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CRANFORD HIGH TO PRESENT HELLO, DOLLY! – MARCH 8-10

Submitted by Anthony Rafaniello

Cranford High School Performing Arts Department is excited to present Hello, Dolly! on March 8-10, 2019. The musical Hello, Dolly! first appeared on Broadway in 1964 and has been revived four times, most recently in 2017 with Bette Midler. The original production with Carol Channing won ten Tony Awards®, a record held for decades. Hello, Dolly!, with book by Michael Stewart and lyrics and music by Jerry Herman, is based on Thornton Wilder's 1955 play The Matchmaker.

The story follows the life of Dolly Levi (Nora Sullivan) as she travels to Yonkers, NY in pursuit of finding a match for the well-known half-a-millionaire Horace Vandergelder (Noah Wohlson). Along the way, she interacts with many other characters including Horace's employees, Cornelius Hackl (Daniel Klimko) and Barnaby Tucker (Max Wisnefski); New York widow and hat shop owner, Irene Molloy (Katrina Wischusen) and her assistant Minnie Fay (Rose Michetti); and young artist Ambrose Kemper (Andrew Gordon), who is interested in marrying Horace's niece, Ermengarde (Erin Blake). Other notable roles include Ernestina Money (Katie Manhardt), Rudolf Reisenweber (Matthew Mallick), Judge

(Elizabeth Molfetto), and Mrs. Rose (Melanie Gabel). The ensemble of Hello, Dolly! consists of 33 students who add drama, singing, and excitement to each scene.

Hello, Dolly! will be performed in the Cranford High School auditorium on March 8, 9 and 10, 2019. The dress rehearsal on March 7 at 7:30 p.m. will be free admission for senior citizens.

The performances on March 8 and 9 will be at 7:30 p.m. with the matinee on March 10 at 2:00 p.m. "It Only Takes A Moment" to reserve tickets in advance online at chs.booktix.com for \$15, but tickets are also available at the door. Student rush tickets will also be available for \$10 at the door for each performance with a valid student ID.

The Cranford Public Schools Permitted Items Policy will be in effect for all three performances; large bags and purses will not be allowed into the auditorium.

For additional information about Hello, Dolly! at Cranford High School, please contact Elizabeth Sheehan (sheehan@cranfordschools.org) or Erica Morreale (morreale@cranfordschools.org), or call 908-709-6272.

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(above) Members of the cast of Cranford High School's Hello, Dolly! rehearse the musical's title song for their production on March 8, 9, and 10. Tickets are available at chs.booktix.com.



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A SPECIAL MONDAY - A SPECIAL VET

Submitted by Jim D'Arcy, Past Commander VFW Post #335

It's a small informal group that meets at Cranford's VFW on Monday nights. It's all for a bit of shuffleboard and pizza and, of course, good old-fashioned comradery. Most nights are a serene replication of the Monday before. It's almost kind of comforting in that it doesn't change much except for a new face or two on occasion.

Monday, the 28th of January was an exception, however. Monday was Pete's birthday. Pete isn't just any member of the Cranford VFW, Peter Klein is a World War II vet and there's not a lot of them around. He was an Omaha Beach medic on D-Day and a Battle of the Bulge survivor, just to name a few of his vast war experiences.

As a cake was presented before him that night, Pete made sure to remind us he is now 97.

"I would kind of like to turn those numbers around and be 79 again," Pete grinned, "but 97 is pretty good too!" He had no trouble blowing out the candles and gleamed with pride when he did.

Pete, who is a widower, lives in his Cranford home of over 40 years, and he expresses a great love for the people at the VFW.

"It's like I have another family there, they treat me so special it's almost embarrassing," Pete said.

Two years ago, he was the Grand Marshall in the Cranford Memorial Day Parade and got to ride in a WWII era Jeep to the ceremony. "Boy did that bring back memories," he said. Last Memorial Day, Pete got to ride in the Parade alongside another D-Day veteran, Danny Sullivan, who lives in Union. The meeting between the two was serendipitous. They grew up in the same Elizabeth neighborhood and hadn't seen each other in over 85 years before that chance meeting in the parade. "Now that was a terrific coincidence," Pete added.

A great story teller, Pete as quickly can tell you a story about his new found "Meals on Wheels" experiences as he can about being a youngster in Elizabeth in the late 1920's and 30's. A 15-year-old Saturn is Pete's car these days and he only goes to the supermarket and the VFW on

Mondays with it. He was stopped leaving the VFW a few Monday nights ago by a Cranford Police Officer. Pete wasn't worried about alcohol, he always nurses one beer all night and it's usually half full when he leaves. "Officer can I help you," Pete asked the young patrolman. The officer looked at Pete and his WWII Veterans hat he proudly wears, and said "Sir, just wanted to let you know you have a tail light out. Please get home safely."

Maybe he was pulled over for another reason, who can know, but the respect Pete felt from the officer left him impressed. "Nice young fellow," Pete mused.

So Monday nights continue at the VFW as they always have, and everyone there looks forward to Peter Klein walking through the door waving his cane saying a "happy to be here" hello. He waves the cane the same when he leaves a few hours later, happy to just be here. So true Pete, aren't we all?



(above) Peter Klein, WWII vet, celebrated his 97th birthday with friends at Cranford's VFW Post #335.

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Saturday, June 15, 2019 2 PM

@ Hanson Park

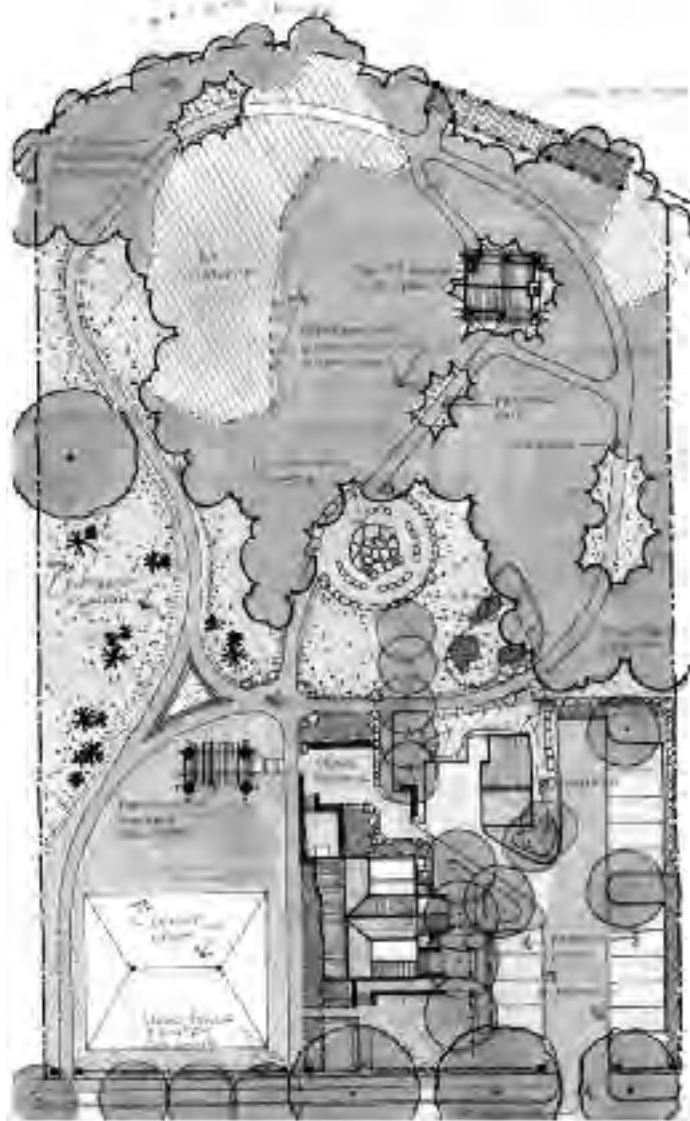
"Square Foot Gardening"
w/Althea Llewellyn

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RUBBER DUCKY RACE**

October 13, 2019

@ Sperry Park

*HPC publishes a quarterly
membership newsletter*



(above) The Hanson House is home of The Cranford Historical Society and HPC offices.



(above) Girl Scouts at their Annual Encampment making signs for the HPC duck race in 2018.



(above) Cake Boss legend, Buddy Valastro gifted an incredible cake for the 2017 Rubber Ducky Race.

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(above) Ladies tickets must be purchased in advance, no tickets will be sold at the door. Cut-off for tickets is March 5.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

The volunteers for Project Home of Cranford have been busy getting ready for their largest fundraiser of the year, Ladies' Night Out, being held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Westwood in Garwood.

The evening includes a sit-down dinner with wine, a tricky tray auction and an evening of socializing and catching up with friends. All the profits from this event go to help Cranford Family Care assist Cranford families in need.

This year's tricky tray includes some wonderful prizes from some of our favorite merchants; Dreyer's Farm, The Artist Frammer, Hilltop Bicycles, Martin Jewelers and many more. And back by popular demand will be some of our most popular baskets; Taste of Cranford (5 - \$50 gift cards to downtown restaurants) and the frame of lottery tickets.

Ladies Night Out is a perfect opportunity to catch up with friends and to help a local organization whose mission is to help Cranford residents who are in danger of losing their homes

due to crisis situations, such as illness or job loss.

Tickets are \$50 per person and must be purchased in advance, no tickets will be sold at the door. Cut-off for tickets is March 5. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the event.

If you are a merchant or offer a service and would like to donate an item or service to be included in the tricky tray, there is still time to donate. The event regularly attracts over 300 women, so this can be the perfect opportunity for merchants to advertise their businesses by donating to the event.

For over 25 years Project Home of Cranford, a 501(c)3 charity has been working through Cranford Family Care to keep Cranford families in their homes.

If you would like to donate, inquire about the tickets for Ladies' Night Out or just find out more about Project Home and our mission please email us at projecthomeofcranford@gmail.com, visit us at projecthomeofcranford.org and Like us on facebook.com/groups/projecthomeofcranford

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The Los Angeles Rams may have lost by 10 in the lowest scoring Super Bowl in history, but they won by a landslide in the Brookside Place School "Souper" Bowl. During the week leading up to Super Bowl LIII, students were able to donate cans of soup in honor of their preferred team, either the New England Patriots or the Los Angeles Rams. By Friday afternoon, 447 cans had been contributed with 299 donated in the name of the Rams and 148 in honor of the Patriots. All donations benefited Cranford Family Care, a non-profit organization that offers

(left) Brookside Place School Student Council Officers pose with the 447 cans collected during the 2019 "Souper" Bowl. Students were able to contribute cans of soup in the name of their preferred Super Bowl LIII team. While the New England Patriots were victorious in Atlanta, the Los Angeles Rams were the decisive victors at Brookside Place School.

temporary emergency assistance to qualified residents. The Brookside Place School "Souper" Bowl is an annual event coordinated by the Brookside Student Council.

"This is a wonderful school tradition that adds an element of community service to one of the most popular sporting and cultural events each calendar year," said Brookside Place School Principal Mr. Michael Klimko. "The students are always enthusiastic about supporting their favorite Super Bowl team and announcing the final total of collected cans is always met with cheers. The Souper Bowl is also a great example of kindness in our school community. Kindness is the character trait we study during the month of February with various initiatives from book studies to kindness challenges in the classroom."

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Westfield native Florian Schantz started playing trumpet at age 6, and started the Florian Schantz Jazz Combo in 2012 when he was just 9 years old. By the time he turned 15, he had played 300 gigs in the United States and Europe. His multi-instrumental talents range to fifteen instruments, including the Flügelhorn, trumpet, cornet, valve trombone, and euphonium, and he maintains a collection of antique and unique horns. The Florian Schantz Jazz Combo is made up of professional musicians and participate in many parades and major civic events every year. They also provide musical entertainment in retirement homes throughout New Jersey. For more information, please visit vfsjazz.com.

No registration is required for this free event. The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016, and is accessible to all. For more information about the Cranford Public Library, visit cranfordlibrary.org.

LAUREN WILLIAMSON

Senior Lauren Williamson was selected to represent Cranford High School at the 33rd Anniversary of the "NJ Celebrates National Girls & Women in Sports Day" held at Seton Hall University on February 3, 2019.



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By Don Sweeney, research by Stu Rosenthal and military proofreading by Jim D'Arcy.

It was just after midnight on a dark moonless August 23rd, 1968, at Forward Operating Base #4 Command and Control North (FOB4-CCN) At Marble Mountain near Danang Airbase, South Vietnam. An unusual gathering of an estimated 100 Green Beret special forces was taking place for a promotion board. While Green Berets are famous for their survival skills in the jungles and rough country side, living off the land and being constantly on guard, tonight they were letting off some steam as they were in the secure surroundings of their home camp. It was reported that the soldiers were drinking heavy, swapping war stories and toasting lost comrades into the early morning hours. It was a well-deserved break from the life-threatening existence that they endured on most days of duty.

The FOB was surrounded on three sides by fortified fences and at their rear was a 300-yard beach to the China Sea. A sharply barbed concertina wire fence about 50 yards from the water's edge protected the rear entrance to the base. While there were reports of North Vietnamese Army (NVA) activity in the area, a Security Team (ST) was sent up to the peaks on Marble Mountain as a look out. No sightings were reported, the men felt safe and secure for the night. Little did they know that all hell was about to break loose.

With most parties turned in for the night, a silent procession of sappers, North Vietnamese special force warriors, started crawling slowly up the beach towards the wire perimeter. In waves of 12 they gathered on the sandy perimeter until they numbered close to 100. They carried woven baskets full of hand grenades and larger more powerful 5 lb. satchel charges that could make tooth picks out of the camp's flimsy plywood hooch's (buildings). Over their shoulders hung the infamous Russian made AK-47 rifles. Sappers were Hanoi's most elite commandos. Their missions were of a suicidal nature. They dressed in only white loin cloths or khaki shorts. Their heads were wrapped in rag headbands with words written in blood that said, "we came here to die". Their bare chests and limbs were greased to allow squeezing through tight passage ways and fences. No doubt they were a well prepared and trained fighting force.

Mortar fire soon began from NVA above on Marble Mountain that illuminated the FOB and was an obvious signal to the sappers to begin their onslaught. By 02:30, the two South Vietnamese sentinels were killed, and the well-planned surprise attack began. With our Green Beret troops either in deep sleep or slow from the "many screwdrivers" that were still being consumed by some, the first few minutes yielded many casualties. The security team up on Marble Mountain quickly eliminated the mortar fire from above but could do little to stop the slaughter that was about to besiege the large gathering of "America's best".

A book located from our research sources "Secret Commandos: Behind enemy lines with



(above) Eighteen year old Private Gilbert Secor

the Elite Warriors of SOG" and The Sentinel, a military publication, held detailed reports of the three-hour intense hand to hand battle. Amazingly nearly every encounter that took a special serviceman's life was documented. One of these Green Beret soldiers that lost his life that morning was Cranford's own Sergeant First Class Gilbert Secor, a 36-year-old, 18-year veteran, on his fourth tour of duty in Vietnam. In a memoir written by Secor's best friend Paul Christensen and told by his son, Secor called to Christensen "Paul, look out we're under attack!". Christensen and Secor, both combat medics had been together in Vietnam since 1962. Sergeant Secor saw sappers about to enter a complex of supply buildings with munitions wrapped around their bodies. There were reportedly a million dollars' worth of munitions and supplies in those supply buildings. Secor knew he had to defend that site. He ran to the wall of the munition storage house just as the charges were detonated by the invaders. The pressurized torpedo shaped acetylene and oxygen tanks inside began exploding and shooting across the ground like rockets. Unexpectedly the wall that Secor was taking cover behind was blown off its foundation and crashed down upon him. A comrade ran to him immediately, but it was too late for our Cranford hero.

When the light of dawn came upon the camp, sappers were still running around the carnage as the Americans slowly took back control of the FOB. Sixteen American Green Beret soldiers were killed, the most in the history of these legendary fighting men, and 48 were wounded. Dozens of South Vietnamese soldiers died as well. Thirty-eight sappers laid dead across the camp. It was later found that a Vietnamese kitchen helper acted as an informant to the sappers, which explained the precise accuracy



(above) Sergeant First Class Gilbert A. Secor receiving his Silver Star. America's 3rd highest medal for bravery for his actions at Lang Vei.

and timing of the attack.

Chief of Special Operations Group (SOG) Colonel Cavanaugh arrived in the morning to assess the damage and came upon a detail carrying away Sergeant First Class Secor's body. He recalled not a year earlier Secor being in his office requesting an additional fourth tour in Vietnam. He unfortunately granted his fatal request.

While the battle of 23 August 1968 at FOB-4 Danang was obviously Secor's last battle, his career as a soldier was a long storied one. Secor entered the Army in 1950 at 18 years of age during the Korean War. The details of Sergeant Secor's military career from the early years was not available to us by our deadline, as much were top secret and classified due to the clandestine nature of The Special Forces. However, the medals he received for merit and heroism stand as proof of stellar service to his country.

We were able to uncover the actual military report that was declassified in 1992 of the dynamic rescues of 9 trapped Green Berets from an underground Tactical Operations Command (TOC). It was here that Sergeant Secor's actions earned him the Army's third highest award for heroism, The Silver Star. We were also able to obtain the letter that accompanied the medal detailing the actions that happened that day, February 7, 1968. Just six months before the battle that took his life.

Lang Vei was a Green Beret camp on the border between Laos, and the company headquarters at Khe Sanh. The famous TET offensive, NVA's largest action in the entire war was pushing our troops abilities to their limits. Lang Vei had been overrun by an enemy battalion using 11 Russian made tanks with 76 mm canons. Up until this point the NVA had

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never used tanks. American forces had some lightweight M-72 anti-tank rockets that had never been tested and failed in their first test here. The group of 9 Green Berets along with some high-ranking South Vietnamese soldiers were trapped underground in the TOC bunker with NVA troops dropping a variety of explosives into the bunker air vents and down the bunker stairs trying to wipe them out. The bunkered underground command center had radio communication with the Khe Sanh headquarters 5 KM away, but their request for rescue was denied due to the risky nature of their situation and the fact that the headquarters at Khe Sanh was under heavy assault at the same time.

The Green Berets at Lang Vei decided to fight their way out of the bunker in a blaze of glory rather than be captured and tortured or killed. When their Green Beret counterparts at Khe

Sanh heard of their suicide mission plans, an alternate plan was devised. It was an expertly crafted diversion tactic using U.S. fighter jets. Two strafing runs were made with bombs and machine guns blaring, causing the NVA to take cover. The next two runs were visually as aggressive but without munitions keeping the enemy at bay. When the 9 trapped Green Berets heard the third pass commence, they were to make their escape from the bunker and run to awaiting rescue teams. On the fourth pass they could hopefully reach the helicopters that were sent from Khe Sanh. Sergeant Secor was one of the fighting medics that was on one of those helicopters. Under heavy fire from AK-47 and rocket propelled grenades, Secor set up a rocket launcher to give cover and diversion that allowed his badly wounded comrades, many being carried, to board the aircrafts and be evacuated to safety. In total 24 Green Berets were involved in the rescue at Lang Vei, 10 were killed, 14 including Secor survived. Sadly, many of the survivors of Lang Vei were killed with

Secor on August 23rd, 1968 at Marble Mountain.

Due to the top-secret status of Secor's unit, no publicity of either of these episodes was ever made. The families had no idea of the actions that took their loved ones from them. The Special Force soldiers were instructed to never speak of their mission to anyone, in fact they all signed a secrecy agreement that restricted any comments of their actions for a 20-year period. A simple generic letter, thanking their family's contribution from a grateful nation was all they received. Medals were not issued after the battle at FOB4, it wasn't until much later and much lobbying that 24 Bronze Stars with a V for valor were presented, some posthumously. Also, it wasn't until the 50th anniversary, October 2018, that a formal memorial service was organized in Las Vegas by The Special Operations Association, with 300 people representing 11 families of the sixteen heroes and their surviving Green Berets comrades. Bonnie Cooper, the association's coordinator, a retired intelligence

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While serving in Vietnam Green Berets often administered medical treatment to befriend indigenous village people. Here Sergeant Secor is treating a baby with syphilis.



A young medic Gilbert Secor sets a broken leg of a ranger in Vietnam.



Sergeant Gilbert Secor in front of a village medical dispensary.



Secor was an advanced scuba diver, here he is adjusting his buoyancy vest in preparation for a training session.



(above) Sergeant Gilbert Secor with rifle in hand.

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analyst and an Army special forces wife herself, gave us three email addresses of the breakfast's attendees that she felt knew Secor. I was honored to be able to interview two of them. After spending so many hours reading the scores of military accounts of these same men in battle, it was like being able to speak to fictional superheroes.

She also provided us with the program and an article published in The Stars and Stripes newspaper that recorded the tears and hugs that were shared between them. A touching multimedia production introducing the faces of the 16 honorees can be seen at Cranford86.org

This passage is from the cover of the 50th Anniversary program of the 23 August 1968 attack:

This was a classified war. Their sons, husbands, fathers, brothers were killed in secret circumstances. They had never gathered in memorial, nor would they learn for many years the heroic details of how young soldiers and combat veterans shook off the stunning attack and fought face-to-face with the enemy that had penetrated their inner sanctum.

Our Hometown hero, Sergeant First Class Secor, it is so nice to say, had a soft side as well. The Green Berets were known to reach out to the local communities and villages, to befriend the indigenous population. Gifting candy and medical assistance were the most frequent gestures of kindness. In the March 5th, 1962, issue of US News and World Report an article featuring Secor was published about his work with babies in a Vietnam village. The same story was featured on Eyewitness news on television.

We requested a copy of that story from Rutgers library, at deadline for publication we had not yet received it. We hope to post it online at Cranford86.org upon its arrival.

While serving in Germany, Gilbert fell in love and married his wife Margot Baunach in 1957. They had a son named William, who was born at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina in the following year. Margot became a US citizen in 1962 after coming to Cranford where she lived with her son William at the home of Secor's sister Adelaide Connell at 171 North Lehigh Ave. That address was Gilberts official address while he served his country abroad. After being reunited in Okinawa, Japan the family enjoyed a close relationship while there for three years. Later the Secor family would settle in Fayetteville, North Carolina near Ft. Bragg, the US headquarters for American Green Berets. We found William through ancestry.com still living in North Carolina, he was 9 at the time of his father's death.

Sergeant First Class Gilbert Secor was promoted posthumously to the rank of Master Sergeant and was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. His name appears on The Vietnam Memorial Wall on line 47 panel 54 west wall, along with the 15 comrades that were lost on that August morning 1968.

On the Sunday night that I finished writing the draft of this article my phone rang with a South Carolina number that I didn't recognize. It was 76-year-old Ray Steele a comrade of Gil's that served with him at the 77-day siege of Kha

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FOB-4 The site of the August 23rd, 1968 attack.



The badly damaged Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) barracks hooch that Gilbert Secor shared with Ray Steele and Cleveland Graham at Marble Mountain on August 23, 1968.



Sergeant First Class Gilbert Secor posing with a platoon of Chinese Nung soldiers. One of The Green Beret tasks in Vietnam was to train indigenous forces, the Nung Chinese were farmers from the north-eastern region of Vietnam. They were best known for their loyalty to The Special Forces and had the reputation as the most feared fighters of all the minority groups trained by the Americans.



An aerial view of Forward Operating Base #4 (FOB-4) at Marble Mountain. 100 NVA sappers entered from The China Sea and caught a celebrating gathering of Green Beret Special Force Commandos by surprise, going from hooch to hooch sometimes pushing air conditioner units in and inserting hand grenades. By morning light 16 Green Berets were dead, 48 wounded. The largest number killed in the history of Special Forces. Note Barracks #2 listing Ray Steele and Gilbert Secor as barracks mates.

MASTER SERGEANT GILBERT A. SECOR (continued)

Sanh and was his barrack mate at Marble Mountain. He explained much of the logistics of the camp and cleared up a few points of confusion about that day. What I appreciated most were his memories of the personal encounters with Secor, who he thought was a good guy, he said Gil was friendly and was easy to talk to. Steele said that he too requested multiple tours in Vietnam. When I asked about his motivation, he referred to the movie Band of Brothers. He said being with his brothers was where he needed to be. Out there they had a job to do and they did it. They were given a different kind of freedom that wasn't available at traditional Army bases. He said he loved being there.

Gilbert Secor grew up in Hillside and Jersey City, graduating high school from Jersey City. He was among the first Special Force candidates, joining in Germany in 1952 the inaugural year of the legendary commando



The metal emblem shield of The MACV-SOG at FOB-4 that was recovered after the August 23rd 1968 attack. It was dented from small arms fire, shrapnel and flying debris. Paul Christensen inscribed his best friend's name on the back as a memorial that he kept until his death.



Secor's Limestone marker at Arlington National Cemetery

warriors. He served there for many years with the 10th Special Forces, then 3 years in Okinawa, with the 1st Special Forces before arriving in Vietnam. Both actions in Germany and Japan were in peacekeeping roles, it was in Vietnam that our Hometown Hero seemed to find his passion. Being placed as a charter member with The Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, Studies and Observations Group (MACV-SOG), a highly classified, multi service special operations unit that conducted covert unconventional warfare operations prior to and during the Vietnam war. The innocuous name of his unit was part of its top-secret nature. Secor was part of Operation White Star in Laos, a clandestine CIA mission, as well as covert actions in Cambodia, where military actions were forbidden by Congress. While serving outside sanctioned perimeters SOG commandos wore generic uniforms with no markings or dog tags and carried Russian AK-47s or other enemy weapons. All to allow deniability by American military commands. They had orders while in these areas to not be captured alive. Many SOG units suffered 100% casualties and reported the highest percentage of loss of any American battle units in Vietnam.

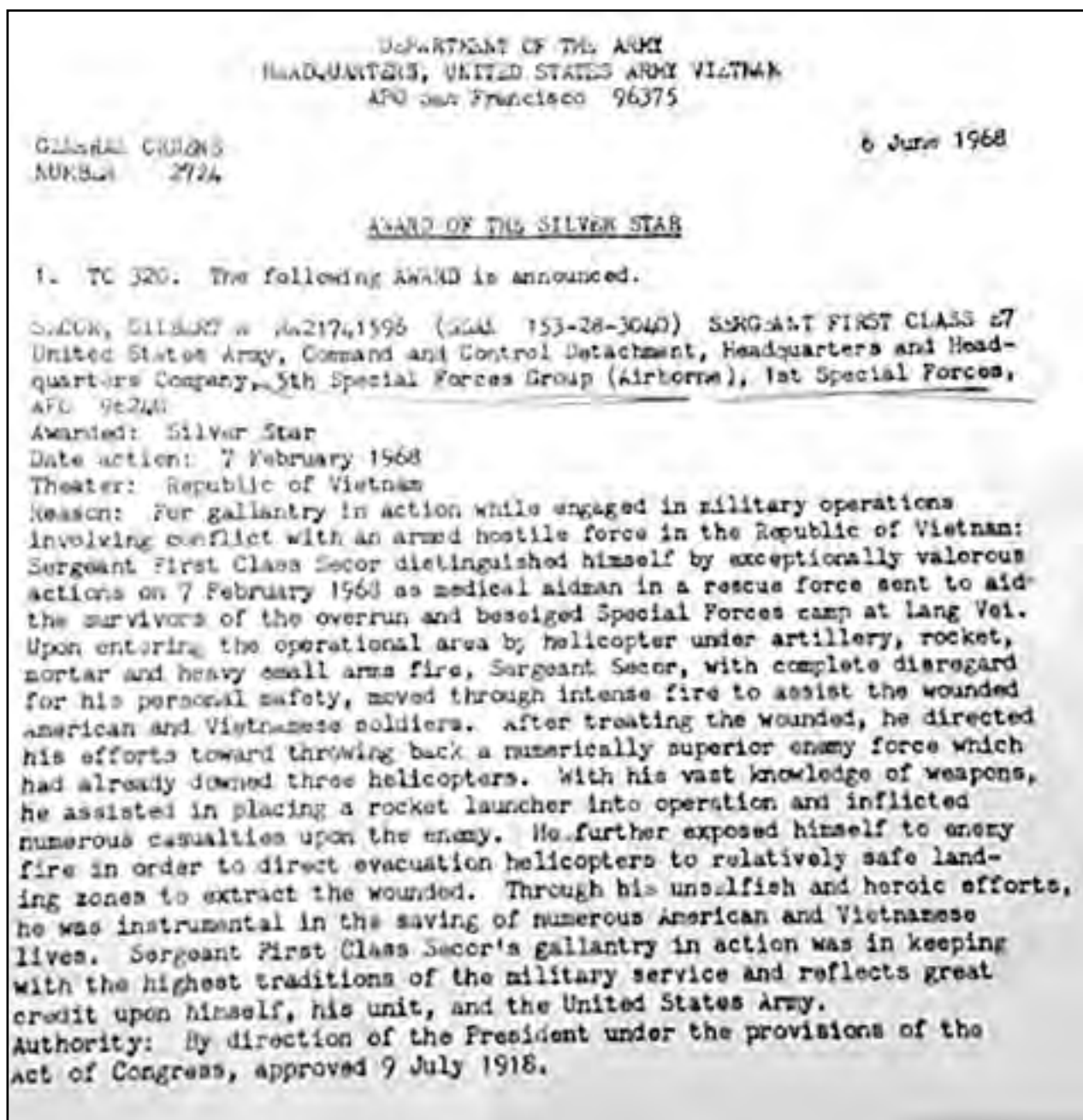
Secor was decorated with a Silver Star for his actions at Long Vei, a Bronze Star with the V distinction for valor we believe awarded

posthumously for his heroics on August 23, 1968, a Bronze Star for merit, The Combat Infantryman's Badge, The National Defense Service Ribbon with oak leaf clusters and The Senior Parachute Badge, for being wounded twice in battle he received 2 Purple hearts. He was also an advanced scuba diver. In his 36 years Master Sergeant Gilbert Secor spent more than half his life as a professional soldier of the highest degree. We are happy to have shared the life of just one of these very special men that dedicated their life taking orders that put their life in jeopardy at every step. Secor was a member of Cranford's VFW Post 335 as well as The First Presbyterian Church.

Everyone enjoying freedom today owes a debt to these secret warriors. Master Sergeant Gilbert Arthur Secor was a true patriot and one of our Cranford 86.

Want more? Go to Cranford86.org for additional pictures and YouTube links of several videos and websites that will be of interest for history lovers. Including a harrowing re-enactment of Lang Vei performed by professional actors and an aerial view of the camp at Marble Mountain.

To comment or questions on this article or to ask about opportunities to support The Cranford 86 Project email info@cranford86.org or contact Don Sweeney at (908) 447-6511.



The official letter that accompanied Gilbert Secor's Silver Star medal for his heroic actions on August 23, 1968.

CRANE'S FORD DAR VISITS BROWNIE TROOP 40706

The Crane's Ford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently visited the Brookside Place Elementary School Brownie Troop #40706 at the Cranford Community Center. Mary Leonard, Regent and Barbara Krause, Historian presented the program. The girls viewed a DVD produced by the National Society DAR explaining the founding of the society and their work worldwide. At the local level, they explained what the chapter does for

the Township of Cranford by presenting NSDAR Historic Preservation awards, Conservation awards, Women in the Arts awards and Women in American History awards. The chapter also presents an award for excellence in American History and the Good Citizen award to a graduating Cranford High School senior.

Mary Leonard and Barbara Krause also explained their ancestry and how they discovered a patriot of the American Revolution that allowed

them to join the DAR. The Brownies asked many questions during the presentation and went home with handouts and a flag from the Crane's Ford chapter.

The NSDAR is a volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, historic preservation and better education for children. Membership is open to any woman 18 years or older who can prove lineal, bloodline descent for an ancestor who aided in achieving American Independence.



(above) Brownie Troop 40706 with (left) Barbara Krause and (right) Mary Leonard of Crane's Ford DAR.

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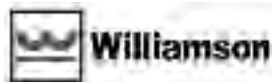


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If you didn't know each year the College Women's Club of Cranford awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to graduating seniors residing in Cranford. The "Scholar Tea" serves as a fundraiser with 100% of the proceeds going towards those scholarships. The CWC of Cranford is a non-profit 501c (3) organization founded in 1932. All Cranford women, who are graduates of a four year college or university, are invited to join the club. For more information email us: CranfordCollegeClub@gmail.com or visit collegewomensclubcranford.com.

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Thursday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Cranford Public Library has a full calendar of family programs for Spring 2019. Take a look at what's coming up!

The Library will continue its story time session through April 11. The library has weekly offerings for children ranging from 3 months of age up to age five! All story times meet at 10:15 a.m. Babies ages 13-23 months of age can join us for Baby Story Time every Monday morning. 2-year-olds are welcome to join us for Toddler Story Time every Tuesday morning, and children ages 3-12 months old can join us on Wednesday mornings. Preschoolers ages 3-5 are invited to 3-4-5 Story Time on Thursday mornings. No registration is required, but we ask that participants arrive on time as space is limited and we may be unable to accommodate latecomers.

The Library will continue to offer iDiscover Coding, a monthly introduction to the logic of computer programming. Each class will acquaint children with a coding concept through the use of fun, educational apps. Students will create interactive stories, animation, and even video games! Children in grades 1-3 can join us on March 5, March 26, April 2, April 30, May 7, and May 28 at 6:30 p.m. Students in grades 4-6 are welcome to join us on March 5, April 2, and May 7 at 7:30 p.m. Registration is not required, but space is limited. This free program is sponsored by a grant from the Union County Freeholders.

2nd Annual Picture Book Palooza! Picture book authors and illustrators will be sharing books and crafts with children ages 4-8 and their families. The event will be held on Saturday, March 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the Cranford Community Center. This event is perfect for budding authors, illustrators, and any children who love a good story! All attendees will have a chance to win copies of books by featured authors and illustrators, and additional books will

be on hand for purchase and autographing. Registration is not required.

New Jersey Makers Day is a statewide celebration of making and maker culture that takes place every March in the Garden State. Children of all ages are invited to join us on Saturday, March 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. as we tinker, play, and learn!

Independent readers are invited to hone their skills by reading to therapy dogs at the "Paws for Reading" program. We'll be joined by certified therapy dogs on Tuesday, March 12, April 9, and May 14 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Registration is required and begins two weeks before each program, call or stop by the library to reserve a spot.

Children in grades K-6 are invited to join us as we free-build and share our work with our friends on March 19, April 16, and May 14 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. No registration required.

Students in grades 4-6 are invited to join us for a fun series, called Unquiet Library, which meets on Thursdays this spring. We'll host movie days, tinker with robots, play video games, and much more! Join us on March 7, March 21, April 4, and April 18 from 4-5:00. We'll have a special two-hour Movie Day from 4:00-6:00 on May 2. At the request of our club members, we'll also be adding a Paint and Sip program on Thursday, May 30 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Participants will paint a masterpiece while sipping on juice, registration is required. Please note that the Paint and Sip session is the only meeting of Unquiet Library that requires registration, everything else is drop-in.

Children in grades 1-3 are invited to make a Fish in a Bag craft on Monday, March 25 from 4:00-4:45 p.m. Registration is required and begins on March 11, call or stop by the Children's Department to reserve a spot.

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CRANFORD LIBRARY'S GARDEN STATE EQUALITY WORKSHOP

Submitted by Kate-Lynn Brown

On January 24, 2019, the Cranford Public Library held a workshop through Garden State Equality, the state's largest LGBT advocacy group, called "Creating Safe and Affirming Communities for Transgender Youth." GSE also brought with them two representatives from the

State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Division on Civil Rights. The program was well-attended and community feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Special thanks goes to the Library board, as well as the Cranford Community Center for hosting this event.



(above, l-r) Kate-Lynn Brown, YA/Programming Librarian, Cranford Public Library; Tisha M. Leonardo-Santiago, Investigator, Division on Civil Rights; Agnes Roncaglio, Special Investigations, Division on Civil Rights; and Francesca L. Petruz, MSW Intern, Garden State Equality.

CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Looking for some good reading at bargain prices? The Friends of the Cranford Public Library invite you to visit their used book sale in the Cranford Public Library's Friendly Book Cellar on

Wednesday, March 13, 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.,
Thursday, March 14, 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.,
Friday, March 15, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and
Saturday, March 16, 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Items for sale include more than 10,000 adult and children's books, as well as CDs, DVDs, and

recorded books. Prices range from \$.25 to \$2.00, except for a few specially marked items. Saturday is Bag Day; fill a bag with books for just \$8.00.

The library is located at 224 Walnut Avenue. Entrance to the sale is through the side door, just off the main parking lot.

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GIRL SCOUTS OF CRANFORD HOSTS 6TH ANNUAL PINEWOOD DERBY

Submitted Kerry Rokicki

The Girl Scouts of Cranford (Service Unit 48) hosted nearly 250 Girl Scouts of all ages at its 6th Annual Pinewood Derby. Cadette Troop 40444 of Hillside Avenue School organized the day of races on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at the Cranford United Methodist Church. Girls used their engineering skills and creativity to turn blocks of pine wood into miniature cars which were then raced in heats on a specialized track. There was plenty of competitive spirit and the four fastest finishers were: 4th place: Jolie Marler; 3rd place: Madeline Minchak; 2nd place: Lila Schau; and 1st place: Charlotte DiPaolo.

In addition to speed, awards were bestowed for other standout features. Categories included most humorous, most detailed, most bling, best engineered car, best wedge car, best use of glitter, most original, best movie and TV themed car, best sports car and best in show.

Asked about her Pinewood Derby experience, six-year old Karen referenced some science principles. "I learned that when you put something heavier on top, it goes faster," she said of her cheetah themed car. "They are my favorite animal." Karen, a Girl Scout Daisy from Troop #40079, was rewarded for her efforts with a first place time in her heat and an award for Best in Show for her round of competition.

Leah, a second-grade Girl Scout Brownie from Troop #40794, said, "I like getting trophies, but I learned it doesn't matter if you win or lose if you have fun." Leah worked on her car with her Dad. "We talk about how I want the car to look, how to paint it and how to make it speed." Last year Leah was awarded the Best Use of Glitter recognition and her entry for 2019 boasted a blue unicorn theme.

The Pinewood Derby concept was introduced to the Cranford Girl Scout community six years ago as a way to highlight STEM learning for young girls. STEM is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — in an interdisciplinary and

applied approach. Cadette Troop 40444 leaders Erin Esteves and Stephanie Patterson were instrumental in launching the program and are very proud of their troop members for all their hard work and how the program has grown since its inception.

"It's been so exciting to watch how the girls, their families and the many troops have embraced the challenge. It's a fun event, but it also teaches them so much about things like pre-planning, trial and error, building skills, artistic expression and so much more," said Ms. Esteves. "We also feel so fortunate for the support of the other leaders too."

For instance, this year Brownie Troop 40193 hosted a Girl Scout Build A Car event. On January 12, Girl Scouts gathered at the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford to share tools

and work on their cars in a collaborative setting.

There was also a philanthropic element to the Derby. Cadette Troop 40444 collected canned goods to benefit Cranford Family Cares, a non-profit organization that provides temporary assistance to individuals and families in Cranford, NJ. Proceeds from the Derby bake sale were also donated to the organization.

The Girl Scouts of Cranford boasts over 1,139 Girl Scout Members in 71 troops, and Juliette's making it one of the largest non-profit organizations in town. The Cranford Service Unit is a part of the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey (GSHNJ) Council which is part of the Girl Scouts of the USA. If your family is interested in learning more about local Girl Scouts or to find out more information on the Girls Scouts of Cranford, please visit cranfordgirlscouts.com.



(above) The top 40 finishers from all the racing heats.

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(above) Pinewood Derby cars were raced by the Girl Scouts. Awards were given out not just for speed, but for other standout features such as Most Humorous and Best Use of Glitter.

(above) Daisy Scout posing with the Best Movie Themed car.



(above) Cadette Troop 4044 of Hillside Avenue School, who helped organize the Derby.

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CRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMERS NAMED BEST IN STATE

Submitted by Stu Rosenthal

Students from the Cranford High School (CHS) Performing Arts Department recently won several state awards, including first place winners, at the annual theatre competition for secondary school students at Montclair State University. Sponsored by the Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey (STANJ), in association with the NJ Governor's Awards in Art Education, the January 12th, 2019 event brought together over 600 students from across New Jersey for individual, paired and team categories in the performing arts.

Cranford's top award winners were Andrew Gordon (Best Actor, 1st Place and Contrasting Monologues, 3rd Place); Nora Sullivan (Best Actress, 1st Place) and Lee & Ryan Rosenthal (Pantomime Pairs, 1st Place). The 2018 CHS production, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, was awarded 1st Place for Best Scene.

Other Cranford winners were Noah Wohlsen

(Best Actor, 3rd Place); Sullivan Grace and Katrina Wischusen (Dramatic Pairs, 3rd Place) and Dan Klimko and Brian Nigro (Comedic Pairs, 5th Place). Finalists included Chloe LaSalle and Mairead Young for Dramatic Pairs, and Matthew Mallick for Dramatic Monologue.

"The creativity, devotion to craft and artistic expression was evident in each of their performances" said David Marconi, CHS teacher and acting coach.

"We're extremely proud of our award winners, but more importantly we're glad to provide this experience to our actors," said Anthony J. Rafaniello, Supervisor of Fine & Performing Arts at Cranford Public Schools.

"The opportunity to receive feedback from performing arts professionals and to meet other students from around the state who share their passion for the arts is invaluable. The success of our Cranford students is a testament to the wealth of artistic ability and talent we strive to cultivate throughout the district in every creative field."

Andrew Gordon, Nora Sullivan and CHS will each be receiving the Governor's Award in Arts Education, on May 14, 2019 in Trenton.

Many of the award winners will return to the CHS stage from March 8-10 for the student production of *Hello, Dolly*. Tickets are available at chs.booktix.com.



(above, l-r) NJ State Award Winners, Front row: Andrew Gordon, Katrina Wischusen, Sullivan Grace, David Marconi (teacher), Nora Sullivan, Ryan Rosenthal; Back row: Mairead Young, Chloe LaSalle, Matthew Mallick, Noah Wohlsen, Brian Nigro, Daniel Klimko, and Lee Rosenthal.

Photo by Cranford Public Schools.

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(above) The Cranford High School Wrestling team won the Union County Championship for the 5th consecutive season. Seniors AJ Bencivenga and Jack Korzeneski both took first place in their respective weight classes. Photo by Cranford Public Schools

MAGGIE O'DONNELL UC SWIM CHAMP

Cranford High School junior and swimmer Maggie O'Donnell captured the Union County Championship in the 100 yard butterfly and broke a school record in the 200 yard freestyle.



(above) Maggie O'Donnell
Photo by Cranford Public Schools

"THE FRUGAL GARDENER" MARCH 12

Please join the Hanson Park Conservancy on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cranford Community Center for the presentation, "The Frugal Gardener" with Virginia Lamb, Environmental Educator from Rutgers Home Gardeners' School. Do you head off to the garden center each spring, visions of flowers bursting forth from your garden, only to be confronted by plant sticker shock? Come learn tips and tricks for achieving your garden dreams while staying within your budget. Topics covered will include getting your soil in tip-top shape, starting plants from cuttings and seeds, and some suggestions for plants that will give you the best bang for the buck.

Virginia Lamb is an Environmental Educator with over 20 years of experience in recycling, waste reduction, organic gardening and school gardening. A graduate of Stockton University,

Virginia has worked as the recycling coordinator for Galloway Township and Monmouth County, where she was also a Master Gardener. She has been a freelance educator/consultant since 2000. Clients include Rutgers University, Footprint Power and many environmental groups, garden clubs, and private companies throughout the region. Virginia is working towards her MS in Soil Science at UMass Amherst and lives with her family in Maplewood, NJ.

The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Ave. in Cranford, NJ. The program is free and open to the public. No registration is required, but seating is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

This presentation is sponsored by the Hanson Park Conservancy. To learn more, please visit our website, hansonparkconservancy.com or like us on Facebook.



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CRANFORD SENIOR GROUP

For reservations and additional information, contact Lori-Ann Donnelly, Senior Citizen Program Coordinator, 908- 709-7283.

The Thursday Cranford Senior group is seeking new members. The group offers many fun activities such as trips, luncheons, bingo etc. Spend time with old friends, build new friendships and socialize within the Cranford Community.

BAGELS & BINGO FOR SENIORS OF CRANFORD

Cranford Recreation and Parks Department proudly presents "Bagels & Bingo" a new senior gathering to be held at the Cranford Community Center every 4th Tuesday of every month from 9:30- 11:30 a.m. Residents of Cranford only are invited to stop in and join the fun! Guest callers, many laughs and prizes! Reservations are required.

MONDAY MORNING YOGA FOR SENIORS

Cranford Recreation and Parks Department would like to announce a new Senior program being held at the Cranford Community Center for all Cranford Seniors who are interested. Join us for forty-five minutes of "Monday Morning Senior Yoga", Simple, functional, repetitive, easy to follow movements to help posture, balance, strength and flexibility. Includes relaxation period at the end of class. Exercise your inner being to a happier and healthier you, while maintaining a positive attitude.

Bring an exercise or yoga mat to class. Class is held at the Cranford Community Center on Monday mornings 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. beginning Monday March 4, 2019.

JERSEY VOICES' CALL FOR ORIGINAL WORKS - DEADLINE MARCH 15

Submitted by Chris Furlong

The Chatham Community Players is seeking original, one-act plays, short musicals, and/or original dance pieces, written by New Jersey authors, for Jersey Voices' 25th annual production.

Submissions should be roughly 15 minutes in running time, and will be accepted through March 15, 2019 by e-mail only to: jerseyvoices@chathamplayers.org.

Selected pieces will each be performed in our Black Box Theater in Chatham on the last weekend in July and first weekend in August.

If you have any questions visit chathamplayers.org, or email: jerseyvoices@chathamplayers.org

CRANFORD'S RELAY FOR LIFE

Submitted by Linda Miklencic

The planning committee is looking for Cancer survivors and caregivers to register for Cranford's 12th Annual Relay for Life on May 17, 2019, at Hillside Avenue School. Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's celebration of hope and survivorship. Our survivors are the celebrities of the night! They start the Relay by taking the first lap and then their caregivers join for another special lap. Taking part in this incredible gathering is a genuinely uplifting experience.

Over 600 participants registered last year and we raised almost \$100,000! The proceeds fund cancer research, including 47 Nobel Prize winners, and provide services, such as wigs,

transportation, and lodging, to local cancer patients.

In the survivor tent, we host a dinner before the opening ceremony and provide the survivors with a t-shirt, medal and goodie bag. Please contact Linda Miklencic, Event Lead at miklencic@verizon.net if you or someone you know is interested.

Each and every member of the community is invited to join us. Walkers can spend as little or as much time on the track as they wish. A little of your time can make a huge difference in the fight against cancer.

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(above) The 2019 Relay for Life Planning Committee.

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HISTORICAL INTERPRETATION OF SOJOURNER TRUTH

Dr. Daisy Century, a historical interpreter, educator, actor, author and singer, brings to life one of the world's most influential and accomplished women. All are invited to Wisdom of Sojourner Truth at the Cranford Community Center on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library.

Escaping the brutality of slavery in 1826, Isabella Baumfree took on the name Sojourner Truth and began her travels as a preacher. Believing the causes of women's rights and abolition to be intertwined and equally important, Truth spoke publicly on suffrage, and gave her most significant speech, "Ain't I a Woman?" at the Ohio Women's Rights Convention in 1851. Don't miss Dr. Century's commanding performance as an American icon.

Dr. Century performs historical interpretations of the lives of brilliant and influential women, including Harriet Tubman, Bessie Coleman and Madam C.J. Walker. She holds a B.A. in Biology from Claflin University, a Masters in Science Education from South Carolina State University and an Ed.D from Temple University. A natural teacher and talented actor, Dr. Century has inspired students in the Philadelphia School

System for over twenty years with her historically accurate performances. She also writes under the name Emily Nelson, and has published two books: Belle and Ms. Emmaline's Little Book of Wit and Wisdom.

No registration is required for this free event. The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016, and is accessible to all. For more information about the Cranford Public Library, visit cranfordlibrary.org.

"SPRING INTO SPRING" CHILDREN'S PROGRAM MARCH 24TH

The Cranford Historical Society presents "Spring into Spring," a free program for children ages 3 to 6, will be held on Sunday, March 24th at 2 p.m. at the Crane-Phillips House Museum (124 N. Union Ave.). The program will feature poems, stories and crafts about Spring. Lemonade and cookies will be served. All are welcome. Space is limited so please make a reservation by calling (908) 276-0082.

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For the last six years Meg Wilkens has been helping so many of her neighbors during the toughest times of their lives. She has been driving New Jersey residents to their cancer treatments through the American Cancer Society's volunteer Road To Recovery program, which provides free transportation to and from treatment for people with cancer who do not have a ride or are unable to drive themselves.

"Transportation shouldn't be a roadblock to cancer treatment," said Wilkens. "Even with help from family and friends, sometimes patients have trouble getting every ride they need. I am a second-generation Road To Recovery driver, my father did it when I was growing up. I knew when I retired I wanted to give back and help people."

For those who cannot drive themselves or have no other means of getting to their treatment, Road To Recovery volunteers donate their spare time and the use of their cars to give cancer patients a much-needed lift. Patients can then receive the life-saving treatments they need.

"When you drive, you learn about people's hopes and fears," she said. "None of them are quitters; they all want to beat cancer. I have made some lifelong friends and have enjoyed every ride."

The American Cancer Society is always looking for volunteers, if you have a current, valid driver's license, own or have regular access to a safe, reliable vehicle, then you're already on the road to volunteering. For more information call the American Cancer Society at 800.227.2345 or visit cancer.org.

REGISTRATION FOR SPRING AND SUMMER REC PROGRAMS BEGINS MARCH 13

The Cranford Recreation & Parks Department would like to announce that registration for Spring AND Summer programs begins on Wednesday, March 13, at 10:00 a.m.

Our Spring/Summer brochure, which lists all programs, will be mailed to Cranford residents and may also be viewed on line at cranfordnj.or or by following us on Facebook at [facebook.com/ CranfordRecreationAndParks](https://facebook.com/CranfordRecreationAndParks). All programs are for Cranford residents only.

We are strongly encouraging registration for

all classes to be done online through Community Pass. Online registration will enable you to register 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to make payment by credit card and to receive the latest program updates as they occur through your account. You may access your existing account or create a new accounts by visiting register.communitypass.net/cranford. If you would like assistance to register online or have any other questions, please stop by the Recreation Department or call 908-709-7283.



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Our next meeting will be held on March 31, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will be assisting The New Jersey Veterans Network and their 'Veterans' Drive' on their final collection date.

We will be collecting Electronics, Laptops, Used Phones, Business Suits/Dress attire and other clothing at the Union VFW, located at 2012 High St., Union, NJ. For more information about donating or attending please contact Michael D. Boll via email mdbollio@optonline.net, or call/text (973) 332-1556.

The Newark bait and Flycasting Club was founded in 1907 and remains the oldest fishing clubs in the nation. We are listed on Amazon Smile and are a recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit. We provide outings to support veterans, adults and children as well as people with disabilities which focus on environmental education, fishing knowledge and practice.

We are always looking for new members, donations, and volunteers if anyone would like to get involved.

Our monthly meetings are held at the Kenilworth VFW, located at 33 S. 21st St., Kenilworth, NJ, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (except July and August). There is no fee to attend a meeting.

Our Annual Kids Seminar will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at the Kenilworth Veterans Center, V.F.W.33 South 21st street Kenilworth, NJ. A Guest speaker to

be announced and topics of discussion will be safety while fishing, fish identification, and practice casting. Prizes will be awarded and snacks will be served. There is no fee to attend.

Annual Youth Fishing derby on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Echo Lake in Westfield. Free for children under 16. \$10 for adults who wish to participate. Sign up early morning. Tagged Fish will be stocked that day so the children can see them get stocked. Prizes are awarded for different species of fish. This is an ongoing event so if a child cannot fish that day they can sign up and send in their tag if they catch a tagged fish up to the deadline that tags will be received.

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