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## CRANFORD VFW HONORS TWO D-DAY VETERANS

*Submitted by Jim D'Arcy, Former Post #335 Commander*

S.R.O., Standing Room Only, was, at the end, the only way to watch the recognition celebration of two D-Day veterans by Cranford's VFW Post #335 on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. Over 100 people jam packed the VFW's hall to honor the two distinguished veterans, Dan Sullivan of Union and Peter Klein of Cranford for their service on that fateful day of June 6, 1944.

Generously sponsored by Barry O'Donovan of Cranford's Kilkenny House restaurant, the event featured speakers who labeled the seasoned veterans as valued local treasures and heroes in their own right. But, applause after applause found both Sullivan and Klein humbly at a loss for words as they declined the microphone for ending comments.

Peter Klein afterwards stated privately, "This was very nice, you know, and I couldn't get over the crowd, but Danny and I were just doing our duty back then." It seems his humility is just so typical of those from the "greatest generation".

Oddly enough, both Sullivan and Klein grew up on the same street in Elizabeth and hadn't seen each other in over 85 years until they coincidentally found themselves seated next to each other in a golf cart in the 2018 Cranford Memorial Day parade. "That was so funny that day," Sullivan said, "who would have thought that could happen after so many years. And I recognized Pete right away!"

Mayor Giblin presented both honorees with a Proclamation from the Township recognizing their service at D-Day. State VFW Judge Advocate and former Cranford Post Commander Jay Boxwell presented Sullivan and Klein with plaques noting their service to our country.

Dan Sullivan raised his family of six children in Roselle and recently lost his wife of 64 years, Joan. He has since moved to Union. He is a Navy veteran and saw duty that day on the USS Texas. The Texas, a battleship, aided the invasion by providing a bombardment of the beachhead and the German gun emplacements. The battleship sustained considerable damage during the siege because of two German artillery shells which hit it, one of which luckily never exploded. Sullivan not only saw action at D-Day but was sent to the Pacific Theatre as well, serving at the famous battle at Iwo Jima and at Okinawa.

Living in Cranford for almost 50 years, Peter Klein raised two boys through the Cranford School system and claims he will never leave the town he loves. Klein, too, lost his wife Theresa several years ago.



*(above) State VFW Judge Advocate Jay Boxwell is flanked by D-Day Vets Peter Klein (left) and Dan Sullivan (right).*

At D-Day, Klein was a medic who rushed ashore during the third wave of the invasion on Omaha Beach. A life member of the Cranford VFW, Klein rarely speaks of his World War II days, as he saw action not only on D-Day but in the Battle of the Bulge and Hurtgen Forest in Germany as well.

Kilkenny proprietor Barry O'Donovan capped off the emotional evening with humorous but poignant remarks, reminding the crowd of the importance of patriotism and of remembering our past and those who served their country so faithfully.

The attendees leaving that night had fortunately witnessed an opportunity of seeing men who had lived history. D-Day was a critical, world changing event, the horror of which we can only imagine. And these two men, Dan Sullivan and Peter Klein were there.



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*Submitted by Kathy Willis, Cranford Family Care Association*

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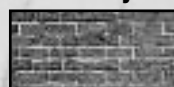
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The red carpet premier was held at the newly remodeled Cranford Theater on Thursday November 14th, 2019. Producers, directors, and actors were in attendance.



(above) Clark Alliance Coordinator Ralph Bernardo, Actor Gary Pastore, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Coordinator Karyn Steele and Cranford Coordinator MaryAnne Mason.

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## GARDEN CLUB'S HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Submitted by Ellen McHenry

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The Club's long tradition of crafting "Boxwood Trees" (diminutive fresh trees decorated in miniature) have long captured the imagination of boutique attendees. Expertly decorated wreaths will be available to deck the halls and front doors. Green Thumb also offers beautiful fresh arrangements for every size and space in every home. Also available are fresh green Porch Pots, specialty ornaments, baked goods and miniature arrangements that make for wonderful hostess gifts. The garden club will once again be selling their Landmark Series of noteworthy Cranford buildings and homes.

The Club's signature wreaths will grace the doors of the homes on the Junior Women's Club Annual House Tour, while back at the Historic Crane-Phillips House a lively commerce of holiday decorations will begin. Please join Green Thumb Garden Club members at our new Holiday Boutique Venue.

Proceeds from the sale are used to beautify township plantings that are maintained by Green Thumb, as well as the new waterfall in the atrium of the Cranford Community Center.

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Over 45 vendors will offer a large variety of merchandise, crafts and gifts. There is sure to be something for everyone in the Christmas Shoppe and Soup Fest!

Five fabulous homemade soups will be available as part of the event and re-packaged soups (quarts & pints) for take-out will also be available until supplies last. Come early – these soups sell out quickly!

Baked goods and lunch will be available for purchase, too.

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*(above) Shoppers browse the wide selection of gifts for sale at the Christmas Shoppe to be held on Dec. 14th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Cranford United Methodist Church.*



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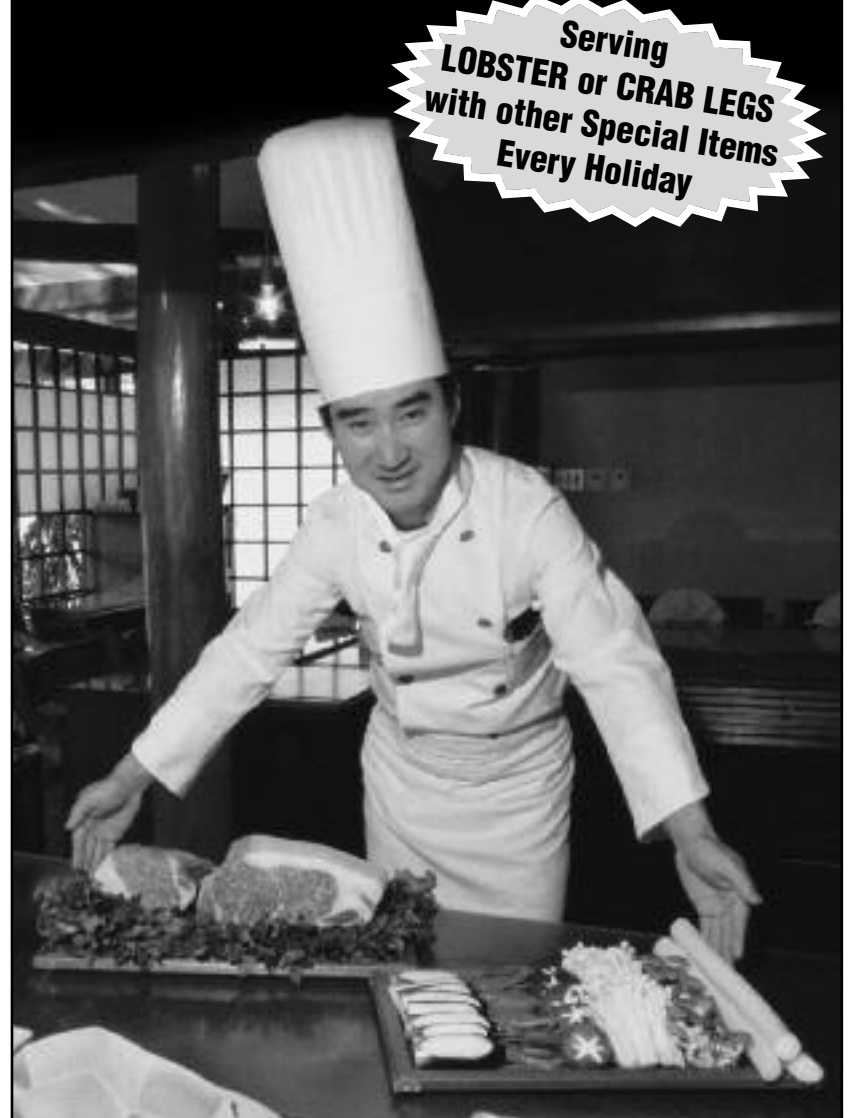
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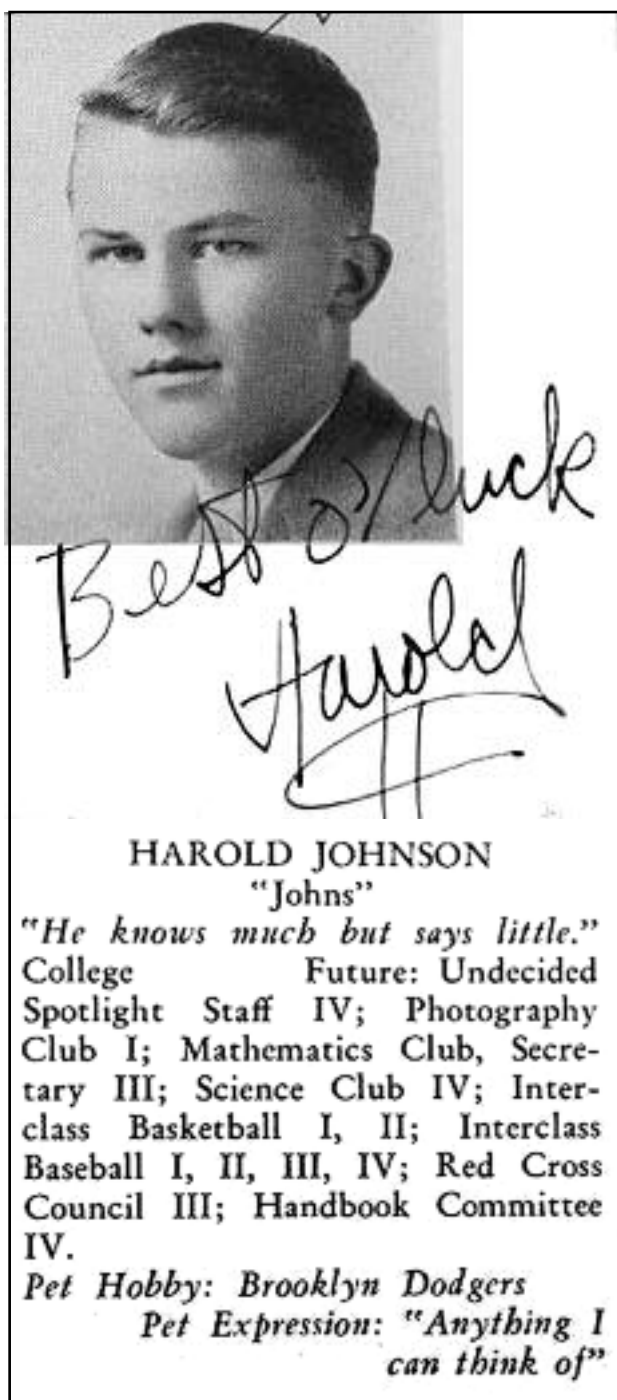
By Don Sweeney, research by Stu Rosenthal, military guidance by Vic Bary, and editing by Janet Ashnault.

As we begin the process of selecting the next name from those engraved on our town's memorial tablets and once again prepare to tell the story of one of our 86, we discover stark differences between the circumstances in which these servicemen lost their lives. While many of our stories up to this point told of valiant missions and strategic battles, with details that would make for a thrilling war movie, some of the men on our list lost their lives in much quieter situations. Considering each of their contributions to the war effort of their era, the lives of those that died in non-combat situations were no less important, nor their actions less patriotic than any of our Cranford 86. The loss to their families was certainly just as difficult to bear. It is noted, that in American wars before WWII, more lives were lost in situations that did not involve combat than in those that did.

The story of Harold Leonard Johnson of 9 Herning Avenue tells of a young man who lost his life while in the service of our country. In U.S. war casualty statistics, his cause of death would be listed simply as "other". Our goal is to bring a little more of his short life to light and to expand upon the brief passages that we found in a manila folder at the Cranford Historical Society.

After attending Sherman School on Lincoln Avenue, Harold Johnson moved on to the newly constructed Cranford High School on West End Place. It was September of 1938 and we would imagine it was quite a thrill to be one of the first students to attend classes in the new school building. The German invasion of Poland, that began WWII wasn't to happen for another year. No thought of a war was in anyone's mind. It was a tranquil time in America. But, it was "The Day of Infamy", that struck on December 7th of Harold's senior year at Cranford High School, that changed everything. While most of the boys, and some of the girls, would choose to sign up immediately after graduation, a few would not even wait that long. At the time of the Pearl Harbor attack, Harold was an advanced student of mathematics and science. He had already applied and been accepted to Lehigh University in Bethlehem Pennsylvania, one of America's elite engineering universities. He was planning to study chemical and electrical engineering and in August of 1942, Harold left his home in Cranford, bound for college.

In November of 1942, Lehigh University was visited by enrollment representatives from the Navy's highly selective V-1 program. It was then, after just three months at Lehigh, that Harold Johnson seemed to have rethought his plans for the future. Perhaps influenced by the Navy's recruitment effort (see photo of enrollment poster), Harold enlisted into the program, with plans of possibly becoming an aviator. Only applicants of the highest intellect and physical abilities are even considered. The V-1 program's schedule of development was normally two years in length. But at this point in our rapidly escalating war involvement, programs were



(above) Harold Leonard Johnson at age 16 in Cranford high school portrait 1942 Yearbook.

being intensified and shortened to supply the urgent needs of the dual fronts of battle. We located a recruitment brochure from the era for the Naval V-1 program at Lehigh University. (See the link at Cranford86.org). It painted a picture of the honor and privilege that came along with the receipt of Navy Flyers' Wings, which was something that was beyond the dreams of most young men. This was undoubtedly an exciting time in Harold's life and perhaps a little terrifying, as he was only 17 years old.

In the largest national response to support a war effort in U.S. history, every American would make sacrifices to supply the needs of our Armed Forces. Nearly every factory would now serve the war effort. Auto manufacturing was halted and retooled to manufacture aircraft; clothing manufacturers now produced uniforms; even a merry-go-round factory was converted to make gun turrets. Any consumer item that was needed for the war effort was rationed to the American civilian population. Each family, for instance, was limited to 3 gallons of gasoline a week, and nylon, once used for lady's hosiery, was now only



On the porch of their home at 9 Herning Ave. the Johnson boys pose for the only known photo of the three brothers together. From left to right Robert 11, Edward 3, and Harold 15.

used for parachutes. America was "all in" to support the war effort.

What is not as commonly recognized is that our network of higher education was also converted to train soldiers and officers in specific skills needed to man the engineering marvels that were being turned out of our factories at incredible rates. From Ivy League universities to local junior colleges, nearly all schools were focused on training America's young military minds. The responsibility of stopping the forces of tyranny and fascism that had threatened freedom for all the world's inhabitants was so strongly felt, that service to country was expected, and given without hesitation. While many speak of America's ability to create record amounts of planes, ships and armored vehicles, others would say the real accomplishment that won the war was our ability to hone the minds and bodies of our American youth into the finest fighting force in American history.

We found a speech made by the Harvard University Provost Paul H. Buck which summarized the role of college students leading up to the war. Buck stated clearly the wartime educational philosophy at Harvard, "Obviously your first responsibility is to prepare yourself for usefulness in the war effort. College men need not be told again that they have no right to be in college unless they have planned their program in the light of participation in the war. We firmly believe that every physically qualified man of college age should be trained for the Armed Services unless specifically assigned to other work by an appropriate federal agency." Civilian

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## HAROLD L. JOHNSON (continued from page 12)

enrollment in America's colleges at the time was below 10%. Again, we were all in.

Harold returned home to Cranford for a one-week mid-semester break in January of 1943, only to return to Cranford again on February 12th with an unexplained high fever. Cranford 86 researcher Stu Rosenthal was able to find Harold's youngest brother Edward living in New Providence. Edward remembers his brother's return to Cranford vividly. He explained that Harold was bedridden and their family physician, Dr. Albert Lewis, made a house call to attend to him. After just one day, Edward remembers an ambulance taking Harold to Elizabeth General Hospital. He was diagnosed with Lymphatic Leukemia. Today it would be called Hodgkin's Disease. Edward told us that at the time, no successful treatments had been developed to battle the disease. Blood transfusions and radiation were used but were unsuccessful. Harold L. Johnson passed away on the 25th of February 1943, at the age of 18 years and 6 days. He was buried at Evergreen Cemetery in his native Brooklyn with a traditional civilian ceremony.

Shortly after, the family received a letter from the Navy indicating Harold's advancement into the next step of his training. Because of his untimely death Harold was never able to take that next step, nor fulfill the plans that he had made to serve our country. With his intellect, physical ability and patriotic intentions one can only imagine what an asset he would have been to America's Armed Forces.

The Johnsons were a third-generation Scandinavian family with roots in Norway and Sweden. Harold was born on February 19th, 1925 at the Midwood Sanitarium, while the family was living in Brooklyn, New York. Later they moved to East Orange for three years before settling in Cranford when Harold was six years old. At the time of his passing, Harold had two younger brothers, Robert, age 14 and Edward, age 6. Robert went on to become a Marine and served in Washington D.C. as an honor guard after the

war. Edward went on to graduate from The Citadel Military College in South Carolina and served in The US Air Force. His parents, Harold and Astrid, lived in Cranford for 35 years before moving to the Norwood section of Plainfield. Mr. Johnson was a Columbia Graduate and a stockbroker at the Faulkner, Dawkins and Sullivan Brokerage firm in New York City. The Johnsons were active members of Calvary Lutheran Church on the corner of Eastman Avenue and Holly Street. Mrs. Johnson was the first president of The Lutheran Woman's Association there.

Harold was known to his friends as "Johns". His passion in life was baseball. While he did not play on the varsity team, he was active in all four years in high school in the intramural league. He and his dad were die-hard Brooklyn Dodgers fans. Harold was an active student, a member of the Mathematics Club; the Science Club; the Cranford High School Newspaper (Spotlight); the Red Cross Council; the Handbook Committee and the Photography Club.

Much of the information used to tell his story was taken from a letter by Astrid Johnson, Harold's Gold Star mother, written three years after Harold's death.

Young Harold Johnson voluntarily changed his path in life to serve our country at a very volatile time in history. It was an act of bravery and patriotism and for this action he is deserving of our appreciation and respect. Please join members of the Johnson family when they return to Cranford in 2020 for the dedication of Harold's banner at the ceremony that will follow the 99th Cranford Memorial Day Parade.

Thank you to John Bolls of Harold Johnson Place for sponsoring this serviceman's banner and calling our attention to the Harold Johnson story.

We invite you to view all the profiles that have so far been created at Cranford86.org. There is still quite a way to go before we reach our goal of putting a face and a story to each of our Cranford 86 and we reach out to the public for assistance. If you have any information about any

of our heroes or would like to sponsor an upcoming banner or simply would like to donate to support our project, please contact us at [info@cranford86.org](mailto:info@cranford86.org). Follow us on Facebook at "Cranford86".



*This clipping from the Lehigh University newspaper, The Brown and White, shows an unidentified freshman in the fall of 1942, studying the V-1 recruitment flier. We were unsuccessful in obtaining definite confirmation of whether or not this could be a photo of our Harold. However, comparing the visible features of the freshman against Harold's high school yearbook photo, we thought there was a good chance that it could be Harold Johnson.*



*Harold L. Johnson with the members of the Science Club in front of the brand-new Cranford High School.*



*(above) In Indian Village, between the streets named for Alan Okell and Roger Norton, you will find Harold Johnson Place. 57 men from Cranford lost their lives while serving their country in WW2, 5 had streets named in their honor. 15 Cranford men were lost in WW1, 9 streets are named after them. The gold stars on each of the street signs are numbered 1-14.*



*(above, left) This is the recruitment flier that was posted around the Lehigh campus in the fall of 1942. It may have caught Harold's eye and lead him to enlist in the program. (right) The cover of the 16 page recruitment flier that told of the prestige associated with becoming a Naval aviator.*



## ARTHUR "SKIP" WINTER HONORED FOR VOLUNTEERISM

Community Access Unlimited honored Arthur "Skip" Winter at the agency's Annual Gala Dinner Dance, held at the Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott in October.

Winter was presented with the Ira Geller Award for volunteerism. He is an elder at the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford and a member of the Steering Committee of the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council and plays a key role in organizing the council's annual Union County Day of Prayer, which each year which draws hundreds to an evening of inclusion and hope. His association with CAU began in 1986 when he served with the United Way of Cranford and coordinated funding for the agency. "I enjoy all the volunteer work I do, not only with Community Access and the Interfaith Coordinating Council but with other organizations I support," he said. "I enjoy

meeting all the people who form the community of volunteers."

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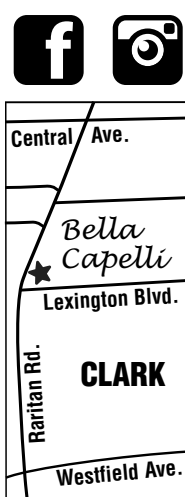
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Kerry is the owner of Kerry Patel Designs, a

fine art floral design and styling studio based in Madison, designing romantic, evocative florals and tablescapes for small, intimate weddings and events. Her designs evoke emotion through their lush blooms and textured elements taking one on a visual and sensorial journey with each design.

The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Ave. in Cranford, NJ. A suggested donation of \$5.00 will be collected at the door. No registration is required, but seating is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. This presentation is sponsored by the Hanson Park Conservancy. To learn more please visit our website, [hansonparkconservancy.com](http://hansonparkconservancy.com) or like us on Facebook.

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# GIRL SCOUTS BRONZE AWARDS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

*Submitted by Kerry Rokicki*

The Girl Scouts of Cranford (Service Unit 48) celebrated the efforts of Girl Scout Junior Troop 40856, and Cadette Troops 40013, 40196, and 40222 during the 2019 Bronze Award ceremony. The Bronze Award is the third highest award bestowed by Girl Scouts of the USA. It was introduced by GSUSA in 2001, and can only be earned by Girl Scouts at the Junior level for aiding in the resolution of a community issue. Each of the Girl Scout troops completed their own project.

"The hard work and determination of these troops is evident in the success of their projects," said Elayna Torsone, Service Unit Manager of Service Unit 48. "We are so proud of their accomplishments and it was our honor to congratulate them on their achievements. Thanks are also due to the troop leaders who were instrumental in guiding and motivating each of their troops."

The Bronze Award efforts of Cadette Girl Scout Troop 40013 centered on kindness. The Cadettes decided the best way to remind friends, neighbors and fellow Girl Scouts about this key character trait was to paint it big and bright. The troop created a proposal to paint a mural at the Cranford Community Center and collaborated with Cranford Director of Recreation and Parks, Mr. Steve Robertazzi. Once it was approved, the group consulted with Mr. Pat Gorman, teacher of graphic arts at Cranford High School. They collaborated on a design and the Girl Scouts executed the project during the summer. The mural depicts a kindness tree surrounded by bushes, flowers, butterflies, birds and bees and inspirational quotes that reinforced their message.

The Hillside Avenue School community benefited from the Bronze Award efforts of Cadette Troop 40196. The cadettes collaborated

with the administration to create butterfly gardens around the school. The goal was to create safe environments for butterflies to flourish, while also beautifying the grounds.

To earn their Bronze Award, Cadette Troop 40222 performed acts of kindness throughout the community for more than 20 hours. The troop volunteered with the elderly, assisted children with special needs, visited an area hospital, participated in Relay for Life, volunteered at the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, made sandwiches for the hungry for a series of weeks, and more.

"We encouraged the girls to earn the Bronze Award because we knew that it would be a rewarding experience for them as a troop. They decided on the theme of spreading kindness on their own and agreed on it. Our hopes as leaders was that they would truly enter the great circle of people doing kind acts and see that it comes back to you without you expecting it. And then you keep it going. This happened for our troop. This

was more than singular acts of kindness it was ten months of them giving to so many different people and growing from it," said Wendy Menneg-Lyubarsky, co-advisor of Girl Scout Cadette Troop 40222.

Girl Scout Junior Troop 40856 titled their Bronze Award: Be a Rainbow in Someone Else's Cloud. They were honored to paint the doors of Livingston Avenue School with their title and words of kindness. The goal of their project was to emphasize the important role kindness plays in our world while also beautifying their school.

The Girl Scouts of Cranford is an organization dedicated to building G.I.R.L.'s (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)<sup>TM</sup> of courage, confidence, and character who will make the world a better place. The Girl Scouts of Cranford Service Unit 48 is a part of the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey Council which is part of the Girl Scouts of the USA. For more information on the Girl Scouts of Cranford, go to [cranfordgirlscouts.com](http://cranfordgirlscouts.com).



*(above) Cadette Troop 40196 created a butterfly garden for their project.*



*(above) Cadette Troop 40222 performed acts of kindness throughout the community for more than 20 hours.*



*(above) Junior Troop 40856 completed a project title "Be a Rainbow in Someone Else's Cloud".*



*(above) Cadette Troop 40013 painted a mural at the Cranford Community Center.*

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(above) Cranford86 project coordinator Don Sweeney shared the story of Hillside Avenue School alumnus Joe Minnock who was a casualty of the Vietnam War.



(above, l-r) Cranford VFW Post #335 Senior Vice Commander Leroy Blowe, State Judge Advocate Jay Boxwell, Post Commander Drew Burns, and Hillside Avenue School Principal Kevin Deacon.

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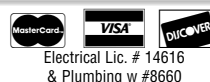
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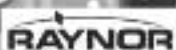
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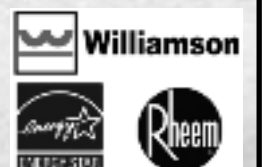
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# YALE WHIFFENPOOFS FREE CONCERT AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Yale Whiffenpoofs, the world's oldest and best-known collegiate a cappella group, will present a concert on December 7, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Cranford.

Founded in 1909, the "Whiffs" began as a senior quartet that met for weekly concerts at Mory's Temple Bar, the famous Yale tavern. Today, the group has become one of Yale's most celebrated traditions with over a century of musical excellence.

Singing a mixture of old Yale tunes, jazz standards, and other hits from across the decades, the Whiffenpoofs perform more than 200 concerts each year. Their characteristic white tie and tails, paired with their enthusiasm and humor, have become iconic for audiences all around the United States and across the world. The Whiffenpoofs are perfect entertainment for diverse occasions, including public concerts, fundraising events, and private events of all types.

Recent Whiffenpoof performance venues have included Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, the White House, the Rose Bowl, and Lincoln

Center. The Whiffenpoofs have reached a television audience of more than 175 million in appearances in NBC's The Sing Off, The West Wing, The Today Show, 60 Minutes, Gilmore Girls, Jeopardy!, Saturday Night Live, and most recently on the Season 4 finale of the hit television show Glee.

Cranford High School alumnus, Hale Jaeger, class of 2016, will be returning to Cranford to perform with the Whiffenpoofs. The performance will be on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. at Trinity Church, Cranford. Admission is

free, however a free-will donation will be taken to help offset the cost of the Whiffenpoofs' visit. The Whiffs will also visit Cranford High School to workshop with the CHS a cappella and choral students. The concert and workshop is sponsored by Cranford High School Performing Arts, Cranford Friends of the Performing Arts (FOPA), as well as Trinity Episcopal Church, Cranford. All are welcome on December 7th at 8:00 p.m. at Trinity Church, Cranford to enjoy a world-class performance from one of the best a cappella groups in the country, the Yale Whiffenpoofs.

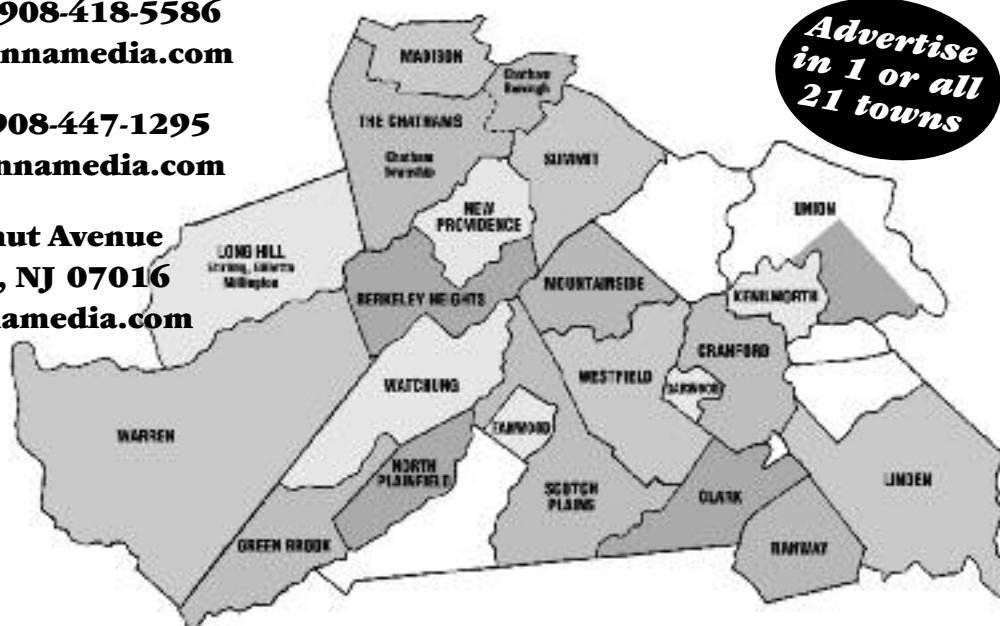
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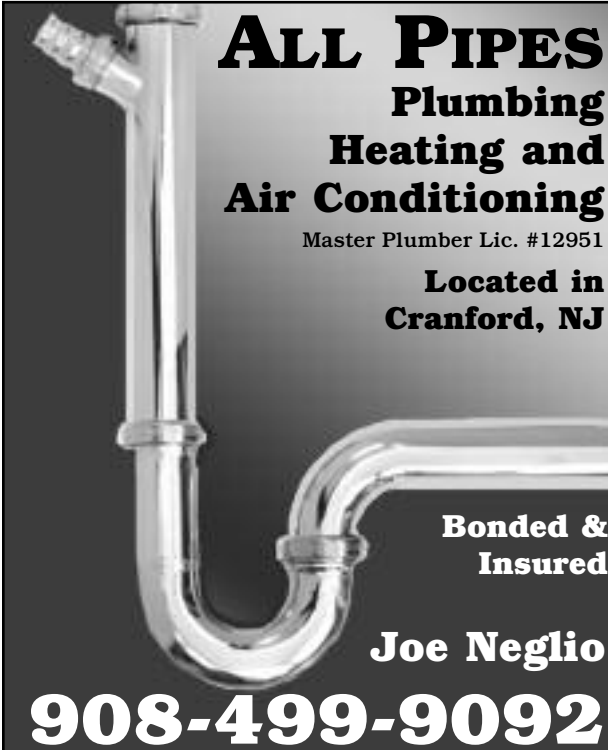
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