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HIGH SCHOOL REPERTORY THEATRE PRESENTS MAMMA MIA!

The SPFHS Repertory Theatre is proud to present this year's production of the Broadway hit musical Mamma Mia! This jukebox musical is told through the effervescent and enchanting music of ABBA. It has become a theatrical phenomenon, with audiences around the world dancing in their seats.

Performances will be held at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, located at 667 Westfield Road in Scotch Plains, on Friday, March 8; Saturday, March 9; Thursday, March 14; Friday, March 15; and Saturday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a matinee on Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 p.m.

The story takes place on a small Greek island where Sophie dreams of a perfect wedding — walking down the aisle with her father by her side. But how can that happen if the bride-to-be doesn't even know who her father is? Upon sneaking a peek in her mother's diary from the 70's, Sophie discovers three paternal possibilities: Sam, Bill, and Harry. She is so convinced that she'll know who her true father is when she sees him, she secretly invites all three to the wedding. Yet when the trio arrives, the only thing clear is that finding her dad is going to be far more of a challenge than she could have imagined!

Her mother, Donna, is a fiercely independent hotelier up to her ears in both debt and last-minute details as she preps for her daughter's big day. She has no idea what her determined daughter has in store for them both. Donna's dearest friends, Rosie and Tanya, are also on the guest list. When they arrive on the island, they bring fond memories of their days together singing in a group called Donna and the Dynamos. A hilarious reunion ensues; but when the spotlight fades, Donna is left to face the pieces of the past she's tried to forget over the last two decades. Meanwhile, Sophie is so caught up in finding her dad that she doesn't realize she is losing her fiancé, Sky. Who will escort Sophie to the altar and who will be there to say, "I do?"

This production of Mamma Mia! involves over 100 students, including the crew and live pit orchestra. The cast are under the masterful direction of Mr. Morgan Knight (Director) and Mrs. Jan Allen (Musical Director, Producer). When asked about the upcoming shows, Knight replied, "We proudly invite the community to join our incredible student performers as they bring the music of ABBA to life

on the SPFHS stage. A community production for all ages, Mamma Mia! is an event you and your family won't want to miss. Join us for an evening of music, dance, celebration, and platform shoes!"

Tickets are now on sale for Mamma Mia! at mammiaspfhs.brownpapertickets.com and are \$13 for students and senior citizens, \$15 for adults. All tickets for the performance on Thursday, March 14 are only \$10. Senior citizens with "Gold Cards" may contact Kathleen Sheehy at ksheehy405@gmail.com to make arrangements for discounted tickets.

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The Mayors of Scotch Plains and Fanwood kicked off the annual Go Red for Women's Heart Health Fair, held this year at the Jewish Community Center in Scotch Plains on Saturday, February 2nd. Event organizer, Fanwood's Melissa Padulsky, owner of Little Hearts Big World CPR Instruction, brought together health advocates from Union County and the American Heart Association along with healthy food and a variety of regional vendors for an event that had something for everyone. Scotch Plains Mayor Al Smith and Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr spoke to the group, reminding all that heart disease is the #1 killer of women and that awareness of symptoms and lifestyle are key to prevention. Anne McNair,

Director of Union County Office of Health Management, did a presentation on heart disease in women. A great night for women's heart health!

Photos by Borough of Fanwood



(above) Blood pressure checks conducted by Scotch Plains and Fanwood Rescue Squads



(above) Somerset Patriots' mascot Sparkie has a hug for Event Organizer Melissa Padulsky



(above) Event organizer Melissa Padulsky and Union County Health Director Annie McNair

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YMCA KICKS OFF ANNUAL CAMPAIGN TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA (FSPY) kicked off its Annual Campaign on Thursday, January 31, 2019 with an event at the Scotch Hills Country Club. Over 80 people attended and learned about the YMCA's Annual Campaign through stories of those who have been helped by it.

"The YMCA and people like you have given my sons and myself so many opportunities. They gave me the opportunity to work and know my sons were safe during after school hours as well as the assurance that there is some place I can turn if I'm in need of assistance," speaker Cindy Gaud told the audience.

She added, "The Y has given my sons so much, the opportunity to learn healthy habits and life-saving skills during their growing process, a place to socialize with friends and make new ones and the formation of habits that will accompany them throughout their life."

The Annual Campaign is the YMCA's yearly fundraising initiative that helps to support their financial assistance program. Last year, FSPY gave out \$315,463 to support a number of programs and services, including: membership; 7th Grade Initiative program; chronic disease prevention programs; child care; day camp; aquatics, and more.

This year, FSPY's goal is to raise at least \$125,000 so they can help more people like Jessica Serna, who was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 2012. As she explained to attendees, the diagnosis changed her life drastically – her eyesight worsened, she had trouble with her balance, and eventually had to stop working at her full-time job.

Through the Y's partnership with Kessler Rehabilitation Center, Mrs. Serna learned about the MS Aquatic Exercise class at FSPY which is designed to enhance the quality of life for those diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. The program

helps participants increase their strength, flexibility and endurance, as well as promotes balance, stability, fine motor skills and emotional health.

"My body is not only growing stronger physically, but mentally as well with all the friendships I've made with the others in my classes," she said. "Getting to know others with MS has been beyond priceless. I am forever grateful to the YMCA for the opportunity they gave me."

This year's FSPY Annual Campaign is inspired by the work of the late Fred Rogers (aka Mr. Rogers) who, like the YMCA, was accepting of all people regardless of their background. The theme is neighbors helping neighbors. The campaign is led by FSPY Fundraising Chair Andy Calamaras, and Board Chair Mary DePaola.

"Mr. Rogers was a beloved character that most of us look back on kindly from our childhood because you knew, no matter what, he was in

your corner," said Kim Decker, FSPY Chief Executive Officer. "He believed in strengthening communities by helping your neighbors in need and that's what the Y is here to do as well."

To learn more about the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA's Annual Campaign, please visit fspymca.org/giving. All funds raised stay in our community to help those facing financial hardship. Those in need of financial assistance can visit fspymca.org/financial-aid to view the application.

About the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA
The Y is the nation's leading nonprofit committed to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. For information on membership or programs, or to request a schedule of classes, please call the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA at 908-889-8880 or visit fspymca.org. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA is located at 1340 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.



(above) Kim Decker, Chief Executive Officer of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, Andy Calamaras, Board Fundraising Chair, and Mary DePaola, Board Chair, at the Y's 2019 Annual Campaign Kicked Off on January 31.

A black and white photograph of a group of about ten people standing in a line in front of a building. They are dressed in a variety of casual and semi-formal attire. The background shows a building with a sign that partially reads "THE CHELSEA".

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SCHOOL ONE HOSTS MULTI-CULTURE NIGHT

The School One PTA hosted their first Multi-Culture Night on Thursday, January 17, 2019. Families were invited to participate in the evening by creating a display to share their customs, native clothing, artifacts and music. In addition, families were asked to share the customary food of their home countries.

Many School One families accepted the invitation and participated in the event which generated a Global Gallery and International Food Court of many different countries and cultures. The Multi-Culture Night was a positive experience for all and enjoyed by many School One families. School One principal, Justin Fiory, said they are looking forward to celebrating their school's beautiful diversity again next year.

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(above) Greece display



(above) Ecuador display

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Pathways, a women's cancer support program at The Connection, is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a Casino Night Event held on Saturday, March 30, from 7 – 10 p.m. at the Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit. Please join us for an exciting evening in support of the myriad services Pathways provides women with cancer. In addition to casino games with great prizes, there will be Hors D'oeuvres, dinner, wine, champagne and beer, plus \$100 in Casino Cash, are included with each ticket. For tickets, information and donations go to BIDPAL.NET/PATHWAYS25.

Twenty-five years ago, women with cancer who were scared and suffering found solace in the newly-founded Pathways breast cancer support groups. The support groups helped so many women feel safe in sharing their deepest fears as well as the triumphs achieved during their cancer journeys. During the past twenty-five years, Pathways expanded by offering many other programs and services to fit the needs of women with cancer and allow them to feel cared for, connected and empowered.

The Pathways 25th Anniversary fundraising event will help Pathways continue to provide our programs free-of-charge to women with cancer:

Pathways Cooks serves organic, nutrient-rich, delicious meals weekly to women undergoing cancer treatment and their families, allowing women to focus on recovery and gaining strength.

The Pathways Women's Cancer Teaching Project empowers breast and gynecological cancer survivors to enhance patient-centered, humanistic healthcare by sharing their personal journeys in educational sessions with doctors and

students studying medicine at over 17 healthcare institutions in NJ.

The Pathways Financial Assistance Fund helps women undergoing treatment for any type cancer who are in critical need of financial assistance pay utility, rent, medical and other bills.

The Pathways Dragon Boat Team – Team SOS (“Save our Sisters”) inspires female cancer survivors to paddle together weekly on a dragon boat in a serene lake setting on Lake Parsippany and to participate in festivals, offering exercise and a floating support group.

Wellness Programs such as Therapeutic Yoga allow women with a history of cancer to bond while managing stress and supports their recovery by increasing strength and flexibility.

Pathways Support Groups, led by a trained facilitator, are offered for breast and gynecological cancer survivors when interest is expressed by enough women to form a group.

The variety of programs offered by Pathways allow every woman to feel at home, regardless of her diagnosis and no matter where she finds herself in her cancer journey. As a breast cancer survivor, Pathways Director, Lesley Andrews, understands first-hand the struggles a survivor faces. She also knows how much Pathways can help a survivor find the strength to persevere and make meaning of her disease, as it did for her.

This very special event is being led by a dynamic committee: Lesley Andrews, Marie Avagliano, Terry Jacobs, Ann Karr, Alicia Molnar, Mary Orloff.

For more information about Pathways, or to make a tax-deductible donation to support our invaluable free programs and the women we serve, call Lesley Andrews @ 908-273-4242 ext. 154, write to her at pathways@theconnectiononline.org or visit our website at TheConnectionOnline.org.

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The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education recently recognized eight tenured teachers as recipients of the 2018-2019 Governor's Educator of the Year Awards as well as six staff members who have been identified as recipients of the Governor's Educational Services Professional of the Year Awards, among them are a distinguished Reading Recovery teacher,

outstanding classroom aides and a wonderful school nurse.

The following teachers and staff members were recognized by the Board: Brunner School: Amie Berlant (4th grade teacher) and Jessica Brzezinski (Classroom aide); Coles School: Tara Mann (Spanish teacher grades 2 to 4); Evergreen School: Jordan Gray (Kindergarten teacher) and

Linda Pearl (Classroom aide); McGinn School: Christine Donnelly (Special Education teacher) and Donna Bachi (Reading Recovery teacher); School One: Charity Morris (SOS Math and Gifted & Talented teacher) and Venessa White (Classroom aide); Park Middle School: Peggy Brown (Science teacher) and Kourtnei Fortune (Classroom aide); Terrill Middle School: Tracy Galen (Special Education teacher) and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School: Amy Rutkowski (Special Education teacher) and Lisa McNally (Nurse).

In addition, the following educators have been selected by the New Jersey Department of Education as "2018 New Jersey Exemplary Elementary Educators": Colleen Haubert, Evergreen School Principal; Joseph Roskin, 5th grade teacher at Terrill Middle School; and Allison McGee, 3rd grade teacher at McGinn School.

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(above) Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education recognized the 2018-2019 Governor's Educator of the Year Award winners the Governor's Educational Services Professional of the Year Award winners.

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"Adults with disabilities who have graduated from the public school system or specialized schools often have limited choices when planning their future," said Robin Morris-Marano, ACE director. "Their options often are limited to generic day programs that do not offer the intellectual stimulation and growth provided by our academy. Our program also is ideal for older adults with disabilities who wish to sharpen previously learned skills."

ACE's course offerings for the upcoming semester include math, reading and creative writing, history, science, jewelry design and merchandising, card making, visual arts and

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"ACE differs from a traditional day program, where the attendee's day is planned for them," Morris-Marano said. "We work with our students and their families to help them select the classes that will bring them the most enjoyment and from which they will get the most benefit."

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department's Supports Program.

For more information, Morris-Marano can be reached at 908.354.3040, ext. 4671.

The Academy of Continuing Education is a program of Community Access Unlimited (CAU), a statewide, Union County-based nonprofit providing support programs and services to adults with disabilities as well as youth served under the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to enable them to live independently in the community, providing supports in areas including housing, vocational skills and life-skills training, education, advocacy and recreation.

About Community Access Unlimited
Community Access Unlimited (CAU), celebrating its 40th year in 2019, supports people with special needs in achieving real lives in the community. CAU provides support and gives voice to adults and youth who traditionally have little support and no voice in society. CAU helps people with housing, life skills, employment, money management, socialization and civic activities. CAU also supports opportunities for advocacy through training in assertiveness, decision-making and civil right. CAU currently serves more than 6,000 individuals and families, with the number served growing each year. For more information about CAU and its services, contact us by phone at 908.354.3040, online at www.caunj.org or by mail at 80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202.



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Rahway Lodge #1075 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the nonprofit Cell Phones For Soldiers are asking local residents to help troops call home by donating gently-used cellular phones. Although the military landscape is ever changing, as many as 200,000 troops are serving in the United States military overseas around the world. By donating to Cell Phones For Soldiers, local residents can provide a lifeline for America's bravest.

Residents can donate their phones and/or tablets at the Rahway Elks Lodge located at 122 W. Milton Ave., Rahway.

Cell Phones For Soldiers was founded in 2004 by teenagers Robbie and Brittany Bergquist at the ages of 12 and 13. The charity has since provided more than 300 million minutes of free talk time to servicemen and women stationed around the world through its calling card program, Minutes That Matter. Funds raised from the recycling of cellular phones are used to purchase prepaid international calling cards. On average, Cell Phones For Soldiers distributes 1,500 calling cards each week to bases around the world, care package programs, deployment

ceremonies and VA hospitals.

"Each year we have been humbled by the amount of people and organizations like the Rahway Elks that take the initiative to support our military members," said co-founder Robbie Bergquist. "The communication gap between military members actively serving and their families is a crucial need that Cell Phones For Soldiers is committed to addressing for years to come."

For every donated phone, Cell Phones For Soldiers is able to provide two and a half hours of free talk time to deployed troops.

Since 2004, more than 15 million phones have been recycled or repurposed. Approximately half of the phones processed are reconditioned and reused. Phones and components that cannot be refurbished are dismantled and responsibly recycled into reclaimed materials, including: gold, silver and platinum from circuit boards; copper wiring from phone chargers; nickel, iron, cadmium and lead from battery packs.

For more information, please visit cellphonesforsoldiers.com.

GIANT BOOK SALE WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE SCOTCH PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library will hold their annual Giant Book Sale to benefit the library. The sale will begin with a children's sale on Saturday, March 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and continue on Sunday, March 10 from noon to 3 p.m. The adult book sale will begin with a members' only presale on Wednesday, March 13 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. New members may join at the door. The open sale will begin on Thursday, March 14 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and continue on Friday, March 15 with a half-price sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A bag

sale on Saturday, March 16 will conclude the sale.

The Friends are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization devoted to supporting the programming and development of the library, and have contributed \$186,000 to the library since its inception in 1998. Donations of clean, salable books, CDs, and DVDs for the sale can be dropped off at the library Friday, March 1 through Sunday, March 10. The Friends cannot accept cassettes, textbooks, manuals, or encyclopedias.

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DECA CONTRIBUTES TO BRIDGES OUTREACH

The senior officers of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's DECA recently met with Frank Damico, the operations manager of Bridges Outreach in Summit, New Jersey. Mr. Damico spoke to the students about the role of marketing in not for profit entities. He also spoke for the need of organizations to engage young adults in charitable endeavors.

Mr. Damico spoke about how Bridges Outreach works to connect the housed and homeless to create a better understanding of the needs of others. Mr. Damico told the students

how the organization provides meals, toiletries and, more importantly, hope to those in need.

At the end of the presentation, DECA Chapter officers, Sara Greene and Caroline Nguyen, presented Mr. Damico with a check for \$3,124.44. This check represented the proceeds of the Mr. Spiffy High competition held on January 7, 2019. The chapter also presented over 200 personal care items that had been collected for distribution to the homeless. Business teacher Marjorie FitzGibbon is the DECA advisor the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.



(above, back, l-r) Back row: Ryan Cleary, Thomas Scarcella, Ryan Walsh, Justin Giaimo, Jack Quinones, Daniel Resnicoff, Charles Widder, Sam Goetz, Dakota Verrico, Shariff Saleh; (front, l-r) Caroline Nguyen, Nicole Alvarez, Bridges Operations Manager Frank Damico, Maya Schwartzman and Sara Greene.



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THE FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS COLLEGE CLUB MARCH MEETING



The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains welcomes University of the Philippines Alumni and Friends Rondalla (UPAFR) for a musical performance at their March 18, 2019 meeting. UPAFR is a nonprofit traditional string ensemble based in New Jersey. Since 1992, the UPAFR has been promoting Filipino culture through music

using native instruments such as the bandurria, laud and octavina. The group performs educational concerts that integrate Philippine history, customs and traditions in key cities in the United States and abroad. The UPAFR performs regularly in cultural heritage festivals, theaters, schools, as well as community, government and social events. Free weekly lessons are offered by the group for all age groups interested in learning to play a rondalla instrument. See upafrondalla.org for more details.

This program is open to the public, is free of charge and will take place on March 18, 2019 at The Fanwood Presbyterian Church, 74 South Martine Avenue, Fanwood (McDermott Street entrance) at 7:30 p.m. after a brief refreshment period that begins at 7:15 p.m.

SHROVE TUESDAY AT FANWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fanwood Presbyterian Church invites all to a meal of pancakes, sausages and apple sauce on Shrove Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

There will be continuous seating between 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The celebrations on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season are called many things; Mardi gras, Carnival, Fat Tuesday or Shrove Tuesday. It is a day of fun, eating sweet and fat things before the fasting in

Lent.

Tickets will be available in advance and at the door for \$5 a person or \$15 for a family.

The church dining room is located on the corner of Marian Ave. and McDermott Pl. We ask that you park on the street and enter through the ramp door off Marian Ave.

For more information or to order tickets in advance please call the church office at 908-889-8891 or e-mail fanwoodpres@gmail.com

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EDUCATION ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION HOSTS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Education Enrichment Foundation of Scotch Plains-Fanwood hosted their annual Leadership Training Conference (LTC 100) on Saturday, February 2, 2019. Over 100 student delegates, recommended by the faculty of Park and Terrill Middle Schools and St. Bartholomew's Academy (grades 5-8),

participated in this event that develops, reinforces and promotes leadership skills. The delegates learned leadership skills through class work and hands-on activities like Effective Communication, Speaking with Ease/Public Speaking, Elected to Lead Everyone and T.E.A.M Time! (Together Everyone Achieves

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LTC 100 takes some of the best features of the New Jersey Association of Student Councils (NJASC) four-day Leadership Training Conference (LTC) program held in the summer and condenses them into a one-day program for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood students.



(above) Over 100 students participated in this year's Leadership Training Conference hosted by the Education Enrichment Foundation.

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Submitted by Christine Schiumo

J.A. Coles Elementary School students in Scotch Plains, NJ, shared their own Super Bowl excitement by participating in their annual "Soup-er Bowl". Each year this PTA-sponsored event is a big "win" for our students and local food pantries.

Bins decorated with the two Super Bowl teams are placed in the main lobby of school for two weeks. Students choose which team they think will win the actual Super Bowl by placing

donated canned food into the bin for their team of choice.

The big winner of the Coles "Soup-er Bowl" was the Rams, collecting 140 canned goods! In total students donated 187 cans of food which will be donated to a local pantry to help our neighbors in need.

The Coles Kids Care program, sponsored by the JA Coles PTA, continues to give back to those in need in our community throughout the school year.

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.

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Performances will be on Friday 3/22 at 7 p.m., Saturday 3/23 at 7 p.m, and Sunday 3/24 at 2 p.m., and take place at Park Middle School on 580 Park Ave in Scotch Plains, NJ.

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(above) Allstate exclusive agency owner Nelson Espeland of The Espeland Group in Scotch Plains was given the distinctive Allstate Honor Ring and National Conference awards in 2018.

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This is a rare event to see this music performed live and at a feverish level. The line up will be stellar, featuring: Neil 'NAIL' Alexander (Piano/Synths), Monroe Quinn (Guitars), Danny Pagan (Drums), and Brian Mooney (Basses).

Piktors returns for their 5th show at the Roadhouse – always bringing a “big” sound with precision playing. Visit them online at piktorsmetamorphosis.com and like them on Facebook: facebook.com/PiktorsFusion.

Original artwork by a local artist will be on display at the Roadhouse Gallery of Fine Arts. Fans won't want to miss this live fusion jazz event, upfront and personal.

All ages are welcome. It's a wholesome show, so bring the entire family! Doors open 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$20.00. Admission includes the show, snacks, beverages and desserts. Plan now for an evening of great music in Northern New Jersey's Most Intimate Coffeehouse™. Proceeds help local charity Family Promise – Building Communities, Strengthening Lives

ABOUT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ

Dedication best defines the Salem Roadhouse Café: dedication to excellent music and dedication to the community. In its tenth year, The Salem Roadhouse Café reaffirms its commitment to both.

Started in 2008 by members of Townley Presbyterian Church with a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth, the Roadhouse Café continues to operate as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities. That may be its social mission... but the Roadhouse Café is and has been a solid performance venue beloved by the musicians who play there because of its special intimacy with the audience.

CHURCH MUSIC, IT'S NOT.

The Roadhouse Café has always offered its stage to local and independent mainstream musicians. It's a clean, safe place for people who enjoy listening to live music, in a world of clubs and bars. Jazz, rock, folk and other groups have performed. During the past ten years well over 100 different entertainers have appeared. Local fine artists also display their works.

COMMUNITY ORIENTATION

The Salem Roadhouse Café has raised funds for many carefully chosen charities. They include: The Presbytery of Elizabeth E-port Center, Center For Hope Hospice, Community Food Bank, Monarch Housing, Angel Paws Animal Rescue, National MS Society, Haiti Disaster Relief, Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief, The Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program, Making It Possible To End Homelessness, Camp Johnsonburg, The Music Institute, Groundwork Elizabeth, Union Twp. Police “Santa In Blue” toy campaign and others. Thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.

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Now well into its eleventh year of operation, the Salem Roadhouse Café features many of the performers who have graced the stage in the past, as well as talent that is new to the Café stage. The current season will benefit Family Promise.

The Salem Roadhouse Café is located at 829 Salem Road, Union, NJ. Visit online at roadhousecafe.org or on facebook at facebook.com/roadhousecafe. The can be reached by phone at 1-908-687-1028 (leave a message and a return number).

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