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Photos by Tom Kranz

- Fanwood Volunteer Fire Department firefighter Russ Hamill for 46 years of service, presented by Assistant Chief Dave Zawodniak.
- Fanwood Police officer Mike Rusin for a check fraud bust that led to a larger fraud ring and arrests related to a murder, presented by Chief Richard Trigo.
- Fanwood Rescue Squad first responder Dave Zawodniak for 26 years of service, presented by President Ed Winsor.
- Scotch Plains Volunteer Fire Department firefighter Bill Malone for 40 years of service, presented by Battalion Chief Dan Biglin.
- Scotch Plains Police officer Gerard Rites for helping a choking man by performing the Heimlich maneuver to clear his airway, saving his life, presented by Chief Ted Conley.
- Scotch Plains Rescue Squad Cadet Corps led by EMT Chang Yaramothu, presented by Chief Carolyn Sorge.



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## SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD 2019 MEMORIAL WEEKEND EVENTS ANNOUNCED

*The 2019 Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Day Parade Committee has announced the following events:*

### **ANNUAL CONCERT AND PARADE SUNDAY, MAY 26,**

*and Monday, May 27, respectively.*

*Two Fanwood WWII veterans will serve as Grand Marshals this year  
Joe Schott and Joe Murano.*

### **MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT (SUNDAY, MAY 26)**

The 8th Annual "Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Day Concert" will present a tribute to America's service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in defense of our country. The concert, performed by the Westfield Community Concert Band, will also include readings from several of our community's veterans. The audience usually exceeds 500 people from Scotch Plains, Fanwood and surrounding towns. Please bring a lawn chair.

This year's concert, "A Tribute to Fallen Heroes," will be presented on Sunday, May 26, 2019, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on the Alan Augustine Village Green adjacent to the municipal building in downtown Scotch Plains. Your generous contribution will help fund this patriotic program.

*For those individuals or organization interested in participating in the parade or making a donation to support the concert, please contact Bob LaCosta at the Township of Scotch Plains at (908) 939-8448 or [blacosta@scotchplainsnj.com](mailto:blacosta@scotchplainsnj.com).*

### **MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES (MONDAY, MAY 27)**

There will be a memorial service and presentation of wreaths at 9:00 a.m. at the Fanwood Memorial Library at 5 Forest Road. A memorial tribute and laying of wreaths will take place at 10:00 a.m. at the gazebo on Park Avenue and Front Street in downtown Scotch Plains.

Memorial Day Parade (Monday, May 27)

Starting at 10:45 a.m. at the gazebo in downtown Scotch Plains, the 2019 Memorial Day Parade will proceed along Park Avenue to Martine Avenue into downtown Fanwood. The parade ends at La Grande Park in Fanwood.

Memorial Day pays tribute to American military personnel of all wars who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in service to our country. Your participation will honor these fallen heroes and contribute to the success of the parade.

The theme for this year's parade is "All Gave Some... Some Gave All." We will recognize the dedication, commitment and sacrifice of all members of our Armed Forces who have defended our nation and continue to protect our country.

The very popular Memorial Day Parade Float Contest will be included in this year's parade. There will be prizes awarded for the top three floats: 1st Place \$750; 2nd Place \$500; 3rd Place \$300.



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## 6TH GRADE PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS HONOR AND REMEMBER HOLOCAUST VICTIMS

*Submitted by Patrice Barth*

Sixth grade Language Arts students at Park Middle School held their annual Holocaust Remembrance Museum in Mrs. Phillips', Ms. Rodriguez's, Ms. Washuta's and Mrs. Zazzara's classrooms. Students studied the Holocaust throughout several months while reading Hana's Suitcase, The Children of Willesden Lane as well as a variety of historical fiction novels set during the Holocaust.

In addition to the novels read in class, students learned about the Nuremberg Laws, which placed restrictions upon Jewish families living throughout Europe. They also learned how Kristallnacht – The Night of Broken Glass, saw many Jewish businesses, places of worship, and homes destroyed. In addition to reading about the Holocaust, students also viewed survivor testimonies, and watched Paper Clips, a documentary that showed how students in Whitwell, Tennessee became a national sensation by collecting paper clips to symbolize the 11 million victims of the Holocaust and built a memorial right on their school property.

To conclude the Holocaust unit, students were asked to consider: What can we learn from the

lives of others? What do we want others to know and understand about the Holocaust? How can we honor and preserve the memory of those who perished? These questions let students decide what impacted them and what they wanted people to know and remember about the Holocaust.

When asked if students believed we were successful in preserving the memory of the Holocaust and those who were lost, McKenna Dryer responded, "I believe we were successful because many of the projects showed that the people who were brutally murdered during the Holocaust, will always have a place in our hearts."

Parents and administrators were invited into the classrooms to view student projects ranging from posters, diaries, models, poetry, paintings, and essays. The museum not only gave students the opportunity to preserve the memory of so many tragic stories, it also allowed them to teach all of us the importance of treating others with kindness and compassion, instead of with hatred and indifference. Please visit Park Middle School's website, [spfk12.org](http://spfk12.org), to view student projects.



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The 27th annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive is on Saturday, May 11, 2019.

The Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive is happening on Saturday, May 11, 2019. On this day, you can set out your non-perishable food before your letter carrier's regular pick up time. The top requested non-perishable food items are: cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meals (such as soups, chili, and/or pasta), 100 percent juice,

peanut butter, macaroni & cheese, canned protein (tuna, chicken, and/or turkey), beans (canned or dry). You can also donate healthy, low-sodium, low-sugar items such as beans, oatmeal, and other whole grains, and canola or olive oil.

Please do not donate frozen food, homemade food, or home-canned items. Please do not donate items that have expired or are in glass containers. In keeping with good food-handling and food-safety procedures, food that is opened, damaged, out of code or does not have the official ingredients will be discarded by the food bank in the sorting process.

The Food Drive is primarily a people food drive, but if you also want to give pet food in addition to your regular donation, food banks may be able to distribute or direct it to pet shelters and organizations in the area that have a need.

Please do not donate any form of individual baby food products, including formula, jarred vegetables and fruits, meals, snacks, infant cereal. Baby food may be donated by the case or pallet, but single item donations present potential contamination risks and special handling requirements.

The Food Drive is primarily a food drive, but if you also want to give personal care items (such as diapers, laundry detergent, soap, toilet paper, and household cleaning items) in addition to your regular donation, food banks may be able to distribute or put them to good use with organizations that also provide help to those in

need. Please note that not all food banks will be able to accept these items.

If you would like to volunteer with food distribution and sorting, or in any other capacity, call your local post office and ask to speak to the local food drive person there. Many food banks have a great need for volunteers on Food Drive Day, as well as all throughout the year.

All donations to the Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive are tax-deductible because all the food collected on Food Drive Day is given directly to non-profit charity food agencies in the community the food was collected. Though the National Association of Letter Carriers plans the Food Drive's logistics and letter carriers provide the transportation for each donor's generous donation, the National Association of Letter Carriers is not the agency that gets listed on tax forms for claiming deductions. There are more than 10,000 food agencies throughout the country that receive these donations, so if you itemize your taxes and want to provide proper credit for your Food Drive donations, you will need to determine the name of the agency (food pantry or other charity) that received your food, as well as the agency's address and tax I.D. number for proper reporting on your tax-filing forms. The Food Drive Coordinator at your local post office should be able to give you the name of the receiving agency, and that agency will likely have tax information handy.

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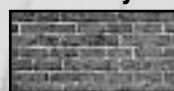
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Submitted by Shirley Drew

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## 2018 UNION COUNTY STEM SCHOLARS GRANT AWARD

Submitted by Pat Kane

Scotch Plains-Fanwood K-12 Science Supervisor, Guida Faria, shared the exciting news that Park and Terrill Middle Schools were awarded grants from Union County STEM totaling \$1,800. Park Middle School seventh grade Tech Ed teacher, Erica Toto and principal Dr. Jocelyn Dumaresq will be receiving \$800 for Afterschool STEM which will help fund the purchase of a 3D printer for Park's S.T.E.A.M. Club. This printer will enable students to see their prototype designs come to life as it 3D prints and then allows the students to compare its success relative to the first two prototypes.

Peggy Brown and John Scholtz, sixth grade science teachers at Park Middle School, were awarded a Union County STEM grant for Project Based Learning totaling \$500. The goal of this grant is to purchase fossils and other materials needed to create a simulated fossil dig in the

classroom. Students will practice fossil preparation skills using real tools and techniques to remove real fossils from an artificial mix. The second goal is to expose students to various STEM related careers, in particular, paleontology and archeology.

Terrill Middle School seventh grade teacher, Michael Wolenter and principal Dr. Kevin Holloway were awarded a Union County STEM Grant for project-based learning totaling \$500. This project-based learning unit is called, "Aquaponics: Looking for the Best Solution to a Growing Problem" and is designed to have students look at a possible solution to the growing problem of feeding an increasing world population. The goal of this grant is to purchase various aquaponic and hydroponic systems to determine ideal conditions for optimal plant growth.

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# HEAD COACH RICH MCGRIFF NAMED NJ.COM COACH OF THE YEAR

Coach McGriff was recognized on March 28, 2019 at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education meeting for being named the NJ.com Coach of the year. Coach McGriff is an alumnus of LaGrande School, Park Junior High and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's Class of 1984 and was a member of the high school track

and field team.

Rich began his coaching career at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School over 25 years ago, starting as a volunteer assistant coach when his younger siblings were on the team, then officially becoming an assistant coach, and presently Head Coach of the Track Team. Rich's coaching

specialties are the hurdles, high jump and triple jump. He has also coached sprints and long jump. Rich has coached thousands of young men and young women who have come through Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, including his son Aaron, Class of 2016.

Under Coach McGriff's track expertise, the 2018-2019 Varsity Boys' Winter Track Team achieved success at a level never before achieved in the history of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. They won the NJSIAA Group III State Relay Championship, the NJSIAA North II Group III State Sectional Championship and the NJSIAA Group III State Championship, completing what is known as the "Triple Crown" (winning all three possible championships in the winter state meet series). Coach McGriff humbly credits his staff and his students for these outstanding accomplishments; yet notably, all who work with Rich recognize his ability to motivate, inspire and lead with great integrity.

Photo by Scotch Plains-Fanwood public schools.



(above, l-r) Dr. David Heisey, Principal of SPFHS; Jeff Koegel, Head Coach-Track; Dan Doherty, Assistant Coach-Track; Rich McGriff, Head Coach-Track; Alexandra Neidig, Assistant Coach-Track; Ken Hernandez, Assistant Coach-Track and Ryan Miller, Athletic Director.



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## ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL NEW HIP HOP DANCE CREWS



(above) Crew 2019 Middle School Dance Crew



(above) Crew 2019 Elementary School Dance Crew

Photos by Scotch Plains Fanwood Public Schools

*Submitted by Maria Daniel*

Elementary and Middle School Students worked hard to earn their membership in the Scotch Plains Fanwood Hip Hop Dance Crew. They completed several weeks of dance training in the Hip Hop Experience Dance class while learning about the Hip Hop culture. They even created their Graffiti Art Project and concluded their class with a B-Boy/B-Girl battle in front of their parents. They earned their "bricks" and presented multiple dances and routine including an 80s Hip Hop throwback and footwork. The class is taught by Maria Daniel of iDance Ministry and offered through the Scotch Plains Parks and Recreation Department. Are you ready for the next level? These students clearly are.

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(above, l-r) Westfield Area Chamber representatives, Board Secretary Mike Martin, Jim Mooney of Minuteman Press, and Chamber Director Gene Jannotti, Fanwood's Development Consultant Liz Jefferies and Councilwoman Patricia Walsh, and Mayor Colleen Mahr; Owner John M. Capeci, Jennifer Mongold of Edward Jones, John's wife Nancy Giuliani, John's mom Mary Ann, Steve Prato of Edward Jones.

Fanwood's newest business, Edward Jones Financial Advisors, opened its doors at 250 South Avenue, Suite 101. Owner John Capeci made it official with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, March 30, 2019 with Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr doing the honors. The event was attended by family, friends and neighbors as well as members of the Greater

John has over 25 years of experience in the financial industry. His mission is to give personal service to help his clients achieve their financial goals, from college planning to retirement. His storefront is able to offer all the services of Edward Jones, a Fortune 500 firm. He welcomes the opportunity to work with attorneys and accountants to deliver a comprehensive strategy.

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## FANWOOD MOURNS PASSING OF FORMER COUNCILMAN BILL POPULUS

Bill Populus, who lived in Fanwood for almost 50 years while raising his family and becoming an icon of good government and civic pride, died following a long illness. He was 83. He died at JFK Medical Center in Edison early on Friday, April 26th, 2019.

Mr. Populus served several terms as a Borough Councilman in Fanwood beginning in 1993. During those terms, he served as Council President and Council liaison to the borough Recreation Commission, Shade Tree Commission and Public Works Committee. He was instrumental in creating a master plan for borough parks and helped secure funding for them. He also spearheaded the formation of the first merchants' association in 1993 and later created committees bringing together business, volunteer and community leaders to begin the rebirth of Fanwood's downtown. His legacy lives on in the redevelopment that has shaped our town and continues today.

Mr. Populus was the first black Councilman elected in Fanwood. He remained politically active in Fanwood's Democratic organization, taking part in Committee meetings and fundraisers well into 2018.

"One of the things he was very proud of was



(above) Bill Populous headshot, undated

being appointed a Real Estate Commissioner," said Marilyn Populus, his wife of 59 years, who showed the letter he received from then-Governor Jim McGreevey confirming his appointment to the NJ Real Estate Commission in 2003. His appointment was continued by Acting Governor Cody and later by Governor Corzine. Mr. Populus worked as a real estate broker and later as an appraiser well into his

80's.

"But his greatest achievement in life was being the perfect father and husband," she said.

The Populuses were originally from New Orleans. Various circumstances and a New Jersey connection led them to move to Plainfield in 1961. Mr. Populus' first job here was selling lingerie at Korvette's department store in the Blue Star shopping center. He later became a mail carrier before finally getting his real estate license. The Populuses moved to their house on LaGrande Avenue in Fanwood in 1971 where they raised their two sons, William and Peter, and daughter Erika. All went through the Scotch Plains-Fanwood public school system.

Mr. Populus was a military veteran, first joining the Navy in 1953 and later joining the Air Force. As luck would have it, his stints in those services happened to miss both the Korean and Vietnam wars.

"We send our deepest condolences to Marilyn, Billy, Peter, Erika and the grandchildren," said Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr. "I considered Bill a close friend and confidant. He was someone whose opinion and guidance I sought. I am a better person and Mayor because I knew Bill Populus."

## STUDENTS COMPETE IN FBLA STATE CONFERENCE IN ATLANTIC CITY



(above) Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students at the Future Business Leaders of America State Conference.

Photo by Scotch Plains-Fanwood public schools.

Eighteen Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students and members of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) organization attended the FBLA State Conference in Atlantic City on March 20, 2019, competing amongst other schools in the State of New Jersey. These students were: Sandra Abdelmalak, Nicole Alvarez, Alexa Anselmo, Marin Brace, Ava Buttigheri, Charles Coolidge, John Dazzo, Ryan Eng, Conor Feeney, Alexa Gingold, Zach Jachera, Suzanne Jackson, Michael Marino, James Middleton, Shannon Persuad, Cheryl Schneider, Rohan Shah and Jamie Weinberg.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School chapter took home the following awards: Chapter Website Award of Merit, Gold Chapter Member, Gold Chapter Officer, Outstanding Local

Chapter, and Scrapbook. Six of our members took home individual/team awards for their presentations and projects. Those students were:

5th place: Nicole Alvarez for American Enterprise Project (a report and presentation event)

2nd place: Cheryl Schenider for Agribusiness (an objective test event)

1st place: Charles Coolidge for Intro to Public Speaking (a speech event) and

1st place: Jamie Weinberg, Alexa Gingold, and Marin Brace for Intro to Business Presentation (a presentation event).

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## PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT DYSLEXIA

*Submitted by Karina, Shannon, and Abi*

Hello. We are 7th grade students from Park Middle School in Scotch Plains. We are conducting Service Learning Project and have chosen to raise awareness about Dyslexia, which is a quite common disorder. Based on our research, we have learned that Dyslexia is a disorder which affects reading, writing, and spelling. This disorder affects approximately 15%-20% of the population. (Schachter, 2016).

The cause of dyslexia is unclear and doctors continue to research the condition in order to understand what causes it. The research in Understood.org (2019) stated, "When we study children or adults with dyslexia, we find that some of those areas aren't activated quite the same as they are in people who do not have dyslexia. The imaging research has given us a very nice inside view of the reading brain and how it differs in struggling readers." That means a large portion of the brain is not being used to its fullest capacity in people with dyslexia. The research also stated, "Reading is made up of different components. And likewise what we see in the brain is a network that reflects those different components that we use for reading. Reading uses different parts of the brain to sound out unfamiliar words, recognize familiar words by sight, and to think about how to pronounce those words." To simplify, humans use different parts of the brain to understand the sound of the language, recognize the words visually, and pronounce the words.

Finding the right teaching method is crucial in order to help people with dyslexia learn how to read and write. So far there are a few promising methods such as an effective approach provided by Orton-Gillingham, an organization that helps dyslexics to read by breaking down the words. Other methods involve multisensory teaching (Gooding, 2017) that involves use of sand to sound out words, write out the words or clap the syllables before writing the word. Other methods involve technological advances. From researching Dyslexia.com we learn that "Keyboards with colored overlays and larger letters make typing more accessible to dyslexic students. Some come with multimedia hotkeys that enable the user to play, pause, stop, or rewind audio, which is useful as dyslexic learners often use text-to-speech software when reading and writing." These methods are easily accessible and provide dyslexic children with the opportunity to learn how to write and read.

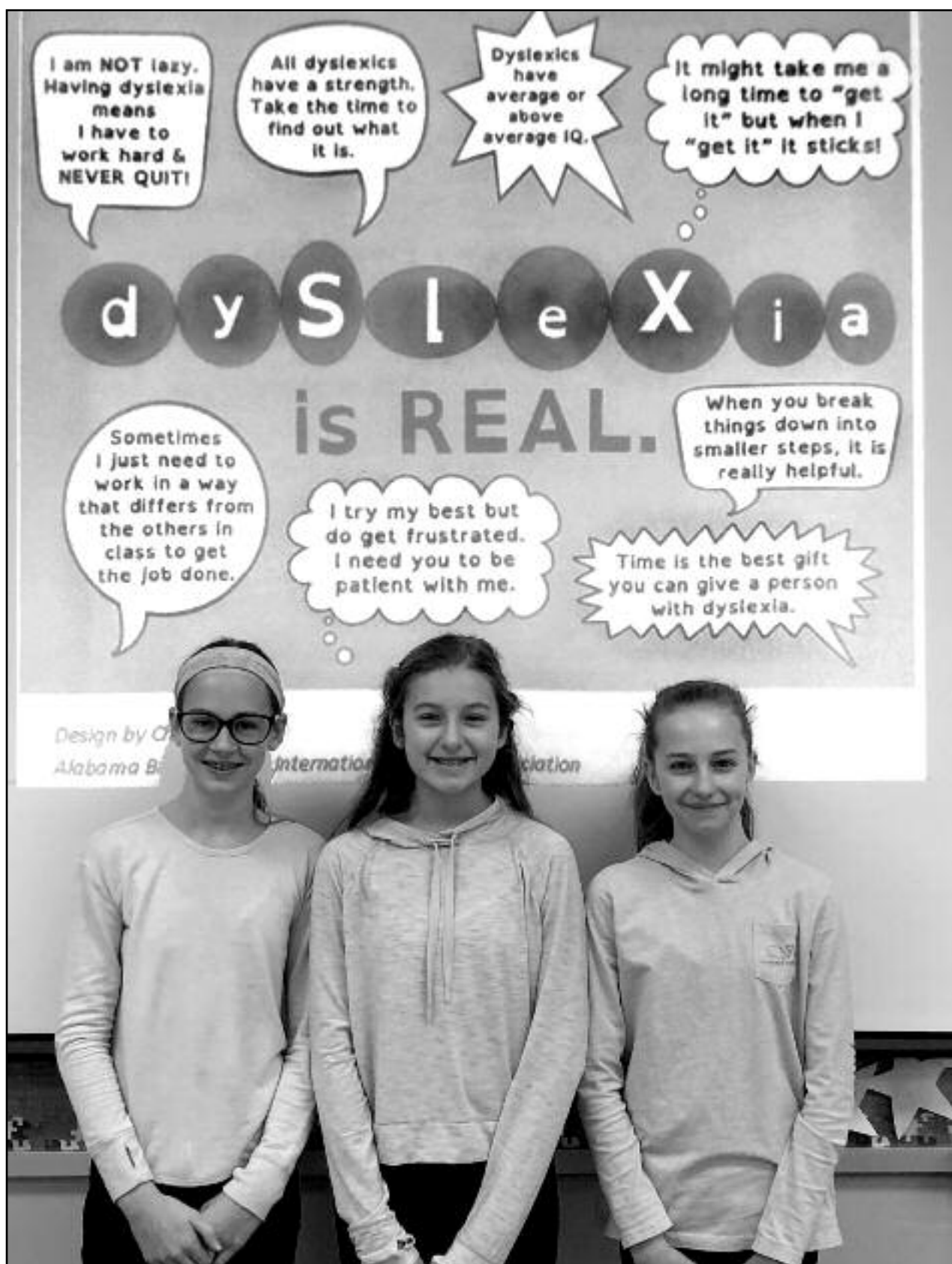
People with dyslexia are not the only ones affected by the disorder. In the article "The Effects of Dyslexia", 2015 we read: "Siblings are often upset or jealous because they might feel that one child is getting more attention because of an illness. This is normal for children to feel this way and for families to struggle to find a solution". Indeed, the dyslexic children need more attention than other children. For example, they may need extra help with homework and this could take attention from parents to this child in need. However, dyslexia doesn't have to stop anyone from reaching the full potential. In "Jamie Oliver is right: people with dyslexia really do

look at things differently" Usborne (2017) we read "I have five severely dyslexic children - says the association's policy manager Sue Flohr, who is herself dyslexic. They're now a doctor, a teacher, a photographer, a designer and a nightclub manager". This shows that even people with dyslexia can still do great things in life and be successful. To sum up, dyslexics are not the only people affected by dyslexia, family members are too. Dyslexia doesn't have to stop you from living your dream.

To conclude, dyslexia is a reading disorder, however, it does not affect children's intelligence. Many people don't understand what dyslexia is and jump to conclusions assuming that people with dyslexia are not smart. We hope that this article will inform you about dyslexia. If you ever meet someone with this condition, please be aware they are just as intelligent and hardworking as you.

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(above) Karina, Shannon, and Abi, students from Park Middle School in Scotch Plains, completed a service learning project on dyslexia.

## CHELSEA AND ROLLING THUNDER TEAM UP FOR SERVICE VETERANS

Stacks of dry goods, non-perishable food and sundries were ready to go to service men and women overseas and to veterans in need here in New Jersey, thanks to donations from eight Chelsea Senior Living residences and the Rolling Thunder veterans support group.

Chelsea spearheaded the collections at its buildings in Tinton Falls, Fanwood, Belvidere, Marlboro, Brick, Monroe, Montville and West Milford. The goods were brought to the Belvidere location - the Chelsea at Brookfield - where Rolling Thunder members Diane Malanga and George Matheis, both of the Broadway, NJ, chapter, loaded them up for delivery on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

"You can't do enough for our servicemen and women and our veterans," said Tom Kranz, Director of Communications for Chelsea Senior Living. "And at Chelsea, we have many veterans among our residents to whom we pay ongoing tribute."

"Some of the donations will go to the various programs at the VA facility in Lyons, including the nursing home and the transition program for homeless veterans," said Malanga.

Rolling Thunder, initially known as a motorcycle club, now has 90 chapters and thousands of members nationwide, many of whom don't ride but who support veterans and service members and POW/MIA issues.

Chelsea Senior Living has 19 assisted living communities in NJ, NY and PA with residents who include veterans from all services.



(above, l-r) Standing: George Matheis, Rolling Thunder; Virginia Greenlaw, resident/veteran; Diane Malanga, Rolling Thunder; Breanna Abbondante, Chelsea at Belvidere Country Cottage Coord; Jane Pritsker, Chelsea at Fanwood Lifestyle Dir; Sandy Peterson, Chelsea at Brookfield Lifestyle Dir; Seated: Raymond Taylor, resident/veteran and Robert Detrick, resident/veteran.

## THRIFT SHOP MOTHER'S DAY SPECIALS

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12, 2019. The Fanwood - Scotch Plains Service League Thrift Shop volunteers will be putting together special gift items for that special someone. From Tuesday, April 30, shoppers will find floral arrangements and candies is tea cups, tea pots, small china pieces, vases, and other interesting and unusual containers. Special bric-a-brac and china items will be available. Come and purchase that special gift while supplies last. Shop hours are Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that has

served the local communities since 1974. Since its founding, the League has donated more than \$1.3 million for local causes.

Anyone interested in learning more about the League or membership is invited to call 908-322-5420, visit the League's website at [scotchplainsthriftshop.weebly.com](http://scotchplainsthriftshop.weebly.com) or speak to any of the volunteers at the Thrift Shop. Checkout the organization's Facebook page, "Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League," and give the League a "Like."

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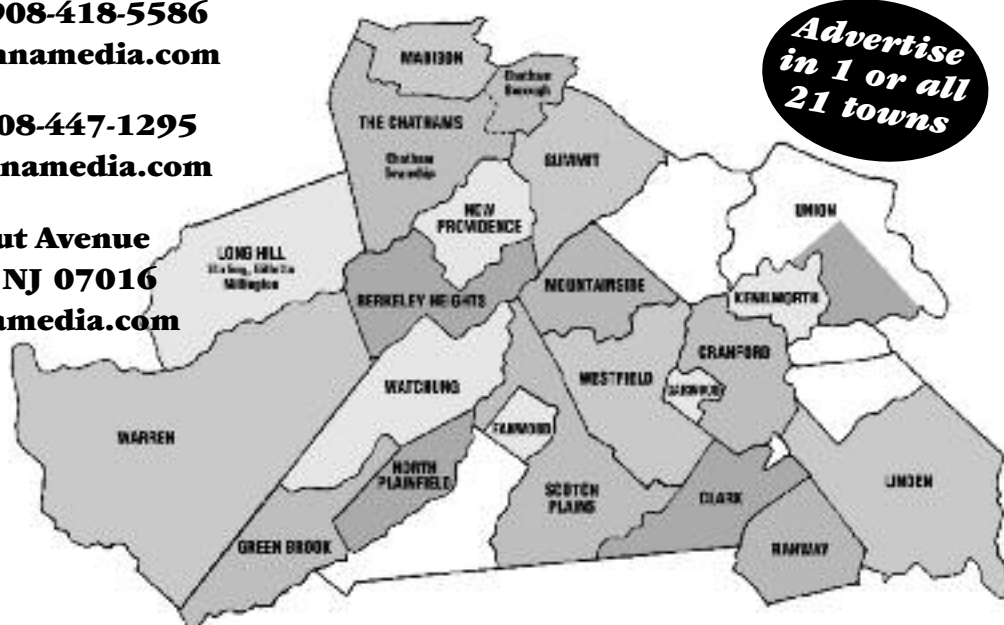
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