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RELAY FOR LIFE KICK-OFF MEETING MARCH 14

Submitted by Marlene Sincaglia

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Berkeley Heights, Mountainside, New Providence and Summit will be holding its 2019 Kick-Off meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at the New Providence High School Cafeteria. The program will run from 7 - 8:30 p.m. The theme this year is Through the Years. Learn more about Relay, how to form a team, fundraising ideas, etc., so you can become a part of this community based event. Come talk to people who have participated and can answer your questions. We are taking back the track.

Relay for Life 2019 will be held at Governor Livingston High School on June 15, 2019. Relay for Life has three prongs: Celebrate, Remember and Fight Back. Everyone has been touched by Cancer, whether it is you, a family member, a friend or a neighbor who heard the words "you have cancer." At Relay we celebrate the survivors and those who are starting the journey. We remember those we lost to cancer and fight back to help prevent Cancer. While doing those things, Relay also raises money for the American Cancer Society (ACS).

The American Cancer Society (ACS) gives money for research grants to find a cure for all cancers. ACS provides,

through its 24-hour helpline at 1-800-277-2345 or via live chat at cancer.org, free information, support and access to resources. They also sponsor workshops for patients so that they can feel more empowered and confident and sponsor Hope Lodge, which provides lodging for a patient and their family when they have to travel for treatment. ACS helps provide rides to and from treatment and trains navigators in hospitals and institutes that help patients by guiding them through cancer treatments. Seventy-five percent of all money collected goes to mission related items, including cancer research, patient support, prevention information,education, detection and treatment. Twenty five percent goes toward management and general and fundraising expenses.

Relay 2019 is looking for teams of people who will work together to solicit money for ACS and then walk the track on June 15 to demonstrate that Cancer does not sleep and neither do we. It is not too early to start the process. Go to RelayForLife.org and sign up.

Relay 2019 is also looking for people to help plan the activities at the event. Become part of the Event Leadership Team. If you are interested, contact Margaret Illis at margaret.illis@gmail.com.



(above) Team 'Wash Out Cancer' was made up of participants from Berkeley Heights & Mountainside. It was one of 53 teams that participated in Relay for Life 2018. Teams for Relay for Life 2019 are forming now. Photos from this and other events can be found online at rennamedia.com and on Long Hill Leader page on facebook.com Feel free to "Like," "Tag," and "Share."



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SAGE PREPARES FOR 2019 MARCH FOR MEALS

Submitted by Cindy Potters

City officials and members of community organizations are invited to join SAGE Eldercare in March as it participates in the 17th annual March for Meals – a month-long, nationwide coming together of local community organizations, businesses, government officials and caring individuals to ensure that homebound and vulnerable older adults are not forgotten.

Participants have included NJ State Senator Thomas Kean Jr., Summit Mayor, Nora Radest, Police Chiefs from Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Springfield and Mountainside and local government officials and volunteers.

Established in 1966, SAGE's Meals on Wheels is the oldest continuously run home delivery meal program in New Jersey. In 2018, approximately 300 volunteers delivered more than 47,000 meals to 232 people in Union County (Berkeley Heights, Mountainside, New Providence, Springfield, and Summit), Essex County (Millburn and Short Hills), and Morris County (Chatham and Madison).

"The services that we provide older adults in our area are critical; it's not just a warm meal, but also a friendly visit, sometimes the only human contact a person gets the whole day," said Marianne Kranz, SAGE Director of Meals on Wheels. "Together, we can keep older adults living independently, healthier at home and feeling more connected to their community as they age."

For more info about participating in March for Meals, contact Marianne Kranz at: 908-598-5514 or email: mkranz@sageeldercare.org. ABOUT SAGE

Since 1954, SAGE Eldercare has been helping make the communities it serves amazing places to age. The organization provides a wide array of information, support, and services designed to help individuals lead the most independent and active lives possible. SAGE is committed to being the leading provider of programs and services to meet the changing needs of older adults, their families, and caregivers throughout Union, Essex, Morris, and Somerset Counties. For more information, 908-273-5550 please call or visit sageeldercare.org.



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ABOUT MEALS ON WHEELS AMERICA

Meals on Wheels America is the oldest and largest national organization supporting the more than 5,000 community-based senior nutrition programs across the country that are dedicated to addressing senior hunger and isolation. This network exists in virtually every community in America and, along with more than two million volunteers, delivers the nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks that enable America's seniors to live nourished lives with independence and dignity. By providing funding, leadership, research, education and advocacy support, Meals on Wheels America empowers its local member programs to strengthen their communities, one senior at a time. For more information, or to find a Meals on Wheels provider near you, visit mealsonwheelsamerica.org.



(above) Summit Mayor, Nora Radest and SAGE Board of Trustee Member, Chris Glacken of Berkeley Heights delivered Meals on Wheels in 2018 in support of March for Meals, a nationwide coming together of local community organizations, businesses, government officials and caring individuals to ensure that homebound and vulnerable older adults are not forgotten. If you would like to participate this year (one weekday for 1 ½ hours) please contact Marianne Kranz at: 908-598-5514 or email: mkranz@sageeldercare.org.





THE SUMMIT OLD GUARD CELEBRATES 4000TH WEEKLY MEETING



(above) Matt Wyvratt (pictured left) of Mountainside was sworn in as a new member during the Summit Old Guard's Dec. 4, 2018 meeting. The meeting was also the celebration of the organization's 4000th weekly meeting.

MARCH 2019 SPEAKER'S OLD GUARD MARCH 5

Research on homeless and helping young children advance to College

Rabbi Charles Kroloff, Rabbi Emeritus Temple Emanu-El Westfield, NJ and Professor at Hebrew Union College, New York. will speak about his research and his book on the homeless population, 'When Elijah Knocks' (A Religious Response to Homelessness) and also about "I Have a Dream" project to help underprivileged children.

MARCH 12

College Athletics – Then and Now

Mr. Robert Beller, Risk Management and Institutional Compliance Officer- Athletics at Rutgers University will speak about today's demand on men and women's college athletic programs versus the demands of decades ago. Mr. Beller was a member of Harvard's basketball team in the 1970s.

MARCH 19

Our Annual Special Topics for Saint Patrick's Day

Dr. Dermot Quinn, Professor and Director of Graduate Studies at Seton Hall University, discussed last year at the Summit Old Guard, the diaspora of the Irish to New Jersey. This year he will continue speaking about some special interests with the Irish and Ireland.

MARCH 26

Sports Trivia Part Two – The rest of the story

Mr. Joseph S. Gyenes, educator, basketball referee and trivia expert, spoke at an Old Guard meeting in 2017. At this meeting his topic was 'Sports Trivia with a Personal Touch'. At today's meeting he will continue his enjoyable discussion with more sports stories and information which we probably have never heard.



celebrated their 4000th weekly meeting in a room filled to capacity with over 140 in attendance including Summit Mayor Nora Radest, and New Providence Mayor Al Morgan. new member.

The Summit Old Guard has managed to maintain their vibrancy through the years. There were 6 fraternal organizations in New Jersey including Summit, Westfield, Elizabeth, Plainfield, Ramsey, Nutley , Toms River, and ten out of stage chapters. Their members consist of retired men who join together to share common bonds, information and companionship through weekly meetings and many various activities which over the years included: Chess, Bridge, Bocci Ball, Fishing, Canoing, Mathamatics, Computer Technology, and most recently Walking. The organization has also taken many trips together to New York City Museums, Broadway Shows, and to historic sites in Philladelpha, West Point, and Trenton. They cruised to Bermuda and New England seaports and held annual events including picnics and "Ladies Day".

The Summit group draws its members regionally. It was founded in 1930 and used to meet at the Summit YMCA, however when the 3-story walk up became an issue for members meetings were moved to the council room of the New Providence Municipal Center. Members have varied professional backgrounds, however, many have engineering backgrounds drawing from the pharmaceutical, petrochemical, and telecommunications industries. Merk, Exxon, and Bell Labs are a few of the major employers in the area.

A program was presented which reviewed the history of the organization, and celebrated their many successes as a vibrant fraternal organization. Membership stands at 284, with 2 new members being inducted that day. It was noted that the Internet is a challenge to membership, as it makes it easy to stay home. However caring about learning, and meeting people with varied backgrounds, and interests

On December 4, 2018 The Summit Old Guard will help the club face the challenges of the Internet and keep it vibrant into the future. Members are encouraged to invite retired friends to attend a meeting.

Joking that their 100th anniversary would be Matt Wyvratt of Mountainside was sworn in as a in 12 years "I don't think many of us will be around at that time." A slide show of the past 88 years was presented and members were encouraged to call out names of those remembered, lots of memories and chuckles ensued.

> Twenty-year members were presented with pins, and many former Directors who were in attendance shared a few words about their experiences. Some that couldn't attend sent notes to be shared with the group. All comments and notes had a common theme, the organization had a profound effect on members' lives, and all were grateful for the experiences and friendships. Art Bauer, a former Director stated in part " Congratulation on your 4000 gifts to Summit area members. Keep it up!"

> If you are a retired male and have an interest in living an interesting life with like-minded men... new members are always welcomed. Put on your business casual attire or jacket & tie (or something more casual from May to September) and attend a meeting.

> Meetings are held each Tuesday in the council meeting room of the New Providence NJ Municipal Center at 360 Elkwood Ave, New Providence NJ, starting at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and conversation, followed by programs consisting of stimulating talks by people such as past governors, mayors, politicians, Nobel Prize winners, physicians, judges, professors, scientists, economists, authors, journalists, etc.

> After the meetings, many members join together to have lunch at various local restaurants.

> In addition to the weekly meetings, there are activity groups for golf, bridge, hiking, trips, computer help, tennis and more.

> For more information, contact James Hewitt, Chairman, Membership Committee, (908) 233-5507, info@SummitOldGuard.org. You can also visit summitoldguard.org.

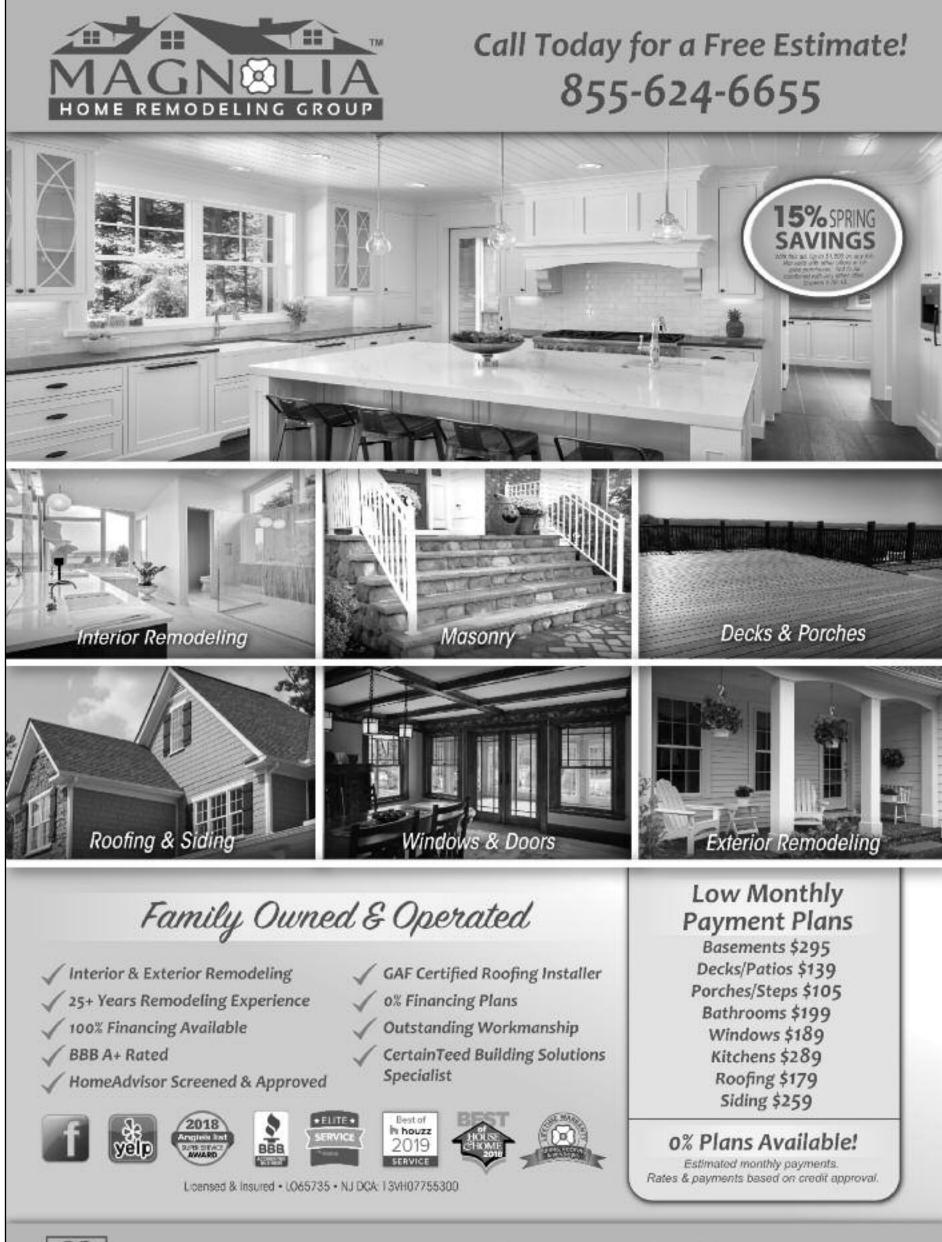






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OUR LADY OF LOURDES YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISES FOR THE HOMELESS

Submitted by Catherine Lawrence, Allison Post and Holliday Woodard

The 14th annual homeless sleep out, an Our Lady of Lourdes Youth Group tradition, was a huge success. During this event, young people sleep out in cardboard boxes to raise awareness of homelessness and raise funds to help the cause.

The experience of sleeping as a homeless person was renewing, as well as eye opening. Starting at around 5:30 p.m., the youth group gathered in Pollard Hall. We sat around talking in excitement about the night we had ahead of us. After the 5:00 p.m. mass, we brought cans and cardboard signs to each entrance and begged for money. While standing out in the cold to beg, the wind was nipping at our fingertips so we knew it was going to be a frosty night.

When coming inside we got served soup from the soup kitchen, and as we learned, only fortunate homeless people would be able to find this type of dinner on a regular night. After, we gathered around and got into a truly engaging conversation with the youth group leader Kevin. Kevin is full of knowledge about the present day homeless people, and he is a huge advocate for helping them. Box assembling came next, and we each personalized our boxes.

At around 9:00 p.m., we hiked out to the front lawn and laid our tarps on the wet ground to ensure that our boxes stayed dry. We made little villages and set up our sleeping bags for the night. By this time, the temperature was dropping and we were all trying our best to stay bundled up. Kevin kindly set up a trash can fire and we stayed in a group and warmed our bodies, telling stories, talking about the future, and laughing. As the hours past, one by one the group standing became smaller and smaller, until we were all in our boxes by 3:00 a.m.

By the time everyone was awake, it was around 7:45 a.m. Though the tarps were thought to ensure that the moisture stay out, the majority of us woke up with wet boxes. Each of us crawled out of our boxes like a butterfly breaking a cocoon and shivered with the sudden temperature drop. The fire was out and everything was chilly and wet. We all rushed inside to get into the warm and discussed our amazing night. Bagels were kindly served to us, and it was nice to have solid food (Note: We did NOT brush our teeth since toothbrushes are usually unavailable to homeless people, which made them also unavailable to us).

After we ate, we formed an assembly line and created 150 sandwiches, with chips, a dessert, and a drink. We were up and shaking our cans outside begging for money after the 7:15 a.m. mass. We attended 9:30 a.m. mass and got warm smiles and very thoughtful recognition from the clergy. Before long, we were out again begging for more money after the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. masses.

All in all, with our personal fundraisers as well as our begging after mass, we raised over 2,500 for homeless people.

While the underclassmen continued begging after each mass, the upperclassmen traveled to Irvington, NJ to deliver the 150 prepared lunches they made that morning. In collaboration with Bridges Outreach, based in Summit, the kids worked to hand out bagged lunches along with hot soup, hot chocolate, toiletry items, and socks to homeless people in Irvington. The high schoolers saw close to eighty homeless people this morning, the majority of them extremely grateful for the help they were receiving. Every Sunday morning and Friday night Bridges makes runs to Irvington and New York City to help the homeless and give them what they can that day. Bridges coordinator Tobias Fox, informed the kids about the work that Bridges does and made sure that the young adults knew how appreciative their organization was for the extra hands.

compared to what homeless people have to go through everyday, however it did give us a good perspective. This involvement led us to appreciate the roof over our head, the money our parents make to provide for us, and even the nice hot shower we all took when we got home. To be able to live our lives, not worrying when we will be able to get our next meal, whether someone will attack you, or where you will sleep, is a huge blessing. Thank you to everyone who donated to the homeless sleep out, and allowed us to reach our goal. And lastly, thank you to Kevin our youth group leader who opened up our eyes with a new perspective and appreciation on life.

Of course our experience was nothing



(above) Upperclassmen Youth Group members delivered the prepared lunches to Irvine, NJ



MOUNTAINSIDE'S OLDEST RESIDENT, EDWARD VERLANGIERI, CELEBRATES HIS 105TH BIRTHDAY WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS





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(above) Mountainside's oldest resident, Edward Verlangieri, who turned 105 this year.

Submitted by Rachel Pater

Family and friends gathered to celebrate Mountainside's oldest resident, Edward Verlangieri, who turned 105 on January 31, 2019. The birthday celebration started at 1:05 p.m. and was held in the community room at Borough Hall. The party was filled with family and residents who wanted to wish Edward a Happy Birthday. Many of his family members traveled from Virginia to celebrate.

When Edward was asked his secret to longevity he noted, "My happy marriage has so much to do with it, along with eating organic fruits and vegetables! I am also thrilled and overwhelmed with all the support from family and friends for my birthday."

Mayor Paul Mirabelli was present along with Councilwoman Andre, Councilwoman Pater and Councilman Dierkes. Senior Director Kim Moriak planned the celebration in Edward's honor.

Mayor Mirabelli said, "Mountainside is so proud to host Edwards 105th birthday party. We are honored to be here with your family to celebrate this momentous occasion. This is another community event that makes Mountainside the great town that it is."

Edward Verlangieri was born January 31,1914 in Orange, New Jersey. He was raised in Orange and moved to Mountainside in 1952. He was married to his wife Mariann for 69 wonderful years before she passed in 2010 at the age of 96. Edward's favorite store is Trader Joe's where he finds a healthy selection of organic fruits and vegetables.

Many of Mountainside's residents and local businesses provided lunch and dessert for the special occasion to include Echo Tap, Mazzella's, Mountainside Deli, Bovella's and Tarantella's of Clark.

BOOK SALE

by Friends of the Mountainside Library

The Friends of the Mountainside Library will hold its Book Sale in March. Donations of gently used hardcover and paperback books, DVDs, CDs, audio books, games and puzzles will be accepted beginning Saturday, March 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and during library hours on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

We cannot accept yellowed, damaged or moldy books, record albums, reference books or dictionaries. The donation of any of these items will cost money for the disposal of the same.

The Book Sale will take place on Friday, March 29, and Saturday, March 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A preview for residents only will be held on Thursday evening, March 28, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Bag day (including a special treat) will be Monday, April 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

MOUNTAINSIDE ACTIVE RETIREE EVENTS

March 12th 10 a.m. Community Room: Wild Bird - Pete Axelrod – Birds in your Backyard

March 15th 9:30 a.m. Trip to Hunterdon Playhouse in Hampton, NJ to see 'The Irish Cabaret'. Cost \$60 member; \$65 non-member. Contact Norma (908)233-7653 to RSVP.

March 26th 10 a.m. Community Room: "The Anchor" Carol Bradshaw

Free Blood Pressure Screening will be offered in the Municipal Building from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on March 12th in the Conference Room across from the Court Room.



MARCH PROGRAMS AT THE MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Mountainside Public Library is located at 1 Constitution Plaza, Mountainside, NJ. To register for these programs, stop into the library or call 908-233-0115.

The Mountainside Public Library has scheduled the following programs for March. To register for these programs, stop into the library or call 908-233-0115.

"Friends of the Library Book Sale"

The Friends of the Library will be conducting their annual Spring Book Sale in the Library's Community Room this month. All proceeds benefit the library. The Friends support the library by providing adult and

children's programming, museum passes, concerts, yoga classes and more. Donation drop off

begins on Friday, March 22 and continues until Wednesday, March 27

during the Library's open hours. There will be a preview sale for Mountainside residents on

Thursday, March 28 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIES The Bookshop (2018, PG). On March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Free-spirited widow Florence Green (Emily Mortimer) risks everything to open a bookshop in a conservative Eastern England coastal town. When her obstacles amass and bear suspicious signs of a local power struggle, she is forced to ask: is there a place for a bookshop in a town that may not want one? Based on Penelope Fitzgerald's acclaimed novel, The Bookshop is an elegant yet incisive rendering of personal resolve, tested in the battle for the soul of a community.

Little Women (2018, PG-13)

will be presented on March 12 at 6:30 p.m. For 150 years, Louisa May Alcott's Little Women has motivated women of all ages to dream together and celebrate family. Coming to theaters for the first time, a

modern retelling of Little Women brings a new generation together with their mothers, sisters and friends. Starring Lea Thompson as Marmee and featuring a talented cast, including Lucas Grabeel and Ian Bohen, Little Women tells the story of the same beloved sisters

to a new generation.

Mission Impossible – Fallout (2018, PG-13)

Our final movie of the month, on March 19 (Note: Start time is 6:00 p.m.!) This recent installment of the Mission Impossible franchise finds Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) and his IMF team (Alec Baldwin, Simon Pegg, Ving Rhames) along with some familiar allies (Rebecca Ferguson, Michelle Monaghan) in a race against time

after a mission goes wrong. Due to the book sale, there will be no movie on

March 26.

Brown Bag Academy

Our popular Great Courses series continues on Mondays in March

(except for March 25 due to the Book Sale) at 1:15 p.m. with lectures by Professor Allen C. Guelzo, Ph.D. of Gettysburg College on "America's Founding Fathers". A new course, to be selected, will begin in early April.Bring your lunch; coffee, tea and cookies will be served for dessert! Come early to get your seat!

"Pipsqueak Players"

Thursdays, March 7 and 14 at 3:45 p.m. Mountainside-based Pipsqueak Players are back again! They provide a youth literacy enrichment program that boosts fluency, comprehension, and confidence by integrating theatrical concepts in a supportive and fun workshop style environment. Each weekly session will explore a different picture book culminating in a performance at the end of each class. Whether your child has a budding interest in theater or is aspiring to move up a reading level, this class is a fresh, fun ensemble experience! Classes are designed for 5-7 year olds and is

open to Mountainside residents only. Preregistration is required.

"Opera on Film Series"

Friday, March 8 at 1:00 p.m. Friday Operas on Film series presented by Mena Clemson will be showing Pagliacci by Ruggero Leoncavallo. Jonas Kaufmann (Canio) and Maria Agresta (Nedda) star in this film recorded during the 2015 Salzburg Easter Festival. The Staatkapelle Dresden Orchestra is conducted by Christian Thielemann.

"Come Read to Kalee"

Friday, March 8 at 3:45 p.m. Come cuddle up and read to Kalee, Mountainside's favorite therapy dog, for 5-10 minutes. Please bring two favorite books with you to read when you come. This program is especially designed for emergent and beginning readers in Grades K-1.

You must reserve a spot for this program.

Kalee will be with us monthly through June. Career Networking Group:

"Why Video Interviews Are So Important" Monday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Most candidates today are familiar with and have a general comfort level with online job applications. Now it is commonplace for some of the initial interview process to be conducted using video. This presentation, given by Alex Freund ("The Landing Expert"), helps candidates prepare for video interviews. It discusses the different types of video interviews (with a human and

with a machine) and provides tips that assist the candidates present themselves in the best manner. Alex will share examples of candidates answering questions in a mock interview. These questions will allow candidates to see real-life examples of how various questions can be

answered. Some sample questions include: What are your strengths? Why are you interested in this position? What kind of money are you looking for? What will you do in the first 90 days after you are hired? What is your management style? During this session, you will learn

about best posture, ideal body language and overall demeanor; understand how to manage the lighting and background; determine best method for using a headset and/or audio needs; and learn general do's and don'ts regarding wardrobe selection. This program is free and open to the public. To register for this event, please call the Mountainside Public Library at 908-233-0115.

"Aging Services Kiosk"

Friday, March 15 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Union County Department of Human Services Division on Aging & Disability Resource Connection will have a staff member at the library again to answer questions about Pharmaceutical Assistance, Home Energy Assistance/USF Cooling Assistance, Home Care, Home Delivered or Congregate Meals, and Medicaid

Caregiver Relief Transportation. "Rizzo's Wildlife Discovery"

Tuesday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Located in Flanders, NJ Rizzo's Wildlife World will be taking their exotic wildlife program on the road to the library! There will be 8-10 animals (snakes, lizards, frogs, turtles, insects, and small mammals) as well as their baby alligator! This fun, informative, and age

appropriate (K and above) presentation allows the children to learn about each animal; where they are from and what they like to eat. Best yet, the children will be able to interact or touch the majority of the animals that are presented in the program. This program is a one of a

> kind experience the kids will never forget! Call early to reserve a place!

IMAGINE ROOM NAMED AFTER KEITH HERTELL I

On January 17th, 2019 a room dedication was held at Imagine in honor and memory of Westfield resident Keith Hertell II who died in a car accident in 1997 at the age of 25. Keith's father, Keith Hertell, made a very generous gift to Imagine to name the child loss support group room, Keith's Room. The funding provides support for the over 320 children and parents currently attending Imagine on five different nights of support.

"It is an absolute honor for my family and me to be able to dedicate a room in my late son Keith's name," said Keith Hertell. "It is hoped that this room can provide comfort and solace for those parents that lose a child and provide a place to recount all the special memories that that late child brought to the mourning family."

Darren Hertell shared, "Keith was a grandson, a son, and a brother, a musician, a comedian, and a performer. He absorbed the world around him and reflected back to it his voice, always in a humorous and loving way. He was honest, trustworthy, driven and motivated. He didn't sacrifice his values to achieve his goals. This room offers each visitor the opportunity to reflect on the important place that loved ones take in our lives."

"Imagine wouldn't exist without Mr. Hertell and Dr. Gerry Glasser whose vision it was to create a children's grief support center in his beloved Westfield community," said Mary Robinson, Imagine Executive Director. I'll never forget Dr. Glasser telling me he knew who could get the job done as our founding Board Chair, and that that person was Keith Hertell. No truer words were ever spoken. We are so very grateful for his contributions from day one of Imagine until today with this generous gift in memory of his son Keith."

For more information about Imagine's free year-round grief support groups visit imaginenj.org or call us at 908-264-3100.

About Imagine

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss, is a grief support center for children, young adults and families dealing with the death or lifealtering illness of a parent, sibling or child. We provide free peer grief support year-round for as long as is needed. We are currently serving over 285 participants from 55 towns in our center every two weeks. In addition to these services, we provide training through our education and outreach programs across the state to a variety of organizations including schools, houses of worship and corporations. We also provide onsite support after any trauma or loss. Our goal is to create communities where grief and loss are transformed into resilience, empathy and compassion; and create communities where no child grieves alone.

Imagine is completely privately funded through the generous contributions of our donors, and our work is only made possible through their support.



(above, l-r) Keith Hertell; Connor Lavelle; Kerry Lavelle; and Darren Hertell.

CALL FOR ORIGINAL WORKS

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.



HIGH SCHOOL PROM FASHION SHOW

Come out for a fun night to watch members of the Governor Livingston High School Class of 2019 strut their stuff on the runway modeling the latest in formal wear.

There will be a basket raffle too. All of the proceeds benefit the Class of 2019 and Project Graduation. Project Graduation is a substance-free, fun filled night for the students on the night of graduation. It is a tradition they look forward to every year!

Friday, March 6, GLHS Cafeteria. Doors open at 6 p.m. and show starts at 7 p.m. Entry fee is \$5. No RSVP necessary-- just come and enjoy the show. Fun for all ages.

MOUNTAINSIDE PTO'S ANNUAL SPRING FLING

The Mountainside PTO is excited to announce and invite all those within the Mountainside school and business community to attend and celebrate 30+ years of fundraising success, made possible through your generosity and continued commitment to supporting Mountainside's public school children.

The Spring Fling is an evening of camaraderie and community. Join us for dinner and the opportunity to leave a winner, be it through the Tricky Tray with excellent prize baskets or bidding on fantastic silent auction items, like tickets to Broadway shows and sporting events. The Spring Fling is designed to raise funds in support of programs and services dedicated to the children the PTO serves. If you are a business member of our community, there are exciting ways for you to partner with the PTO and sponsor or advertise at this event. The PTO is committed to making your participation a visible and worthwhile opportunity, reaching more than 300 community members at the event, and many more through social media.

Space is limited - if you are interested, please contact Lili DeVita at lilidevita@gmail.com or 908.405.6703.

Tickets are on sale and the fee of \$55 includes admission and dinner (salad, entrée, and dessert). Please contact Danielle McLaughlin at danielle070806@yahoo.com or 908.313.7306 to purchase





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