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## ADELE DELEEUEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS AT ANNUAL DINNER



(above) Students from Plainfield, North Plainfield and South Plainfield high schools during the Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship Fund dinner.

*Submitted by Johanna Salvemini*

Nine students representing Plainfield, North Plainfield, and South Plainfield high schools received a total of \$19,800 in new and continuing scholarships from the Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship Fund at a dinner held Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at the Spain Inn in Piscataway. The scholarships are financed by a bequest from Adele DeLeeuw, longtime Plainfield resident, author of 75 books, journalist and arts activist.

The Rotary Club of the Plainfields (Plainfield, North Plainfield and South Plainfield) administers the Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship Fund and is one of four Rotary clubs that provide scholarships from the Fund to students in their communities who pursue a course of study in poetry, art, journalism, writing or engineering. Fifty-nine thousand dollars was distributed this year to twenty-three area students by the Fund, a fund of the Plainfield Foundation. This year's awards bring the Fund's twenty-four year total distribution to

over 1.4 million dollars.

The Scholarship Fund provided new scholarships to high school graduating students Lynda Farinella, Wyatt Gerber and Brandon Pascale all from South Plainfield. Continuing scholarships recipients were Kenar Myers from Plainfield and Scott Riccardi from South Plainfield. Adele DeLeeuw Scholars, students who were a recipient of the Scholarship Fund for all four years were Brenda Okereke from North Plainfield and Nolan Berry, Tyler Curtis and Nicholas Ruzicka from South Plainfield. An additional fourteen students from area high schools received scholarships from the Fund.

Applications for the 2020 Adele DeLeeuw Scholarships will be available in January from North Plainfield High School guidance office.

For further information, call Johanna Salvemini, Scholarship Administrator, at 908-755-8098.

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Teens entering grades 9 through 12 are welcome to apply. Participants must attend all classes to receive a certificate of completion. Registration is first come, first served, with a maximum of 25 students.

For registration information and an application form visit [www.co.somerset.nj.us](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us).

For questions or more information, contact Carolyn Solon in the Office of Emergency Management at [solon@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:solon@co.somerset.nj.us) or 908-725-5070.

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## TASTE OF NORTH PLAINFIELD & CAR SHOW SET FOR JULY 15

The North Plainfield Business Association (NPBA), in conjunction with The Mayor's Special Events and the Car Nutz Car Club are pleased to present the Taste of North Plainfield (TONP) and Summer Car Cruise on Monday July 15th, 2019 from 5-8 p.m. This fun, family-oriented event, will take place in the Municipal parking lot across from Borough Hall at the corner of Race and Somerset Streets.

NPBA President Bruce Heyman gave the background for TONP. "The Borough Department of Recreation does a great job, but we were looking to create a new event. I love this town and I love food, so this seemed like a good idea."

### ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The North Plainfield Seniors Club will sponsor an express bus trip to the Golden Nugget Casino in Atlantic City on Wednesday, July 10, 2019. The bus leaves the parking lot of Saint Luke's Church, 300 Clinton Ave., at 10a.m. The bus returns at 8 p.m. the cost is \$35.

On arrival, the casino will give you a \$25 voucher to use in the casino and a \$5 voucher for food.

For reservations or more information call Shirley at 908-561-3240. All are welcome on this bus trip.

### HAWK RISE GOES BATTY!

Join the naturalists of Hawk Rise Sanctuary on July 12, 2019 from 8 – 9:30 p.m. for a special evening program and learn all about bats and their many important roles in nature. We will bust some common myths about these fascinating but misunderstood animals and discuss some of the ways we can help to protect them. As the sun goes down, we will head out on the trail and try to pick up their echolocation calls with our bat detector. There is nothing quite like a nature walk at night, so come get batty with us! This program is open to all. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight if desired. Cost: Free. No registration required.

#### About Hawk Rise Sanctuary

Close to Route 1 in Linden, in an industrial area with strip malls, a police firing range, and a filled in landfill you'll find a hidden treasure. In one of the last places you'd think to find an ecological preserve, is Hawk Rise Sanctuary! Hawk Rise was opened in 2012 and is maintained by the NJ Audubon. The flat trails inside are about 1.5 miles long, and the sanctuary spans 95 acres.

Open daily from sunrise to sunset. At the entrance to Hawk Rise is information for visitors including animal and plant species to look for, as well as any upcoming programs. There's a Porta-Potty but no other facilities at the location so plan accordingly! At the start of the sanctuary you have options on which way to go, and throughout the park there are other forks in the trails – choose wisely but be sure to go back and see what you missed. Events are held throughout the year visit [njudubon.org/centers/hawk-rise-sanctuary/](http://njudubon.org/centers/hawk-rise-sanctuary/).

The NPBA had discussions with Mayor Giordano and Recreation Director Dennis Passe focusing on combining with an existing borough event. It was decided to join forces with Car Nutz Car Club and their Summer Car Cruise.

"The Car Nutz always draw a crowd and Dan Battista has been a pleasure to work with. They had the date and location, so this is going to work great."

The marketing of the event is being handled by Mayan Mobile Marketing. "Lenny Aguirre at Mayan Mobile produced a similar event four years ago at an indoor venue, so he is a natural partner in this project."

One of the goals of the NPBA is to bring all

local businesses together. With all the great restaurants in town, this is a terrific way for them to showcase their cuisine.

Admission is free for the Car Cruise and TONP, but most vendors will be charging for their food at their individual booths. The NPBA is still accepting restaurant registrations, but booth space is limited.

To find out more or to register your restaurant for a booth contact Bruce Heyman, NPBA President at 908-755-4700x102

or [bruce@fabricland.com](mailto:bruce@fabricland.com)

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## BRIDGET CUTLER RECEIVES RUSS BERRIE MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD

*Submitted by Jerusha Oleksiuk*

Unsung heroes from throughout New Jersey earned recognition for their compassion and concern for others as part of the 23rd Russ Berrie Making a Difference Award ceremony at Ramapo College on May 3, 2019.

Established in 1997 by the late Russell Berrie, and managed and hosted by Ramapo College of New Jersey, the Russ Berrie Making a Difference Award honors Garden State residents whose outstanding community service and charitable contributions made a substantial impact on the lives of others. The top honoree received a cash prize of \$50,000; two second place honorees received \$25,000 each. Seven awards with a \$7,500 cash prize each were also announced.

Bridget Cutler was awarded one of the \$7,500 cash prizes for her outstanding contribution and commitment to Moms Helping Moms

Foundation. Ms. Cutler is the executive director. She started the organization in 2011 to help low-income and struggling moms with basic baby items. What started out in Ms. Cutler's garage has grown into a nonprofit that distributes over 300,000 baby items to low-income families each year.

Through partnerships with community organizations, social workers, homeless shelters, schools and others, Moms Helping Moms Foundation distributes diapers, clothing, nursing supplies, strollers and countless other baby essentials. The organization also has a dental program that distributes toothbrushes and toothpaste, and an early literacy program to encourage parents to read to their children.

For more information about Moms Helping Moms Foundation including volunteer opportunities and ways to donate, visit [momshelpingmomsfoundation.org](http://momshelpingmomsfoundation.org).

## CASA SHAW SEEKING ADVOCATES FOR FOSTER YOUTH

Court Appointed Special Advocates of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties (CASA SHaW) has announced Information Sessions in July for individuals in our community who are interested in learning more about becoming a CASA volunteer advocate.

CASA SHaW is part of a statewide network of community-based, non-profit programs that recruit, screen, train and supervise volunteers to "Speak Up for a Child" removed from home due to abuse or neglect. CASA is the only program in New Jersey that uses trained volunteers to work one-on-one with children, ensuring that each one gets the services needed and achieves permanency in a safe, nurturing home.

"Attending an information session is the first step in becoming a CASA volunteer advocate for a foster child who has been abused and neglected. This is where individuals learn about what it takes to become volunteer," said Tracey Heisler, Executive Director of CASA SHaW. Attending

an Information Session is required for anyone interested in applying to become a CASA.

Below are the dates, times and locations for the upcoming CASA SHaW information sessions scheduled for July 2019:

- Tuesday, July 9 - 5:30 p.m. at the PeopleCare Center in Bridgewater, NJ (120 Finderne Ave, Bridgewater, NJ)
- Saturday, July 13 - 10:00 a.m. at the CASA SHaW office in Washington, NJ (150 Boulevard, Washington, NJ)
- Monday, July 22 - Noon at the CASA SHaW office in Washington, NJ (150 Boulevard, Washington, NJ)

If any member of our community is interested in attending one of these information sessions, registration is required.

Please contact our Volunteer Trainer, Karen Cassano, at [karen@casashaw.org](mailto:karen@casashaw.org) or by phone at 908-689-5515 if you plan to attend on either date.



(above) Bridget Cutler, founder of Moms Helping Moms Foundation in North Plainfield, received the Russ Berrie Making a Difference Award.

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## 92ND ROTARY TRACK AND FIELD MEET AWARDS MEDALS

*Submitted by Michael Townley*

The 92nd Rotary Track and Field Meet was held on June 5, 2019, a partly sunny day with threatened rain and thunderstorms holding off until well after events concluded.

Three area schools participated with 103 student athletes registered for the Meet's high jump, long jump and shot put in field events and the 55 and 100 meter run, 800 meter run, and 4x100 meter relay events.

The annual community youth service event is hosted by the Rotary Club of the Plainfields, with help from club members, their friends, and the North Plainfield Interact Club all serving as officials and assistants for the events.

The Meet has been held at the Hub Stine Athletic Complex on Randolph Road in Plainfield almost since its inception in 1924. The Rotary Club's meet has been held annually, with the exception of three years during World War 2 and for cancellations due to weather. What started as an organized meet for elementary school students, the meet shifted to the high school level to provide a friendly competition for area students. Later, when high schools began competing through a statewide system of athletic events, the Rotary meet shifted to the middle

school grades.

"This year we have students from North Plainfield Middle School, Valley View School in Watchung, and Maxson Middle School of Plainfield," said Meet Director Michael Townley. "We thank all of these area school districts for allowing their student athletes the opportunity to participate and to earn individual honors. We especially thank the Plainfield School District for allowing us free use of the beautiful Hub Stine Athletic Complex."

"Our members enjoy their opportunity to participate in a project that allows young student athletes to participate and compete for our custom-made medals," said Mr. Townley. "Any interested student athlete has the opportunity to compete against their peers, sometimes for the very first time. I have been doing this for over twenty-eight years, and one of the joys of that long history is meeting men and women who tell me that they competed in our Meets when they were in high school or middle school. Even in their thirties and forties and older, their smiles are just as big as the day they competed at the Rotary Track and Field Meet."

"We are so grateful to our family members and friends and our Interact Club members who come out to help us with this youth service project," said Roberta Smith, president of the club. "There are so many positions to fill that we could not do it without their help. And our Interact Club members and their adviser, Alexandra Pereira are just wonderful! We sincerely appreciate the support of the North Plainfield School District in allowing these students to participate in so many of our club's events."

Medals were awarded to first, second and third place finishers in all events except the relays, where ribbons were awarded to second and third place finishers. All participating schools took home medals or ribbons, with North Plainfield Middle School dominating with forty-eight total awards.

Maxson Middle School - 15 first, 23 second, and 3 third place awards;

North Plainfield Middle School - 35 first, 9 second, 7 third place awards;

Watchung's Valley View - 2 first, 5 second, 3 third place awards.

The Track and Field Meet was held at the Hub Stine Athletic Complex in Plainfield through the cooperation of the Plainfield Board of Education. "The groundskeepers at Hub Stine are just terrific," said Brian Townley, a "Friend of Rotary" and the Clerk of Course for the running events. "They have the fields and track and tip-top shape every year, with tables and tents all set up and ready for us when we arrive. They help us bring our materials down to the Awards Tent area and help us pack up at the end. We truly appreciate their hard work." The Hub Stine Athletic Complex is named for a longtime member and secretary of the Rotary Club.

The local Rotary club expects to offer the 93rd Annual Track and Field Meet next year at the Plainfield site on June 3, 2020. The Meet is always held on the first Wednesday of June. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend and support the young athletes.

Interested in serving others? The Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield welcomes visitors to any weekly meeting, visit [RotaryPNP.org](http://RotaryPNP.org).



(above) Rotary Club of the Plainfields' Track Meet winner of the 55 meter event proudly wears his medal.

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*(above) Rotary Club of the Plainfields' Track Meet officials confer before races begin.*



*(above) Rotary Club of the Plainfields' Track Meet winners of a track event get their awards slips to claim their medals.*



*(above) Jumping to a medal at the Rotary Club of the Plainfields' Track Meet.*



*(above) North Plainfield High School Interact Club members and advisors who assisted officiating at the Rotary Track and Field Meet.*

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## ALL AGE PROGRAMS

### Family Night - Owls and Fireflies

July 25, 7-8 p.m.

(families with kids)

## CHILDREN, TWEEN, AND TEEN PROGRAMS

### LEGO® Club

July 8, 22; 3:30-4:30 p.m.

### Paint and Snack - Space

July 9, 6-8 p.m.

(entering grades 5-12)

### Toddler/Preschool Storytime - Rhyme and Play

July 10, 17, 24; 10-11 a.m.

(ages 18-60 months)

### Culinary Creators

July 10, 2:30-4 p.m.

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### Baby/Toddler Storytime - Discover Stories

July 11, 18, 25; 10-11 a.m.

(ages birth - 3 years)

### Kids in the Kitchen

July 11, 18, 25; 1:30-3 p.m.

(entering grades 3-5)

### Unique Creatures

July 12, 2-2:45 p.m.

(entering grades K-5):

### Facts and Snacks Book Club

(entering grades 3-6)

### Robots and Inventions

July 12, 3-4:30 p.m.

### Weather

July 26, 3-4:30 p.m.

### Coding Club - Musical Colors

July 15, 2-3 p.m.

(entering grades 3-5)

### Minecraft Club

July 16, 2:30-4 p.m.

(entering grades 5-7)

### Honey Heist

July 17, 2:30-4 p.m.

(entering grades 5-12)

### Learning Lab - Gravity

July 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

(entering grades K-5)

### Unbelievable Magic and Illusion Show

July 22, 1-2 p.m.

(entering grades K-5)

### Teen Summer Reads Book Club

July 24, 6-7 p.m.

(entering grades 9-12)

### WIZARD ACADEMY

#### Transfiguration

July 29, 2-3 p.m.

(entering grades 3-5)

#### Charms

July 29, 6-8 p.m.

(entering grades 5-12)

### Care of Magical Creatures

July 30, 2-3 p.m.

(entering grades 3-5)

### Herbology

July 30, 6-8 p.m.

(entering grades 5-12)

### Flying Class

July 31, 2-3 p.m.

(entering grades 3-5)

### Potions

July 31, 6-8 p.m.

(entering grades 5-12)

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Knit and Crochet

July 2, 10 a.m. - noon

### Writer's Group

July 9, 23; 6-8 p.m.

### Book Discussion

"The Widows of Malabar Hill"

by Sujata Massey

July 11, 1-2 p.m.

July 18, 7:15-8:30 p.m.

### U.S. Citizenship Course

July 11, 18, 25; 6-8 p.m.

### CREATIVE CRAFTS

#### Bath Bombs

July 13, 10-11:30 a.m.

#### Fabric Wall Art

July 20, 10:30-11:45 a.m.

### Cooking Matters at the Store

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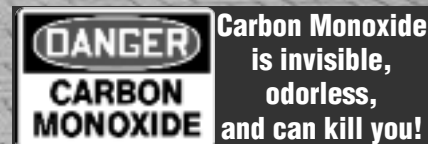
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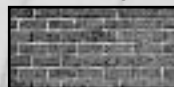
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