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## EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER

*Submitted by Sara Todisco*

On April 25, 2019, the Education Foundation of Garwood (EFG) held its 15th Annual Appreciation Dinner at The Westwood. Mrs. Crystal Spagnuolo was honored as Lincoln School's Educator of the Year and Mrs. Adele Lewis was honored as Garwood's Person Making a Difference.

Mrs. Spagnuolo is currently in her 20th year in the district teaching 7th and 8th Grade Mathematics as well as 7th Grade English Language Arts. She grew up in Garwood and has shared that she, "always felt a special connection with the school and the students in it."

Mrs. Lewis is the founder of the EFG and continues to serve as a member, which she has done each year in its 15 year existence. Additionally, she spent twelve years serving on Garwood's Board of Education, eight of those years as President. Currently, she is on the Westfield YMCA Board of Trustees, the Garwood Historical Committee, and is a shelter volunteer at the Jersey Animal Coalition (JAC) in South Orange.

With over 140 in attendance to enjoy the awards ceremony, dinner, tricky tray, and 50/50 raffles, this signature event raised more than \$4,700 for the EFG. The generosity of local business contributes greatly to the ability of this event to be a very successful fundraiser. The Foundation raises funds in order to provide scholarships for graduating Garwood 8th Grade students and high school seniors. In addition, the Foundation awards grants to Garwood educators to enhance the curriculum. To date, the EFG has distributed over \$56,000 in scholarships and grants.

Candace Kilmer, President of the EFG, expressed, "Thank you to all those who attended the dinner, sponsored a table, or donated an item for the tricky tray. With your help, we were able to make this year's Appreciation Dinner one of the most successful in recent history and a memorable celebration for the honorees."

The EFG is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization. It was founded in 2004 to work with the Garwood School District "in pursuit of

educational excellence." You can follow the foundation on Facebook at "Education Foundation of Garwood."



(above) EFG's Person Making a Difference Award recipient, Adele Lewis, with the members and planners of the Garwood Planning Board. She has been the Planning Board secretary for the past 25 years.



(above) Garwood Superintendent of Schools Dr. Teresa Quigley, Person Making a Difference Adele Lewis, Educator of the Year Crystal Spagnuolo, and Principal Mary Emmons.

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## GARWOOD GREEN TEAM

On April 7, 2019, Garwood was named the recipient of a \$2,000 grant from Sustainable Jersey and PSE&G. This grant will allow the Green Team to create a rain garden at the Recreation Complex. The rain garden will keep infield dirt and pet waste from flowing into the

Garwood Brook and the Rahway River. It will also help mitigate flooding on parts of the baseball field. The Green Team looks forward to getting to work and continuing Garwood's sustainability efforts.



(above, l-r) Randall Solomon, Executive Director, Sustainable Jersey; Rick Thigpen, Senior Vice President Corporate Citizenship PSEG and Chairman of the PSEG Foundation; Jeff Jotz, Green Team Member and Grant Chair; Jen Blumenstock, Garwood Councilwoman; and Anne-Marie Peracchio, Chairperson, Sustainable Jersey Board of Trustees.

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## POLICE TO HOST 2ND ANNUAL YOUTH ACADEMY

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The six-day program offers Garwood youth graduating grades 5th through 8th an opportunity to learn about policing procedures through a series of lectures, demonstrations, and hands-on activities presented by Police Officers from Garwood and partnering agencies including the Union County Sheriff's

Department, the Union County Emergency Response Team, Garwood Fire Department, Garwood First Aid Squad and the New Jersey State Police NorthStar Medevac Helicopter team.

There is a \$30 registration fee, however, space is limited. Applications are available on the department website, GarwoodPD.org or at Police Headquarters, located at 403 South Avenue. Applications must be completed and returned to Police Headquarters by 4:00 pm on Friday, June 7th. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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The Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.;  
Fridays 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## GARWOOD ROCKS AGAIN ON SUNDAY JUNE 2ND



The sixth annual Garwood Rocks street fair, will take place on Sunday, June 2nd, 2019 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (rain or shine) in downtown Garwood. Admission is free!

Center Street will be closed to traffic from South Avenue to Unami Park beginning at 7 a.m.

Please note that pets, skateboarding, and roller blading are prohibited in the Garwood Rocks area. This rule is for the safety of attendees of all ages, and also for the safety of the animals.

Garwood Rocks features a classic car show hosted by "Hot Rod Mike" which is expected to draw over 250 cars this year, in addition to an all-day live stage, entertainment, vendors, and festival food including many area favorite food trucks. Stilt walkers and jugglers will also return for entertainment all along Center Street. Artisans and craftspeople will display paintings, pottery, photography, handmade jewelry, furniture and many other unique gifts.

There will also be a KidZone featuring exotic animals, a petting zoo, pony rides and an interactive demonstration using fire hoses by the Garwood Fire Department. The KidZone will also feature a free bicycle helmet giveaway by the Union County Police Department and free "wanted poster" photos provided by the Union County Sheriff's Office Identification Bureau.

The Crossroads is sponsoring both the Beer & Wine Garden and the Garwood Rocks stage, featuring the Valencia School of Music kicking it off at 10 a.m. followed by your local RMC RockShop Band at 11:30 a.m. Enjoy the cool sounds of the Barry Blues Band at 12:30 p.m. At 2:00 p.m., Missing Aimee will begin their show, followed by my Riff Raff at 3:30 p.m. Mushmouth closes it out at starting at 5 p.m. with all your favorite Tom Petty rock!

## PICNIC FOR SENIORS JUNE 27

The Garwood Department of Ageing is sponsoring a Picnic for our Garwood Seniors on Thursday, June 27, 2019, from 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. at the Myrtle Avenue Sports and Recreation Complex, Garwood, New Jersey. Any Garwood Senior is welcome to join us for music, games, dancing, food, and fun. This picnic is free to seniors only. Rain location is Garwood Firehouse on South Avenue, Garwood. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair to sit on, some water, and sunglasses.

RSVP is required to attend. Call Paulette at 908-789-0710 by June 19.

## GARWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Knitting Club

*Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.*

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### Kid's Chess

*Mondays, at 3:00 p.m. through June 10.*

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### Monday Afternoon Book Club

*at 1 p.m.*

on June 17, No registration required.

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### Adult Craft

*Tuesday, June 11 at 6:00 p.m.*

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Registration required

### Medicare Workshop

*Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m.*

Senior Advisors of Cranford will present a Medicare workshop covering topics such as; What changed in 2019; Original Medicare or Medicare Advantage; How does the prescription program work.

Registration required. Limit 30

### Toddler Story Time

*Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.*

No registration required. For children birth to age 4; Stories, songs, bubbles and more. The Pipsqueak Players will visit Storytime on June 5. (Storytime concludes June 12)

### Library Board Meeting

*Wednesday, June 5 at 8:00 p.m.*

The Library Board meeting is open to the public.

### Kid's Craft

*Wednesday, June 12, at 3:00 p.m.*

make a fun Father's Day craft.

Registration required. For children 2nd grade and up, Limit 20

### Pirate Pete's High Seas Hygiene Show

*Wednesday, June 26 at 1:00 p.m.*

Muscle Man Mike and his puppet Pirate Pete will teach children how important it is to take care of their bodies with proper hygiene. Mike adds a little magic to make it fun. Registration required.

Limit 30

### Thursday Night Book Club

*Thursday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m.*

No registration required. Join us for a lively discussion of this month's book. Check with the Library for their latest book selection. 908-789-1670.

### Lego

*Thursday, June 13 at 3:00 p.m.*

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### Doo Wop Band - RB Express

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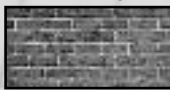
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# WHAT, WHERE, AND WHEN IN OLD KENILWORTH – GREATEST GENERATION

Part I of a tribute saluting ten living Kenilworth veterans who fought in World War II appeared in the May edition of this newspaper. Since that publication one has passed away.

Technical Sergeant Alex “Kelsy” Kuriawa, of the US Army, 99, passed away suddenly on May 5, 2019. TSgt. Kuriawa served from 1943-1945. He was part of the Normandy Invasion (D-Day)



(above) The navy man and the wave. US Navy veteran James Lucadema with his wife, US Wave enlistee, Lucille, on the occasion of their 69th wedding anniversary, July, 2018.

and fought in the Battle of the Bulge under immense enemy shelling and gun fire. Born in Elizabeth, he and his late wife of 66 years, Helen, moved to Kenilworth in 1953. Their four sons are: Kevin, Christopher, John, and Michael. Known by his nickname, Kelsy, he served in the Kenilworth public works department for 34 years, most of the time as superintendent.

Motor Machinists Mate 2nd Class James F. Lucadema, 93, served in the US Navy, 1944-1946. Headquartered at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, he was on anti-submarine patrols off the South American coast. Among the ships he sailed was the USS Marlboro (APB 38). His future wife, Lucille Sodano, enlisted in the WAVES in 1945. She passed away this April at age 95. Married in 1949, they moved to Kenilworth in 1956. Their children are Kenneth and Donna (Masucci).

Seaman First Class Robert Moldenhauer, 92, served in the US Navy, 1944-1946. Stationed aboard the destroyer, USS Hyman, his ship was hit by a kamikaze plane at the Battle of Okinawa, causing fire and death. At the Battle of Iwo Jima, he witnessed the flag raised on Mt. Suribachi. Married in 1949 to Marie DeStefano, they moved that year to Kenilworth. They are the parents of three: Robert, Lynn, and Brian. VFW Post 2230 honored him, and fellow navy veteran John Beninati, in 2015. Moldenhauer served 23 years as a special police officer.

Private 1st Class John A. Rembish, 95, served in the US Army, 1943-1946. In the artillery battery, he saw action in southern France during

the invasion of Anzio and later in Germany. At war’s end he was in Austria. He and his late wife, Ann Sickie, both born in Pennsylvania, married in 1955 and moved to Kenilworth in 1963. They have four sons: John, Jr., Michael, Peter, and James.

Private 1st Class Robert D. Sammons, 97, served in the Army Air Corps, 1943-1946. Pfc Sammons was primarily stationed at Guam while serving in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. His duties included special vehicle operator, and training with the Thompson submarine gun. He was a second-class gunner. Born in Bayonne and married in 1949, he and his late wife of 63 years, Dorine Faircloth, moved to Kenilworth in 1955. They have a son, Richard.

Another surviving veteran, a corporal, age 95, served in the US Army, 1943-1946. He wishes to remain anonymous at this time. Mainly stationed in India he also was stationed in Africa. When on board ship in the Mediterranean, it and another ship sailing behind his, were attacked for two days by German aircraft. The second ship was sunk with great loss of life. Married in 1949, he and his late wife moved to Kenilworth in 1951. They have three sons.

Research provided by Walter E. Boright, Ed. D., historian, and Historic Signs, Inc. assisted by Brearley HS student, Michael Naya, Jr. Persons with living veteran names or inquiries about this or other aspects of Kenilworth history may contact Dr. Boright at drbori@aol.com or 908-256-5200.




(above) Alex “Kelsy” Kuriawa, James F. Lucadema, Robert Moldenhauer, John A. Rembish, and Robert D. Sammons

Dear Renna Media:  
We appreciate the article in your Life in Kenilworth edition written by Mr Boright, the Kenilworth historian, on the last Kenilworth WW2 vets still around. One of the sets is my father, Adolf "Pat" Paterson, who served in the army during WW2. Although my Dad hailed from Kenilworth, he went to Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield with many Garwood kids back in the 30's, two of his Garwood friends being Mr Sigaty, and Mr Guerriero. Since, I live in Garwood, I wish for you to publish this same article in the Garwood Gazette to express to the Boro my pride of my father's service in WW2.  
Thank you. Bruce Paterson


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## CRANFORD VETERAN LEE BLOWE WAS 2019 GRAND MARSHAL OF MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Local Veteran Lee Blowe was selected by VFW Post #335 and Steve Robertazzi, Director of the Cranford Parks and Recreation Department to be this year's Grand Marshal of Cranford's annual Memorial Day Parade. Blowe, a former sergeant, was a combat squadron leader with Charlie Company of the 1st Marine Division in and around Chu Li, Viet Nam during 1966.

He and his wife Karen have lived in Cranford for 22 years residing with their 17 year old twin children, Patrick and Catherine, who attend the Technology Academy and Allied Science Programs respectively, at Union County Vocational-Technical High School in Scotch Plains.

"Memorial Day is a very special day for me," Blowe explained, "it's a day I sadly remember

all my buddies who didn't come home from Viet Nam, like I did. For that reason alone, I am truly honored to be our Grand Marshall this year."

Blowe, a recent retiree, spent 35 years as a chief operational manager in the Walgreen Drug Store chain. His primary function with Walgreens was establishing and setting up new store locations for the company and getting them up and running as working, profitable entities.

Born and raised in rural Murfreesboro, North Carolina, Blowe has become a well known and active part of the greater Cranford community. He currently serves as a director on the Cranford Area Chamber of Commerce. He also serves on the Memorial Day Parade Committee. At the Cranford VFW he is a Senior Vice Commander, Buddy Poppy Chairman, and a member of its Post #335 Centennial Celebration Committee.



(above) Each year representatives from the various departments of Borough of Garwood participate in the Cranford Memorial Day Parade.

## MAYOR TODISCO HONORED

Garwood Mayor Sara Todisco was honored on May 3rd, 2019, by Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman at the Shiloh Baptist Church in Trenton, NJ, as part of the event "Becoming: A Celebration of Women Elected Officials."



## FIRST AID SQUAD ACTIVELY RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS

The Garwood First Aid Squad is actively recruiting volunteers and invites you to join our team. Whether you are looking to help out the community or get a start in the medical field, we would be glad to have you join us. You can work on board the ambulance or just help out around the squad house.

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## CANS FOR A CAUSE

During the month of April, Lincoln School in Garwood participated in a can collection called "Cans for a Cause" led by Miss DeSante and her math class. Lincoln School collected over 2,500 empty cans. They were then weighed and the

money was donated to The . This hospital specializes in helping children and adults heal from burns. The money that Lincoln School donated will help children with education, camps, and medical expenses.



(above) Students pose with the over 2,500 cans collected to raise money for the Burn Center at Saint Barnabas Medical Center.

Photo by Garwood Public Schools

# ALJ SPRING ATHLETIC AWARDS

On Monday, May 13, 2019, the Arthur L. Johnson Athletic Department held their 2019 Spring Athletic Awards ceremony. The evening, sponsored by the Crusader Athletic Booster Club, was held in the ALJ auditorium.

Over 131 varsity athletic letters were handed out throughout the evening, as participation in athletics at ALJ continues to grow.

The 2019 Spring Student Athlete award recipient was Joshua Hill, who has a 4.2411 G.P.A. The award is given out each athletic season to a student athlete that is not only a champion on the field, but in the classroom as well.

The Crusader G.P.A. Challenge is awarded each season to the team that finishes with the

highest overall G.P.A. amongst athletic teams seasonally. For the first time since the award was created two teams finished with identical 4.01 G.P.A.s. The 2019 Spring Seasonal G.P.A. Challenge recipients are the Girls' Spring Track & Field Team and the Boys' Tennis Team.

Members of the Girls' Spring Track & Field Team are Sarah Sceptowski, Gianna Caldiero, Gia Colicchio, Carly Tarentino, Julia Kalynchuk, Shailynn Rapp, America Renteria, Gina Rizzuto, Taylor Turek, Jenna Wiese, Paige Kelly, Kayla Kowalenko, and Natalya Torres; Boys' Tennis Team: Matthew Cassidy, Seth Guzman, John Juzefyk, Jacob Mallik, Anthony Neyra, Kyle Perednia, Christopher Warnick, Brandon Costa, Raymond Torres, Kyle Briscese, Robert Lukasiewicz, Andy Zheng, Anthony Bogash, Cody Downing, Toan Le, and Ethan Nobre.

The Best Teammate Award winners were: Baseball – Patrick Grady; Golf – Daniel Burns; Lacrosse – Christian Ferrao; Softball – Bailey

Rosenmeier; Tennis – Andy Zheng; Boys' Spring Track & Field – Matthew Kowalenko; Girls' Spring Track & Field – Gina Rizzuto.

The Team Most Valuable Players were: Baseball – Stephen Harrington; Golf – Joseph Bencivenga; Lacrosse – Brandon Hund; Softball – Victoria Zatko; Tennis – Robert Lukasiewicz; Boys' Spring Track & Field – Jack Delaney; Girls' Spring Track & Field – Carly Tarentino.

The Athletic Director, Gus Kalikas, stated "The Spring Athletic Awards was a wonderful event that allowed the administration, teachers, coaches, parents, and student athletes a chance to reflect on a wonderful spring athletics season while honoring our student athletes for their remarkable accomplishments. Our teams, coaches, and student athletes continue to raise the bar both in the classrooms and on the athletic fields and the Clark School District could not be more proud of their performance this past spring athletics season."



(above) The Spring athletic team MVPs pose with their trophies.



(above) The Spring season Best Teammate Award winners.

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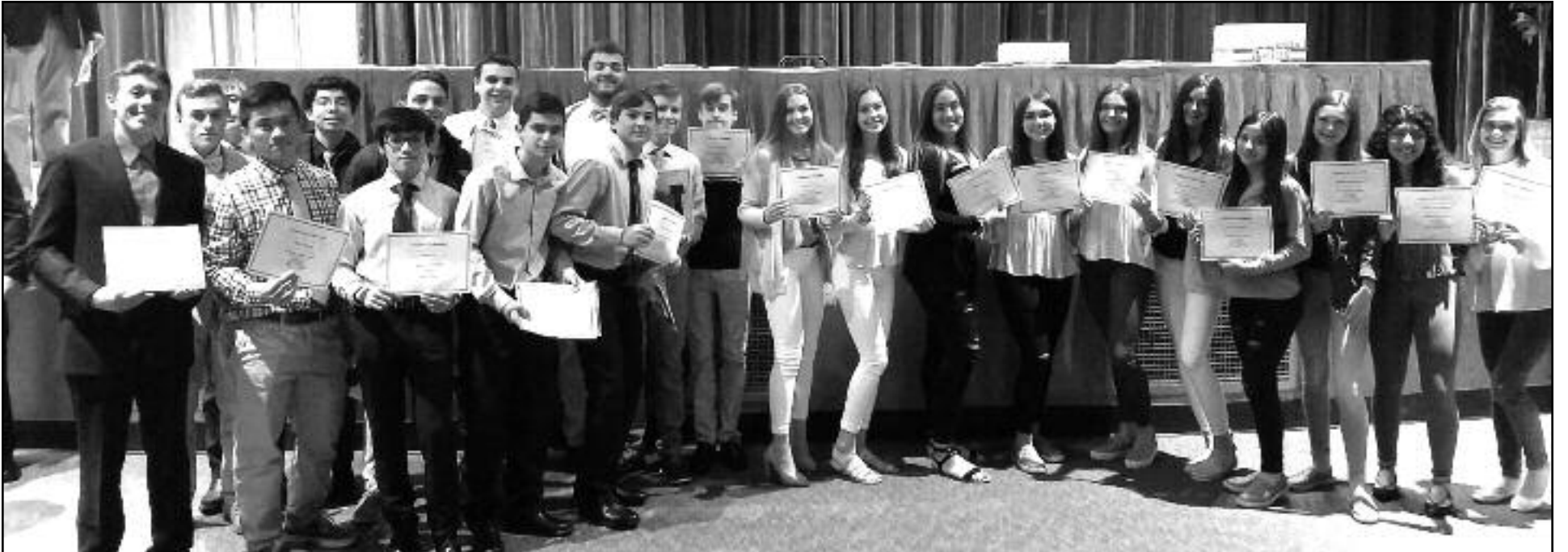
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(above) This season two teams tied for G.P.A. Challenge winner, the Girls' Spring Track & Field Team and the Boys' Tennis team.

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