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FANWOOD WELCOMES NEW PUBLIC SERVANTS IN 2019

Mayor Colleen Mahr and the Fanwood Council hosted the annual Reorganization Meeting at the Borough Hall on Tuesday, January 1, 2019.

Borough leadership had the pleasure of swearing in many new public servants that will be making a positive impact on the community for 2019 and beyond.



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The 2019 Fanwood Rescue Squad officers were sworn in as well. The Fanwood community appreciates the sacrifices made by the Rescue Squad to ensure emergencies are responded to in a timely and professional manner.

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(left) Mayor Mahr swore in the Council's two newest elected officials, Councilwoman Erin McElroy-Barker and Councilwoman Trisha Walsh. Councilwoman McElroy-Barker was elected to her second term and is a social worker who helps families of chronically ill children at Rutgers/Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center.



(above) Councilman Jeff Banks was also officially sworn in as well. He is replacing former Councilman Russ Huegel, who resigned this past December to assume the Borough Attorney position. Jeff's daughter Mallory founded the Rockin' for Autism fundraiser that takes place each year in LaGrande Park. Through these events, the Banks family has raised over \$50,000 for Autism New Jersey. In addition to his community work, Councilman Banks works as an industrial graphic designer.



(left) Councilwoman Walsh was sworn in to her first term and is a NYC public school teacher. She raised her four children in Fanwood and her late brother Bruce was a Fanwood Councilman during the 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s. Her husband, Neil, is also a Fanwood Recreation Commissioner.

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FAREWELL TO COUNCILMAN JACK MOLENAAR

The last Borough Council meeting of 2018 was Jack Molenaar's last meeting after nine years serving on the Council. He didn't run for reelection because he said his work on Council is done. "I left things better than when I arrived," he said. Jack's major accomplishments include leading the downtown redevelopment and getting curbside recycling before the Council for passage. Jack is Transportation Director for Rutgers University and a city planner. He will remain a member of the Fanwood Planning Board, where he has served for 15 years. His name will be added to a plaque documenting all of Fanwood's Council members. Jack has served with 15 of them.

Photo by Borough of Fanwood



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Terrill Road Bible Chapel was recently recognized for serving the voters of Fanwood for more than 20 years as the official polling place for Districts 4 and 5. Voting was permanently moved to LaGrande Park. Church member Allan Wilks accepted the traditional framed print of the Fanwood train station as a token of appreciation from the Mayor and Council.



TIMOTHY GREEN JOINS POLICE FORCE

Fanwood's newest police officer, Timothy Green, was sworn in by Mayor Mahr. Tim, 29, is a lifelong Fanwood Resident and had previously served the community as a volunteer firefighter. He began his training at the Stamler Police Academy on January 4, 2019.



(above) Timothy Green being sworn in as Fanwood Police Officer accompanied proud parents.

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Fanwood and Scotch Plains including JCC of Central NJ, Goddard School, Fanwood Presbyterian Church, St. John's Baptist Church, Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, Temple Shalom, All Saints Episcopal Church and the YMCA.



Sandwich Making for the Hungry (above) Girl Scout Troop 40091, 6th graders from Terrill Middle School, made about 1,000 sandwiches which were distributed to several area soup kitchens. Members of the community donated the items to make the meat and cheese sandwiches.



(above) The Hunter family of Scotch Plains



Valentines for Veterans (above) Brownie Troop 40782 made Valentines for Veterans.



(above) The Union County College Soccer Club volunteered for the 'Rise Against Hunger' meal packing effort held at the YMCA.



(above) The Fanwood Scotch Plains Rotary Club sponsored 'Rise Against Hunger' which is driven by the vision of a world without hunger. Their mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable. Volunteers packed 10,000 meals in an assembly-line of highly nutritious dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and minerals.

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The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club will hold their Casino Night Fundraiser on Friday, February 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains. Tickets are \$85 per person and include a buffet dinner and \$100 in casino play money. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and gaming begins at 6:30 p.m. All attendees must be at least 21 years of age.

Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased at fsprotary.brownpapertickets.com. For further information about the event, including sponsorship opportunities, contact FSPRotaryClub@gmail.com. WSThere are a limited number of tickets available and the event was sold-out last year. Everyone is encouraged to purchase their tickets early!

The fundraiser will support the many charitable activities managed by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club, a thriving organization with 70 members. The club currently sponsors local and international causes, as well as scholarships for Fanwood-Scotch Plains High School students.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club has been serving the community since 1938. Meetings are held on Wednesdays at noon at the Stage House Restaurant. On the last Wednesday of the month, members can participate in a service project for Mobile Meals of Westfield and/or attend a friendship lunch. Guests are invited to attend and learn about the good that Rotary is doing worldwide. For further information, go to fsprotary.org.



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Submitted by Maria LaMorte-Wright

The FSP-Rotary Frazee House committee will present an update regarding the Frazee House restoration on Thursday, February 28, 2019 from 6-9 p.m. The presentation will be held at the Scotch Hills Country Club at 820 Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains. Members of the community are invited to attend to learn about the exterior renovation progress and future plans for the interior renovation.

A major fundraising effort was undertaken last year to restore the exterior of the Frazee House. Over the course of the last seven months, there has been a great deal of activity at the location: foundation reconstruction is 100% complete, all materials for siding and framing repair have been purchased, framing in Aunt Betty's kitchen in is progress, roofing replacement in progress, all siding that was not authentic to the period has been removed and

replaced with in-kind period materials.

Andy Calamaras, the President of the Frazee House Committee, is very pleased to report that the exterior renovation is on track for completion by May 1, 2019. The entire committee extends their gratitude to all supporters who contributed toward the preservation of Aunt Betty's house.

The house, once on the "most endangered places" list in New Jersey, is a rare example of pre-revolutionary construction, and the Fanwood Scotch Plains Rotary Club pledged to save this house over 10 years ago. Betty Frazee, one of the first feminists of our nation stood up to British General Cornwallis at this location, as we fought for freedom.

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Roger Bernier, Chelsea President and Chief Operating Officer, presented the check on January 9, 2019 to Ken Zaentz, President and CEO of Alzheimer's New Jersey at the Chelsea corporate headquarters in Fanwood. Chelsea's 17 properties in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania all provide specialized services to individuals with Alzheimer's and other memory

impairments.

"We are proud of our association with Alzheimer's New Jersey," said Bernier. "It provides a spectrum of support services that make lives a little bit easier for those affected by this devastating disease."

Chelsea communities engage in year-long fundraising activities including bake sales, tricky tray auctions, t-shirt sales and many other events. The campaign is capped in the fall by the annual Lace Race, a walk-a-thon held in Thompson Park in Jamesburg that brings in additional funds.

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THE FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS COLLEGE CLUB PRESENTS “#METOO ONE YEAR LATER”

The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains welcomes Ms. Rosemary Gousman, Attorney at Law with Fisher & Phillips, LLP, to present a program entitled “#MeToo One Year Later.” High profile charges of sexual assault and harassment, and the resulting #MeToo movement have impacted the law and workplace. How have lawmakers and employers responded, and what will be the impact? Are there unintended consequences of the movement that might have a negative impact on women?

Ms. Gousman is currently the managing partner of the New Jersey office of Fisher & Phillips LLP. She received her BA, summa cum laude, from St. Peters College and her JD with

honors from Rutgers School of Law. She has devoted her extensive career to the practice of labor and employment law. Her diverse practice included both litigation and counseling of employers. She lectures frequently on topics in employment law, including discrimination, sexual harassment, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), workplace privacy and social media, and many other related topics.

This program is open to the public, is free of charge and will take place on February 25, 2019 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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To be eligible for consideration, high school applicants must be residents of Fanwood or Scotch Plains. College applicants must be local residents of Fanwood or Scotch Plains at the time they graduate from high school. Scholarships are awarded based on three primary characteristics of the applicants; 1) financial need, 2) academic achievement, and 3) character of the applicant.

This will be the 83rd year that female students seeking financial assistance to pursue a four-year college degree have been helped by the club's fund-raising efforts. To date, the College Club has awarded approximately \$630,000 in scholarships to approximately 530 women.

Application materials must be postmarked on or before February 15, 2019 to be considered.

FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS SERVICE LEAGUE SEEKS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Submitted by Barbara Rappaport

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League is now accepting applications for scholarships from Fanwood-Scotch Plains resident seniors graduating high school in 2019, and those residents currently attending college or post high school technical schools. Applications can be obtained from the Scotch Plains - Fanwood High School (SPFHS) guidance office. Submission deadline is Friday, February 15, 2019.

Recipients are selected with particular emphasis on demonstrated commitment to volunteerism and community service in high school and college. Financial need, outside employment, and demonstrated ability to succeed at post-high school studies are also part of the decision making process.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League

is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that, through its Thrift Shop, has served our communities since 1974. Since its founding, the League has donated over \$3 million for local causes. Anyone interested in learning more about the League or League membership is invited to call 908-322-5420, visit our website at scotchplainsthritshop.weebly.com or speak to any of our volunteers at The Thrift Shop, 1741 E. 2nd Ave., Scotch Plains.

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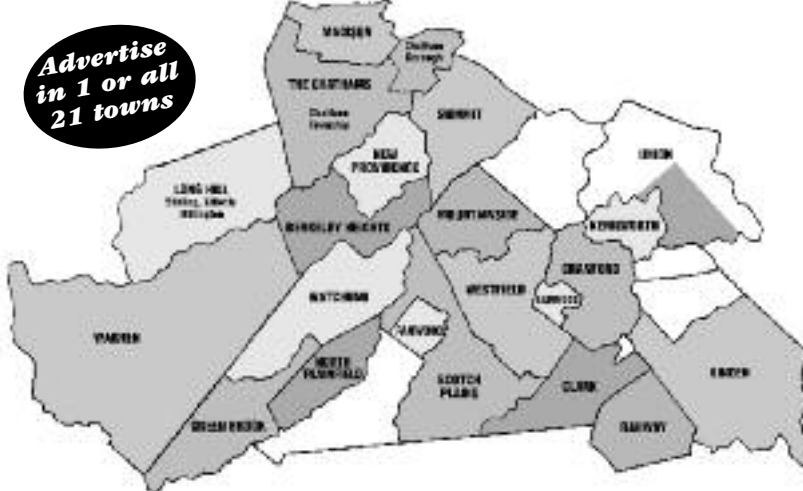
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Submitted by Johanna Salvemini

High school seniors wishing to apply for the Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship should obtain applications now from their school guidance office. The scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Deadline for submission of applications is Thursday, March 7, 2019.

Previous DeLeeuw scholarship recipients already in college are eligible to re-apply. They must submit complete official transcripts of college grades with a new application.

This is the twenty-fourth year the scholarships have been offered. To date, the Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship Fund, which is a fund of the Plainfield Foundation, has awarded over 1.3 million dollars. The awards are made in accordance with the terms of a bequest from Ms. DeLeeuw, author of 75 books, journalist and arts activist.

The Plainfield Rotary Scholarship Foundation, headed by Michael R. Townley, acts as selector for the scholarships. Area Rotary

Clubs assist in the selection process. Only students attending high schools in Plainfield, North Plainfield, South Plainfield, Warren, Watchung, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Edison are eligible. Location of high school, not student's residence, is the qualifying factor. The student must also be accepted to an accredited college or university.

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Interested students should consult their guidance counselors to obtain the necessary application information or go to the Plainfield/North Plainfield Rotary Club website at rotarypnp.org. Questions may be directed to Johanna Salvemini, Scholarship Administrator, at 908-755-8098.

WEEK OF CODE AT SCHOOL ONE

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(above) Lillian Dinegar, 1st grade student at School One, has fun learning to code.

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