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## **GIRL SCOUTS HONORED BY TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**



(above) The Girl Scouts of Cranford were honored by the Town Council for their services to the town, proclaiming March 9 – 16 as Girl Scout Week.



#### Submitted by Kerry Rokicki

Dozens of Girl Scouts from Cranford Service Unit 48 gathered on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the Cranford Municipal Building to be honored by the Cranford Township Council as it issued a proclamation recognizing March 9 – 16, 2019 as Girl Scout Week. The proclamation also highlighted the many hours of community service completed each year by the local non-profit organization. According to members of the leadership team, since August of 2018 members of the Girl Scouts of Cranford have dedicated more than 1,800 hours in community service.

Multiple events were held during the week including a mass at St. Michael's Church, a Shabbat at Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim, and a special celebration at Calvary Lutheran Church which focused on Girl Scout ways. In addition, individual Girl Scout Troops planned special events at their local schools.

"We are honored to be recognized by the Cranford Township Council for our service to the community," said Kristin Santos, the service unit manager for Girl Scouts of

Cranford Service Unit 48. "Girl Scout Week is a wonderful way to celebrate our contributions and to re-energize for the work and service we have planned for the future. From our youngest Girl Scout Daisy's to our graduating high school Ambassadors, we each contribute and make a difference."

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Girl Scout Junior Olivia Torsone from Troop 40013 was in attendance to accept the proclamation. When asked by Mayor Patrick Giblin to share her favorite part of being a Girl Scout, she said "My favorite part of being a Girl Scout in Cranford is that we are all together, not separate, we are all united as one community."

The Girl Scouts of Cranford boasts over 1,100 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 Cranford. of please visit cranfordgirlscouts.com.







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### NORTH PLAINFIELD STUDENTS HELP CRANFORD BASED DOG RESCUE

North Plainfield, NJ students in Ms. Friedman's seventh grade English class began an important project in February. Upon completion of a persuasive writing unit in class, Lauren DeNoma, of Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption based out of Cranford, visited the students with some special friends. She discussed this organization's mission and the importance of their work.

Students took notes during the presentation, and have now begun using their newly acquired skills to solicit donations for the rescue. Each student chose a business in the Cranford area, and began writing a persuasive letter to their chosen business. They are hoping not only to raise money with their letters, but also raise awareness for the need to adopt rescue dogs rather than shop for them.

In addition to this writing project, Student Council sold paper paw prints for \$1. For one week students and faculty purchased paw prints that are on display in the school's hallway. All money raised will go to saving one dog from a



(above) Students with Shorty.

high kill shelter. Students who participate in the fundraiser will be entered into a contest, and the winner will have the opportunity to name the newly rescued dog!

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(above) Lauren DeNoma, of Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption, and Shorty.



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(above) Maya Lawler, Union County College women's soccer player, was named to an NJCAA All-America team for her second year in a row.

# UNION COUNTY COLLEGE SOCCER PLAYER, MAYA LAWLER, NAMED FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN

The National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) announced that Union County College soccer player Maya Lawler, of Cranford, was named to the 2018 NJCAA Division III First Team All-American. Ms. Lawler is the first women's soccer player at Union to be named to an NJCAA All-America team for two consecutive years. In 2017, she was named to the Second Team All-American.

Ms. Lawler, a defender for Union, had a standout season. For a second year, she was named the NJCAA Region XIX Division III Player of the Year. This season she had 23 points with 10 goals and 3 assists. She helped bring the team to a national third place finish this season.

"Maya is a talented athlete and a super-star in the classroom. She is a leader and role model for her teammates. She has an explosive step that is

The National Junior College Athletic hard to find in an athlete," said Union's Head ssociation (NJCAA) announced that Union Woman's Soccer Coach Angie Correa.

The Women's Soccer team had a fantastic season. For the first time in the history of the program, they competed in the NJCAA Women's Soccer National Tournament in Rockville, IL, where they finished third in the nation. During the tournament, the Lady Owls were awarded the National Tournament Sportsmanship Plaque which is given to the team whose actions on and off the field have demonstrated fairness, respect, honesty, unselfishness, and responsibility. The team finished the season with an overall record of 15-2-1, a Region XIX record of 7-1, and a Garden State Athletic Conference record of 6-1.

For more information about Athletics at Union County College, go to unionowls.com.





(above) Union County College Soccer Player, Maya Lawler, of Cranford.

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#### **CRANE'S FORD DAR CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

Submitted by Mary Leonard, Regent, Crane's Ford DAR

in Clark, New Jersey, the Crane's Ford chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the chapter.

On March 7, 1944 the Crane's Ford chapter was organized in Cranford and chartered by the National Society. At that time the chapter had 36 members and its founding Regent was Julia I Hazzard of Cranford. Since that time the chapter has had 23 Regents with many serving more than one 3-year term. The chapter took its name from a ford in the Rahway River where light horseman stood guard while General Washington's army was encamped at Morristown.

Attending the celebration were chapter members along with NJDAR State Officers including State Regent, Karen Strover, State Vice Regent, Bonnie Matthews, State Historian, Pat Saftner and the State Central District Director, Susan Luczu. The State Regent administered the Oath of Membership to the chapter's new member, Patricia Huxford of Roselle Park.

Today the Crane's Ford chapter has 56 members from Cranford and surrounding town as well as many from out of state. The chapter is led by Regent Mary Leonard of Roselle Park and she is completing her 5th year. The chapter supports the National Society by continuing to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism as the local level. Throughout each year the chapter

At a recent luncheon, held at the Holiday Inn presents various awards including Good Citizen to high school seniors, American History Essay Contest, and JROTC to cadets at Elizabeth High School, Linden High School and Abraham Clark High School in Roselle. National awards given by the chapter over the years includes Conservation, Women in the Arts, Women in American History, and Historic Preservation Recognition awards.

Within NJ there are 46 chapters of the DAR, with over 2,700 members. Nationally there are over 175,000 members in over 3,000 chapters. Membership is open to any woman 18 years or older who can prove a lineal, bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American independence. For more information please contact DAR.org or the Crane's Ford Chapter Registrar at patushkat@aol.com.



(above, l-r) Crane's Ford DAR chapter members Pat Huxford of Roselle Park, Patty Campanelli of Clark, Bonnie Cierkowski of Cranford, Barbara Krause of Cranford, Mary Leonard of Roselle Park, Nancy Hatfield of Westfield, Kathy Hercel of Scotch Plains and Joanne Rajoppi of Union.

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The Cranford Police Department is excited to Police Youth Academy is to encourage open communication between the youth of Cranford and members of the Cranford Police Department. The program gives Cranford youth the opportunity to see some of the aspects of the Cranford Police Department.

Applications for the Cranford Police

department website, cranfordnj.org/policedepartment.

The deadline for applications is Monday, April 15, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. There is a \$80 registration fee.

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### **MEET PRIVATE WILLIAM E. HINKLE, INFANTRYMAN, ONE OF CRANFORD'S 86**

By Don Sweeney with research by Stu Rosenthal and military proofreading by Vic Bary.

The Cranford 86 project features a hero from our Memorial Park's monuments each month. Our selection process is different each month. Sometimes we leaf through the many files of accumulated research pages in search for a story that thrills us; other times we are directed by a sponsorship from a family member or organization. Sometimes, as we start a story from a sponsorship, we feel at first there is not much of a story here. Then we go into a research rabbit hole and find we are again amidst yet another incredible, previously unknown memoir, of a Cranford hero. This month an active member of our host organization The Cranford V.F.W. Post #335, Vietnam veteran Bill Hinkle, asked us to research and feature his uncle and namesake William E. Hinkle, his father's younger brother.

An online search told us that he was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania on December 12, 1919 the youngest of five children, and was baptized William Eugene Hinkle on January 11th, 1920. Moving to Somerville, NJ sometime in the 20s, he attended an eight-week Y.M.C.A. camp in Bushkill, PA and learned to swim there. The obituary given to us by the Hinkle family gave us some more personal information. Billy Hinkle, as his family called him, graduated from Somerville High School in the class of 1938. In 1939 he worked full time as a clerk in a fish market earning \$1000.00 for a year for 50 hours a week. His family soon moved to 334 North Avenue West in Cranford. He volunteered for service overseas with the US Army at the age of 20 and was placed in The Signal Corps in Puerto Rico in May of 1940. The United States was not at war then, although World War II was raging in Europe and U-boats in the Atlantic were threatening trade and supply routes. The Signal Corps were working with radio, radar and sonar, technologies that were rapidly developing at the time.

The attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941 plunged the U.S. into war, but Private Hinkle continued his tour in what could be considered an ideal deployment, on a beautiful Caribbean island, safe from any battle action. His three-year service there continued until May of 1944 when he was one of a number of men ordered to report to Camp Crowder in Missouri, before shipping out to Camp Philips in Kansas. There they met up with the troops of the 114th regiment, 44th Infantry Division, 7th Army and trained heavily for nearly four months. Ironically, the 114th was a federalized New Jersey-based National Guard Unit. Although well trained, they had never seen combat and their ages were much older than the average man heading into battle. Bolstering the numbers of a regular army unit with a National Guard regiment was commonplace at this time in the war, an innovative tactic to create the massive quantity of soldiers which would be needed in the battle theater in a few months.

Stu Rosenthal, our chief researcher, uncovered a 25-page detailed account by a member of the 114th Infantry regiment. David K. Weiner. In comparing the towns and cities that were in



Private William E. Hinkle.

common with those listed in William's obituary, we felt that they were infantry comrades, traveling the same paths from August to December 1944. Stu also found a book in the Newark Public Library, titled "With the 114th in the E.T.O." a chronicle of the daily treks of the unit that Private Hinkle was part of. They were amazing finds and would be our guide through the last five months of our Hometown Hero's life. We were about to enter one of those rabbit holes.

David Weiner met up with Hinkle's unit in Kansas where he explained that they got their first clue of what continent they would be heading to, now that they had completed their training. When they were issued wool uniforms, they knew that the South Pacific was too hot for wool clothing, so they must be heading to Europe. Up to that point, no one had given them any idea of what their future had to offer. Infantrymen were given information on a need to know basis.

From Kansas, the 114th was moved to Camp Myles Standish in Massachusetts in late August 1944, departing from Boston Port on September 5th. The Weiner memoirs told of a crowded ocean craft, the General J.R. Brookes, that the soldiers had surmised was a shuttle to bring them to the large luxury ocean liner that would transport them to Europe. То their disappointment, this was their vessel for the entire trip. A loudspeaker announcement as the ship was about to depart blared, "We're going to France." It was the only tip they received of their destination. It was an 11-day trip on smooth seas surrounded by a mighty convoy of battleships and armored support vessels. They arrived in Cherbourg, France, just minutes from Normandy. This was the first time US troops were brought directly to France. Before, all GIs were sent to England and then to their European destination.



Billy Hinkle with his older Brother Sergeant Lee Hinkle pose with little Thomas Hinkle. Lee's son. Thomas went on to serve as a platoon sergeant in Vietnam.

Acquiring the deep port of Cherbourg was part of the grand plan of the Normandy invasion. A commercial seaport would be a crucial element of the supply chain, needed to fuel a demanding army.

With the successful landing three months earlier of over 150,000 troops onto the beaches at Normandy, the Allied forces were now under the supreme command of General Dwight D. Eisenhower. His plans were to create a wide, nearly 300-mile front that would liberate French towns and villages as the united Allied forces swept through France on their way to Berlin. The British commander, General Montgomery, fiercely objected, proposing a narrow intense passage through the French countryside to directly take Berlin in a mass concentration of power. The decision was made to follow Eisenhower's broad front plan. The forces to take on such a task would require close to 40 divisions, nearly one million soldiers.

The inexperienced but well trained 114th Infantry regiment spent another month in Cherbourg working on language and culture, preparing for their insertion into the French population. They travelled by train below Paris for four days to the town of Chanteheux, where they were welcomed by the townspeople and stayed the night in a schoolhouse. The next morning, October 18, Hinkle's regiment headed out, encountering their first combat action.

The German Army at this point in the war was in retreat, continuing a repeated strategy of pulling back and then regrouping. Paris had just been liberated and Italy had surrendered. The 114th did meet violent resistance in some towns and villages along their path, taking many casualties. However, in many encounters they were met by tired German troops who had had

### **PRIVATE WILLIAM E. HINKLE (continued)**

enough of war and were waving any white flag they could find. Managing the many surrendering German POWs became a growing task. Rumors that the war would be over by Christmas were also passing through the troops. The reality was not so simple; many hard-fought battles still lay ahead.

The mission of the 7th Army was to secure several paths through the heavily fortified Vosges Mountains, across the famous Maginot line. It had been built by the French themselves to protect their eastern border from the many attacks from Germany and Italy throughout history. No defender held up in the many fortresses and steel gun turrets had ever been defeated. The steel was up to twelve-foot-thick and some of the bunkers were eight stories deep. There was an underground railway to transport soldiers and deliver munitions to the big guns. The Maginot line had been in the hands of the German's since the surrender of the French Army in 1940. The one fact that encouraged the Allies as they approached the intimidating 450-mile series of fortresses was that all the big guns faced Germany, not France.

On October 25th, Hinkle's unit saw its first violent encounters with German forces; they fared well taking some casualties. On November 13th they successfully liberated their first two towns - Dossenheim and Avicourt. The townspeople had been under Nazi rule for over four years. The resultant celebrating by the liberated French people was something the men of the 114th would see frequently in the days ahead.

At this point, the 7th Army joined and supported the 2nd Armored Division of The Free French Army as they attempted to liberate Strasbourg, the capital of the Alsace region. General Charles De Gaulle, commander of the reformed French Army, requested that the French Army retake the historic city. Because of the collapse of French forces and their surrender to the Germans on June 22nd, 1940 it was felt that the uplifting of the beleaguered French population was important. There was a large Nazi presence and regional headquarters at Strasbourg. Adolf Hitler had issued new orders to all German units. Retreat would no longer be an option. German forces were to stand their ground and "fight to the last round." In a violent one-day battle on November 23rd, the combined French and American forces defeated the Germans and liberated Strasbourg. 1,200 Germans were killed, and 12,000 prisoners were taken, including 4 generals. The victorious Allied troops took full advantage of the urban shelter and the seemingly unlimited supply of French women and spirits.

The celebration didn't last long; the following day orders were given for the units of the 114th to confront a tank corps of 22 Panzer Mark V tanks, Germany's best armored ground weapon, with its fierce 88mm gun. If not for their actions in a David and Goliath battle, it was thought that their mission would have been thwarted. For the unit's valiant actions on November 24th they were awarded a Presidential unit citation.

The units of the 114th were embarking on separate paths as they continued through the Vosges Mountains. The memoirs of our two members of Hinkle's unit tell of continued acts of bravery and of many more liberations of towns and villages as they continued their journey to the Rhine River. The names of the passing towns and villages now were different from each memoir. It is impossible for us to be certain whether the battles that we have details of were experienced by our Cranford Hero. The enormity of his unit, 15,000 men, allowed them to have many encounters that happened concurrently. Although we know he was in Company A, the nature of the battles they many times engaged in involved a mixture of various companies. Some accounts were reported without any mention of what battalions or companies were involved.

The weather was particularly bad that winter with constant snow and torrential rain; it made for hellish conditions. The ability to take shelter in fox holes was for the most part eliminated as a defense or for sleeping, as the ground was so flooded that a fox hole would fill with water as soon as it was dug. Trench foot was rampant.

Our records tell us that Private William E. Hinkle died on December 3rd, 1944 from his wounds received possibly, prior to that day, nine days before his 25th birthday. We know that after the Panzer tank encounter on November 24th, the 114th had battles in several small towns -Petersbach, Struth, Hinsburg, Fromuhi, Tiefenbach, Weisslingen, Volksburg and Montbronn. Most of these towns were protected by German infantry and artillery. The fighting during this 9-day period, although sporadic, created many casualties on both sides. David Weiner says that these battles stand out in his mind as some of the most violent days of their mission. While we have confirmed that Volksburg was the 114th regiment's battle on December 3rd, 1944, we cannot be certain that Hinkle died from injuries received there. In the book "With the 114th in the E.T.O." Hinkle is listed as "died of wounds on December 3rd", not "killed in action December 3rd".

The 114th Infantry regiment, 44th Infantry Division, would continue in its trek across the Vosges mountains and would be the first attacking army to defeat a defending force in control of The Maginot Line and would accomplish their goal of reaching the Rhine River. Their 190 days in battle would end on March 15th, 1945. Of the approximately 15,000 men that started in Chesbrough on September 15th, 1,008 were killed in action, 4,650 were wounded, 434 were listed as missing and 19 captured. There were many medals awarded for bravery, including: 15 Distinguished Service Crosses, 2 Legions of Merit, 260 Silver Stars, 4 Soldiers Medals, 1,515 Bronze Stars and 98 Air Medals. In total, an amazing 41,474 German soldiers were taken prisoner, many of them women.

Publicity about the 114th's intense fighting and heroic performances was very light at the time, due to the many other battles being fought at the same time. General Patton and the 3rd Army, and General Bradley and the 1st Army, were involved in the bloodiest encounters of the war at The Hürtgen Forest, The Battle at Metz and The Battle of the Bulge. Several other Armies were also pressing across France at the same time. Sadly, history books today often overlook the successes of the 7th Army and the 44th Infantry Division in the Vosges Mountains with their relatively unknown general, Robert L. Spragins. What they accomplished there was historic. They generally completed these feats without mechanical means of transportation or air support due to the needs of other armies. Gasoline was very scarce since all supplies were traveling by truck from Normandy, hundreds of miles away. These older than most, inexperienced New Jersey National Guardsmen, performed valiantly without much outside support. General Eisenhower's idea and execution of the broad front attack through France and the million men and woman who carried it out may have saved the world from fascism.

William E. Hinkle, one of those men, was buried for a short time in France and was returned to Cranford on April 21st, 1949. He was buried with full military honors at Graceland Cemetery in Kenilworth. He was a brave patriot and one of our Cranford 86.

A YouTube search for the 114th Infantry regiment turned up an amateur video interview with an old soldier telling his eyewitness accounts of his time with Hinkle's unit. It reflected the emotional attachment that a soldier had to his brothers in arms as well as the compassionate feelings the American soldiers had for the captured German POWs. See this video as well as other links to the many sources we used to create this tribute on Cranford86.org.

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The General J.R. Brooks, the transport ship that carried the 114th regiment of the 44th Infantry Division to Cherbourgh France from Boston Port on September 5th, 1943.



A simple map of the mission that the 114th regiment, 44th infantry was to carry out. Note the cathedral at Strasbourg

## **PRIVATE WILLIAM E. HINKLE (continued)**



## **MRS. FRANCIS NAMED BROOKSIDE PLACE SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

pleased to announce that Mrs. Anne Marie Francis has been selected as the Classroom Teacher of the Year from nominations made by the school community as part of the New Jersey Department of Education 2018-19 Governor's Educator of the Year Program.

Mrs. Francis has served the Cranford school district for 20 years, with 11 of those years teaching kindergarten at BPS. She has also taught grades 4 through 8 as both a classroom and gifted and talented teacher, grades K to 8 as a character education coordinator and grades 9 through 12 as a service learning coordinator.

She was a kindergartener herself when she decided she'd one day emulate her kindergarten teacher and sit around a circle, teaching kindergarteners. "I feel that teaching chose me!" Mrs. Francis said. "It's all I ever wanted to be."

Before the start of every day, she said, she

Brookside Place Elementary School (BPS) is reads to herself a page-long doctrine she has compiled entitled "This is What I Believe," which lists statements of positivity to guide her teaching philosophies. "I believe I can make the biggest difference in a child's ability to learn. I believe all children are filled with curiosity and it is my responsibility to illuminate their path to discovery," she said.

> In her cheerful kindergarten classroom, Mrs. Francis said she creates an environment for learning based upon those beliefs and what she has learned in life to "create a place that is nurturing, safe, inviting, rewarding, stimulating, loving and fun!"

> She is very humbled by her nomination as the BPS Classroom Teacher of the Year. "I believe that the BPS staff is a truly exceptional group of professionals who collaboratively push each individual along to reach their full potential. This honor belongs to all of us," Mrs. Francis said.



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(above) Brookside Place Elementary (BPS) School Kindergarten Teacher Anne Marie Francis is named the BPS Classroom Teacher of the Year.



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(above, l-r) Cranford VFW Patriot Pen Essay winners Emily Garcia (2nd place), Michael Minchak (1st place) and Grace Cannizzo (3rd place).

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## **STUDENTS SHOW THEIR PATRIOTIC PEN**

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

Three smiling teenage faces recently lit up the hall at the VFW Post in Cranford. Michael Minchak, Emily Garcia and Grace Cannizzo were the Cranford Post #335 student winners in the VFW's annual Patriots Pen contest. The award night was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 and each of the winners was presented with a Certificate of Merit, a "Commander's Coin" and a monetary award from both the Post and it's Auxiliary.

All three are 8th grade students at Orange Avenue School and were the first three finishers among the 75 entries in the Cranford's VFW Post contest. Each respective essay was assigned the theme "Why do I honor the American Flag" and was read in its entirety at the awards night to the crowd of parents, guests, VFW and auxiliary members in attendance.

Commander Andrew Burns of Post remarked, "These three young people are truly representative of the caliber of students that our school system is creating. We are so proud of not only the way they wrote their essays, but their \$55,000.

ability to present it in front of our members and guests was truly heartwarming."

Michael Seaman, their Literature and Process Writing teacher at Orange Avenue School, spoke after the students had presented their essays. "I helped a bit with the grammar but that's about it. The patriotic message and the ideas were all theirs and we are very proud of the final product they created." He continued, "this contest is one our teaching tools that we use for our 8th grade students and it has become an important part of our yearly curriculum."

Michael Minchak's entry went on to represent Cranford in the VFW District #5 (Union County) judging. The ultimate winner after 20 county entries were judged was Cara Argila from Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains. She will go to Washington DC, representing the State of New Jersey and be judged against 49 other state representatives. There are well over 130,000 essays submitted every year in this nationwide contest, with national awards totaling over



## **DISNEY'S NEWSIES AT CDC - MAY 5TH & 12TH**

100th Season in spectacular fashion! Disney's Newsies will come dancing into the theatre, at 78 Winans Ave., in Cranford on May 3rd and run until May 18th. Based on the 1992 motion picture and inspired by a true story, Newsies features a Tony Award-winning score by Alan Menken (Little Shop of Horrors, The Little Mermaid, Aladdin) and Jack Feldman and a book by Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein (Kinky Boots).

Director John Menter recently talked about the show. "Newsies is a family friendly musical about the "little guys" taking a stand for what's right. It's based on a true story and perfect for CDC's 100th Anniversary Season. CDC is a great theater to work at. It's a beautiful space to

CDC Theatre in Cranford will finish out its create in and the creative process is supported by a dedicated production team and crew. The cast includes some of the most talented performers that I have had the pleasure of working with. Singers, actors and dancers that give you 110% all the time. The audiences will be amazed by this talented cast. Beautiful singing voices combined with powerhouse choreography and dancing that will blow you away!"

The large, intergenerational cast will take the stage on May 3-18, 2019, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, May 12. Additional information about the show and how to get tickets can be found by visiting cdctheatre.org. For best prices and selection, tickets can be purchased on line at Brown Paper Tickets.

## FRIENDS OF COLIN EASTER EGG HUNT - 4/13

Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Hanson Park. Check in is 10:30 a.m. and the hunt starts at 11 a.m. sharp.

Registration in advance is \$8 and registration after April 9th is \$10 per child participating. You can also register in person on event day, starting at 10 a.m. To buy tickets in advance, to go eventbrite.com and search for Friends of Colin.

All proceeds benefit Ewings Sarcoma research being done at Georgetown University Hospital. Ewings Sarcoma, a rare bone cancer, took the life

The Friends of Colin is hosting its 9th annual of Cranford High School teen Colin Maher, who was part of a close-knit neighborhood on Retford Ave. His friends there started a nonprofit to fund researchers looking for a cure to this cancer. Although considered rare, Ewings also claimed young Cranford resident Alessandra LoConte and nearby Clark resident Tylor Collins over the last few years.

Friends of Colin is a 501c3 that also runs the Turkey Trot in November at Unami Park. For more information, e-mail info@friendsofcolin.org.

### **MUSIC PROGRAM - APRIL 28TH**

an afternoon of medieval music with Harpist, Michele Mountain.

A marvelous player of the harp, Michele has been entertaining people for over 30 years on both the East and West Coasts at events ranging from weddings to historical reenactments. For the program she will be dressed in a medieval costume and will play music from the period. To

The Cranford Historical Society invites you to help us to understand the music, she will stop occasionally to talk about the composers and the times. Michele has made two full-length, independent CDs.

- The program will take place on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hanson House, 38 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, NJ.
- All are welcome.

## **BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY – APRIL 6**

The Cranford Woman's Club would like to announce their annual Breakfast with the Bunny event taking place on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the Cranford Community Center (220 Walnut Ave, Cranford). There will be two seatings available, 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Tickets are \$7 and are available online at cranfordwc.com and

at the Cranford Public Library. Tickets include bagels, muffins, coffee and drinks for everyone. Children will color easter pictures, make a simple craft, and get their picture taken with the Easter Bunny (please bring your own camera). Proceeds to benefit the Cranford Woman's Club philanthropy fund.

### **ST. MIKE'S DESIGNER BAG BINGO & TRICKY TRAY**

St. Michael School in Cranford will host their value). 4th Annual Designer Bag BINGO & Tricky Tray. This year's event will take place on Friday, this year's event sells out! Completed April 12, 2019 at the Kenilworth VFW located reservation forms & Tricky Tray Pre-Sale Ticket at 33 South 21st Street in Kenilworth. Doors open at 5 p.m. Calling begins at 7 p.m.

\$25 per person admission includes 10 games of BINGO (3 faces/game) with your chance to win a designer handbag each game. Plus hundreds of Tricky Tray raffle prizes! Tricky Tray tickets will be available for purchase at the event. NEW this year - discounted pre-sale ticket bundles are available, \$50/bundle (\$60

Be sure to secure your reservation now before bundle orders may be sent with payment directly to the school at:

Saint Michael School, 100 Alden Street, Cranford, NJ 07016.

For additional information please contact the school at saint.michael@verizon.net or 908-276-9425.

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### **ART LOVERS INVITED TO SHOW OPENING AT SOUTH AVENUE ARTS**

Arts in September of 2016. She is inviting the public to the opening her April show in order to showcase her gallery and the art of one of her



(above) Landscape artist, oil painter Mark Saenger

Local artist Sharon Reed opened South Avenue instructors. The opening will be held on April 6, 2019 at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The show, "Light & Atmosphere" by landscape, oil painter artist Mark Saengerf, is a collection of over twenty-five oil paintings of landscapes. Saenger describes it as "a journey through nature captured on canvas." The exhibit will hang for two weeks.

> South Avenue Arts, located at 221 South Avenue, Garwood NJ, is a creative, cooperative, community art space. The studio offers art classes for adults, children and teens, and summer art camp. Art in the gallery is available for sale as well as jewelry and other gifts. The unique bar space is available for event rentals, kids birthday painting parties, corporate meetings/team building, and group painting parties.

> Hours are: Monday - Thursday 12:00 - 5:00 p.m., Wednesday 12 - 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information visit southavenuearts.com.







### **CRANFORD ELMORA SOUP KITCHEN CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY**

#### Submitted by Skip Winter

In 1989, the initiative began to take shape in two Bible Study groups at the Elmora Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth, NJ. Under the leadership and direction of Rev. Ted Grandberg, the dream became a reality. Conversations with Pastor Shipp of the First Baptist Church of Cranford/Elizabeth on Union Ave. resulted in the formation of the Elmora Soup Kitchen. As with all things in life, changes take place. Upon the closing of the Elmora Presbyterian Church, the program was adopted by the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford and hence became known as the Cranford Elmora Soup Kitchen.

This community based program continues to serve a complete meal each and every Sunday afternoon from 3 to 4 p.m. During this 30-year time period over 135,000 meals have been served

by hundreds of volunteers. The program has grown from 4 original teams to 8 teams, all from different towns and Houses of Worship. It has truly become an ecumenical effort. Four of the founding members of the Elmora Soup Kitchen still serve after 30 years! What a commitment to those in need! Soup Kitchen volunteers not only serve our guests, but also come with energy, ideas and hope for helping others.

Those who volunteer to cook and serve every Sunday are not only committed to serving meals, but also engage guests in conversation to offer kind words of support. Workers have gotten to know many of the guests on a personal basis. We wonder and worry when regular attendees just seem to disappear. The number of guests increase and diminish depending on the economy and changes in the government housing requirements.



(above) Volunteers for the Cranford Elmora Soup Kitchen celebrate the 30th anniversary of the soup kitchen.

Our guests tell us that they continue coming not only because of the meals, but also because of the respect and how they are treated by the volunteers. Many of our guests at the conclusion of their meal offer a thank you and God Bless You as they leave. Others stay until 4 p.m. and assist us in cleaning up!

The program could not exist without the efforts of many organizations that assist the leadership year after year. The Cranford High School Madrigal Singers also help us celebrate at Christmas time. Support also comes from many other organizations such as Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops, the Jaycees and Rotary, Pinho's Bakery, high school groups and volunteers from many towns and counties throughout the state. Numerous high school students who have worked at the Soup Kitchen for many years tell us what a meaningful experience it has been for them to participate and many go on to college and not only work in soup kitchens in the cities of their college campuses, but also bring our best practices to the soup kitchens that they volunteer at. Working at the Soup Kitchen has also helped them make future career choices.

Did anyone in 1989 expect the Cranford Elmora Soup Kitchen to mean so much to so many people when it was first established? Probably not! God did and he made it happen! May God continue to bless our guests and the volunteers that have made the Cranford/Elmora Soup Kitchen such a success.





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### **CFEE TRIVIA NIGHT**



(above) Trivia team "Quizteama Aquilera" won the award for Best Dressed.



(above) Team "Alexa, Tell Me About Cranford" was awarded Most Likely to Succeed.



(above) The Shenanigans team, winners of the Class Clown award.



(above) 2nd place winners and the team that won Most Spirited, Team Trivia Newton-John.



(above) Reimagine We Won placed in third.



(above) First place team, Team Trivia Prosciutto.





#### **UGLY HOMES WANTED** FOR TELEVISION PROGRAM IN THIS AREA

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**Must Sign Release**, for purpose of filming job! This must be a complete remodeling job, not just patch up work. This remodeling is to be specially priced out of work, with compensation back to the homeowner for signed release.



#### **CRANFORD FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE HOSTS TRIVIA NIGHT**

#### Submitted by Abbie Signore

The Cranford Fund for Educational Excellence (CFEE) hosted its 4th Annual Trivia Night competition on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at the Kenilworth VFW. Nearly 400 people were in attendance, with 38 teams vying for the championship. The competition was strong, music by DJ Randy Geis was lively, and spirits were high. Emcees for the evening, Gary Pascal and Stephanie Kwiatkowski, presented eight rounds of tough questions created by a board committee that was led by Trivia Master, Brian Andrews.

CFEE proudly featured the 47 businesses and 20 families who sponsored the event ranging from \$100 to \$1,000, with Boxcar serving as a Facilities Director sponsor along with Dreyer Farms, TimberRidge Construction, Westfield Collision Center, Keating Physical Therapy, Lincoln Investments/Patrick Bergin, and Julie and Jim Murphy, CHS '78 as Academic Deans.

With team entry fees, 500+ raffle tickets sold in the 50/50, and philanthropic donations, more than \$30,000 was raised and the proceeds from the event will help to fund this year's requests made by our District's educators.

Jennifer Mehr, Co-President and Fundraising Chair, was delighted with this year's turnout that sets the bar higher each year. She thanked the generous sponsors for this year's event and further shared, "More than \$60,000 in funds are requested annually in recent years and since we only can fund what we raise, I invite individuals and families to match the 67 sponsors by making a gift of \$100 or more toward this year's available funds." For a full list of sponsors, clever team names, or to make a donation please visit our website at cranfordfund.org.

The trivia scores were extremely close, ranging from 31 to 49.5 out of a possible 58, so it was anyone's trophy for the taking! 1st Place with 49.5 points- Team Trivia Prosciutto: Antonio Pugliese, Frannie Pugliese, Jeff Sampson, Kirsten Sampson, Ameet Doshi, Kim O'Malley, John Futey, Meryl Futey, Tiffany Davitt, and Mike Davitt. 2nd Place with 49 points- Team Trivia Newton-John: Abbie Signore, Chris Signore, Beth Rees, Sean Rees, Jen Lenza, Chris Lenza, Christine Delre, Matt Delre, Claire Cooper, and Ryan Cooper. In a sudden death tie-breaker for 3rd Place between Kathleen Turner Overdrive and Reimagine We Won, Reimagine took the spot: Team members: Rich Saccone, Amy Saccone, Joe Colangelo, Sarah Colangelo, Arthur Hearns, Diana Hearns, Tom Connolly, Laura Connolly, Ryan Youtsey, and Jenny Smoot.

Our trivia teams this year were more creative than ever! Our Spirit Awards reflect the amazing amount of fun that was had by all at this special event. Class Clown - The Shenanigans: Kristen Mider, Zach Mider, Kerry Durante, Anthony Durante, Genna Degan, Anthony Shapella, Madhavi Guven, Murat Guven, Jessica Sinnot, and George Sinnot; Most Likely to Succeed – Alexa, Tell Me About Cranford: Kathleen Streicher, Steve Streicher, Amy Smith, Jason Smith, Manoly Reynolds, Keith Reynolds, Christine Dyer, Bill Dyer, Sarah Benish Adel, and Matt Adel. Most Team Spirited - Trivia Newton-John: Abbie Signore, Chris Signore, Beth Rees, Sean Rees, Jen Lenza, Chris Lenza, Christine Delre, Matt Delre, Claire Cooper, Ryan Cooper. Best Dressed - Quizteama Aquilera: Nicole Kessler, Matt Kessler, Nutan Rubinson, Eric Rubinson, Lauren Aulson, Dan Aulson, Melissa Switzer, Jake Switzer, Marcy Duarte, and Brian Perkins.

The Cranford Fund for Educational Excellence, relaunched in 2014, is a nonprofit, Cranford-based foundation that supports excellence and innovation in the Cranford public schools by generating resources through community involvement. The grants are awarded to teachers and staff who apply for them, and benefit students across the school district. Since 2016, the CFEE has awarded nearly \$70,000 in grants in categories such as: differentiated or personalized education, technology integration and 21st-century skills, innovation zones/makerspaces, and classroom design.

If you'd like more information or to contribute to this year's efforts, please visit our website at cranfordfund.org. You also may send a check to PO Box 1627, Cranford, NJ 07016.





#### **CRANFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS**

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#### **APRIL EVENTS**

Night Networking Tuesday, April 9th 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Investors Bank 105 North Avenue, W. Cranford, NJ No charge for Members / \$10 Non-Members (This is a rescheduled event from March 19th) This event is sponsored by Investors Bank

Refreshments wil be served. RSVP a must: cranfordareachamber.com or 908 272 6114

#### **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**

Saturday, April 13th 10 a.m. - Noon Garlic Rose Bistro 28 North Avenue, W. Cranford, NJ Adults \$18 / Children \$12 Reservations a MUST Please call 908-276-5749 Sponsored by Arnold's Pest Control

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## **CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY FAMILY PROGRAMS**

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#### **GERARD PARADISO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE – MAY 1**

offering the Gerard Paradiso Scholarship to a Cranford resident who is currently pursuing or intends to pursue a graduate degree in library information science or media specialist. Named in honor of former Friends of the Library President Gerard Paradiso, the scholarship is worth \$1,000. The award is not based on need.

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library are The candidate must furnish proof of acceptance to an accredited university, a letter of reference, and an essay. Applications are available at the Cranford Public Library reference desk. Completed applications should be mailed to The Friends of the Cranford Public Library, P.O. Box 400, Cranford, NJ 07016. The deadline to apply is May 1, 2019.

### **CRANFORD WOMAN'S CLUB'S ANNUAL** SCHOLARSHIP NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Submitted by Ashley Fiume

applications for our 2019 Scholarship. Deadline is April 10, 2019.

Eligibility: Cranford resident and graduating senior from any high school who plans to continue education at an accredited institute of higher learning, and who has a demonstrated commitment to community service.

Please write a one page essay telling us about your community service. We are particularly interested in hearing what brought you to the project or organization as well as what your time commitment has been, frequency and your level of participation. Perhaps you started as a

The Cranford Woman's Club is accepting volunteer and grew into leadership role or helped recruit others to continue the service in the future. Who does your service benefit or impact? What have you learned about yourself or the world from being involved?

> Also include one letter of recommendation from someone who is able to write about your community service.

> Applications are available at Cranford High School Guidance office, on the Cranford Woman's Club website (cranfordwc.com/scholarship) or by emailing cancob@aol.com with CWC Scholarship in subject line.



### THE WORLD OF LAURA INGALLS WILDER WITH MARTA MCDOWELL

Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. as we welcome Marta McDowell, author of The World of Laura Ingalls Wilder: The Frontier Landscapes that Inspired the Little House Books at the Cranford Community Center. Garden historian Marta McDowell will take us on an entertaining journey with the beloved Little House series as we explore Wilder's deep relationship to the landscape. Throughout, you'll learn details about Wilder's life and inspirations, discover how to visit the real places today, and even learn to grow the plants and vegetables featured in the stories. The plants, animals, and landscapes are so integral to the stories, they are practically their own characters. It is a world of prairie, forest, farm and garden. Join us as we explore the natural history, places, and plants of this beloved American children's author.

Marta McDowell lives, writes and gardens in Chatham, NJ. She teaches landscape history and

Please join the Hanson Park Conservancy on horticulture at the New York Botanical Garden and has worked as a horticulturist at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit. She has been a featured speaker at locations ranging from the Arnold Arboretum to the Philadelphia Flower Show. She also wrote All the Presidents' Gardens, a New York Times bestseller, and Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life. McDowell's garden is included in the Smithsonian's Archive of American Gardens.

The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Ave. in Cranford, NJ. McDowell will have copies of her book available for purchase and signing. Cash or check only. This event is sponsored by the Hanson Park Conservancy. The program is free and open to the public. No registration is required, but seating is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information please go to our website hansonparkconservancy.com.





## Saint Michael School Fish Fry & SMS Spring Market

Come and enjoy a Lenten Friday Fish 'n Chips Dinner prepared by "Kilkenney House". TAKE OUT AVAILABLE!

When: Friday, April 5th Where: Saint Michael's Cafeteria

Time: 7:00- 9:30pm

\$20.00 for Adults Cost: \$10.00 for Children

Dinner includes fish and chips, beverage and dessert. You may also bring your own bottle of wine. Pasta will be available for \$5.00. Each person will need a pre-paid ticket to be served.

SMS Office or Parish Center by Tuesday, April 2nd. For your shopping pleasure, the BOOK FAIR will be going on in the lane lobby. NEW this year, we will have an

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(above) Christopher McCarthy of Cranford Boy Scout Troop 75 at The 2019 Munsee District of Boy Scouts 6th Annual Chess Tournament

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### CHRISTOPHER MCCARTHY HAS STRONG FINISH AT BOY SCOUT CHESS TOURNAMENT

Christopher McCarthy of Cranford Boy Scout Troop 75 won three of his four games at the 2019 Munsee District of Boy Scouts 6th Annual Chess Tournament. His 3.0 score was tied for third place, but he had to settle for fourth place after tie break points were calculated. The tournament was held at the Cranford Community Center on February 23, 2019. First place winner was Andrew Terhune of Rockaway Troop 113 finishing with a perfect score of 4.0, winning all four of his games. Second place winner with a score of 3.5, was Saverio Paradiso of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Boy Scout Troop 33, who won

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3 games and drew his last. Third Place was Joshua McDonald of Branchburg Troop 90 finishing with three wins and a score of 3.0. Trophies in the form of traveling chess sets were awarded to first, second, and third place finishers. Twenty-six contestants participated in the tournament that is organized by Joe Renna of Renna Media, and Tournament Director John Moldovan. This tournament also met the 6a requirement for earning a Chess merit badge. Lunch was provided for all participants and spectators by Big Apple Pizzeria, located on Walnut Avenue in Cranford.



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