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WESTFIELD ROBOTICS FINISHES SEASON ON A HIGH NOTE



(above) The High School Robotics Team recently competed in the semifinals of the FIRST Tech Challenge NJ Competition.

Submitted by Dori Kaplan

Westfield Robotics concluded its season on February 17, 2019 with its most successful results of the year. The team, WR That Hertz, competed in the semifinals of the first Tech Challenge New Jersey Competition and was chosen as a partner team by the third highest scoring team. In the best out of three matches to move to the finals, That Hertz and its partner battled it out for all three matches. While That Hertz did not make it into the finals leading into the state championships, the team is immensely proud of all the progress made this season.

"At the beginning of the season, our robot was having a lot of issues," says Jacob Rock, the team captain. "The autonomous programming didn't work at all in our first competition in November, and we had a few malfunctions disconnecting when we couldn't control the robot. However, we were able to overcome these challenges and our robot performed consistently well during this tournament."

WR That Hertz also won second place for the Collins Aerospace Innovation Award for its unique design. The robot uses a rack and pinion extendable lift to pull itself six inches off the ground onto a lander, and the team created a mechanism to collect balls and blocks out of zip ties and duct

tape. Additionally, the robot had Mecanum wheels which allowed it to move in any direction: forwards, backwards, sideways, diagonally, and even spin in a circle.

The team worked hard this season. Members were presented with the challenge (or game) to be followed throughout the season. The team worked through the design process to create a brand new robot, and to continuously perfect their design.

Westfield Robotics also has been doing a lot to educate its newer members, with 18 new club members joining this season, ranging from 7th grade through 12th grade. The Westfield Robotics Club is designing and creating an additional robot that does not compete, so new members can get hands-on experience designing and building. Rock is also teaching the basics of Java to the team to ensure that interested members can learn how to code.

The Westfield Robotics Club will continue working on its second robot, practicing skills, and fundraising through the off-season. The team will not be competing in state championships, but is hosting a scrimmage at Westfield High School on May 19, 2019. This is a non-judged workshop where students will be challenged to create new designs on the fly to compete. The public is encouraged to attend.

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WESTFIELD SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Westfield Public School District Business Administrator (BA) and Board Secretary Dana Sullivan has been honored by the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials (NJASBO) with a 2019 Distinguished Service Award for her long-term, continuous exemplary service.

As part of the award, Sullivan will have the honor of presenting a \$1,000 scholarship from NJASBO to a student in the Westfield Public School District.

Among just four 2019 Distinguished Service Award recipients statewide, Sullivan has served as BA/Board Secretary for Westfield Public Schools since 2012. Previously, she served in the same role for Montclair Public Schools from 1997 to 2012.

"I am pleased, but not at all surprised, that Mrs. Sullivan has received this prestigious recognition," said Superintendent Dr. Margaret Dolan. "Her fiscal stewardship, sage advice and steady hand have been at the forefront of many of the district's most successful initiatives."

Westfield Board of Education President Peggy Oster praised Sullivan as a leader who consistently provides "sound and seasoned guidance."

"The fact that Mrs. Sullivan's colleagues have honored her with this award speaks volumes about her experience and impeccable character," said Oster.

Sullivan currently serves as the Chairman of the Education Committee for NJASBO and as a trustee for the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (NJSIG), a joint insurance fund provided to member school districts.

NJASBO is a professional association that promotes the highest standards of ethics and efficiency, provides its membership with professional development and support, and collaborates with entities that affect public education. The organization comprises

individuals who administer or supervise a variety of operations within the school district. Examples include accounting, budgeting, data processing, environmental issues, food service management, maintenance, negotiations, payroll, purchasing and transportation.



(above) Westfield Public School District Business Administrator Dana Sullivan is one of four recipients in the state to be awarded a 2019 Distinguished Service Award by the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials.

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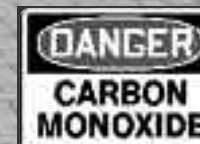
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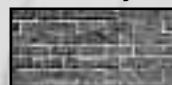
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Children will learn the art of wool-felting to make wool bunnies for Spring decorations and for adorning the holiday table.

Meg Wastie, Program Consultant for the Society, and other educators will demonstrate this historical craft method using natural materials. Attendees will make and bring home their hand-made wool felt bunnies. Space is limited, so reservations are required and the cost is \$5 per child payable on April 6th. For reservations, call (908)654-1794; or email westfieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

The Westfield Historical Society celebrated its 50th anniversary last year. Since 1968, the 501(c)(3) non-profit Westfield Historical Society has worked to preserve, interpret and encourage interest in history, Westfield, and its residents through educational efforts and community outreach programs.

For more information on the Westfield Historical Society and their events, visit westfieldhistoricalsociety.org and like us on Facebook.



(above) Meg Wastie, Program Consultant for the Westfield Historical Society, will teach the art of historic wool felt bunny craft for children at the Reeve History and Cultural Resource Center on Saturday, April 6, 2019.

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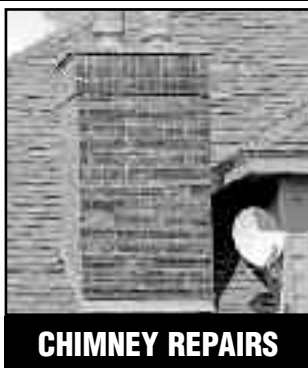
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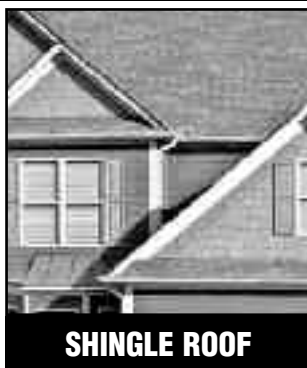
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SPRING CONCERT BY THE WESTFIELD COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

The Westfield Community Concert band will present its annual Spring Concert on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at Edison Intermediate School, 800 Rahway Avenue in Westfield, free admission. Dr. Thomas Connors, conductor and music director of the band, has prepared a program which is highlighted by popular, traditional and contemporary selections for wind band.

The program will feature the band's premier performance of the complete Autobiography by composer and arranger, Robert Russell Bennett. A series of seven, two-minute musical "snapshots" of significant events from his own life, Bennett wrote this composition in 1976 for a performance by the world famous Goldman Band. This tribute to his life and musical

development stands as the last of Bennett's major compositions.

The program will also include Walter Piston's 1950 contemporary classic, Tunbridge Fair. Piston received his musical training at Harvard University and taught music at Harvard for many years. Among his many well-known students was the legendary Leonard Bernstein.

The band also performs First Suite in E-flat, written in 1909 by Gustav Holst, which is a three movement composition that has become an international staple of wind band repertoire. Another program selection, Variations on a Shaker Melody, written in 1960 by renowned American composer, Aaron Copland, has become one of the most familiar melodies through its frequent appearance in film, television and other settings.

The band's final selection will be New London Pictures, by Nigel Hess. New London Pictures represents modern elements of London in the

21st Century, in three "scenes": Millennium Bridge, London Eye and Congestion Charge. "The music will bring to life the landmark bridge, giant Ferris wheel and hectic traffic that London is now best known for" says Dr. Connors.

The band, in its 107th concert season, will also be presenting its annual Summer Concert Series on Thursdays, June 20, June 27, July 4, July 11 and July 18 in Westfield's Mindowaskin Park.

Experienced area musicians may inquire about joining the band by contacting Barry Rosenberg, band president, at 732-356-9400 or by email at info@westfieldcommunityband.com. The band rehearses each Wednesday evening from 7:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the community room located in the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, and performs throughout the year.



(above) The Westfield Community Concert Band, under the direction of Dr. Thomas Connors, Music Director, will present its annual Spring Concert on Thursday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Edison Intermediate School, 800 Rahway Avenue, Westfield.



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(above) John Prescott, History Coordinator for the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, will present the program "Invention, Innovation, and Industry in Union County" during the Spring Assembly of History Organizations on April 11, 2018 at 7:30 pm held in the Assembly Hall of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. The public is invited.

WESTFIELD HISTORY ORGANIZATIONS SPRING ASSEMBLY – INVENTION, INNOVATION & INDUSTRY IN UNION COUNTY

Each Spring, the History organizations in Westfield come together and present a Spring Assembly which is open to the public. This year, the Westfield Historical Society is organizing the program to be held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Assembly Room of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. John Prescott of the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs will present the program: "Invention, Innovation & Industry in Union County".

Did you know that Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla were both connected to Union County? You may be surprised to hear that Planes, Trains, Automobiles.....and Submarines are all a part of the rich and diverse History of Union County.

In his role as the History Programs Coordinator for the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Mr. Prescott has worked with community groups and organizations to develop dynamic and

substantive programs to educate the public about the remarkable history of Union County. John orchestrates Union County's annual Four Centuries in a Weekend, develops history programs for the public on selected themes, administers grants through the Union County History grant program, counsels organizations on historical activities and educational events and serves as a resource on educational programs.

The Spring Assembly programs are offered to the public, each Spring, through the efforts of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Westfield Chapter; The Genealogical Society of the West Fields; The Miller-Cory House Museum Volunteers; The Sons of the American Revolution, West Fields Chapter; the Westfield Historical Society; and The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

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- 4/6 2:00 pm How to Break up with your Clutter-Jamie Novak
- 4/8 7:00 pm Author Talk: *The Cemetery Keeper's Wife*
- 4/9 1:30 pm Craft: Make a Floating Teacup
- 4/12 1:30 pm TGIF! The Spencer Tracy Legacy (video)
- 4/13 2:00 pm "Pirates of Penzance" by The Light Opera of NJ
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WHS STRIVE CLUB SEEKING SHOW STOPPING TALENTS

Submitted by Anna Qiang

The WHS Strive Club is hosting its fifth annual charity event on May 17, 2019, but we need your show stopping talents to run the show! The audience will come from all surrounding towns, and all of the proceeds will go to the Strive Scholarship Fund to help students across the globe to continue their education.

We are looking for singers, dancers, musicians, comedians, magicians- and the list goes on! Our auditions are open to both adults and students. The audition does not have to be solely individual acts- we welcome choral groups, orchestras, or dance groups as well and have had these in previous years.

Come to audition and give us a brief preview of what you or a group of friends would like to perform on stage. We hope to see you there!

Auditions: April 10, 2019 starting at 3:30 p.m.; Or April 11, 2019; starting at 3:30 p.m. Westfield High School, Cafeteria B. For more information contact WHS Strive Club at whsstriveclub@gmail.com.

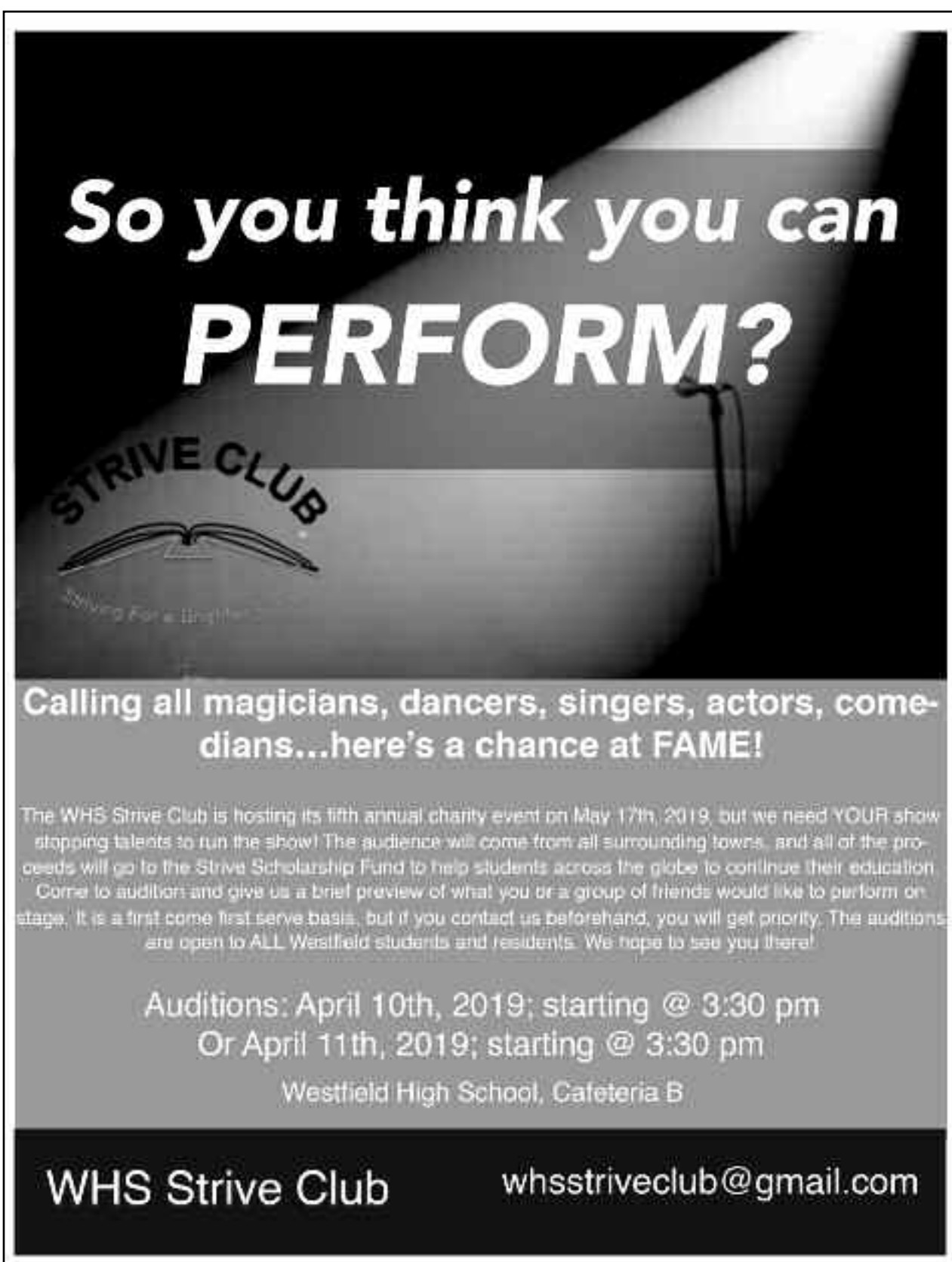
The Westfield High School Strive Club was founded in 2014. The club now has over 120 affiliated students, and the membership is continuing to grow! My name is Anna Qiang, and I took over the presidency my freshman year in 2017. I have been selected president again, and am now a sophomore at Westfield high school. Along with other students, I am continuing to grow and develop this amazing club. Our other officers are Bianca Popa and Sebastian Wroe who are both sophomores and serving as secretary. Our Vice Presidents are Alyssa Milrod and Emily Su, who are both seniors.

The main goal for the club is to help students who have outstanding academic records, strong core values, and come from families with financial hardships to continue their educational pursuits. We strive to connect future leaders of

the world over international borders. Since 2014, the Strive club has been helping a middle school in Datong, China. Every year for Datong, the Strive Club sponsors three top-performing 9th grade students who are later accepted by a regional board that will cover their living expenses for their first year of high school. Starting from the summer of 2018 and in future years, we are proud to welcome our partner schools in Zambia, Africa and Siem Reap, Cambodia! Not only will we be aiding with purchasing new school materials, but we will also be making sure every student has a chance to go to school in the impoverished villages of Zambia and Siem Reap. We raise money for these outstanding students through various fundraising events throughout the year. Our biggest event is our annual charity concert. We also attend the Westfield Chinese-American Association community event, which is around the time of Chinese New Year. This past February, the Strive

Club has partnered with the pulsera project in order to educate Latin artists. We also have bake sales and chocolate sales at school, and are always welcome to new ideas proposed by our members.

This year will be our 5th annual concert. The goal of the event to to send all proceeds to less-fortunate students around the globe. We encourage elementary, middle, and high school students from Westfield and surrounding towns to participate in the concert. Last year, we had the very talented EIS Broadway singers perform along with other amazing singers and dancers. There are also raffles at the event from a selection of Westfield businesses, who are sponsored on our concert brochure for many people of different townships to see. Our members ask these stores for gift cards, coupon, etc. to serve as gifts for our concert attendants. We are always so grateful to have stores in Westfield who are so keen to assist our global cause for education!



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Passion/Palm Sunday, April 14
Eucharist with Procession at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday, April 18
Spoken Liturgy with Eucharist at 12:00 noon
Liturgy with Rite of First Communion at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 19
Ecumenical Community Service at 12:00 noon
Tenebrae Service with Stripping of the Altar at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 20
A Day of Silence and Meditation

Easter Celebration, April 21
Memorial Garden Service at 7:00 a.m.
Festival Services with Processional and Eucharist
at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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WESTFIELD ARTIST INVITES NEIGHBORS TO VISIT HER STUDIO, SOUTH AVENUE ARTS

Sharon Reed, a resident of Westfield, opened South Avenue Arts in September of 2016. She is inviting friends and neighbors to the opening of her show to 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, who also teaches art classes at the studio, 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.



(above) Landscape artist, oil painter Mark Saenger



(above) Westfield artist Sharon Reed



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QUILTS OF WESTFIELD RESIDENT RENATE BIEBER FEATURED AT SHOW

Submitted by Marianne O'Neill

"My Journey," the quilts of Renate Bieber, will be showcased at the Harvest Quilters of Central NJ's 36th annual quilt show on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, Scotch Plains, NJ from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The self-proclaimed "by the book" quilter has unexpectedly become an award winning art quilter after exploring her creative side. "I started out making a very traditional baby quilt in 1987, when my first child was born, and that was the path I happily followed for many years," said Ms. Bieber.

In 2015 a Harvest Quilter's guild challenge, to create an art quilt depicting a common idiom, led Ms. Bieber to reluctantly leave tradition behind and create "Still Waters Run Deep." This 3-D water lily themed original design would win a guild ribbon and go on to win first place in the craft category at the Union County Senior Citizens Art Exhibit and jury into NJ state competition. Two other original art quilts "Poppy Day" and "Whirligig," both of which also placed

at the Senior Citizens Art Exhibit, will be displayed.

Other highlights of the exhibit will include three eye catching quilts made from the same pattern, but with very different fabric. Quilts that celebrate family and friend's birthdays, graduations and weddings will feature her daughter's Halloween birthday quilt complete with spider webs quilted using sparkling silver thread. Unique utilitarian items will round out the display including a Challah cover, tea bag caddy, thread catcher and sewing needle case.

"I enjoy the process of making quilts, giving them as gifts or using them in my daily life," said Ms. Bieber, a member of Harvest Quilters since 2005, where she is Meeting Leader and Publicity Chair.

Community Service has been a focal point of Ms. Bieber's 27 years in Westfield, where she raised her three children along with her husband of 34 years, Michael. After many years of volunteering, she was elected PTO President of McKinley School from 2000-2002. She's held

numerous positions in the Westfield Chapter of Hadassah, a Jewish women's organization, culminating with President from 1996-1998 and Woman of the Year in 1999. She ran the box office as director of ticket sales for the Westfield Community Players from 2008-2017.

Born in northern Germany and raised in Munich, Ms. Bieber, like all German girls in the 60s, learned to knit, crochet and embroider in elementary school and sew in the upper grades. A graduate of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL, she worked as a Foreign Service National at the American Consulate in Munich, and after a stint as a stay-at-home mom and substitute teacher, is currently Attendance Secretary at Franklin School in Westfield.

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church is located at 1961 Raritan Rd, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076. Entry to the show is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years of age. The proceeds from our raffle and entry fee are used for charitable donations and to further knowledge of the art of quilting.



(above) Harvest Quilters of Central NJ is proud to announce Sharing the Quilt XXXVI, our 36th annual quilt exhibit on April 6, 2019. The featured quilter, Renate Bieber, is a long-time resident of Westfield and has been involved in many community organizations.

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CRANE'S FORD DAR CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

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

At a recent luncheon, held at the Holiday Inn 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 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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COLLEGE WOMAN'S CLUB HOSTS TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER, MAY 3

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Attendees will form teams to compete in several rounds and categories presented by a professional trivia emcee. A wine pull and silent auction of premium items, gift certificates and hard-to-find tickets will offer guests more

chances to win while supporting the scholarship fund.

"Tacos, trivia and team spirit, what more do we need for a great night in support of a great cause?" said Deirdre Gelinne, CWC president. "This fun event promises to be a win-win for everyone, but especially this year's scholarship recipients."

Founded in 1917, the College Woman's Club is one of Westfield's oldest charitable service organizations. The club annually awards over \$50,000 in scholarships on the basis of academics, leadership and financial need. For further information or to register for the Trivia Night, please visit cwclubwestfield.org.

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TOWN OF WESTFIELD LAUNCHES EMAIL SUBSCRIPTION OPTIONS

As part of the ongoing initiative to expand communication options to residents, the Town of Westfield has launched an email subscription feature on its website.

By visiting westfieldnj.gov/townupdates, the following email subscriptions are available:

- Mayor's Updates: Newsletter from Mayor Brindle summarizing the latest issues in Town
- Finance/Taxes: Quarterly payment date reminders
- Agendas and Minutes: Notification of meeting agendas and minutes for the Town Council, Planning Board, Board of Adjustment or Board of Health
- Press Releases: The latest information distributed to the media from the Communications Office and Westfield Police Department
- Pre-Planned Utility Project Alerts: Notifications about large-scale, pre-planned utility work by the Town's service providers.

After filling out the subscription form, participants will receive an email from the Town to confirm enrollment, and subscriber updates can be made at any time through the Manage

Preferences link on the confirmation email. The Town intends to expand the Town Updates feature with additional categories in the coming months.

"We continue to prioritize communication to our residents, and this is the latest addition in reaching people through as many means as possible," said Mayor Shelley Brindle. "While the Town is extremely active on social media, we recognize that many folks prefer to be reached via email, and this new service allows us to push information directly to them. As always, I encourage residents to stay informed and engaged about the Town's initiatives, and this is one additional way to help facilitate that process."

The launch of Town Updates complements the existing suite of communication channels used to reach residents, which includes live streaming Town Council meetings, an active presence on social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram), Town-wide and ward-specific Nixle updates, as well as Downtown Meetups with the Mayor and Town Council members.



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THIS IS A TIME TO PLAN FOR A NEW CHAPTER IN WESTFIELD'S FUTURE

Submitted by Mayor Shelley Brindle

Hopefully, you've heard by now that we have officially kicked off the public input portion of our Master Plan Reexamination and our Strategic Parks Plan, which means that the time has come to provide your feedback and have your voice heard. Whether your concerns are related to parking, development, historic preservation, recreation facilities, or other areas, the updated Master Plan and new Parks Plan should be a reflection of the community at large and the will of its residents, not something that is decided within the walls of Town Hall.

That being said, I want to make sure that everyone knows about their opportunities to participate in the upcoming Community Workshops. These interactive public forums, to be hosted by our contractors (H2M and Brandstetter Carroll), are for residents, business owners and other stakeholders to be part of the planning process.

These Community Workshops for the public will be held on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, April 3, 7-9 p.m.:**
Town Hall Community Room
(Master Plan Reexamination and Strategic Parks Plan)
- **Wednesday, April 24, 7-9 p.m.:**
Edison School cafeteria
(Master Plan Reexamination and Strategic Parks Plan)
- **Monday, April 29, 7-9 p.m.:**
Town Hall Community Room
(Master Plan Reexamination only)
- **Sunday, May 5: Spring Fling**
(Master Plan Reexamination only)

In addition to the Community Workshops, don't forget to take the online surveys as well, which can be found at westfieldnj.gov/futurewestfield and westfieldnj.gov/parksplan – both of which will remain open until Sept 3.

One of the areas I've focused on since taking office is cultivating community engagement.. I know how fortunate we are to live in a town where residents care deeply about their community, and I invite you to bring that knowledge, experience and passion to our Master Plan Reexamination and Strategic Parks Plan call to action – Westfield's Future: Plan it. Live it. Love it.

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HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES 2019 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Submitted by Joan Lowell Smith

The votes are in! The Westfield Hall of Fame Committee can now announce the twelve 2019 Hall of Fame Honorees to be inducted during a gala ceremony in September. Candidates were chosen by the eleven member Hall of Fame Selection Committee, in conjunction with Westfield Historical Society members and the general public. Joan Lowell Smith, chair of the Hall of Fame Committee, said that this is the largest number of new entrants into the Hall of Fame since the Westfield Hall of Fame inception in 2008. Of the 71 individuals considered this year, those who did not earn enough points for induction will still be eligible for the next Hall of Fame Awards.

Candidates, representing a wide spectrum of occupations, must be current or previous residents of Westfield who have made significant impacts on the town, state and often, the nation, for their accomplishments. The Committee reviews all submitted contenders before all votes are tallied to arrive at the twelve inductees, listed with brief descriptions of their achievements which will be expanded at the awards ceremony. Details of the special guest presenters, ticket prices, location and program will be released in the months ahead.

Rabbi Charles Kroloff served Temple Emanuel for 59 years, 36 as senior rabbi, transforming it into the largest Reform congregation in New Jersey. In addition to leading several major Jewish organizations, he was president of the Westfield Foundation and remains active in Temple Emanuel.

Bill Shepherd has served as Chairman of Chemical Bank NJ and President/CEO of Horizon Bancorp. He was President of the Chamber of Commerce and has served on boards of the United Fund, Fairview Cemetery and Westfield Foundation.

Gail Cassidy, author of numerous motivational books, taught high school English in Roselle and North Plainfield before serving as president of seven Westfield organizations, including the Board of Education, the Foundation, and Rotary. She was co-creator and instructor of mentoring and anti-bullying programs locally and in inner-city schools. She co-writes a monthly electronic newsletter Retired-Next Phase.com.

Betty List (1926-2017) served three terms as Councilwoman. At the Presbyterian Church of Westfield she was deacon, trustee, usher, Sunday school teacher and on the worship committee. She chaired Westfield's Public Safety Council and served boards of the town Republican Committee, Women's Republican Club, Union County Republican Committee, and League of Women Voters.

Robert Brewster (1929-2010), a star athlete named UNICO Man of the Year, was recognized twice as a "model citizen" by the New Jersey Senate and Assembly. He founded and managed the Westfield Basketball Clinic and served on the Town Recreation board for ten years.

Saul Drittel, owner of Milady's store for 40 years, has been in commercial real estate with Coldwell Banker for many years. He was

Volunteer Promotions Chairman of the Downtown Westfield Corp. He's devoted 30 years to the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce as board member, retail chair, and president.

The Farley Family: Katherine Farley is board chair of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. She was named the "12th Most powerful women in New York" by Crain's New York Business. She has also served on the board of the New York Philharmonic. Currently she is senior managing director of Tishman Speyer. Thomas Farley, a pediatrician, was Health Commissioner of New York City. Prior to that post, he served the Centers for Disease Control's Epidemic Intelligence Service. His articles on Legionnaires' disease, prevention of HIV/STDs, infant mortality and obesity have been published widely. Three additional Farleys will share the award.

Charles H. Darsh (1869-1939) was an architect who designed the Westfield Firehouse and Mindowaskin Park. He gained international prominence for designing the Montreal railway station, the Frontenac hotel and elaborate private homes.

Paul Robeson (1898-1976), athlete, singer, lawyer, actor and activist, lived his formative years in Westfield, attending McKinley School. His father was pastor of St. Thomas A.M.E. Zion Church before the family moved to Somerville where Paul graduated from high school. He earned a full scholarship to Rutgers where he became an All American in both football and track, graduating as valedictorian. This year Rutgers celebrates the 100th anniversary of his graduation.

George & Joan "Jody" Melloan: Joan "Jody" Melloan (1926-2017) wrote for magazines, Horizon, Americana, American Way and newspapers: San Francisco Chronicle, Miami Herald and The New York Times. She also taught management training at Kean University. She was as a master gardener as well. George

Melloan, editor and columnist for the Wall Street Journal for 54 years, served as deputy Editor, International, and editor of the editorial page where his weekly column, "Global View", appeared. He continues to write op-ed pieces for the Journal. He and his wife co-authored Carter Economy. George also authored the Great Money Binge, Advantage of Supplside Economics and last year, Free People, Free Markets. George has earned numerous writing awards.

Lawrence G. Foster (1925-2013) was a reporter for the Newark News, then bureau chief and night editor before heading public relations for Johnson & Johnson, retiring 33 years later as corporate Vice President of Public Relations. His expert handling of the infamous Tylenol tragedy in 1982 set the "gold standard" in crisis management. Lawrence was named one of the "Ten most influential Public Relations Executives of the 20th Century" by PR Week.

Betty Pate (1926-1983), was Director of Union County Cultural and Heritage Advisory board. She chaired Westfield's Bicentennial Committee and was active in the Miller-Cory Museum restoration. She won the New Jersey Historical Commission's 1981 award for distinguished service to state history. Betty was also known for sharing "ghost" tales of alleged haunted houses in the area.

Inductees receive a framed certificate and are permanently honored at the Reeve History and Cultural Resource Center with an engraved Westfield Hall of Fame plaque listing major achievements and a photo image.

The 2019 Westfield Hall of Fame selection committee includes Sherry Cronin, Donald Mokrauer, Virginia Rorden, Gail Stock, Barbara Hale, Ginny Leiz, Lowell Schantz, Carol Tener, Glen Dumont, Nancy Humphrey and Joan Lowell Smith (chairperson).

For more information on the Westfield Hall of Fame, The Westfield Historical Society, and their events, visit westfieldhistoricalsociety.org and like on Facebook.



(above, l-r) Members of the 2019 Hall of Fame Committee of the Westfield Historical Society ponder their selection decision during a recent Committee meeting held at the Reeve House: Joan L. Smith (chair), Gail Stock, Barbara Hale, Sherry Cronin, Ginny Leiz, Don Mokrauer, Ginny Rorden and Carol Tener.

DISNEY'S NEWSIES COMING TO CDC THEATRE IN MAY

CDC Theatre in Cranford will finish out its 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).

Set in turn-of-the century New York City, Newsies is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged "newsies." When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what's right! 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 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.

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

"Transportation shouldn't be a roadblock to cancer treatment," said Wilkens. "Even with help from family and friends, sometimes patients have trouble getting every ride they need. I am a second-generation Road To Recovery driver, my

father did it when I was growing up. I knew when I retired I wanted to give back and help people."

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

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

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

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“AN EVENING OF SHINING STARS” 8TH ANNUAL SPECIAL NEEDS TALENT SHOW SET FOR MAY 3RD

One of the area's most anticipated events — “An Evening of Shining Stars” — featuring members of the special needs community from around Union County, will take place on Friday May 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Founded by Cranford resident Sally Curci, the 8th annual showcase will feature another talented cast ready to sing and dance their way into your hearts as they share their amazing talents.

For the second consecutive year, the “Shining Stars” cast will take the professional stage at the beautiful and historic Union County Performing Arts Center, where many of America's biggest names have performed. Last year, more than thirty special needs performers and their high school “buddies” amazed an audience of over 1,000 while singing and dancing to many of the greatest hits through the decades. This year's show is titled “The Greatest Show” and will feature songs from Broadway, movies, and even a few original songs.

“We are so excited to give our special cast the chance to perform at such a great venue once again,” noted Shining Stars Founder and Co-director Sally Curci. “Last year was electric. The audience was wonderful and our performers were just amazing. Our audience has grown each and every year, and our cast continues to grow as we spotlight talent from around Union County. It's going to be another night to remember.”

When the lights go up, the “stars” will shine, entertaining with solo acts and full cast dance choreography — which is one of the highlights of the show.

“It was like being on Broadway,” said Shining

Stars President Mike Curci. “It's a classic venue, Our performers showed how talented they are, and the audience support was simply fantastic. We can't wait to do this again in May. Everyone is very excited.”

“We continue to be inspired by their talents every day,” noted Shining Stars Co-director Nicole Greene. “This a wonderful chance for our cast to not only learn new songs and choreography, but to build all-important self-confidence and self-esteem, which they take with them away from the stage.”

Adam Fleissner, who has performed in every Shining Stars show, can't wait to take the stage again, as he prepares to sing a Broadway tune. “We meet so many great people,” said Fleissner. “We get new people in every year and everyone has a good time meeting each other and performing. All of it is just fantastic.”

Tickets are on sale now at UCPAC.org/events. Find the Shining Stars logo, select your seats and you'll be in for one of the best nights of the year!

“An Evening of Shining Stars” is presented by Shining Stars Network, Inc., a 501(c)3 non profit organization based in Union County that shines the light on the special needs community by creating inclusive events such as their annual talent show, dances at local high schools, and their Ambassadors basketball team, a special needs team that travels to play local first responders and other organizations to help promote inclusion, friendship and understanding.

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EARTH DAY RAHWAY RIVER CLEAN-UP SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

Submitted by Joe Seebode

All volunteers are invited to celebrate Earth Day with Boy Scout Troop 330, Cub Scout Pack 30 and members of the Rahway River Watershed Association in a clean-up of the Rahway River on Saturday, April 27th, 2019 (with a rain date of Sunday, April 28th). The clean-up will focus on areas upstream and downstream of the dam at Winfield Park, New Jersey. It is our hope to have enough folks participate that we can have teams work as far upstream as the Garden State Parkway and downstream through Rahway River Park in Clark, Linden and Rahway. Plans are to meet at the parking area adjacent to the waterfall of the Rahway River by the dam at Winfield Park at 8:45 a.m. This is a great way to celebrate Earth Day and if you haven't participated in an event like this before, you will find it invigorating, and you will feel good about what you have accomplished...it is also fun and educational...especially for scouts and young adults as they always find something interesting.

The clean-up will generally be between 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., but any amount of time or effort that folks can volunteer is appreciated. There is always a large volume of floatable debris to pick up. This includes tires and of course floatables

(cans, bottles, plastics, etc.). The County of Union generously supplies gloves and garbage bags, and we solicit material donations (donuts, bagels, coffee, bottled water, paper towels, hand-wipes, etc.) for all volunteers.

Last year, over 100 folks participated, including girl scouts, cub scouts, boy scouts, fishermen, local activists and citizens, and we pulled some amazing things from the river. Sponsors came through with coffee, bagels, danish, donuts, cookies, bottled water, and juice boxes, and we had grilled hot dogs for lunch. We also had other giveaways for the participants.

All participants should wear jeans, long-sleeved shirts, gloves and boots, and waders are welcome for folks who like to get a little wet. Each participant should bring a standard 5-gallon carry bucket with a handle (put your name on the bottom)...this makes for easy carrying of "stuff" for transfer to the large garbage bags. When we complete the event we do a basic inventory of the "big stuff" that we removed...and within approximately 24 hours Union County Parks removes and disposes of all the trash. There is no RSVP required but if you need more information or think you will attend please let us know by e-mail at rivercleanup@comcast.net.



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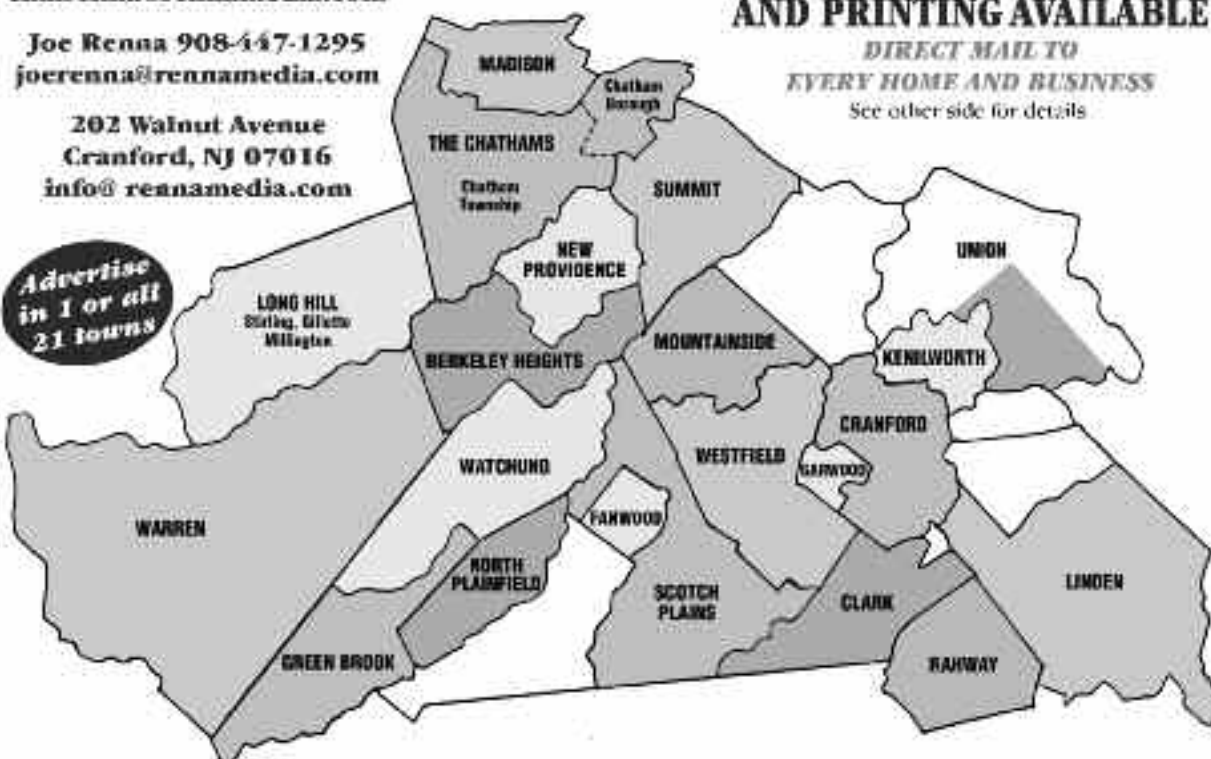
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The Westfield Historic Preservation Commission will continue their 2019 Speaker Series with a presentation by Dorothy Guzzo, Executive Director of the New Jersey Historic Trust, on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Westfield Municipal Building's Community Room at 425 E. Broad Street. The event is free and open to the public.

As a leader in promoting heritage tourism in New Jersey, Ms. Guzzo's remarks will highlight the benefits and economic importance of preserving historic neighborhoods and downtowns. Her talk will include tools and techniques for fostering successful preservation and feature examples from around the state.

Ms. Guzzo has been executive director of the New Jersey Historic Trust since 2008. The trust was created in 1967 to advance historic preservation in the state for the benefit of future generations through education, stewardship and

financial investment programs.

Prior to joining the trust, Ms. Guzzo served as the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for NJ from 1995 to 2008. In that capacity, she oversaw the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places as well as several other certification and resource programs. Previously she was the grants and project manager overseeing the restoration and development of state-owned historic sites.

Recognizing the cultural significance of Westfield's historic and architectural heritage, the Historic Preservation Commission was established by municipal ordinance in 1985. The commission considers potential sites for historic designation and sponsors outreach programs, including the speaker series and Devlin preservation awards, to foster an appreciation of historic preservation. For additional information, please visit westfieldnj.gov/historicpreservation.



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Participants will discover how communicating with customers regularly can help a small business stay connected, and generate increased referrals, repeat sales, and unwavering customer loyalty. Attendees will learn best practices and proven strategies and will have plenty of time to ask questions, share experiences, and network with peers.

DATE: April 18, 2019
TIME: 9:00 am - Noon
LOCATION: Small Business Administration office (10th floor)
2 Gateway Center
Newark, NJ 07102

Corner of McCarter Highway & Market Street, one block from Newark Penn Station

COST: \$20

REGISTER: <https://www.gwacnj.com/events/marketing-strategies/>
Phone: (908) 233-3021.

Space is limited. Please register by April 8.



Joe Renna, Renna Media

Joe has been in business since 1984 supplying businesses with a full array of marketing and advertising services. From developing business and marketing plans to multimedia production, Renna Media has focused on the needs of the local business owner offering customized, affordable, advertising opportunities for every size business.

Mr. Renna's presentation will address the different aspects of building a marketing plan and tuning up existing ones.

Participants will leave with the information to guide them in developing a plan that will get them the best return for their marketing budget. The presentation will encourage questions from the audience and will address specific challenges facing their business.



Michael Pilla, Pilla Creative Marketing

Michael has built his career on achieving business objectives by combining the best of art and technology, creating "Micro Celebrities" — helping clients to build a targeted, loyal, online community of fans and followers, customers and clients.

After working for several online agencies, Mr. Pilla founded Pilla Creative Marketing in 2003 to bring the power of online marketing to businesses and organizations — creating branding, websites, social and email marketing for companies in Arts & Entertainment, Food and Beverage, and Professional Services.

Participants will learn how to start and build a strong permission-based customer list, get their audience to open, read and act on their email, and leave with real-world insights and knowledge they can put to work immediately to help their business succeed.

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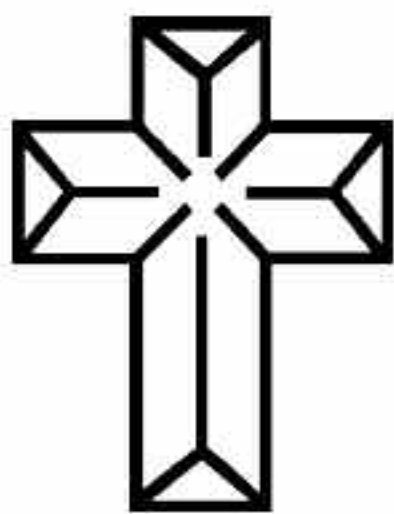
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