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## STUDENT RESEARCHERS INVESTIGATE MUSEUM ARTIFACTS

*Submitted by Linda Kale*

Over the past two years, the partnership between the New Providence school district and the New Providence Historical Society has allowed over 800 elementary school students to visit and explore the Salt Box museum. Students each year are able to connect the content of their United States History curriculum to the Salt Box museum's extensive collection, providing students with a tangible link to the important history in their community.

This ongoing collaboration entered an exciting new phase this spring with the Salt Box Museum artifact project. The museum has hundreds of artifacts in their collection, many of which have never been researched or archived. AP US History students from the high school chose items from the Salt Box museum's extensive collection to research. The students photographed the objects, measured them, and looked for significant markings to help identify their origins. They then researched the objects utilizing databases, historical records, and museum guides.

So far, the research has uncovered fascinating information about the collection. Students identified interesting details about the construction and purpose of the Studebaker wagon outside the museum; they identified the manufacturer of a genuine Civil War officer's hat in the collection, and determined that the coach trunk in the downstairs bedroom of the museum is most likely from the late 18th century.

This partnership is unique in the nation. School museum partnerships usually involve students visiting a museum and reporting on what the museum has in its collection. New Providence students are doing authentic field research on a collection that has been largely unstudied.

They will share their findings with the museum and provide historical context and fascinating back-stories for many objects in the museum's diverse collection.

New Providence Historical Society Salt Box Museum is located at 1350 Springfield Avenue and the Mason Room at New Providence Memorial Library, 377 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence. Both are open to the public, free of charge. Museum hours by appointment, Mason room hours Tuesdays 10 a.m. to noon, Thursdays by appointment. For group tours and new membership please call 908-665-1034.



*(above) Students from the AP US history class at NPHS working on the artifact project with the Salt Box Museum. Students did field research to help identify and records information about some of the museums artifacts.*

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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TO BE HELD WITH FINAL SUMMER CONCERT ON AUGUST 7TH

On Tuesday, August 7th, The Elefante Family Band, a beloved hometown favorite, will conclude the New Providence Business summer concert series.

The concert and festivities will begin at 6 p.m. and conclude at 9 p.m. in Centennial Park, rain or shine. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the sounds of the evening. If rain prevents an outside performance, it will be held inside in the municipal gym.

The free concert will include face painting and a magician to entertain the kids, along with free hot dogs from The Prestige Diner, and free ice cream from Zita's Homemade Ice Cream for all to enjoy.

The concert will coincide with the National Night Out program hosted by the New Providence Police, Fire and EMS. The Lions Club, JCP&L, Municipal Alliance, and the New Providence BPA are sponsoring the event.

There will be a PlayStation 4 and also a Skin Deep Spa package given away to a child in attendance. There will be a bounce house and dunk tank for the kids along with meet and greet areas so the residents can meet their first

responders. The free raffle will be called at 8 p.m., the winner needs to be present.

Come out and support your local businesses and meet your first responders!

**WHAT IS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT?**

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more.

## NEW PROVIDENCE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The New Providence Fire Department attended an open house event at the Mt. Bethel Fire Co. in Warren Township to help celebrate their new ladder truck on Sunday, June 9, 2018.

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the state participated in the event that featured a wetdown, which is a ritual where squads of visiting firefighters christen the new fire truck by spraying water from their firefighting equipment. Lots of people get wet too!



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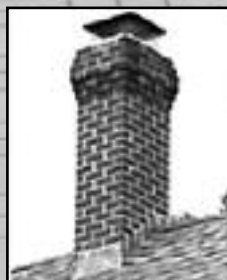
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## HIGH SCHOOL VOCAL SOLOISTS PERFORM FOR NEW PROVIDENCE SENIORS

*Submitted by Michelle Zack*



*(above) The New Providence High School Vocal Soloists entertained New Providence Senior Citizens Club members with beautiful music this spring.*

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# LIONS CLUB CELEBRATED THE 21ST ANNUAL FRANK A. PIZZI JR. GOLF TOURNAMENT

*Submitted by Linda Kale*

New Providence Lions Club recently held their annual Golf Tournament at Fox Hollow Golf Club in Branchburg, New Jersey. Over 70 golfers participated this year, raising over \$14,000.

The annual tournament is in memory of the Honorable Frank A. Pizzi Jr., distinguished member and former president of the New Providence Lions Club for many years. The Honorable Frank A. Pizzi Jr. was also a New Providence Municipal Court Judge from 1976 to 1995.

The Major Sponsors of the 2018 Tournament were: Lantern Hill Golf Committee, Ms. Dee Robertson, Allstate Insurance / Ana Galindo Agency, Tom and Gail Montrone, and Fox Hollow Golf Club.

The Hole-in-One Prizes included a 2018 Alfa Romeo Stelvio SUV and \$10,000 cash. More than 60 local businesses and residents sponsored holes and donated prizes for the tournament. Please visit our website [nplions.org](http://nplions.org) to view the list of sponsors and donors.

"This year's Championship foursome, Stephanie Mauer, Robert Mauer, Bob Mauer and Chris Terreri, was a very special group because Stephanie and Robert are Frank Pizzi's grandchildren, making this year's event even more meaningful to the Lions' Club," remarked Bob Campbell, Co-Chairman of the Lion's Golf

Committee. "We've already begun work on next year's tournament scheduled for June 3, 2019 at Fox Hollow Golf Club."

"The New Providence Lions Club is a diverse group of more than 75 members, both men and women, young adults to retirees, all from different backgrounds and professions committed to serving our local community. Our mission is to give back to those with needs in the New Providence Community," commented John Everitt, President, New Providence Lions Club. "Thanks to our active membership and generous sponsors we are able to support the visually impaired and many other good causes."

The New Providence Lions Club gives back to the community every dollar it raises. Being a Lion empowers you to help others in a way that no one person could alone.

The New Providence Lions Club celebrates 49 years of a long and proud tradition of service to those in need in our community. The Lions are dedicated to helping others. Lions make a difference! Organizations that benefit from our annual support are: NP Recreation Department, Fire Department, Community Service Association, EMS Rescue Squad, Senior Citizens Center, PBA, NPHS Scholarships, NP Historical Society, Health Fair, NP Public Library, Drive for Autism, Soup Kitchen 411, Bonds of Courage and many more.

To Donate: Mail check to NP Lions Club, PO Box 854, New Providence, NJ 07974.

For more information about the club and membership please email [info@nplions.org](mailto:info@nplions.org) or visit [nplions.org](http://nplions.org)



*(left) Over 70 golfers participated in the New Providence Lions Club's 21st annual Frank A. Pizzi Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament, raising over \$14,000.*



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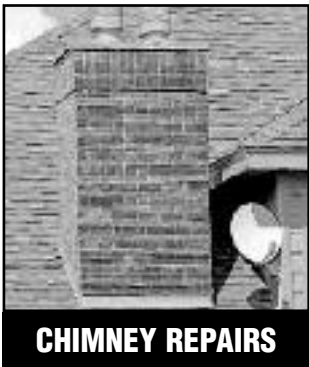
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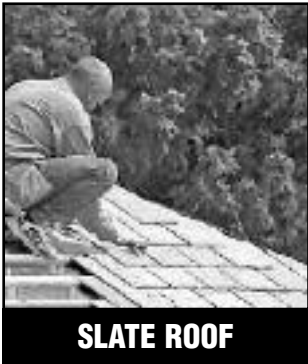
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## “SHINING STARS” MAKES TRIUMPHANT DEBUT ON UCPAC STAGE

*Special needs talent show draws 1,000 for 7th annual event It was truly their night to shine!*

With a crowd of over 1,000 packed into the historic Union County Arts Center, the Shining Stars cast put on a spectacular performance, singing and dancing their way through “Music From the Decades” — which featured songs from the 20’s to today while totally engaging the audience at every turn.

The show, which starred 30 special needs individuals from around Union County, took the stage with their high school volunteer buddies and rocked the house from start to finish. The well-conceived concept kept everyone engaged throughout the show, topped off by the finale, which featured Gloria Estefan hits Get On Your Feet, Conga and Turn the Beat Around, where the cast joined the audience for the exciting finish.

U.C.P.A.C. Executive Director Brian Remo could not have been more impressed with the cast performances.

“This event and these amazing young artists have inspired not only the surrounding community, but each other, in what was truly one of the most memorable nights this stage has ever seen.”

Each decade was represented by several songs, where the entire cast took part in a big dance ensemble. The show was highlighted by solo acts from each member of the special needs cast who performed an array of hits, from the Beatles “All You Need Is Love” to Frank Sinatra’s “My Way” to Bobby Darin’s “Mack the Knife,” which garnered one of many standing ovations throughout the evening.

The 7th annual “Evening of Shining Stars” was an idea conceived and developed by Cranford resident Sally Curci, who back in 2012 had the idea of giving local special needs children the opportunity to shine on stage through the performing arts by putting on a full show. Since then, the show has become a must-see event, leading to their recent record-breaking show.

“While all of our previous shows have been wonderful, we wanted our cast to have the chance

to perform on a professional stage and the Union County Performing Arts Center was the perfect venue,” said Sally Curci. “I’m so proud of every one of our stars. It was like being on Broadway. The crowd was amazing and the performances were wonderful. It was a perfect night.”

Master of Ceremonies Ryan Fay was masterful again, entertaining the audience in between acts while making sure the show moved smoothly. Ryan has been the emcee from the beginning, and his wit and humor continues to charm the audience. His brother, Sean Fay, had everyone singing to Sweet Caroline in another great moment.

Along with Director Sally Curci, the show was guided by Co-Director Nicole Greene, Sally’s daughter, and Assistant Director Angie Sandoukas, who was a former volunteer “buddy” who returned to join the Shining Stars staff. All three are special needs teachers.

“This was an incredible night,” noted Nicole Greene. “For many of us, it’s our favorite time of the year. The performers put their hearts and souls into rehearsals for months, and to see them shine on stage even brighter every year is absolutely incredible. It is amazing to see how passionate the audience is, and how proud the performers are of themselves. I feel so lucky just to be a part of this experience.”

The show’s Executive Producer and Shining Stars CEO, Mike Curci, is a television broadcaster and producer who also runs the day-to-day operations of Shining Stars Network, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization which shines the light on the special needs community through the performing arts and various events throughout the year. The annual show is the biggest highlight.

“I am so proud of every one of our cast members and the entire Shining Stars team of volunteers,” said Curci. “Each and every one of them shares in the success of this show. They truly inspire us every day. It was an emotional night watching them perform in front of a big crowd at an iconic venue. They proved they belonged there.”

Shining Stars would like to thank the

U.C.P.A.C. staff, who helped them through the process of putting on a show of this magnitude.

“It was incredible to see this show come to life after four months of rehearsals,” continued Mike Curci. “Everyone worked extremely hard. I was especially moved by the audience response. They were wonderful. We’re honored that so many people came to see our stars. And of course, this couldn’t have been done without the generosity of our sponsors and boosters who helped make this happen and our dedicated parents who helped in so many ways. It was a night we’ll always remember.”

Members of the cast include: Joe Bacque, Gina Berry, Alexis Cassino, Alejandro Colon, Brian Curci, Courtney Curci, Aidan Dolan, Andrew Downey, Ryan Fay, Sean Fay, Adam Fleissner, Bret Fleming, Aidan Flynn, Jessie Gaeta, Elizabeth Garcia, Meghan Lamar, Caitlin Madden, Brian McAuliffe, Dan Montealegre, Josh Moreines, Simone Palermo, Melissa Pearl, Gerard Russomanno, Alyssa Santos, Andrew Seiler, Nicole Serkin, Garrett Smith, Dominick Vito, and Mark Zulauf.

This year’s volunteer high school “buddies” were Johnny Bush, Diego Colon, Tim Eimer, McKenna Flynn, Abby Heller, Kayla Hooey, Judith Kikikis, Mark Lynch, Kelly McAuliffe, Izzy Pinto, Peter Roefaro, Kelly Ryan, Hannah Scepkowski, Leah Scepkowski, and Sarah Scepkowski.

Special thanks to Jamie Greene, Beth Wolfe, Jim & Kathy Parlapiano, Amy Downey, Johanna Hathaway, Christina Smith, Maria Palermo, Joe Silano, Derek Thorn, Andrew Iocavano, Megan Convery, Megan Santarelli and all the parents who contributed their time and efforts, and thank you to Lori Fleissner for her outstanding photography.

Shining Stars Network is also excited to announce the return of Camp Shine, a two-week performing arts camp for special needs individuals ages 10 and up. The camp will take place at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church from August 21-30. For more information please email [ShiningStarsNetwork@gmail.com](mailto:ShiningStarsNetwork@gmail.com).

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(above) The cast of the Shining Stars Network’s “Music From the Decades” drew in a crowd of 1,000 people for their 7th annual performance. The Shining Stars Network shines a light on the talents of local special needs children through performing arts.





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The Baseball Club and The Thursday Morning Book Club will not be meeting this month.

### The Knitting Club

August 6 and August 20 at 7 p.m.

Bring a project you are working on or get instruction on a knitting or crocheting project you would like to start.

### Books by the Pool

Wednesday, August 22 at 2:00 p.m. and August 27 at 7:00 p.m.

The book group will meet at the pool's picnic area to discuss Moon Shot by Alan Shepard and Deke Slayton. Rain location: the library. Copies of "Moon Shot" may be checked out at the library's circulation desk. In addition, the ebook version of "Moon Shot" is available for download from HooplaDigital.com (New Providence library card required). You will need to be a member of the pool to attend the discussions (unless it is raining and it meets at the library instead). If you do not belong to the pool, the library has three other book groups that welcome everyone.

### Thursday evening pajama story time

for all ages will be

at 6:00 p.m. on August 9 and August 23.

As always, there is a full schedule of movies available. This month, featured movies are Molly's Game, The Leisure Seeker, The Battle of the Sexes, Hostiles, Il Divo, and Hero. See the library calendar on our website for full dates, times and descriptions. A full calendar of events including regular meetings is available at [www.newprovidencelibrary.org](http://www.newprovidencelibrary.org).

### MONDAY CHILDREN'S MOVIES at 2:00 p.m.

August 6 - Coco

August 13 - Sing

August 20 - Trolls

August 27 - Paddington 2

### STORY TIMES

#### Bigger kids

(ages 4-6) have a special story time on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.

#### Toddler story time

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

#### Baby lapsit

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

#### and a baby play group

at 11:30 a.m.

Every Thursday there's a drop-in craft at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday afternoon story time will be at

1:30 p.m. on August 2 and 16.

## NEW PROVIDENCE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER OFFERS EXERCISE CLASSES IN AUGUST

The New Providence Senior Citizens Center is pleased to be able to continue some of its regular weekly exercise classes into August this year. All classes will take place at the DeCorso Community Center, 15 East 4th Street in New Providence. Classes that will be offered include:

### Chair Yoga with Judy

Mondays August 6, 13, and 20\* at 11:00 a.m.

### Balance and Conditioning with Mike

Tuesdays August 7, 14, 21\* and 28\* at 9:45

### Tai Chi with Ayriel

Tuesdays August 7, 14, 21\* and 28\* at 1:00 p.m.

### Exercise with Mike

Thursdays August 2, 9 and 16 at 9:30 a.m.

\*Please note that construction to update the DeCorso building is scheduled to take place during the last two weeks of August. The building is scheduled to remain open; however the work may require some modifications to this class schedule.

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(11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

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### Gentle Chair Yoga

Mondays August 6, 13, 20, 27 and  
Wednesdays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
(11:30 – 12:30 p.m.)

Class for older adults that deepens flexibility and strengthens personal body awareness. Cost is \$10 per class.

### Tai Chi

Tuesdays August 7, 14, 21, 28  
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Tai Chi is a series of precise flowing movements that develop balance, strength, flexibility, focus, endurance, and calmness. Cost is \$10 per class.

Meets Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

### Caregiver Support Group for Spouses

Mondays, August 13, 27

(meets every other week); 2 - 3:30 p.m.

A support group for caregivers will be led by Licensed Clinical Social Worker and InfoCare Manager Kathy Larkin. The groups will cover topics such as coping with caregiver emotions and managing stress, navigating care options, and defining our roles as caregivers. Pre-registration is required for this free group.

### Caregiver Support Group for Adult Children

Monday, August 13, 27

(meets every other week); 7 - 8:30 p.m.

A free support group for adult children who act as their parents' caregivers will be led by Licensed Clinical Social Worker and InfoCare Manager Kathy Larkin. The groups will cover topics such as balancing work and the needs of their families, long-distance caregiving, family conflicts, finding resources, and navigating the healthcare system. Pre-registration is required for this free group.



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