumni Scholarship awards were Tyshana Campbell, Jonathan Friere, Kelly Coca, Bryant Yancha-Pazmino, Gretel Rodriguez, Kamea Roberts, Shannon Roberts, Tahira Fleming, Kayla Avalosi,

Stefany Cardona, Desteny Borrayes-Escobar, Kate Borrayes-Escobar, Wendy Guzman, and Saira Mazariegos.

The J. Wilbur Tovell Scholarship Fund was established as a bequest from Plainfield resident and alumnus of Plainfield High School. J. Wilbur Tovell (1893-1974) who graduated PHS in 1911 and New York University in 1915. His bequest stipulates that scholarship candidates must be male students only, with academic achievement and participation in school activities.

Recipients of the \$14,250 in J. Wilbur Tovell Scholarships this year were Jaylen Ross, Jerry Chen, Quaran Sherrod, Bryant Yancha-Pazmino, Pedro Monroy, Kashawn Morris, Jonathan Friere.

Finally, the Rotary Club also administers the Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship Fund. This fund was established in 1988 by a \$1 million bequest in the will of the late Plainfield author Adele DeLeeuw. The Club works with four other Rotary clubs in the area to see that the annual income from the bequest is awarded to students who pursue a course of study in poetry, art, journalism, writing, or engineering. "We have awarded a total of \$1,261,500 over the twenty-three years that the Rotary Club has administered the program," said Michael Townley, chairman of the Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship Committee.

The DeLeeuw Scholarship awards for Plainfield, North Plainfield, and South Plainfield students totaling \$20,625 were presented at a special dinner on June 12 at the Spain Inn. Recipients from each community were Kenar Meyers of Plainfield; Brenda Okereke and Melody Njoku from North Plainfield; and Scott Riccardi, Nolan Berry, Tyler Curtis, and Nicholas Ruzicka from South Plainfield.

The other four Rotary clubs awarded an additional \$34,375 to students from their communities.

The Rotary Club's Plainfield Scholarship Committee was chaired by Tom Reedy, assisted by Roberta Smith, Victoria Griswold, and Rev. Joyce Scheyer. The North Plainfield Scholarship Committee was chaired by Janice Allen who was assisted by Fred Saide. The Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship Committee was co-chaired by Michael Townley and Shannon Jefferys.

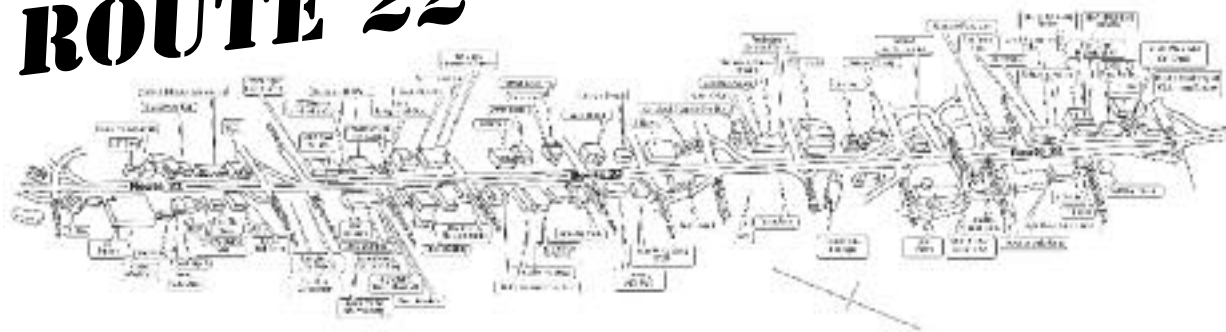
The Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield, founded in 1921, has served the community for over 97 years. Members are community and business leaders in the area who meet weekly on Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. at Giovanna's Restaurant in Plainfield, except the first Wednesday of the month when they host a Social Hour at 8:30 a.m. at The Coffee Box, 1359 South Avenue, Plainfield. Rotarians work on community service, vocational service, and international service projects throughout the year, with their main focus on community service in Plainfield and in North Plainfield.

Contact Michael Townley, club secretary, at PNProtary@gmail.com for additional information about the Rotary Club and its activities or to inquire about membership, or visit the Club's website at www.rotarynpn.org or its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RotaryPNP.

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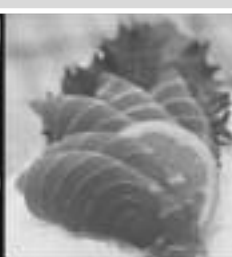
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