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The Chelsea at Fanwood set a new record for fundraising on Friday, June 29, 2019, raising \$2,700 at its annual tricky tray auction benefiting Alzheimer's New Jersey. Prizes donated by local businesses included restaurant gift certificates, digital electronics, gourmet baskets, wine, services, and even cash. Local business donors included K9

Resorts, Nick's Pizza, Sheelan's Crossing, Charlie Brown's Restaurant, Frank's Auto Service and many others. Kudos to the Chelsea's Country Cottage Coordinator, Kim Wolf, for making this event happen with a little help from her team.

Fanwood-based Chelsea Senior Living, conduct year-round fund raisers for Alzheimer's New Jersey.



(above, l-r) Group photo of the Chelsea team: Jane Pitzker, Lifestyle Director; Karen Simpson, Food Service Director; Kim Wolf, Country Cottage Coordinator; Laura Parizeau, Concierge; Pam Gabel, Director of Community Relations; Karen, Lifestyle Assistant; Annette Watson, Executive Director.

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The Fanwood Train Station Vintage Marketplace will be held on Sunday, August 4, 2019. There will be 75+ tables of vintage items, antiques, collectibles and more. If you are a collector or love things from days gone by then you will enjoy this event which is held in the parking lot of

the Fanwood Train Station on South Ave.

Spend some time browsing through all the items being sold, have some lunch and enjoy the great music. Some of the food being sold at this event will be 'gourmet' such as Gyros, shish ka bobs, French fries, zeppoles and more!

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MEET THE RESCUE SQUAD' CAROLYN SORGE

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Carolyn Sorge basically grew up at the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad. Her father, Ercole Sorge, joined in 1973 after Carolyn suffered a febrile seizure in his arms. He served as president for 15 years and rode on the squad until his passing in 1988.

Carolyn officially joined the squad in July of 1988 at the age of 15. "I grew up seeing first hand my father's passion for this rescue squad and this community. It makes me proud to follow in his footsteps and continue his legacy," she says. Her brother, Ed, also rode on the squad for a number of years and is now a full-time paramedic. Another brother, Christian, was also a member of the Cadet Corps.

During her 31 years on the rescue squad, she has served as a first and second lieutenant, a deputy chief and today is the chief. Along with the myriad of responsibilities that go along with this position, she is also a mother to 2 1/2 year old Isabella and works full-time as a registered nurse.

Carolyn considers herself a true "townie." While attending nursing school, she worked as a secretary to the Mayor and Municipal Manager, and in the early 2000s, she was elected to the Scotch Plains Township Council where she served four years; the last year as Deputy Mayor.

She also joined the Scotch Plains Fire Department in 1997 and had the distinction of being the first female firefighter in the history of the department. She served eight years there.

"Being a member of the squad gives me a feeling of personal satisfaction that I'm helping my community," she said. She also loves being there for people at their most vulnerable times and, in addition, is thankful for the lifelong friendships she has developed throughout her years serving. She considers the members of the

rescue squad her second family.

Please reach out if you would like to join your neighbors and become a part of our organization. Go to www.scotchplainsrescuesquad.com, email us at scotchplainsrescuesquad@gmail.com, or call 908-322-2103.

Contributing Author Susan Baldani, a life member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad.



(above) Carolyn Sorge

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Stage 4 Metastatic Breast Cancer.

Don't miss out on all of the cool event details! Check out the event page at www.gwaccnj.com/events/race2019/, and like the Facebook page: Mayor's 0.5k Race - The Anti 5k, so you don't miss out on important training tips!

All proceeds go to support METAvivors of NJ – chapter of the national nonprofit METAvivor. A support organization who assist those with Stage 4 Metastatic Breast Cancer. This organization was recently awarded by Mayor Smith with a Scotch Plains Proclamation as well as recognition in Trenton. We are honored to support this organization and help raise awareness around the need for additional support to people with Stage 4 Metastatic Breast Cancer.

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MEET JOAN LOZOWSKI OF THE SCOTCH PLAINS RESCUE SQUAD

Submitted by Susan Baldani, a life member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad

Joan Lozowski joined the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad in November of 1988 at the age of 26. At the time, she was a police dispatcher with the Scotch Plains Police Department (retiring in 2016) and knew how shorthanded the squad was during the day, so she decided to help out. Joan has now been riding for 31 years and has held several positions including captain, 1st and 2nd lieutenant and delegate.

“I like the camaraderie we have and the squad is a second family to me. We support each other through good calls as well as bad and are there for each other,” says Joan.

One of her most unusual calls came on a



(above) Joan Lozowski, who has been a member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad since 1988.

Sunday afternoon in the middle of summer about two years ago. She had just finished playing golf and went to meet up with a township police officer who needed an oxygen mask for her first aid kit. While together, the officer was dispatched to a house fire and Joan decided to head over as well to see if she could be of any assistance.

When she arrived, she saw a small dog being taken to an unmarked car by a lieutenant. The dog had been pulled out of the house, and when the officer saw Joan, he asked her to care for the dog, whose owners weren't home at the time.

The dog was hot and listless, so she gave him oxygen and, with the help of some residents who brought over water and ice, she slowly cooled the dog down. This went on for a while until the resident came home. Fortunately, by that time, the dog was starting to respond. Afterwards, the owner brought the dog to the vet and he was eventually deemed fine.

Squad members are never sure what they'll

find when arriving to calls and are trained to respond to all kinds of health crises. Although saving an animal is not something EMTs normally do, Joan stepped up and did the right thing.

Joan also volunteers with the Fanwood Rescue Squad and Friends of Valley Brook, an organization that assists 64 veterans living at Valley Brook Village on the grounds of the VA Hospital in Lyons, NJ. She helps with barbecues and other events and recently, with a friend's assistance, cooked a corned beef and cabbage dinner for St. Patrick's Day. She loves giving her time to the vets. “They served our country; it is my honor to help them,” says Joan.

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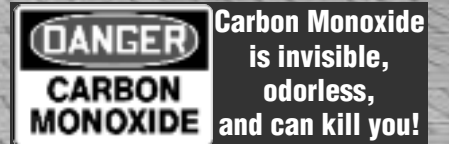
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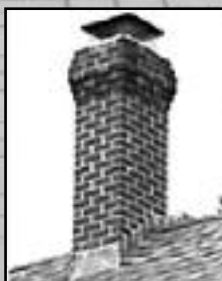
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This grant will subsidize a program we will be offering to Fanwood and Scotch Plains students in grades 5 – 8 called Get Fit With Fanwood's Finest. Children will work out alongside our officers, some whom are trained by the Union County Emergency Response Team. The program will consist of a daily work out, a brief topical dialogue, and a few guest speakers.

The free program will run the week of August 26 – August 30, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Details and signups are located at fanwoodpolice.org. Please direct any questions that are not answered on the website to diannehowarth@fanwoodpolice.org.

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Submitted by Nancy Lama

In July, a night of celebration and recognition was held for Literacy New Jersey’s volunteer tutors at the Westfield Presbyterian Church. Over sixty tutors were recognized for years of service working with adults in Union County who struggle with reading, writing, and speaking English.

The theme of the event, “Sowing the Seeds of Literacy”, reflected how tutors cultivate a positive learning environment in which students grow their skills and achieve important personal and professional goals. Literacy NJ tutors help adults improve their language skills, enabling them to find better jobs, advocate for their children at school, earn a high school diploma, and/or prepare for college.

ESL students Ioannis Petrou and Flor Barrera spoke about their increased confidence

communicating with customers, teachers, doctors, and friends. Charles Baldwin thanked his tutors for giving him his life back by teaching him to read, and HSE student Shawn Boatswain described his journey from a small Caribbean island to earning a Master’s Degree from Kean University.

Literacy New Jersey offers tutoring to adult residents of Union County in three areas: basic

reading and writing, English as a Second Language, and preparation for the High School Equivalency exam. Tutors choose an area of interest and then typically volunteer two hours a week, working with a small group of students.

For more information about becoming a volunteer tutor, or the program in general, please call 908-486-1777 or email bhathaway@literacynj.org.



(above, l-r) Barbara Hathaway, Jerry Green, Sydell Kessler-Levy, Liela Bernstein, and Mike Krasner were among 60 volunteers celebrated for their years of volunteer service with Literacy New Jersey.



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Each week, guests will participate in vocal and physical warm-ups and work on songs with the chorus. The chorus sings a variety of music, including old-fashioned love songs, Broadway, Disney, Beatles, and more.

Pam Hegarty, whose first introduction to the chorus was through the "Sing A Cappella Series"

stated, "If you enjoy singing and the idea of creating music with a group, try Hickory Tree Chorus. I was greeted with such friendly support and encouragement that I knew I'd made the right choice. I learned a lot about music during the series and continue to learn more now that I'm an official member. As much as music, this chorus is about camaraderie and joy. Join us!"

The award-winning Hickory Tree Chorus performs regularly throughout the community, produces an annual show, and awards an annual \$1,000 scholarship to an area high school girl continuing her vocal music education in college.

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During August, the Thrift Shop will feature selected items at half-price. From clothing to home furnishings, there is a wide selection of items to add a fresh look to hot days. Now is the time to start shopping for back-to-school items. For your college student living away from home, the shop has housewares, bed and bath items to furnish a dorm or apartment. Shoppers will find suitcases and duffle bags for packing. Don't forget the essential back pack.

The Thrift Shop will be closed Tuesday,

August 27 through September 2, reopening Tuesday, September 3.

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 scotchplains thriftshop.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." Shop hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers will gladly accept new and gently used donations during business hours. Volunteers will provide tax receipts. Tax receipts can be used for saleable items.



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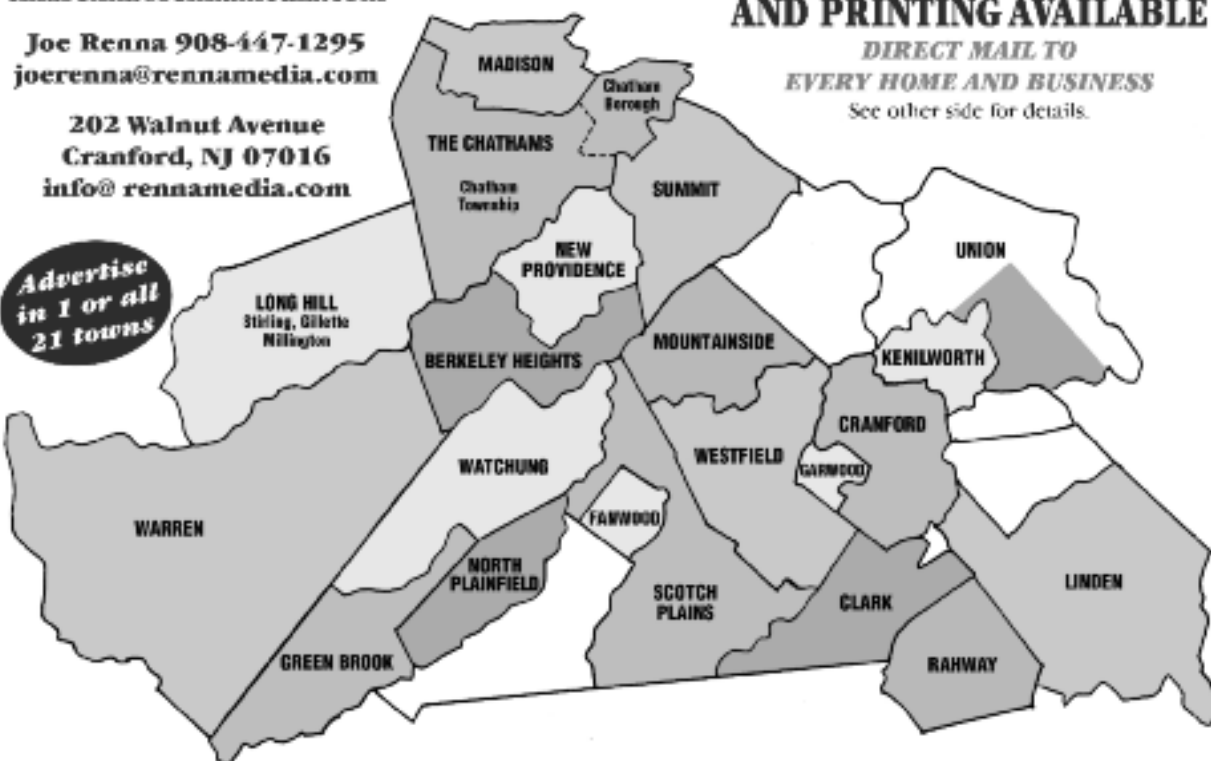
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Jane Randall, an immigrant from Scotland who met her husband overseas then moved to the U.S after World War II to raise a family, celebrated her 100th birthday at her home at The Chelsea at Fanwood on Thursday, July 18th, 2019.

Mrs. Randall spent her childhood and young adult life in and around Edinburgh, raised by an aunt and uncle. After graduating high school she learned to use adding machines called comptometers, the first mechanical calculators that were actually invented in the U.S. in the late 19th century. She became experienced enough to teach young women how to use them. She later worked as an accountant at a brewery. She has

vivid memories of being on the roof of the building where they worked to wave at the royal family when they came to town, especially Queen Elizabeth II wearing her signature bonnet.

She met her husband Ronald, a U.S. soldier stationed in the UK, and they moved to the states, settling first in Chicago and eventually ending up in Cranford, NJ. She enjoyed living there and was active in the Episcopal church. She volunteered for 30 years at a local resale shop.

Mrs. Randall had four children. She has six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Her family celebrated her birthday separately. Her Chelsea friends celebrated with a cake and music.



(above) Group of Chelsea staff surrounding Jane Randall on her 100th celebration held on July 18th, 2019.

SOPHIA COPE COMPETES FOR 2019 JUNIOR OLYMPICS

Submitted by Jakki Cope

Sophia Cope, a Scotch Plains resident and recent graduate of Coles Elementary School, recently competed in the AAU Junior Regional Qualifiers for the 2019 Junior Olympics. Cope finished second in the 10 year old girls 200 meter dash with a time of 29.55 and received a silver medal. She placed fourth in the 100 meter dash with a time of 14.70. She will compete on July 28, 2019, in her first National competition at the AT&T Aggie Stadium.



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