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CROP WALKERS EARN \$5,000 TO COMBAT HUNGER

Undaunted by the heavy rain, seventy-two walkers and volunteers conducted the 2019 New Providence Crop Walk on Sunday afternoon, October 20, 2019. Their exceptional effort has earned \$5,000 to fight hunger. Matching funds and other contributions are still arriving.

Since 1974, this annual three mile walk through town has been planned by Faith Lutheran Church and hosted by the United Methodist Church. The chairperson for the past four years has been Mike Warin of Faith Lutheran.

The walkers were from area churches. The three with the largest number of participants were the Sebit Presbyterian Church of Warren, Faith Lutheran of New Providence and the Asian Indian Christian Church of Berkeley Heights.

Prior to the walk, Mr. Warin conducted a brief orientation. He reminded the participants that many of the world's poor and hungry have to walk long distances for food and water and that hunger is a significant issue in the United States as well. The walkers were raising funds to help alleviate this international and national issue. Mr. Warin was followed by Bob Hasbrouck of New Providence, who explained the procedures and route of the walk. Mr. Hasbrouck has assisted with the Crop Walk since its beginning forty-five years ago.

Rev. Jane McCready of Faith read a bible scripture and conducted a responsive prayer with the group. John Everson and Courtney Auchter, accompanied by guitarist, Jim Skidmore, the three also of Faith, led the walkers in the singing of "We Are Marching in the Light of God."

Aroused by "We Are Marching in the Light of God," the walkers then lifted their umbrellas, their red and white Crop Walk signs and marched down Springfield Avenue.

Upon completion, the walkers and volunteers enjoyed ice cream at the Methodist Church. The plentiful chocolate and vanilla ice cream was donated by Zita's Home Made Ice Cream, 1790 Springfield Avenue, New Providence.

All of the contributions will be donated to Church World Service, an interdenominational organization which combats hunger in the United States and around the world. The focus of Church World Service is meeting the needs of the most disadvantaged people. Church World Service will return twenty-five per cent of the money to the soup kitchen at St. John's Roman Catholic Church in Newark. With the pending arrival of winter and other soup kitchens having closed, the needs of St. John's are significant.

Persons wishing to make contributions to the Crop Walk may send their donations to Faith Lutheran Church, 524 South Street, New Providence, NJ 07974.

The phone number is 908-464-5177.



(above, left, l-r) Jack, Katie and Karen Remington of Faith Lutheran distributed bottles of water to the walkers.

(above, right, l-r) Track stars, Victoria Vanriele and Christian Cadmus of Governor Livingston and New Providence High Schools, respectively, intended to run the Walk but the rain cancelled their plan.

Each is wearing their team hat.



(above, l-r) Larry Holt, Tom and Barbara Sproule, Pastor Jane McCready, Katie McQuaid, all of Faith Lutheran.



(left, l-r) Jim Skidmore, Courtney Auchter, John Everson, each of Faith Lutheran, led the singing of "Marching to the Light of God."

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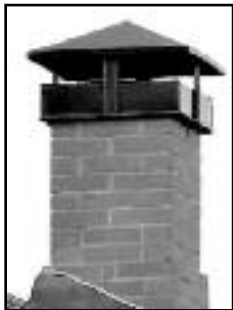
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BEGIN THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE AT CDC THEATRE

The fully staged version of the classic holiday movie *It's A Wonderful Life*, adapted by Philip Grecian, will bring George Bailey, his family, friends and the town of Bedford Falls to life on the CDC Theatre stage beginning December 6, 2019. Located at 78 Winans Ave., in Cranford, NJ the theatre is celebrating its 101st season.

The beloved Everyman, George Bailey, who had dreams of adventure and travel has given his entire life to his community, only to have it unravel through the machinations of the selfish banker Mr. Potter. In his despair, George questions whether it would have been better had he never been born. Clarence, a befuddled angel who hasn't earned his wings yet, arrives to show him exactly what this wish might really mean.

When asked what inspired him to return to direct at CDC Theatre, Maurice Moran responded "I have always loved the movie version of this story – and the play follows that script very well – because I think it is important that we stop and take stock of our lives now and then. How did we get from there to here? Who changed our lives by a word or work? And more importantly, whose lives have we touched along the way? And, keeping that in mind, how do we continue to affect people we meet? When my parents passed away, I was comforted by those who attended the funerals, illustrating how much these two people

touched so many lives from so many walks of life. And I thought, wouldn't it have been nice for them to see that, too? George gets to see that and discovers that we all make a difference on this earth."

Boasting a large cast that ranges from 8 to 80, including a children's chorus of carolers singing holiday favorites, *It's A Wonderful Life* is a great way to usher in the holiday season! Running from December 6-15, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. with 2 p.m. matinees on December 8, 14, 15. Ticket and group sales information can be found by visiting cdctheatre.org.



(above, l-r) The Bailey family is getting ready for Christmas at CDC Theatre. Ben Bouffard as George Bailey, Rachel Zuckerman as Mary, Geovanna Ayala is Tammy, Olivia Kelly is Janie and Katia Bergstrom-Shaw is Zuzu.

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NPBS Sociology Class Interviews -

Wednesday, December 4, 11 a.m.

Members of the New Providence High School Sociology class will visit the Center to interview Club members and gather information about generational differences regarding school, dating and more. Come share your experiences - it is always an interesting discussion.

New Providence Senior Citizen Club Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 11, 12 - 3 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious holiday luncheon and a musical performance by the New Providence Middle School Girls Choir. \$27 tickets must be purchased in advance. Please bring a non-perishable item to donate to the OLP Food Pantry.

"Golden Age of Musicals"

Wednesday, December 18, 11 a.m.

Remember the great musical films of the 1950s? Want to enjoy them again? Join us for a special program about the "Golden Age of Musicals" to start your holiday season! Enjoy film clips and entertaining discussion led by Sam and Candy Caponegro about the great musical films of the 1950s.

Christmas Cantata

Saturday, December 21, 1 p.m.

The Union Methodist Church Choir will perform traditional holiday carols to celebrate the season. Light refreshments will be served.

The DeCorso Community Center, home to the New Providence Senior Citizen Club (NPSCC), offers a variety of free classes and activities for New Providence seniors. Please refer to the seniors page on the New Providence website www.newprov.org/seniors and its link to the monthly New Providence Senior Citizens Newsletter for the most current information, event details, exercise class schedules, etc. All programs will be held at the DeCorso Community Center, 15 East Fourth Street, New Providence, unless otherwise noted.

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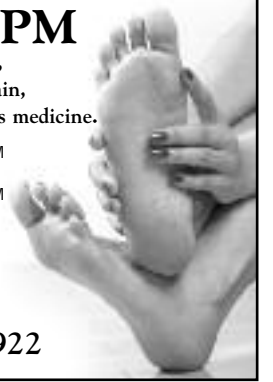
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BIRTHDAY EXTRAVAGANZA & CHEERS TO 90 YEARS CELEBRATION



The New Providence Senior Club held a Birthday Extravaganza to celebrate November and December birthdays, on November 13th, 2019, at the DeCorso Community Center. The event also served as a "Cheers to 90+ Years!", celebrating all members in their 90th decade with trivia and music of the 1940's.

About the New Providence Senior Club

On Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., the Club gathers for programs including speakers on a variety of topics, musical performances, or "Club Days" to celebrate Club members' birthdays and socialize. Members stay afterwards to enjoy refreshments with old and new friends, and then to play Bingo beginning at 12:30!



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The New Providence community, along with family and friends, gathered at American Legion Post 433 for an 'Eleventh Hour Service' on Veterans Day. On November 11, 1918 The Armistice was signed, ending WWI.

2019 is the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion having been chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as "the patriotic organization devoted to mutual helpfulness and social change for hundreds of benefits for our veterans and the important programs for our children and youth."

The American Legion Post #433 members lead an inspiring service beginning at 11:11 a.m.,

which was followed by guest speaker Robert R. Max of Summit, author of the book "The Long March Home: An American Soldier's Life as a Nazi Slave Laborer," who told his remarkable story to a standing room only crowd of about 80, who listened with rapt attention.

A large lunch buffet with food provided by local restaurants was served with the help of New Providence Lion's Club volunteers who coordinated the pick-up, set-up and clean-up. The New Providence Senior Citizen Club members provided desserts. Guests also enjoyed music by local performers, Kathy Martin and Mary Damato, "The Cover Girls."

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WHARTON INSTITUTE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS ANNOUNCES 2019-2020 CONCERT SEASON WITH A FOCUS ON EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

New Jersey's largest non-profit community performing arts education organization has announced its 2019-2020 season, featuring 35 public events presented by over 1,500 talented students and faculty members. And with a grant from The Catalyst Fund of the League of American Orchestras, Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts (WIPA) embarks this season on an equity, diversity, and inclusion initiative to help advance its mission to create supportive and inclusive learning for a wide range of students.

"As we continue to inspire our students to strive for personal excellence through performing arts education, we desire to practice culturally responsible instruction by embracing and celebrating diversity on and off the stage," says WIPA Artistic Director and Principal Conductor Helen H. Cha-Pyo. "To this end, we will offer more intentional programming this season with works representing cultures from around the world and music written by under-represented composers, in addition to celebrating the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth with over 15 works by this beloved 19th century composer."

"Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts is committed to transforming communities through music education, a powerful tool that affects the greater education system by improving student graduation rates, college readiness, and job readiness," says incoming Executive Director and new force behind Wharton's growing community presence, Peter H. Gistelinck. "It also spurs economic development by making communities more attractive to live in, creating jobs, and improving quality of life as Wharton's programs impact communities across the state of NJ from Berkeley Heights, to Paterson, and beyond. Above all, we view our work through the lens of social justice and shared power, ensuring that the benefits of music are accessible to all students despite their ability to pay, socioeconomic background or where they come from."

On Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 p.m. The New Jersey Youth Symphony (NJYS), a Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts program, will give a rare performance of *Two Nutcrackers: Tchaikovsky & Ellington* at the Union County Performing Arts Center, located at

1601 Irving Street in Rahway. The NJYS Youth Symphony and Jazz Orchestra will perform side-by-side in this holiday spectacular sure to delight the entire family. Tickets can be purchased at www.ucpac.org.

In addition to collaborating with and under the guidance of a consultant to further equity, diversity, and inclusion, NJYS will celebrate female African-American composers Florence Price and Julia Perry in a concert on Sunday, January 26 at 4:00 p.m. at Princeton University's Richardson Auditorium. A world premiere by New Jersey resident Aferdian Stephens, winner of the 2018 Bohuslav Martinů Award and 2018 ASCAP Young Composer Award, will be featured alongside the annual NJYS Concerto Competition winner on Sunday, May 3 at 7:30pm at Rutgers University's Mason Gross Performing Arts Center.

The Performing Arts School (PAS) Wharton Players will present *Elf, Jr.* on Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 p.m. in the Wharton Arts 100-seat black box theatre located at 60 Locust Avenue in Berkeley Heights. Tickets can be purchased at whartonarts.org. PAS will also present practical workshops and inspiring master classes with world-class artists such as Afendi Yusuf, Principal Clarinet of the Cleveland Orchestra, and Dr. Min Kwon, Professor of Piano at the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University.

On March 29 at 3:00 p.m., the annual crowd-pleasing Playathon pops concert takes place at The Mills at Jersey Gardens in Elizabeth, featuring a 500-piece orchestra performing a wide range of movie and Broadway favorites. Students from NJYS, PMP, and PAS participate in this day of music making, furthering the organization's mission to make performing arts accessible to everyone.

The season culminates with the NJYS American Celebration of Music Concert Series in Italy, June 27-July 6. The tour, including four orchestral concerts and one chamber concert, will present some of NJYS' and the Garden State's most talented young musicians at Milan's Teatro dal Verme, Florence's Teatro Verdi, Rome's St.

Andrea della Valle and St. Eustachio, and Albano's Festival Liszt Albano at Castel Gandolfo. NJYS will participate in a festival exchange with the Florence Conservatory of Music (Conservatorio Luigi Cherubini) in an exclusive concert series through Music Celebrations International.

For ticket information and full 2019-20 season brochure, visit www.WartonArts.org.

The Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts' mission is to provide the highest quality performing arts education to a wide range of students in a supportive and inclusive environment, where striving for personal excellence inspires and connects those we teach to the communities we serve.

Wharton Arts is New Jersey's largest independent non-profit community performing arts education center serving over 1,500 students through a range of classes and ensembles including the 15 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Symphony, which serve 500 students in grades 3 – 12 by audition. Beginning with Out of the Box Music and Pathways classes for young children, Wharton Arts offers private lessons, group classes, and ensembles for all ages and all abilities at the Performing Arts School. With the belief in the positive and unifying influence of music and the performing arts and that arts education should be accessible to all people regardless of their ability to pay, Wharton teaches all instruments and voice and has a robust musical theater program. Based in Paterson, New Jersey, the Paterson Music Project is an El Sistema-inspired program of the Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts that uses music as a vehicle for social change by empowering and inspiring children through the community experience of ensemble learning and playing.

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Sunday, December 1, 1:45 p.m.

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Book Folding (Teens)

Thursday, December 5, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Come learn how to make art from discarded books. We'll fold pages and paint the edges to make pretty trees for holiday decorations! *Registration required via NP Community Pass.

Non-Fiction Book Group (Adults)

Thursday, December 5, 7:30 p.m.

The book group will discuss "Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors and the Drug Company that Addicted America" by Beth Macy. Books available to check out at the front desk.

New Providence Jazz Choir's

Holiday Concert (All Ages)

Sunday, December 8, 3 p.m.

The New Providence High School Jazz Choir will perform a holiday concert in the Conti room. Free, everyone is welcome.

My Gym New Providence (Kids)

Monday, December 9, 3:30 p.m.

My Gym will be at the library with games, relays, puppets, and more! *Registration required via NP Community Pass.

Snap Circuits Jr. Club (Kids)

Tuesday, December 10, 3:30 p.m.

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Teen Movie, Hot Chocolate & Gift Wrapping:

Thursday, December 12, 3 - 6 p.m.

Dreamworks Ultimate Holiday Collection (Teens) Come watch the Shrek, How to Train Your Dragon, Penguins of Madagascar and other Dreamworks holiday specials while sipping hot cocoa and wrapping your holiday gifts. Grades 6-12 are welcome.

New Providence Painters Reception (Adults)

Sunday, December 15, 2 - 4 p.m.

Come celebrate the opening of the new art exhibit by New Providence painters on view on the gallery walls and in the Conti room. Free, everyone is welcome.

Club Phoenix (Kids)

Monday, December 16, 4 p.m.

In this program, kids will learn about science, engineering, and logical thinking through hands-on activities. This program is run by teen volunteers, who are passionate about sharing their love of science and STEM with younger children. For children in grades 2-3. *Registration required via NP Community Pass.

Beginner Knitting for Teens (Teens)

Monday, December 16, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Learn the basics of knitting as we work to create an easy scarf. We'll teach how to cast on, knit stitch, purl stitch and how to bind off. Open to teens in grades 6-12. *Registration deadline by Dec 6 so we can purchase materials.

NPMS Literary Magazine Club Presents:

Pop-Up PoeTREE (Kids)

Tuesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.

Volunteers from the New Providence High School Literary Magazine club will host a pop-up poetry event at the library for children in grades 3-5. Listen to some poetry and then create your own Found poems to be displayed in the Children's room. Registration is not required.

Gift Wrapping Station (All Ages)

Weds, Dec 18, 3:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Thu, Dec 19, 3:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Sun, Dec 22, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Bring your holiday gifts to the library to wrap them in the Conti room, away from prying eyes of family members. We can't help you hide them at home, but we will supply wrapping paper, tape and tags. Each day, we'll show either the Yule Log, a holiday movie or play holiday music for ambience. *Open to all ages, while wrapping supplies last.

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Monday, Dec 30, 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

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Children's Story Times for WINTER 2019

Tuesday, 10 a.m. -- 4, 5, 6 yr olds

Wed., 10 a.m. -- Toddlers (18 mos-3)

Wed., 11 a.m. -- Baby Lapsit (3-18 mos)

Wednesday, 1130 a.m. -- Baby Playgroup

Thursday, 1:30 p.m.-- All Ages

Drop-in Craft -- All Ages (18 mos & up)

Thursday, 2p.m.

No story time 12/24-1/1

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Monday, Dec 23, 7:00p.m.

A full calendar of events including regular meetings is available at www.newprovidencelibrary.org.

Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/NewProvLibrary for updates.

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To register for any library events, visit NP Community Pass at register.communitypass.net/newprovidence

BRIGHTEN YOUR HOLIDAYS WITH SEASONS OF LIGHT AT THE KEAN UNIVERSITY PLANETARIUM

The Kean University Planetarium invites all members of the community to enjoy Seasons of Light, a breathtaking light show that combines astronomy with winter celebrations from around the world.

Experience the magic of Seasons of Light from 3:30-4:15 p.m. on Thursday, December 5; and Mondays, December 2 and December 9, 2019. The Planetarium is located in Kean's Science Building, 3rd Floor, at 1000 Morris Ave. in Union, N.J. Admission is free.

"Our Seasons of Light planetarium show is an amazing way for the Kean University campus and neighboring communities to get into the holiday spirit," said William Heyniger, lecturer in Kean's School of Environmental and Sustainability Sciences. "The dynamic show explores the history of using lights during the winter season in a variety of religious and cultural traditions, including the many adaptations of Ole St. Nick."

Seasons of Light, produced by Loch Ness

Productions, explores the traditions celebrated around the world during the darkest time of the year. The light show features classic holiday music and illustrates the importance of illumination behind the winter season and celebrations. The presentation also highlights constellations, as well as astronomical phenomena including comets, meteors, novae, supernovas and planetary conjunctions that occur during the holiday season.

The Kean University Planetarium is a 30-foot hemispheric dome with a 180-degree sky view that utilizes Starlab®, a state-of-the-art digital projection system, for an immersive and educational experience of topics ranging from astronomy, astrophysics, earth science, interstellar distances, math, earth and space geology, and meteorological and spatial applications. The Planetarium is wheelchair accessible.

For more information, contact William Heyniger at planetarium@kean.edu or call (908) 737-3660.



(above) The Kean University Planetarium invites you to experience Seasons of Light, a spectacular light show that combines luminous holiday lights and astronomical astrology.

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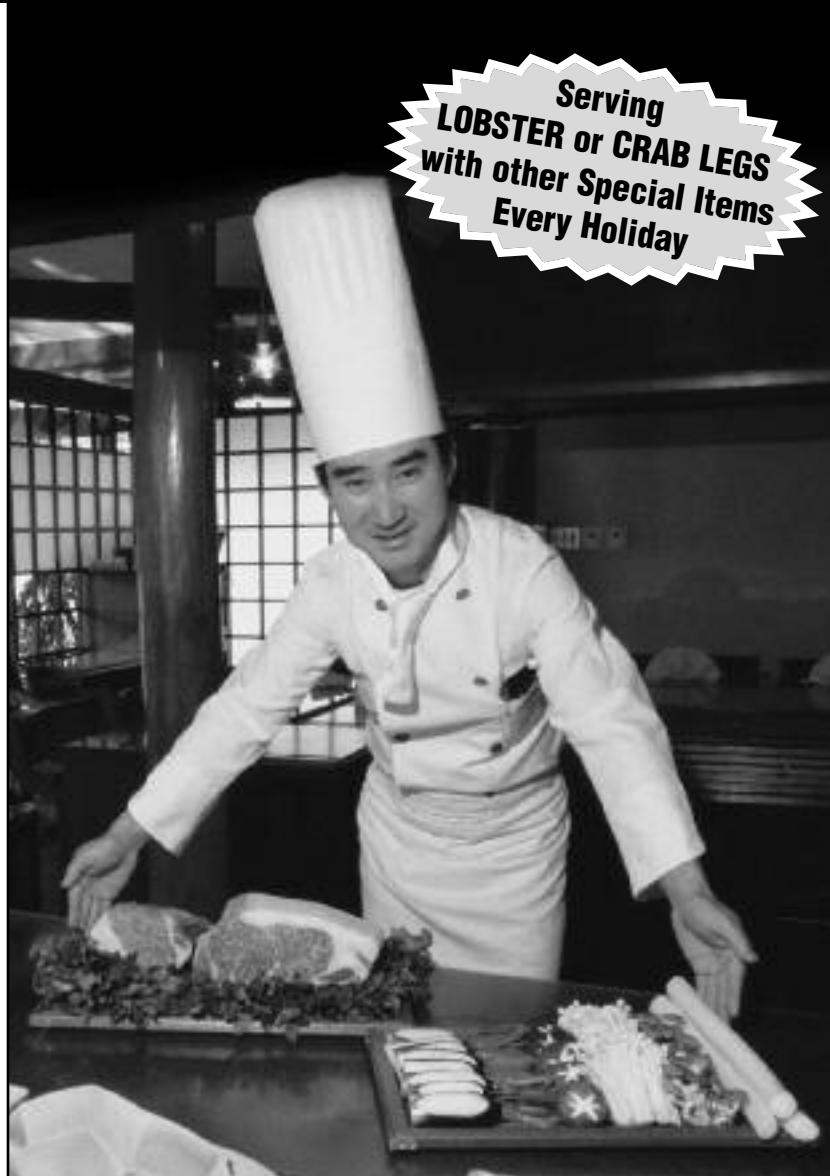
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