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ROTARIANS PAY TRIBUTE TO VETERANS DURING LUNCHEON

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club hosted a Veterans Appreciation lunch at their meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2018. Veterans in the towns of Fanwood and Scotch Plains were invited to attend.

Twelve veterans including 9 guests and 3 veterans who are members of the Rotary Club attended. Veteran and Rotarian Dick Dobyns spoke about his experience as a WWII Air Force pilot in the Bay of Bengal. And he remembered 10 men who made the extreme sacrifice and never made it home.

This is an annual event. The Rotary Club is very grateful to all men and women who served the United States Armed Forces and they pay tribute to those who served, those who continue to serve, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Thank you to all the Veterans who joined us for lunch!



(above) The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club President Kim Decker with veterans George Fochesato -Navy/Cold War, Frank Chupko-Navy / Vietnam, Joe McCourt-Army /Vietnam, Wells Perkins-Army/Bavaria, Bill Kessinger-Paratrooper/Korean War, Jay Jackson-Army, Richard Russo-Army/Germany, Doug Pierce-Navy/Vietnam, Randy Threet-Army 79-97, John Marsh (Rotarian)- Navy/WWII, Richard Dobyns(Rotarian)-Air Force/ WWII, Gene Janotti(Rotarian)-Field Artillery Officer/Vietnam.

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FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS ROTARY CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

Breonna Rigdon is the newest member of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club. She was induced during the November 14, 2018 meeting.

Members of the Fanwood Scotch Plains Rotary Club are from diverse walks of life – from business and professional roles in government and non-profit organizations. Rotary is non-religious and non-political, open to members of any race, culture or creed. Members are committed to making their communities better places to live, as they enjoy the fellowship of Rotary with like-minded persons. They carry out a broad range of cultural, humanitarian, and education programs that touch people's lives in the local and the global community.

Meetings are held every Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. at The Stage House Restaurant, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ. For more information please visit fsrotary.org or on Facebook: Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club.

(right, r-l) Newest Rotarian Breonna Rigdon, with the most seasoned member Dick Dobyns.



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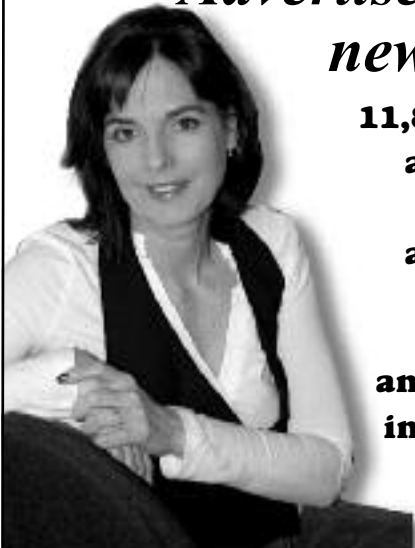
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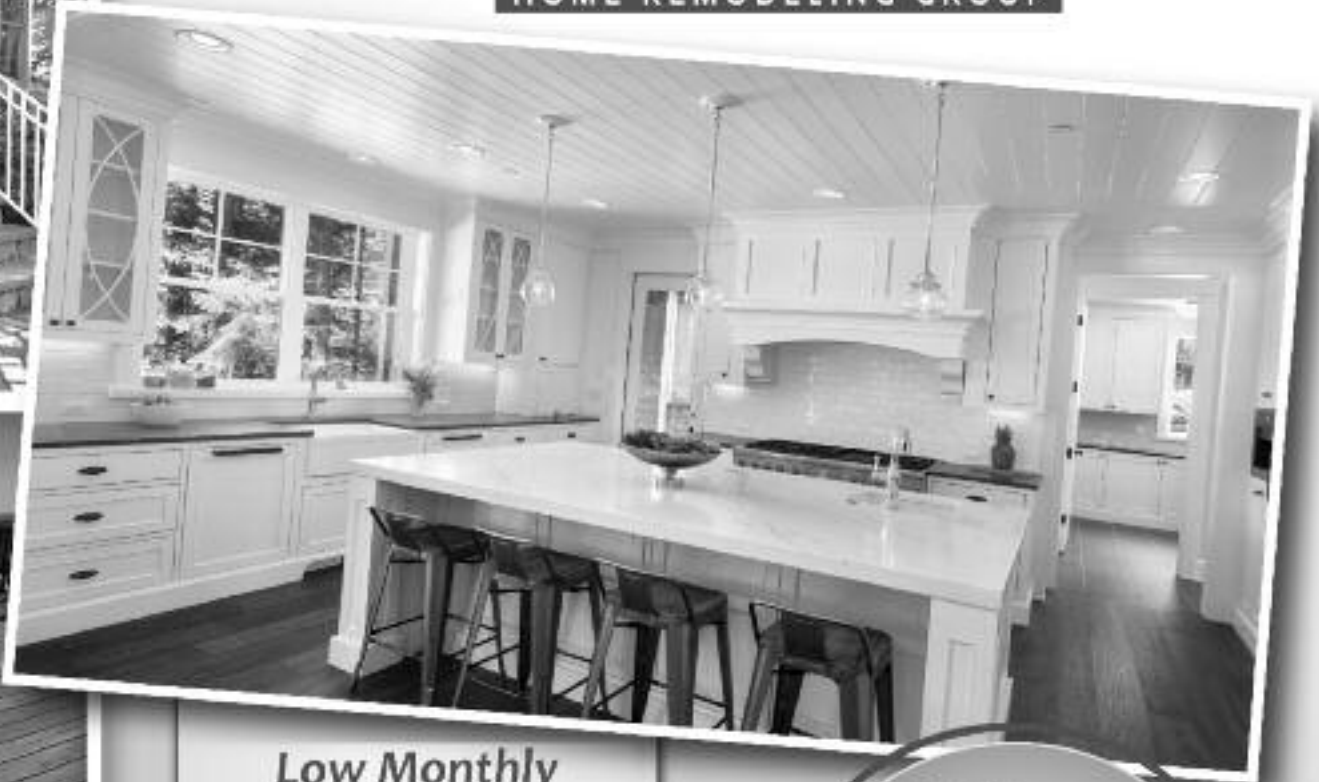


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Submitted by LaMorte-Wright


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Luminaries are traditionally used to illuminate the streets on Christmas Eve. A candle is nestled in sand at the bottom of a paper bag and placed along sidewalks to create a beautiful walkway.


The candles are then lit at dusk on Christmas Eve. Some neighborhoods in the area get together and buy hundreds of kits to create an amazing display.

All proceeds from the sale will be used to fund the various charitable and humanitarian projects that Rotary supports, both locally and internationally.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club has been serving the community since 1938. The club meets on Wednesdays at noon at the Stage House Restaurant. Guests are invited to attend and learn about the good that Rotary is doing worldwide. For further information about the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary club, go to fsprotary.org or visit their Facebook page: Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club.



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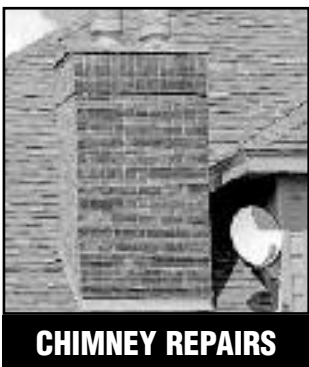
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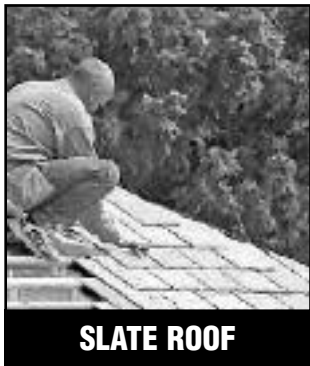
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(above) Fanwood Officer Elliott Bernard addresses students during the "Raiders Don't Risk It" program.

Photo by Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools

"RAIDERS DON'T RISK IT" DRIVING SIMULATION SPFH SENIORS SEE THE CONSEQUENCES OF DISTRACTED AND DESTRUCTIVE DRIVING

Scotch Plains–Fanwood High School seniors gathered on Happel Court during their physical education class and saw a car crashed into a tree. Luckily, this was a simulation, part of the "Raiders Don't Risk It" program presented by SPF DECA, the District Student Assistance Coordinator, the Scotch Plains Police and Fire Departments, the Fanwood Police and Rescue Squads, Resolve Counseling Center and the Municipal Alliance.

The program is designed to show the aftermath of distracted and destructive driving. In the simulation, actors from the class of 2019 presented a scenario where the students had "just one drink." The scene played out where the driver was arrested and one of the occupants of the car did not survive the crash. The rescue squad and fire department simulated the life saving measures that are taken at the scene. In addition

to the students and emergency services, parents and teachers took on the roles of parents of the victims. This was done in order to reinforce the idea that many people are impacted by the decisions that one makes.

After the presentation, police officers explained the realities of distracted and destructive driving. According to the CDC, the leading cause of death amongst 15-19 year olds is car crash related injuries. Officers expressed how one simple poor decision can have lifelong consequences.

The program was presented to seniors during their physical education classes. This smaller setting allowed the students to be able to ask questions of the officers and emergency personnel. After the presentation, students were able to debrief with their physical education teachers.



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NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS CLUB HAD A GREAT FALL MEET AND GREET



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KIDS CARE CLUB HOLD FIRST "SHARE A SANDWICH" PROGRAM



(above) School One's Kids Care Club completed their first Share a Sandwich for the school year. All their donations went to St. Joseph's Center in Elizabeth. One hundred seventy seven sandwiches were donated. Christine Mills and Sarah Bennett are the Kids Care Club advisors for the third and fourth graders.

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BRUNNER SCHOOL THIRD GRADERS PARTICIPATE IN BALI BOOK PROJECT

Last academic year, third graders in Cristina Sardo's classroom at Brunner School partnered with the Street Kid Center in Bali, Indonesia for one of their Service Learning Projects. The families at the Street Kid Center come to the

center to find resource alternatives to street begging. The moms are taught sustainable skills such as beading, bag making and sewing, while the children are provided with meals and schooling. It is a transition place for street

families to have a chance for a dignified and sustainable life.

The Brunner students learned about the Balinese culture, as well as their geography and ways of life. Students from the Street Kid Center exchanged videos with their new friends at Brunner and got to know each other despite the language barrier. The Brunner students asked their new friends what types of book they liked to read and they immediately got to work writing books about the ocean, friendship, hygiene and superheroes. They illustrated each book and personalized a message. They also made positive affirmation rocks and wrote letters to local shelters.

Ms. Sardo traveled to Bali over the summer to deliver these books personally during an entire volunteer day organized around reading these books, building a vegetable garden and decorating it with their own Balinese positive affirmation rocks.



(above) Ms. Sardo travelled to Bali this year to deliver books and affirmation rocks created by her Brunner School students for their partnership with the Street Kid Center.

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All classes will be held in the recreation building at Forest Road Park with the exception of Water Exercise, which will be held at the JCC of Central NJ Wilf Jewish Community Campus indoor pool. The fee is \$15 per program for Fanwood and Scotch Plains residents, \$30 for all others.

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OSHANDA ERB NAMED VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

November's Volunteer of the Month is Oshanda Erb of Fanwood. She is a Air Force reservist who was Fanwood's representative on the committee that created the Veterans Banners across Scotch Plains and Fanwood. Oshanda joined the Air Force at age 17 and became an integral asset to the Crisis Action Team at Maguire AFB established in response to the 9-11 attacks. As a reservist she was involved in many aspects of aircraft operations at Dover AFB and was deployed three times. She has received numerous accolades for her achievements, supporting her unit and volunteering many hours. Oshanda received the traditional token of appreciation from Mayor Colleen Mahr, a framed print of Fanwood's historic train station.



(above, l-r) Mayor Colleen Mahr and Oshanda Erb

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FANWOOD COUNCILMAN PUBLISHES SECOND NOVEL

Fanwood Councilman Tom Kranz has released *Killer Competition*, his second novel anchored in the television news space.

In *Killer Competition*, protagonist Bud Remmick, free again after doing prison time for killing his ex-boss, wants only to be a good person, contribute to his community and get a job. His long-suffering wife Maggie supports them with a good job working as a director for their local county government.

Soon after Bud lands a job at his old tv station, dark forces invade his life and Maggie's, bringing the couple closer while opening doors to evil deeds by villains out for personal gain. One villain is a psychotic news photographer who will stop at nothing to get an exclusive. Another is a corrupt governor hell-bent on taking Maggie's job away from her and use it as a patronage perk for his connected friends.

"This is basically a story about this couple coping with bad things," says Tom, a career

journalist now working as Communications Director for Fanwood-based Chelsea Senior Living. "Bud and Maggie are each vulnerable in their separate lives to the actions of bad guys. It's how they support each other that allows them to endure and, ultimately, take control, with a little help from their friends."

Killer Competition is a continuation of a narrative begun in Tom's first novel, *Budland*, though it isn't necessary to have read *Budland* to enjoy *Killer Competition*. "They are separate stories," says Tom, "but feel free to buy them both for your friends and family members who still like to read."

Killer Competition is available in paperback and ebook at Amazon, Barnes and Nobel, Kobo and other online book retailers. More info can be found at <https://killercompetition.com>.



FIRE SAFETY WEEK

Submitted by Pat Kane

The Scotch Plains Fire Department visited the elementary schools as part of Fire Safety Week and talked about fire safety and fire prevention.

Students had the opportunity to see a fireman in his full uniform, tour the fire truck, and see the ladder truck in action. The firefighters explained the equipment they carry and the importance of doing fire drills in their schools. They also encouraged the children to ask their parents to do a fire drill at home.



(above) Evergreen School Principal Colleen Haubert dressed in fire gear riding the basket to cheers from the young kindergarteners.



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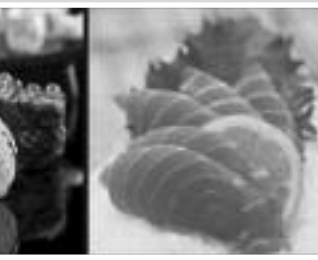


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