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RAILSIDE CAFÉ SUMMER SPLASH AND GRAND RE-OPENING

Submitted by Bryan Hansen

On Wednesday August 22, 2018, Inroads To Opportunities held its second annual Summer Splash at its own Railside Cafe in Fanwood, New Jersey. Summer Splash featured the amazing chocolates of Carol's Creative Chocolatez of Somerville, NJ (recently voted the best chocolate in New Jersey) paired with a variety of wines sponsored by Total Wine and More of Union, New Jersey. Railside Cafe featured mouthwatering Gelato samples, delicious Hors D'oeuvres along with a beautiful cheese station sponsored by Karen Rotter of Shoprite in Clark, NJ. General Manager Paul O'Loughlin of Railside Cafe did a fantastic job catering the event and we applaud our staff for their support in preparing and serving for this fundraiser.

80+ guests came out to support Inroads To Opportunities, which resulted in a \$1,300 net profit for our charity. Summer Splash was one of two smaller fundraisers that we held this year. Play It Forward Fundraiser back in winter of 2018 helped us to raise \$1,000 for Inroads To Opportunities.

Inroads Casino Night will be held on Friday October 12 at the Elks Lodge in Union, NJ. We anticipate raising \$25,000 for our program and participants.

As a part of a re-branding for our cafe, Railside Cafe had an official grand re-opening the next morning on Thursday, August 23. Earlier this year we asked customers of Railside Cafe, previously Mara's Cafe & Bakery, to vote on a new name for the cafe. We received 250+ name suggestions and arrived on Railside Cafe thanks to a Fanwood local who came up with the name while having lunch with his wife.

We are so grateful to our supporters and vendors for helping us make our fundraising efforts a success. Special thanks to Carol from Carol's Creative Chocolatez for giving us all a chocolate education along with amazing samples of your products.



(above) Chocolates from Carol's Creative Chocolatez of Somerville, NJ helped make Inroads To Opportunities' fundraiser Summer Splash a success.

Thank you to Karen Rotter of Shoprite in Clark, Total Wines and More, Railside Cafe staff and General Manager Paul O'Loughlin.

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FANWOOD VINTAGE MARKETPLACE - SUNDAY, OCT. 28

The Fanwood Vintage Marketplace will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2018 featuring more than 75+ tables of vintage items, antiques and collectibles and more. If you are a collector or love things from days gone by then you will enjoy this event. Held in the parking lot of the Fanwood Train Station on South Ave. from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., there will also be great food served and live music. Spend an enjoyable day browsing through all the items being sold, have some lunch and enjoy the great music.

Some of the food being sold at this event will be 'gourmet' such as Gyros, shish ka bobs, French fries, zeppoles, and more.

Hosted by the Borough of Fanwood NJ, this event is produced by JC Promotions, Inc. For more information please visit jcpromotions.info or call JC at 201-998-6311. There is still space available for vintage, antique and collectible vendors.

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FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS YMCA TO HOST ANNUAL FALL HARVEST

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA (FSPY) will host its annual Fall Harvest event on Sunday, October 21, 2018 from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. The annual event is free and open to the community and will feature a variety of activities for the entire family.

Activities on that day include: pumpkin picking, pony rides, hay maze, healthy snacks, games, program demonstrations, arts and crafts, raffles, and much more family fun. There also will be a special for attendees who join the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA that day. The Joiner's Fee will be reduced to \$20.18, and all proceeds will benefit the Fanwood-Scotch Plains

YMCA's Annual Campaign, which ensures no one is turned away from the Y's programs and services due to the inability to pay.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA is located at 1340 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. More information about the Fall Harvest can be found online at fspymca.org or on Facebook at [facebook.com/fspymca](https://www.facebook.com/fspymca). YMCA guests are asked to please bring a valid government-issued photo ID for check-in to access the indoor activities.

For information on becoming a vendor or sponsor of this event, or to donate a raffle prize, please contact Andrea Ganzman at 908-889-8880 or aganzman@fspymca.org.



(above) Picture from last years Hall Harvest, hosted annually by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA. This year's fall Harvest will be held on October 21, 2018 from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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WORLD WAR I LECTURE SERIES AT LIBERTY HALL MUSEUM

Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University's popular World War I exhibit, *Brothers in Arms: Memories of the Great War*, will draw to a close with a series of lectures exploring the impact of the war on New Jersey and the United States.

Funded by a grant from the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, the lecture series will feature three World War I historians who will elaborate on and bring additional context to the *Brothers in Arms* exhibition. The exhibition opened last year on the 100th anniversary of the U.S. entering World War I and will close on November 15, a few days after the centennial anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended the war.

The first lecture, *Good War, Great Men*, was held on Thursday, September 27 at 3 p.m., featuring author Andrew Capets.

The second lecture in the series, *Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and World War I*, will be held on Thursday, October 25 at 3 p.m. and will feature Professor Melissa Ziobro of Monmouth University. Ziobro's talk will share the significant breakthroughs created at Fort Monmouth and the important contributions made not only by the fort, but the military men and women stationed there during the war.

The final lecture, *Uncle Sam Wants You: World War I and the Making of the Modern American Citizen*, will be held on Thursday, November 15 at 3 p.m., and will feature Christopher Capozzola of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Capozzola will discuss his book, *Uncle Sam Wants You* and the history of citizenship, war and the military in modern American history.

The *Brothers in Arms* exhibition shares the

story of the Kean brothers — Captain John Kean and First Lt. Robert W. Kean — and their experiences of the war from boot camp to the front lines. Using firsthand accounts from letters and postcards, as well as photographs and personal objects, the exhibition allows visitors to walk in their footsteps. The collection at Liberty Hall Museum contains over 300 letters from John and Robert as well as their uniforms, military handbooks, maps, pictures and commemorative pins, all of which are on display.

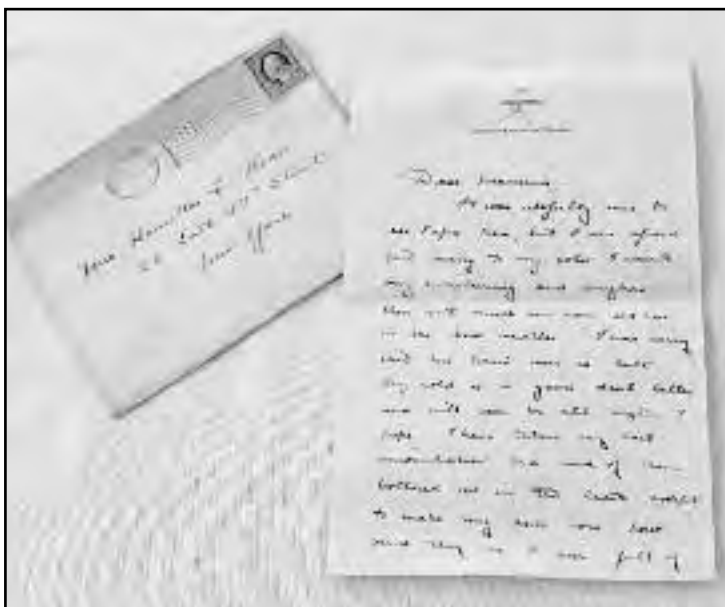
Admission to each lecture is free with an optional tour of *Brothers in Arms* at 2 p.m. for a discounted price of \$8. Light refreshments will be served. Liberty Hall Museum at Kean

University is located at 1003 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey.

Reservations are required for both the lecture and tour. Email libertyhall@kean.edu or call (908) 527-0400 to reserve a spot.



(above) The trunk of Captain John Kean, on display in the *Brothers in Arms: Memories of the Great War* exhibition at Liberty Hall Museum.



(above) A letter home to his mother from Captain John Kean during World War I, on display in the *Brothers in Arms: Memories of the Great War* exhibition at Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University.



(above) The World War I uniform of Captain John Kean from the *Brothers in Arms: Memories of the Great War* exhibition at Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University.

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FALL MEET & GREET - OCTOBER 25TH

RESCUE SQUAD MEDICAL MYSTERY – WHAT IS ALL THAT NOISE I HEAR?

Contributing Author: Susan Baldani, a life member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad.

The world can be a noisy place. Sometimes you just have to get away from it all, find a quiet place and relax.

However, what if the noise was coming from inside your own head? What if you could not get away from it, ever? For people who suffer from Superior Canal Dehiscence Syndrome (SCDS), it can make everyday living a nightmare.

As reported on Hopkinsmedicine.org, “Researchers at Johns Hopkins identified superior canal dehiscence syndrome (SCDS) in 1995. This condition involves an abnormal opening in the uppermost canal of the vestibule of the inner ear. SCDS may be caused by the bony surface of the canal not growing to its normal thickness during development.”

Common bodily functions, such as chewing or swallowing appear very loud. Those afflicted can even sometimes hear their own heartbeats or the blood coursing through their veins. And any external noises, such as coughing, speaking or a telephone ringing can cause vertigo, blurred vision, headaches, anxiety and nausea since every sound is amplified. Flying, head trauma, or any straining, such as giving birth or heavy lifting, can cause symptoms to appear. Some people also notice it as they grow older.

According to rarediseases.info.nih.gov, others with SCDS may experience an echo when speaking or chewing, and/or think that items that are stationary are actually moving. Until recently, these complaints were considered psychosomatic and patients were often referred to psychiatrists.

Once diagnosed, the only way to fix the condition is through surgery. Additional physical therapy may be needed to overcome any lingering dizziness. For more information, go to the SCDS Society website at scdssociety.com/scds/.

The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad is a volunteer organization of Neighbors Helping Neighbors. With over 90 volunteers, we answer emergency calls not only in Scotch Plains but in surrounding towns as well when needed. Besides answering calls, you will see our ambulances at many special events held in town, such as Scotch Plains Day, the Memorial Day Parade, high school football games, and the summer concerts on the Village Green. We are also available to provide demonstrations for Boys and Girls Scout troops, clubs, and any other group that may be interested in what we do. In addition, we lend out wheelchairs, crutches, canes and other assorted medical equipment free of charge. Our Auxiliary Group holds fund raisers and provides other much needed support for our members. Please reach out to us if there is something we can do for you, or if you would like to become a part of our organization. Call (908) 322-2103 for non-emergencies or reach us by email at scotchplainsrescuesquad@gmail.com

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Newcomers and Neighbors Club will hold our annual Fall Meet & Greet on Thursday, October 25th, from 8:00-10:00 p.m. at Stage House Tavern in Scotch Plains. This annual ladies-only event is open to all, especially new and prospective members. Please join us for appetizers, drinks, and baskets of fantastic prizes from our local businesses. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to meet club members and learn about our wide

variety of activities and interest groups. Feel free to bring friends, neighbors and other potential new members.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Newcomers and Neighbors is a non-profit social club that has been active in the community since 1950. Comprised of approximately 80 active families, we offer daytime and evening social activities. Please visit our website for more information spfnewcomers.com.



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Scotch Plains will host its annual Health and Wellness Fair on October 13, 2018 with the 3rd annual town-wide walk supporting The Breast Cancer Research Foundation at 9:00 a.m. The organization Play for P.I.N.K. is sponsoring the one-mile walk in and around the downtown area.

Register on line at www.playforpink.org/event/scotch-plains-1-mile-walk Join the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA at 8:45 a.m. for a brief warm up at the Alan Augustine Green.

"I encourage all residents to join me at the walk in support or memory of family and friends touched by this disease," said Mayor Al Smith.

More information about the Breast Cancer Research Foundation can be found at bcrcure.org.

The Health Fair will be held on the Green from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Flu Shots will be offered to residents free of charge, by the Rahway Health Department. The Union County Traffic Safety Program will be doing child safety seat inspections and as well as raffling off 10 bike helmets. The Scotch Plains Fire Department will be on hand delivering information on home preparedness for carbon monoxide detection. Various health and wellness service providers serving Scotch Plains and the greater Scotch Plains area will be on hand providing information. Check the Township's web page for a complete list of activities and presenters.

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SCOTCH PLAINS DAY TO FEATURE ELECTRIC VEHICLE SHOW

On October 7, 2018 Scotch Plains Day will offer something for everyone, food, music, games and community outreach and, in honor of the fifth annual National Drive Electric Week (September 8-16th) an electric vehicle show where residents can learn all about the benefits of plug-in vehicles. The event is one of 280 across the country. The Mayor and Council presented a Proclamation in support of Drive Electric Week on September 5th.

Alternative energy and "Plug-in vehicles will be on display courtesy of Nissan World of Springfield and Global Auto Mall. Representatives from GreenSpot, a smart mobility company that provides EV Car Share and EV infrastructure, will also be on hand to answer all your electric car questions.

A special appearance by the Crazy Cranford Cowboy, Steve Bacque, and electric horse Charger, is sure to fascinate and delight the crowd.

"We would like to invite residents who own electric vehicles to sign up to display their vehicles on Scotch Plains Day and share their experience of driving electric", says Mayor Al Smith. The Mayor is a proud owner of a hybrid vehicle is looking forward to one day owning an electric car and says, "If you are a car performance enthusiast, and take drive an electric vehicle, you will know that this is the wave of the future."

Please contact the Department of Parks and Recreation to register your car at 908-322-6700 ext. 223. For more information on Scotch Plains Day, please go to scotchplainsday.com

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(above) Manya Trehan is a resident of Scotch Plains and a senior at Union Catholic Regional High School. courtesy photo

MANYA TREHAN HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR LANDS PRESTIGIOUS ACADEMIC HONOR

Manya Trehan of Scotch Plains recently was selected as a New Jersey Governor's STEM Scholar.

STEM stands for the academic disciplines of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

"The purpose of the Governor's STEM Scholars is to take New Jersey's best and brightest STEM students and introduce them to what New Jersey has to offer in terms of higher education, internships and careers," says David Hodges, director of the program.

Admission is highly selective. Of nearly 500 applicants from all over the state, only 80 were chosen. The selection process uses a rigorous criteria including character, leadership ability and STEM aptitude.

Manya is a senior at Union Catholic Regional High School. She founded the "Girls Who Code" chapter at her school and, this summer, conducted coding classes at Scotch Plains Public

Library. She also completed a summer internship with a consulting company regarding data science.

Manya would like a career in data science.

Founded in 2013, the Governor's STEM Scholars program is a statewide STEM education initiative for New Jersey students in grades 10 through the PhD level. The goal is to educate students about STEM opportunities within the state, as well as to encourage New Jersey's economic development by further developing the state's STEM talent pipeline.

The program offers four themed conferences throughout the school year and work in a STEM-related research project. There are field trips to research and development facilities and face-to-face meetings with STEM professionals and state policymakers.

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(above) Robert and Connie Dwyer share their joy and approval in light of the brand new Connie Dwyer Breast Center in its final stages before opening to the public at Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth.



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CONNIE DWYER BREAST CENTER AT TRINITAS NOW OPEN

In alignment with Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Trinitas Regional Medical Center announces the early October opening of the \$3.4 million Connie Dwyer Breast Center. The Center is located at Trinitas' main campus, 225 Williamson St., Elizabeth.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the U.S., according to the American Cancer Society, and far too many women in the greater Elizabeth community go without prevention, education or proper care.

Trinitas has partnered with The Connie Dwyer Breast Cancer Foundation to bring a highly empathic approach to screening, diagnosis, treatment, and community outreach and education to all women, regardless of financial status, in a brand new facility that evokes comfort and a sense of well-being.

The Breast Center, staffed with board-certified bilingual specialists, offers the most up-to-date equipment and services available, such as 3D imaging, which allows radiologists to view the breast tissue in several layers. This breakthrough technology can detect 41 percent more invasive breast cancers and can reduce false positive results by up to 40 percent.

The American Cancer Society recommends that all women over the age of 40 have regular breast exams and mammograms. Most women who undergo screening will be healthy and not require further services until their next scheduled screening. However, patients who require continued care will meet with a Breast Navigator, a highly trained guide who answers questions and assists patients through the process of diagnosis and treatment.

Dr. Adriana Suarez-Ligon, Breast Surgeon, says, "With the generosity of Connie Dwyer, the new breast center at Trinitas will be a beautiful, calming and comprehensive center for women in our community to have everything from their yearly screening mammograms to the latest diagnostic studies. In addition, it will be a one-stop shop where care will be coordinated for the patient among our dedicated, compassionate multidisciplinary care team."

Connie Dwyer's story is one of bravery and enormous good will. A known philanthropist, Connie was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 1999 and had a double mastectomy. Inspired by her own ongoing battle, she became mindful of the fact that many women who are uninsured or under-insured and low-income often have limited or no access to critical care. That's when she and a dedicated group of friends began a grassroots effort, where she worked tirelessly to create awareness and raise funds. By 2005, the doors of the first Connie Dwyer Breast Center had opened.

"My experience is a testament to the fact that early detection, quality care, and being monitored by knowledgeable professionals makes the difference between life and death," says Connie, who after 19 years, was re-diagnosed here at Trinitas with metastasized breast cancer in December 2017, and yet, remains steadfast in her determination to help others.

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ANNOUNCING: THE CONNIE DWYER BREAST CENTER AT TRINITAS

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For the month of October, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League Thrift Shop, 1741 East 2nd St., Scotch Plains has Halloween costumes. The shop has children's favorites; action figures, super hero and heroines, Disney characters firefighters, doctors, and police officers. For infants and toddlers there are character pajamas. The shop has not forgotten adults. A limited selection of adult costumes can be found. Shoppers can also make their own. Shoppers will find accessories for scare crows, witches, and others.

Late October, for the entire family, the shop will have a wide selection of coats for the winter season. Ski pants are not just for skiing. Anyone who spends time outdoors will appreciate this water resistant and warm outer wear.

The Thrift Shop kicks off the holiday season with the Annual Toy & Doll Sale. The sale will be held Tuesday, November 6 through Saturday November 10. There will be a wide variety of favorite games and toys by Matel, Play School and other major manufacturers. Legos are often available. Dolls include Barbie and Barbie-type dolls, fashion dolls, character dolls and baby dolls. Toys and dolls are new and gently used.

Items cannot be held and are cash only.

Thrift Shop hours are Tues, through Fri, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Sat, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

New and gently-used saleable donations are always welcome during business hours. Free parking is The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that has served the local communities since 1974. Since its founding, the League has donated more than \$1.3 million for local causes. Anyone interested in learning more about the League or membership is invited to call (908) 322-5420, visit the League's website at scotchplainsthiftshop.weebly.com or speak to any of the volunteers at the Thrift Shop. Checkout the organization's Facebook page, "Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League," and give the League a "Like." Parking is available on the street and in the rear of the building.

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SCOTCH PLAINS' JUDY STURM NAMED ADVOCATE FOR FOSTER YOUTH

Scotch Plains is among 11 Union County towns represented recently by volunteers sworn in as court appointed special advocates (CASAs), thanks to resident Judy Sturm, who says, "I decided to become a CASA after spending many years as an officer for a local non-profit board. I wanted an opportunity to work directly with those who needed help the most. I am looking forward to making a positive difference in the life of a child."

Superior Court Judge James Hely administered oaths to Sturm and others from Cranford, Elizabeth, Fanwood, Hillside, Linden, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle, Summit and Westfield, before they were matched to a foster youth or sibling set ranging from birth to age 21. After court observation of experienced CASA volunteers in action, the new advocates will meet their assigned youth.

Volunteers with Court Appointed Special Advocates of Union County are extra eyes and ears for family law judges hearing cases involving abused, neglected or abandoned children removed from home and placed in foster care. With court-ordered access to such parties as

foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists and teachers, the advocates incorporate findings into court reports for the judge and work to ensure the youth's needs are met and best interests are protected. CASA volunteers serve another important role for their youth: being a constant amid a flurry of unknowns and changes, including multiple caseworkers, foster homes and schools.

This class ranges from age 23 to 70 and includes parents, non-parents, business and medical professionals, county employees, retirees and homemakers. One was adopted from foster care and another has guardianship of nieces from the system. Most had no prior knowledge of the foster system.

It's crucial that each of the more than 500 Union County foster youth have an advocate. As the only organization filling this role, community volunteers are still needed, and are encouraged to join one of the fall training sessions that begin September 17 (evenings) and October 12 (daytime). For details, contact Courtney at 908-293-8136 or cgreen@casaoofunioncounty.org, or log on to www.casaoofunioncounty.org.



(above) Judy Sturm of Scotch Plains and 12 other volunteers were sworn in as Court Appointed Special Advocates.

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CALL FOR ENTRIES: NJ PHOTOGRAPHY FORUM'S 24TH JURIED EXHIBIT

Photographers are invited to submit photographs to be considered for exhibition at the 24th Juried Photography Exhibit of the New Jersey Photography Forum. In the almost twenty-five years since its founding, this exhibition has developed to be one of the most important juried photography shows annually and attracts entries from all over New Jersey.

The exhibit is open to any photographer able to hand deliver their work to the Watchung Arts Center on the Watchung Circle in Watchung, NJ on Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 1 - 4 p.m. The cost is \$20 for every two photographs

entered. There is no limit to the number of entries; however, all entries must be professionally presented and securely wired for hanging. There will be cash awards for Excellence and Merit. A show prospectus is available on the NJPF website.

The public is invited to attend the opening reception on Sunday, November 4, 2018 from 1 - 4 p.m. at which time awards will be presented and everyone will have an opportunity to meet the artists. The exhibit is free and open to the public during business hours of the Watchung Arts Center: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: noon - 5 p.m., Saturday: 10 - 3 p.m. The exhibit will be curated by Nancy Ori of Berkeley Heights. All of the images will be for sale with a portion of the proceeds going to support the Watchung Arts Center.

The jurors for the show are: Matthew Gosser, Professor and Gallery Director of the College of Architecture and Design, NJIT and Gallery Dir of Art and Artifacts of Architecture and Design, NJIT and Gallery Dir of Art and Artifacts of Newark and a photographer, sculptor and furniture designer; Bill Brokaw, owner of Brokaw Photography in Frenchtown, NJ, and a teacher and curator; Nancy Ori, exhibitor, curator, author, freelance photographer and educator and the director of NJ Photography Forum and Digital Arts Group and the owner of NJ Media Center in Berkeley Heights.

The New Jersey Photography Forum is dedicated to furthering the interests of professional and serious photographers living or working in the New Jersey area. Over the past 24 years under the direction of Nancy Ori, the NJPF has become the largest and most recognized group of fine art exhibiting photographers in the state.

The monthly meetings are held at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey in Summit and attendees are encouraged to share expertise and advance their skills. The meetings provide access to a wide variety of current creative and technical information through informal presentations and demonstrations by manufacturers and photographic artists. Regularly, photographers have an opportunity to display their work for critique by others. Exhibition possibilities within the fine art community are constantly explored, and the NJPF is has become a valuable resource for photographers interested in becoming fine art exhibitors.

The Watchung Arts Center offers new art exhibitions each month, performances of music, comedy, improv and classes for children and adults in art, photography, dance, yoga, and more. Visit their website at watchungarts.org.

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OLIVIA LONDON RECEIVES YMCA YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD

Each year, the Westfield Area YMCA bestows the special "Youth of the Year" recognition to two high achieving youth who participate at the Y. This year, the award was presented to Alexis Devre of Clark and Olivia London of Scotch Plains, formerly of Westfield.

Alexis Devre first came to the YMCA to attend lifeguarding class thanks to a grant from Stew Leonard III Children's Charities. She obtained

her lifeguard certification and then her swim instructor certification, and has been a warm and welcoming ambassador to the Y. Whether lifeguarding or instructing, Alexis is always smiling, punctual and focused. She has volunteered to help with events such as Swim with Santa and Pizza Palooza and spoke at the Y's Annual Campaign launch, attesting to what the Y has meant to her.

Alexis has been on the track and field and swim team for the last 3 years at Arthur L. Johnson High School, is a member of her Key Club and completed the year-long Union County Sheriff's Office Police Academy. In the fall, Alex will study Criminal Justice at Stockton University with a goal of working in law enforcement.

When looking for a youth role model at the Westfield Area Y, it is hard not to think of Olivia London. Olivia is a sports and rock wall coach, a Kid's Club staff member, a Flyer's track & field team coach, works when needed in birthday parties and volunteers at many of the Y's fundraisers and events. This is not surprising, though, since Olivia literally grew up at the Y, participating in a wide variety of programs and activities.

Olivia has been an active Girl Scout since Kindergarten, most recently spending time with her troop at Children's Specialized Hospital. She is a long-time member of St. Helen's Youth Ministry in Westfield and volunteers to work with the children weekly at the homeless shelter in Edison. Olivia also volunteers with Catholic Work Heart Camp and spent a week last summer in Hartford painting houses and assisting families in need. This fall Olivia will attend Stockton University to study Nutrition and Holistic Health.

The Y is for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility and is pleased to bestow this honor on two such well deserving community-oriented youth.



(above, l-r) Westfield Area YMCA CEO Mark Elsasser, award recipients Alexis Devre and Olivia London, and Westfield Area YMCA Board Chair, John Cronin pictured with Westfield Area YMCA Youth of the Year Awards.

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Patriots’ Path Council of the Boy Scouts of America has partnered with the Union County Educational Services Commission for over 5 years to provide Scouting programs to special needs youth in Union County at The Crossroads School (Pack 45) and The Westlake School (Troop 1571), both in Westfield. The Westfield United Fund sponsors the program and pays for the students’ registration and material costs.

Pack 45 at Crossroads school is led by school

social worker Ms. Elaine Liggeri, who enjoys using Scouting to give her students enrichment activities that they may not be able to participate in outside of a school setting. The pack will have its annual Pinewood Derby next winter.

For more information about Special Needs Scouting in Munsee, Raritan Valley, or Watchung Mountain, please contact Program Executive Will Adams at will.adams@scouting.org or 973-765-9322 x234; for Black River, Fishawak, and Sussex, please contact Program Executive Michael Loughman at

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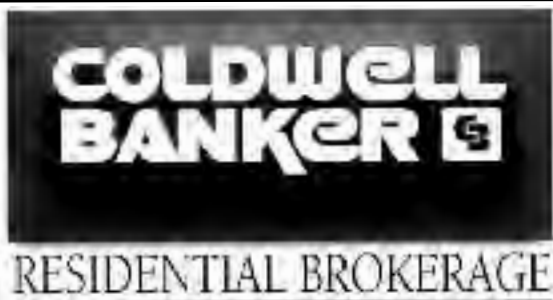
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Mrs. Greene was a Business Analyst for Cisco Systems, as well as owned her own management consulting business for 6 years. Her education includes a BS in Computer Science from Allegheny College and MS in Computer Science from Syracuse University. More recently, she enrolled in the Boston University Genealogical Research Program and received her certificate enabling her to become a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. While her focus is on Lineage Research for organizations like the Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution, she has also researched family lines for clients who have lost track of a relative or to explore immigrant ancestors. Her website is atgenie.com.

This program is open to the public, is free of charge and will take place on October 22, 2018 at The Fanwood Presbyterian Church, 74 South Martine Avenue, Fanwood (McDermott Street entrance) at 7:30 p.m. after a brief refreshment period.

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Boy Scouts of America, Patriots' Path Council will be honoring local citizens at the first ever Scotch Plains-Fanwood Good Scout Awards Dinner to be held on the evening of Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at The Shackamaxon Country Club at 6:30 p.m. The honorees are Det. Shawn Johnson, President of the PAL; Frank Pascale and Sean Flannery, co-owners of Sheelan's Crossing Pub & Bistro; Fanwood Borough Councilman Tom Kranz; and Michael Ruzek (1956-2018) for his dedication and volunteerism in the community.

The event recognizes these outstanding citizens for their community service and leadership. The Boy Scouts of America are proud to work with such dedicated members of both Scotch Plains and Fanwood communities, part of

our Watchung Mountain Scouting District, for their embodiment of the values of the century old Scout Oath and Law in their personal and professional lives. The event chair is Bruce Moran, Vice President Scotch Plains Fanwood PAL & Marketing Director for Knights of Columbus Council 1711.

Fanwood and Scotch Plains are both a part of the Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America which serves 17,000 youth in over 400 Scouting units in communities throughout Morris, Middlesex, Somerset, Sussex, and Union Counties.

For more information on Scouting, attending the event, and sponsoring the program journal, contact Ryan Page, Development Executive, at 973-271-0174 and/or ryan.page@scouting.org.

All money raised through this event will go to providing quality programs and experiences to youth in Scotch Plains and Fanwood as well as our Scouts in Union, Middlesex, Morris, Somerset, and Sussex Counties

For event information, please contact:

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VISION OF THE PATRIOTS' PATH COUNCIL

The Patriots' Path Council will be the leading youth serving organization in the communities we serve by demonstrating and teaching the core values, contained in the Scout Oath and Law, to every eligible youth and their families. Toward that end, Patriots' Path Council will support its units to consistently grow their membership by providing the best possible training, programs and outdoor adventures.

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Registration is open for the Scotch Plains/Fanwood CROP Hunger Walk to take place on Sunday, October 14, 2018 starting at 1:30 p.m. from the Fanwood Presbyterian Church. CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith events that build support by raising funds to reduce hunger in your own community, and around the world. CROP Hunger Walks are a source of income for more than 1,500 local food banks and soup kitchens in the U.S.

The Walks are also a way to help and show global solidarity with the millions who walk miles every day in search of food and water. The Walks support sustainable water and food projects and disaster assistance globally. For more information, go to crophungerwalk.org and click on "About".

Everyone is welcome to register for this approximately 3-mile Crop Walk. Volunteers who walk will be given a "Donation Envelope" for checks or cash from those you ask to sponsor your Walk. You may also raise funds online at crophungerwalk.org. Not able to walk? This Walk also has rocking chairs to sit in the company of other "rockers", who also raise money from sponsors by rocking during the same time others are walking.

How can you volunteer for this CROP Hunger Walk on October 14t? To register yourself, your congregation or your organization to participate, just send an Email to: augustar@verizon.net asking to sign up. You will then be given information and donation envelopes for yourself and others.

WEEKLY SESSIONS WITH THE HEARING SOCIETY

The Hearing Society, a local not-for-profit organization serving people with impaired hearing, offers weekly sessions in speech (lip) reading. The class meets at the First Baptist Church of Westfield, 170 Elm Street, Westfield, NJ, each Thursday, September through May, from 10:30 – 11:45 a.m., unless otherwise announced. Light refreshments are served before each session.

These informal classes are under the direction of Morgan Orłowski, speech pathologist, and provide strategies for coping with hearing loss as well as techniques for improving

communication abilities.

The sessions also serve as a support group for Hearing Society members experiencing the problems associated with hearing loss, and include discussions concerning new developments in the ever expanding technology of hearing enhancements now available.

Anyone in the greater Union County area who is interested in membership in the society and participation in its classes may contact Alice Knecht at 908 688 8241 or alirobkn@aol.com for more information.

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