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WOMEN VOTERS CELEBRATED AT FISHAWACK FESTIVAL

The Chatham Historical Society has sponsored events at the annual Fishawack Festival since 2014. This year, on June 8, 2019, a long-time volunteer for the Chatham Historical Society, Jackie Pindak, provided a presentation on women voters in New Jersey and in Chatham.

"This year marks the anniversary of an important event in history. One hundred years ago in 1919 Congress passed the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote," Pindak said. "It wasn't an easy battle to win," she added.

Pindak explained that in New Jersey women had the right to vote as early as 1776. The first constitution of New Jersey gave all inhabitants in the colony who were of full age, who owned 50 pounds and who had resided in the country for 12 months the right to vote. However, only single women could vote because married women could not own property and therefore did not have 50 pounds. In 1807, however, the law was changed allowing only taxpaying white males to vote. The law stayed that way for 113 years until 1919 when the 19th Amendment was passed and ratified the following year.

In the 1920 elections, when women could first vote, 1400 Chathamites registered, 700 more than in the the previous election. "We can only assume that most of those 700 were women," Pindak said.

"The first woman to be elected to office in New Jersey was Mary Teresa Norton. She served in the House of Representatives for 26 years, from 1925 to 1951. She was a Democrat from Jersey City who fought for the working class. This year a record number of women are serving in the House of Representatives, 102 out of 435. That is almost 25 percent of all voting members of the House of Representatives. One of them is our own Representative - Mikie Sherrill. However, only five percent of senators are women. Exciting news, but it has taken 100 years for this to happen." Pindak stated.

In Chatham it took 50 years before a woman was elected to the Borough Council. In 1969 Leanna Brown became the first woman council member. Three years later, in 1972, she became the first woman in New Jersey to win a seat on the State Assembly. In 1983 she was the first woman to be elected a State Senator. Chathamites had to wait for another 15 years before a woman mayor was elected. Jackie Marvin had been a council member and in 1984 became a mayor, according to Pindak.

"Today, after 100 years, the Borough Council is evenly divided – three male and three female council members plus a mayor. The 2018 elections, both locally and nationally, was a call to women to get out and vote, and it worked. The most women ever are now serving in Congress and in our Borough Council. The right to vote must never be taken for granted, whether you are a male or a female. It is the essence of our liberty," Pindak pointed out. "What will the next 100 years bring? Will Congress ever truly represent the diverse population of our country? Big questions! Only the candidates and you, the voters, hold the answers," Pindak concluded.

Pindak has been involved with the Historical Society for over 35 years, serving on the board in several capacities, as well as an officer, including

several years as president. Her passion for researching and sharing the history of the borough is evident in the many programs, books and walking tours she had a part in creating. She received the Chatham Borough Community Volunteer Award in 2018.



Photo by Chatham Historical Society

(above) Jackie Pindak at the
2019 Fishawack Festival

FISHAWACK PHOTO ALBUM

Fishawack Festival Photos on page 7.



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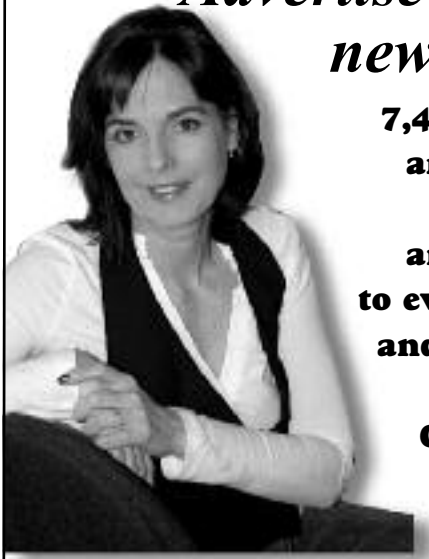
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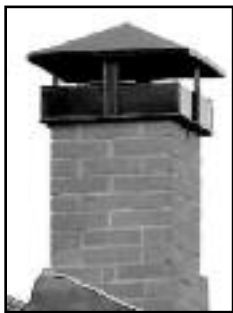
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KIWANIS CLUB HOSTS BENEVOLENCE EVENT HONORS KEY CLUB MEMBERS

Submitted by Justin Montanaro

On April 23rd, 2019, the Kiwanis Club of the Chathams/Madison hosted its annual Benevolence event at Charlie Brown's Steakhouse in Chatham. The event is the culmination of yearly efforts which give back to local organizations such as Senior Centers, Emergency Responders, Food Pantries, and Little League.

Special recognition awards were given to members of the Chatham and Madison High School Key Club. For Chatham, the recognition award was given to Anjala Jobanputra. As secretary of the Key Club, she keeps track of volunteer hours for over 350 members. Her organizational skills kept everything smooth throughout the year, ensuring all volunteer and fundraising efforts were maintained throughout.

For Madison, the recognition award was given to Madison Camp. Madison's efforts included food drives, Special Olympic fundraising, as well as bake sales or simply participating in activities with special need teens. Madison plans to serve as club Vice President next year, and the club looks forward to her continued participation to ensure its success.

The Kiwanis Club alongside the Key Club

will always strive to better our community, providing scholarships and fundraising to our youth and beyond.



(above, l-r) Rakesh and Avni Jobanputra, Key Club Member Anjali Jobanputra, and Sharon Johnson.

MADISON ROTARY CLUB AWARDS \$5,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Twenty-two applications for Madison Rotary's "Service Above Self" scholarship award were received this year. The top eight students were interviewed by the Scholarship Committee and five students, Emily Axelsen, Sara Massey, Heather McCulloch, Julia Sales and Amanda Smith were selected to receive \$1,000 scholarship awards. All of the students attend Madison High School with the exception of Emily Axelsen who attends Gill St. Bernards.

Students and their families have been invited to attend the July 11th, breakfast meeting of Madison Rotary to receive their checks and make a few comments on their volunteerism and plans for the future.

The Rotary Club of Madison has an enthusiastic and engaged network of ordinary people doing extraordinary things to serve humanity in our local and global communities. We have 88 members and are inviting like-minded individuals to join our successful and

vibrant club. President Michel Belt encourages you to come learn about Rotary by attending any one of our three weekly meetings as our guest. Thursdays, 7:47 am breakfast at the YMCA; 12:15 pm lunch at the Madison Hotel or; 6 pm the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at Charlie Brown's in Chatham. For questions or additional information, contact Barry Kroll, Membership Development Chair, at barrykroll@aol.com or 973-476-2772.



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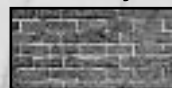
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One Small Step

50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing

Tuesday, July 9 – 7 p.m.

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Monday, July 15 through

Wednesday, July 17

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Ages 10 to 14 Limit: 10 students

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Wednesday, July 31

4 to 6 pm

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Eyes of the Wild

Animals Are out of This World!

Tuesday, July 30 – 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Ages 4 & Up

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TEENS

College Essay Writing Workshop with

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Wednesdays, July 10, 17 & 24 – 3 to 5 p.m.

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Teen Painting Night: A Taste of Summer

Tuesday, July 16 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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Registration opens Thursday, July 2

A juicy watermelon at a picnic is the epitome of summer. Create an acrylic painting of this notion with the step-by-step guidance of artist Erica Engfer Pizza. Erica Pizza is a practicing mixed media artist whose work can be seen in galleries around New Jersey. She is also a proud high school art teacher who specializes in painting, ceramics, and portfolio preparation for students who plan to pursue a career in art. All materials will be provided for you to create your masterpiece! Please wear clothes for painting or bring a smock.

ADULTS

Photography Show with Jeff Altschul

Jeff Altschul, of Parsippany, received his first camera when he was four years old, a Kodak folding Hawk-Eye 6x20 model that belonged to his late grandfather. From that time on he was devoted to photography and worked as a professional photographer from the 1970s through the 1990s. After working for Mercedes Benz and retiring in 2016, Jeff went back to photography. Now involved with digital photography, he brought his old school artistry and know-how into the abstract and impressionistic images he shows today. Jeff will exhibit his photography in the library's Lundt meeting room throughout the month. It may be viewed during regular hours.

Lost Amusement Parks of the North Jersey Shore

Monday, July 8 – 7 p.m.

Rick Geffken, author of *Lost Amusement Parks of the North Jersey Shore*, will speak about how the Jersey shore became the most famous vacation and recreational destination in the coastal United States. James Bradley in Asbury Park and William Sandlass, Jr. in Highland Beach created mass entertainment for hundreds of thousands of people. Their seaside recreation centers, along with those in Long Branch, Bradley Beach, Pleasure Bay and others lasted for years but now have become fond and faded memories of boardwalks, saltwater taffy, and exhilarating rides.

Raising Seeing Eye Puppies

Tuesday, July 23 – 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.

This event is for the whole family! The 4-H Seeing Eye Puppy Raising Project will bring puppies to the library to explain how they are socialized and trained by adults and children in foster homes. The puppies represent many breeds including German shepherds, Labrador retrievers, golden retrievers, and poodles. When old enough, these dogs will become part of the Seeing Eye program at the Morristown campus where they will be trained to guide blind people and help them lead independent lives.

Woodstock Anniversary Concert with Rewind

Wednesday, July 24 – 7 pm

Join us for an evening of your favorite songs from the Woodstock era. Local rock band Rewind will perform classic rock music from the 60s featuring Tim Hardin, Arlo Guthrie, Santana, Mountain, Canned Heat, Creedence Clearwater Revival, The Band, Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, Johnny Winter, and Jimi Hendrix on the library's lawn (you may bring a chair or a blanket). In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the Lundt Meeting Room.

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48TH ANNUAL FISHAWACK FESTIVAL

On Saturday, June 8th, 2019, Chatham Borough hosted its 48th Annual Fishawack Festival, jointly organized by the Chatham Borough Community Services Department and MyChathamNJ. Since 1971, the festival has celebrated the Borough's historical connection with the Lenape Native Americans. Chatham once acted as a welcoming stop for

those traveling down the Passaic River, once referred to as "The Fishawack" by the Native Americans for its convenient traveling routes and easily accessible food supply. This annual cultural-heritage festival features live musical performers, local shops, a Kids Fun Zone, a Car Show, and much more to entertain the entire family!



(above) Library of the Chathams



(above) Chatham Historical Society



(above) Environmental Commission



(above) Scoochami Boutique



(above) Senior Center
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(above) Overlook Medical Center
staff performed free blood
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(above) Madison Area YMCA



(above) Kiwanis International Chatham



(above) MACC – Municipal Alliance
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(above) Chatham Knights of
Columbus Parcels Council 2086



(above) Chatham
High School Key Club,
Will O'Neil



(above) Madison /
Chatham Coalition



(above) Suburban Chiropractic
Center, Dr. Joseph Murphy
& Massage Therapist
Janis Piccirillo



(above) Maria Murphy
of Lei-Lei



(above) PBA Car Show featured
over two dozen vehicles including
the event organizer Patrolman
Matt Belcastro's 1967 Firebird
and 1966 Ford Galaxy.



(above) Chatham Girl Scouts

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JOHN CROUTHAMEL RECEIVES VOLUNTEER AWARD AND COMMENDATION

John Crouthamel, a long-time resident of Chatham Borough, received the 2019 Community Volunteer Award and Commendation at the Fishawack Festival held on Saturday, June 8, 2019.

While his three daughters grew up, John served as a recreational coach and band parent, was a member of the Corpus Christi church

council and is a former president and current trustee of the Senior Center of the Chathams.

John currently volunteers as President and co-founder of Tri-Town 55+ Coalition, a nonprofit dedicated to implementing age-friendly initiatives in the community such as the Rides for Seniors program.

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(above, l-r) Council members Robert Weber, Sr., Carolyn Dempsey, Mayor Bruce Harris, John Crouthamel and Councilwoman Victoria Fife.

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JEAN HUGHES HONORED BY THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SUMMIT

Submitted by Dana Felmet

The Junior League of Summit (JLS) is thrilled to award Jean Hughes of Chatham with the JLS Sustainer of the Year Award. Jean has been a valuable member of the JLS for over 65 years, most notably through her service to the Junior League of Summit Thrift Shop. In addition to being named Sustainer of the Year, the JLS also named the sorting room in the Thrift Shop in Ms. Hughes's honor, which she advocated for and spearheaded. Ms. Hughes can still be found offering a friendly smile and assistance in the shop to this day. Ms. Hughes conveys the JLS mission to maintain a welcoming environment for our customers, creating a community, rather than a retail establishment. The JLS is appreciative of Ms. Hughes's commitment for over six decades and thanks her for her commitment. Ms. Hughes was presented with the award at the Junior League of Summit Annual Dinner on May 15, 2019.

The Junior League of Summit is a nonprofit, charitable, and educational organization of women who are committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The Junior League of Summit Thrift Shop is located at 37 DeForest Avenue, providing affordable merchandise for those in need. Today,

it remains the oldest retail business in downtown Summit.

For more information about the Junior League of Summit or to inquire about becoming a member, please visit the website at jlsusmit.org or contact the office at 908-273-7349. Those interested in donating to the League, please visit jlsusmit.org/?nd=donate_summary.



(above, l-r) Shop Manager Marie Avagliano, Jean Hughes, and President Erika Melchiorre standing under the Back Room plaque in honor of Jean.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

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ART LEAGUE OF THE CHATHAMS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



(above) Hannah Wetter

Submitted by Ann Frommer

Hannah Wetter, a Chatham HS senior, was selected for the Art League of the Chathams scholarship recipient in 2019.

Hannah is enrolled in the Mason Gross School of the Arts for visual art at Rutgers University and was accepted in the Honors College. She will be pursuing a degree in Art & Design.

Her love of art was realized at an early age and encouraged by art teachers in middle school. She later studied with Philla Barkhorn, a Chatham artist and member of the Art League of the

Chathams.

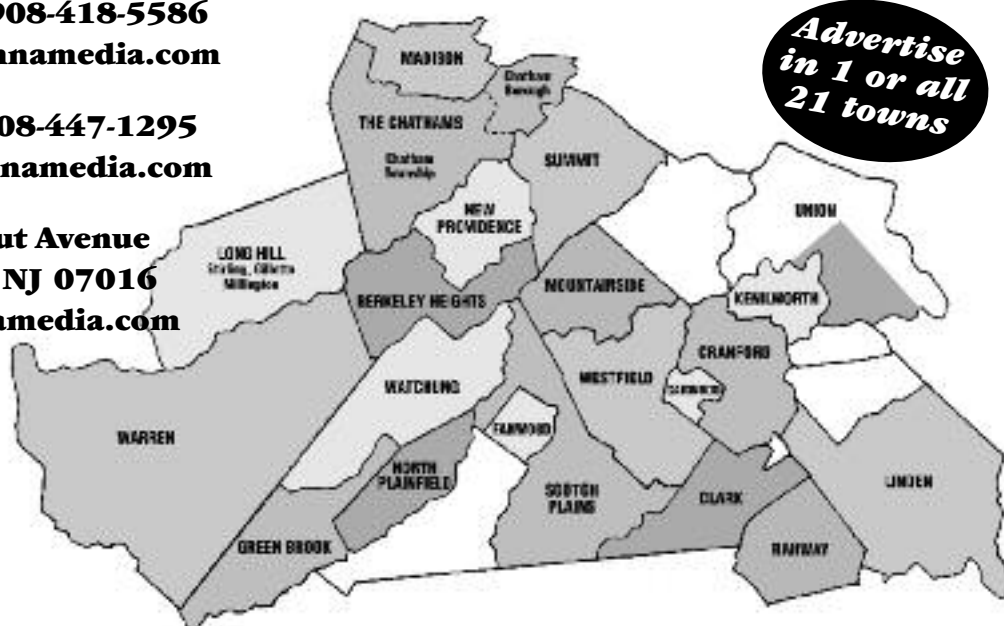
Hannah uses trains in many of her pieces; says Hannah, in my concentration, I used trains and associated train imagery as a vehicle to examine human expression-- community, isolation, love, and tragedy. Trains were appropriate for this purpose, as they are public spaces that still maintain a semblance of intimacy and privacy. I also researched different instances of how and where trains have been used throughout history to further an understanding of human cultures, and some of the effects of industrialization.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2019



(above) The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township's 2019 Confirmation Class: Frank Barbera, Allison Baun, Marc Bliemel, Zachary Brown, Leighton Edwards, Helena Kelly, Daniel Koehler, Jack Kuppenheimer, David Shunk, and Anna Suter.

Ten youth members of The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township (PCCT) were confirmed on Sunday, May 19, 2019.

The Confirmands spent the last 9 months involved in three areas of learning: Faith, Action, and Commitment. In addition to attending classes and worship services, the students completed 10 hours of community service, which included harvesting vegetables for America's Grow-A-Row, sorting food items at the New Jersey Community Food Bank, and making and serving meals to people who are homeless. Furthermore, in a meaningful service to experience other faiths, the Confirmands were invited to join the festivities of the sixth night of Hanukkah with Congregation Beth Hatikvah in Summit.

DEBORAH SIMPKIN KING JOINS PCCT AS DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Submitted by Carlene Pruitt

The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township (PCCT) is pleased to announce the appointment of Deborah Simpkin King, Ph.D., as its new Director of Music. In her role, Dr. King will be responsible for interacting with all musical programming, planning music for worship services, serving as organist and choir director, and working alongside Janice Williams, the Associate Music Director of PCCT, to build the music ministry program at the church. She began her position at PCCT on July 1, 2019.

Dr. King brings with her over 25 years of experience as a conductor, building and leading choral ensembles and music programs for ecclesiastic, academic and other non-profit organizations.

"The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township has a rich musical history and a commitment to high quality," says Dr. King. "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with such a vibrant congregation, and look forward to continuing and expanding ministry through music with the wonderful people at PCCT."



(above) Deborah Simpkin King, Ph.D., the new Director of Music at Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township.

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