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Since 1968, Mobile Meals of Westfield, a voluntary, 501(c)3 non-profit program, has provided home-delivered meals serving those who are unable to shop and prepare their own meals on either a temporary or permanent basis because of age, illness or disability. Our purpose is to serve members of our community in need of help to ensure that they are provided with nutritious meals on a regular basis. We serve the residents of Westfield, Mountainside, Fanwood, Garwood, Scotch Plains, Clark and Cranford, New Jersey.

We are supported by our members and donations from charitable social services organizations such as the Westfield United Fund.

We are able to accept donations on our Facebook page, 'Mobile Meals of Westfield NJ'. As client meal fees only cover 50% of the organization costs, donations are welcome and appreciated year-round.

Change has been in the air at Mobile Meals of Westfield. At the beginning of the year, longtime President of the Board, Nancy Otchy, retired from the organization. Nancy had served as a Mobile Meals board member for over 20 years and after taking the reigns as president steered the organization up until its 50th anniversary in 2018. The board honored Nancy for her extensive dedication and commitment at their June 2019 board meeting.

Attempting to fill these big shoes as the new Board President is Ruth Maloney. Ruth has been a volunteer driver for Mobile Meals for 20 years and joined the board in 2018 after her youngest graduated high school.

Mobile Meals also has a new chef, Karen Waldorf, who has over 20 years of experience as a private caterer. She's passionate about cooking and is delighted to be associated with Mobile Meals.

ABOUT OUR MEALS

Our meals are reasonably priced, and unlike other meal delivery services, Mobile Meals has no financial need requirements. Our customers come from all walks of life and financial situations. If you know of anyone who could benefit from receiving daily meals and personal



(above, l-r) Longtime Board President Nancy Otchy was recently honored by the current Mobile Meals Board: Mary Doyle, Josephine Walsh, Linda Johnson, Kit Laudati, Doug Lynch, Fran Lemberg, Kim Englese, Cherie Parker, Ruth Maloney and Marie Sloan.

contact, or if you have any interest in volunteering, please contact Mobile Meals of Westfield at (908) 233-6146.

We operate 5 days a week, Monday through Friday. All our meals are prepared by a trained cook and packaged and delivered by volunteers. Our well-balanced menus change daily.

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FORMER WESTFIELD TEACHER, NOW AUTHOR, VISITS FRANKLIN SCHOOL

Former Westfield teacher Angela LaCarrubba, now a children's author, visited Franklin School on October 7th to speak to students about the writing and publishing process as well as the importance of acceptance, a key theme of her book Nobody's Purr-fect (Especially Not Georgie).

The book tells the story of the fictional LoSanto family and their mischievous feline, Georgie. LaCarrubba, an elementary school teacher in the Westfield Public Schools for more than 20 years, based the main character on her own cat and describes her story as a lesson on "loving and accepting our pets and each other, despite our imperfections." "The message went along nicely with our district's continuing focus on kindness and respect," says Franklin second grade teacher Karen Reichel. "The information she provided on the publication process also was quite interesting for the students."

Reichel, who with librarian/media specialist Rachel Kennedy and second grade teacher Scarlett Vaglio arranged the author's visit, says LaCarrubba encouraged students to use real life instances from their own lives, as she did, to create compelling stories. LaCarrubba is currently working on a sequel to the tale of Georgie and the LoSanto family.



(above, l-r) Franklin School librarian/media specialist Rachel Kennedy welcomes former Westfield teacher, now a children's author, Angela LaCarrubba on October 7. LaCarrubba is pictured here with her grandsons, fifth grader Kyle LaCarrubba (center) and second grader Kellen LaCarrubba.

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ROTARY CLUB OF WESTFIELD INDUCTS TWO NEW MEMBERS

Submitted by Dr. D. Michael Hart On Tuesday, November 5, 2019 the Rotary Club of Westfield inducted two new members.

Neil Sheflin is an economist and associate professor at Rutgers, where he has been for almost 50 years. He moved to Westfield in 1993. He is married to Maureen with two adult sons, who both attended Westfield schools and are both Eagle Scouts. Neil was active in Boy Scout Troop 72 as a merit badge counselor. His hobby was sailboat racing.

Lou DaCosta is a certified Financial Planner with his own office in Union, NJ. He moved to Westfield in 1993, eventually went to High School here, graduated Rutgers in 2001, and attended Fairleigh Dickinson. Lou is married to Diana with two children and a rescue dog. Lou received a Rotary Club Scholarship to go to

Rutgers and is pleased that he is now able to "give back" to the community.

The Rotary Club of Westfield meets Tuesdays for Lunch, and has a program every meeting. Guests are always welcome. Visit westfieldrotary.com. Contact Club Secretary Dr. D. Michael Hart for information at drmhart@yahoo.com.



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(above, l-r) Tony LaPorta, Sergeant at Arms and Program Chair; Liz Ensslin, Club President; Membership Chair Blake Width, Esq; New Member Neil Sheflin; Secretary Dr. D. Michael Hart, New Member Lou DaCosta; Scholarship Chair Carl Peer.

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FRANKLIN SCHOOL CUB SCOUTS PACK 172

Westfield's Franklin School Cub Scouts Pack 172 made cards and decorations for the troops serving overseas. The Cub Scouts are one of the many organizations and classes throughout Westfield, Cranford, Kenilworth, Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Mendham that participated in

making more than 3,000 handmade cards, ornaments and decorations that were mailed all over the world by several organizations including the American Legion in Westfield, and local mom, Colby Sheppard, who sends out packages of cards sponsored by The Dental Family in Westfield.



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SIXTEEN WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SIGN LETTERS OF INTENT

Sixteen Westfield High School student-athletes • Julia Csorba, signed Letters of Intent with colleges and universities, signifying recognition of the seniors' accomplishments both academically and athletically.

The following student-athletes will continue to compete at the college level:

- Mikaela Buoscio, Elon University, Lacrosse
- Reid Colwell, Villanova University, Lacrosse
- Christopher (CJ) Composto,
- University of Pennsylvania, Wrestling

- Dartmouth College, Track & Field
- Grace Dabulas.
- University of Scranton, Lacrosse
- Faith Dobosiewicz,
- Rutgers University, Soccer
- Colin Freer, Princeton University, Lacrosse
- Christopher Giglio,
- Denison University, Soccer
- Uzezi Ijoma,
- Case Western Reserve University, Volleyball

- Alison Lisanti, Ursinus College, Basketball • William Loggia,
- Boston University, Track & Field
- Nicholas Martini, Wagner College, Lacrosse Abigael McKinney,
 - University of New Hampshire, Swimming • Molly Mineo,
 - Sacred Heart University, Lacrosse
 - Michael Tardibuono,
 - Emmanuel College, Lacrosse
 - Anastasia Fowler, Bates College, Lacrosse



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COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND 29TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT - DEC. 12



(above) Dr. Thomas Connors will conduct the Westfield Community Concert Band for its 29th annual Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 12th at 7:30 p.m. at Edison Intermediate School, 800 Rahway Avenue, Westfield. The band will be joined by the Edison Intermediate School Broadway Singers, directed by Kenneth Horn and Stephen Markowski.



The Westfield Recreation Department will host its 29th Annual Holiday Concert featuring the Westfield Community Concert Band and the Edison Intermediate School Broadway Singers on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at Edison Intermediate School, 800 Rahway Avenue, Westfield. This free public concert culminates a year-long series of performances by the Westfield Community Concert Band in celebration of the band's 107th anniversary concert season. The band performed its first annual Holiday Concert at the Roosevelt Intermediate School in December 1990 with the Roosevelt "Sharps and Flats" chorus.

Highlighting a program of holiday favorites, the band will perform A Charlie Brown Christmas, from the renowned Charles Shulz animated special first appearing on the CBS network in 1965. This selection features the well-known compositions by jazz pianist, Vince Guaraldi, originally performed by his jazz trio.

The band's program also includes, The Eighth Candle, a contemporary celebration of Hanukkah, by composer Steven Reistiter, Carol of the Shepherds, arranged by Philip Sparke, Fantasia for Christmas, arranged by Elliot Del Borgo, and Ukrainian Bell Carol, arranged by Philip Sparke. The band will also perform Leroy Anderson's popular holiday composition, A Christmas Festival, written in 1950 for the Boston Pops.

The Broadway Singers will also perform a rehearses each W selection of holiday music featuring the choir's p.m. to 9:30 p.r unique arrangements and choreography, located in the Wes including We Need a Little Christmas, from the East Broad Street.

The Westfield Recreation Department will hit Broadway show, Mame, All Alone Beneath bit Broadway show, Mame, All Alone Beneath the Mistletoe, That's Christmas to Me, Light, Jingle Bell Rock, and Un Poco Loco, from Disney's film, Coco.

The program will conclude with a combined performance of Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" with both the band and choir, an annual tradition dating back more than twentyfive years.

The Westfield Community Concert Band is conducted by Dr. Thomas Connors, now in his fifteenth season with the band. Westfield music educators Kenneth Horn and Stephen Markowski, vocal specialists in the Westfield School District, co-direct the Edison Broadway Singers.

Members of the Westfield Community Concert Band participated in Westfield's Holiday Tree Lighting event, performing traditional Christmas music as a festive backdrop for the lighting of the Christmas tree at the north side Westfield train station along with a special appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus for hundreds of families in attendance. As the band completes its milestone 107th concert season, the band continues to seek out experienced area musicians to perform a wide variety of concert band literature for its many area concert events. Interested musicians should contact Dr. Connors through the band's website, info@westfieldcommunityband.com. The band rehearses each Wednesday evening from 7:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the community room located in the Westfield Municipal Building 425





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WESTFIELD POLICE OFFICERS RECOGNIZED BY NJ STATE PBA

and Plainclothes Officer Paul Ferry, President of the Westfield PBA Local No. 90, have announced that seven Westfield Police Officers were recognized by the New Jersey State PBA at its annual valor awards banquet in Atlantic City on November 23, 2019.

Officers Jeffrey Johnson, Michael Pollock, Joseph Habeiche, Elizabeth Savnik, and Tiffany Kenny, along with Detectives Nicholas Bruno and Jason Merritt, were presented with the State PBA's Unit Citation award for their actions on June 13, 2019 at Tamaques School. These officers and detectives responded to a report of a man "in crisis" who was reportedly in possession of a firearm.

Officers Johnson and Pollock located the individual in question. He was seated in a parked vehicle, directly opposite the school's main entrance, and was armed with a .45 caliber handgun fully loaded with hollow point bullets.

The subject was quickly disarmed and taken into custody by Officers Johnson and Pollock without incident. Two additional fully loaded magazines were located on his person and an additional 130 rounds of ammunition were later located in the vehicle's trunk.

Although the normal school day had already ended, some 30 children were still present on the school premises in an aftercare program. The additional responding officers and detectives placed the school into a lockdown, assumed custody of each and every child, and thoroughly searched the interior and exterior of the building and its grounds for additional possible threats.

The NJ State PBA is New Jersey's largest law

Westfield Police Chief Christopher Battiloro enforcement labor union, representing over 33,000 law enforcement officers. The valor awards banquet will be held at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino located on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City.

> "I am extremely proud of these officers and detectives and how they worked together in such a flawless manner," stated Chief Battiloro. "Their courageous actions undoubtedly prevented a loss

of life and are they are worthy of such a prestigious recognition." Plainclothes Officer Ferry added, "These officers are skilled professionals who serve their community with pride and distinction. The recognition they are receiving is not only warranted, but well deserved. I am extremely proud to work alongside these individuals and to serve as their union representative."



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WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL HELPING HANDS FUND

Submitted by Ingrid Mckinley

Over the years, faculty, staff, students and their families at Westfield High School have suffered serious illness or death of an immediate family member or extraordinary and unexpected financial expenses. These difficult times can result in financial hardship for families. Westfield High School Helping Hands (WHSHH) fund, established in 2012, helps ease the financial burden placed on families during these stressful times.

In the fall of 2011, Thom Hornish, a former WHS social studies teacher, approached the WHS PTSO board with the strong desire of raising money to help families within the Westfield High School system. He was passionate about having a vehicle to financially assist WHS staff, students, and their families, who had been touched by debilitating illness and burdened by medical costs. The WHS PTSO agreed, and Cindy Gallagher, the WHS PTSO President at the time, spearheaded the initial fund-raising campaign for the Westfield High School Helping Hands Fund. The original seed money, almost \$3,000, was raised via a spring raffle sale. Without Thom or Cindy, it is unlikely the fund would be here today.

Since WHSHH's inception in 2012, WHSHH has distributed over \$37,500 to 40 families. Direct donations are critical to this fund's existence. Donations directly impact the lives of families within the Westfield High School community. The WHSHH board, which includes current and alumni faculty, staff and parents, ensures the funds are thoughtfully and prudently distributed to individuals whose financial needs are not capable of being met from other sources. The board also ensures the fund is not depleted.

Donna Hornish, the wife of Thom, former faculty member at WHS and current board member stated, "Living and working in a bucolic town like Westfield, it's easy to forget that there are those in our midst who may be struggling, both financially and emotionally. With so many people across nations dealing with need and crisis, we strive to make a difference in any way that we can. Although the help we offer may seem small in the face of greater need, the families that we assist are so grateful that someone is looking out for them and offering a literal helping hand. The letters of thanks that we receive are both heartbreaking and heartwarming. One family expressed that they had reached a point in their lives when it seemed impossible to struggle through even one more day. Our small gesture gave them hope and courage, knowing that someone was watching and cared enough to reach out. So many worthwhile charities are seeking your help, but we hope that you will look to your own cherished community."

Every winter, the WHS Community Service Club hosts 'A Day Without' fundraiser for the fund at school. WHSHH cannot continue without the generosity and kindness of our Westfield



community. Your donation goes directly back into the community of Westfield High School.

Currently, the Westfield Foundation, a local non-profit organization committed to 'doing good' in and around Westfield, holds and manages the funds collected. The Foundation has been in Westfield for over 40 years, awarding well over \$6 million to projects and organizations in and around Westfield. By having the Foundation manage the fund, all donors get the added benefit of a tax-deductible donation.

Please consider making a holiday donation to the WHSHH. If you wish to make a donation, we request that donation checks be made payable to 'Westfield Foundation' with the memo to read, "WHSHH 2019 appeal' and please mail directly to the Foundation. The mailing address is: The Westfield Foundation, PO Box 2295, Westfield NJ 07091. We truly appreciate your donations and are very grateful for the past and future generosities of the WHS community. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at: ingridmcki@gmail.com.



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The concert features Metropolitan Opera's internationally acclaimed tenor Barry Banks, and award winning tenors Jesse Donner and Matthew Vickers to celebrate and captivate with a dazzling selection of renowned tenor arias. Traditional carols, signature versions of familiar fare and a host of wintertime curiosities are also sure to delight.

"We are thrilled to welcome The Three Holiday Tenors – each more talented than the next – to help us welcome in the Holiday season," said Wroe. "We believe there is something for everyone in this performance. Our concert is a vessel for children, parents, grandparents and friends – indeed the entire



(above) Metropolitan Opera's Barry Banks and friends come to Westfield on Saturday December 7th to join NJFO for The Three Holiday Tenors concert at the Presbyterian Church.

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The concert takes place on Saturday, December 7 at 7pm at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. It will also be performed on Sunday, December 8 at 3pm at The Concert Hall at Drew University in Madison.Tickets start at \$30 for adults and there is a special discount price of only \$15 for all students under 21.

Tickets are also available for Broadway Through the Ages, NJFO's New Year's annual musical celebration and one of New Jersey's much anticipated and most popular New Year's events.

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Tickets start at \$42 with a special discount price of \$15 for students under 21, making this event a perfect way for the entire family to welcome in the New Year together. Patrons are advised to purchase tickets well in advance as this concert has been a sell out for the past five years.

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THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WESTFIELD **HELPS THE PAUL JACKSON FUND**

Submitted by Anne Magnotti

The members of the Woman's Club of uninsured procedures. Westfield recently collected food supplies from its members to be donated to The Paul Jackson Fund based in Westfield, for distribution to welcome homes with the hope of filling needs. putting smiles on the faces of family members and spreading cheer during this holiday season.

Mary Jackson, sister of the late Paul Jackson. visited recently with the club members and the members all remember hearing about her brother who was diagnosed with a spinal tumor at the age of 28. Mr. Jackson was left paralyzed from the chest down and was confined to a wheelchair for the rest of his life. After surgery, Mr. Jackson was left with high medical and rehabilitation bills much of which were

A group of friends made up of former Westfield football team players along with the parents of Little league players who Mr.Jackson had coached, got together and the fund was born. Mr. Jackson was so touched by the loving and generous spirit of his friends that when he was physically able, he took over the fund and began working and passing on good will to those who had no where to turn in time of crisis and worked toward giving hope to people without hope. Many have been helped through the years and many more will be helped in the days to come by the charity of last resort,

For more information about The Paul Jackson Fund, e-mail info@paul jacksonfund.org.



(above) Mary Jackson, Jane Walsweer, Margery Brewster, Mary Ann Sepe, Pat D'Angelo, Nancy Muserlian, Ruth Positan and Vivian O'Neil.









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12/13	1:30 pm	TGIF! Gauguin: Voyage to Tahiti (video)
12/17	7:00 pm	Winter Holiday Customs J. Krall-Russo
12/20	1:30 pm	TGIF! Classic Move: Eff with Will Ferrell

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

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12/3, 10, 17	10:00 am	Move 'n Groove 2-5 years with caregiver
12/3	1:00 pm	Drop-In Crafts 3½=5 years with caregiver
12/5	10:00 am	Pipsqueak Players 3-5 years Child and caregiver
12/6, 12/13	10:00 am	Playgroup-Babies & Toddlers 0-23 months Child and caregiver
12/10	6:30 pm	Evening LEGO Club S+years Parent/caregiver stay in library
12/12, 12/19	10:30 am	It's Movie Time All ages welcome Caregiver attends with child
12/14	10:00 am	Paws to Read Beginning readers read to library dogs for 10minutes
12/31	11:30 am	Noon Year's Eve Party 3+years Parent/caregiver attends with child

INITIAL PLANS UNVEILED FOR TOWN'S 300TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2020

As part of its planning process for Westfield's • Alex Williams, Former Mayor of Westfield upcoming 300th anniversary in 2020, the Westfield 300 Steering Committee was recently formed by Mayor Shelley Brindle to produce an overall strategy and initial plans for the Town's year-long commemoration. In addition to Mayor Brindle, the Steering Committee is comprised of the following Westfield residents:

- Barbara Burton (Co-Chair), Member, Westfield Historical Society and Daughters of the American Revolution; Board member, The Westfield Adult School
- Robert Wendel (Co-Chair), Town Historian; Member, Westfield Historical Society and Historic Preservation Commission; Board member, Miller-Cory House Museum
- Sal Caruana (Chair, Finance and Fundraising), Former Town Councilman
- Lisa Alonge, Resident volunteer
- Stuart Arnold, Former Chair, Imagine
- Donnell Carr, Former Town Councilman; Member, MLK Association and Westfield Community Center
- Kim Forde, Public Information Officer, Town of Westfield
- · Jim Gildea, Administrator, Town of Westfield
- Robert Gorelick, Board Chairman, Westfield Foundation
- Frank Isoldi, Established realtor; Board member, Westfield Foundation
- Dawn Mackey, Fourth Ward Councilwoman and Council Liaison to the DWC
- Ginny Malley, Board member, Westfield United Fund
- Peggy Oster, President, Board of Education
- Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Union County Freeholder
- Darielle Walsh, President, Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce; Past President, Westfield Optimist Club & Westfield Area Y Board

• Reverend William Williams, Pastor, First United Methodist Church

"The establishment of the Westfield 300 Steering Committee brings together a widely diverse set of perspectives and expertise as we plan for a very exciting celebration over the course of 2020," said Mayor Brindle. "As always, I'm grateful for the volunteerism and enthusiasm of our residents to step up for such an important community-wide initiative."

The initial work of the Steering Committee has focused on the selection of the Westfield 300 logo, with the winning entry by Jennifer Wilner publicly unveiled at the October 15, 2019 Town Council meeting. In addition, the Committee has identified key anchor events for the year including the recognition of the first 2020 Westfield baby in January, a Town-wide outdoor celebration in June and an enhanced year-end holiday event next December to cap the anniversary year. In between, ongoing Westfield 300 programming is expected to include historical lectures/re-enactments, musical festivals, architectural tours, a commemorative book, and additional opportunities to be finalized in the coming weeks and months among business owners, residents, and community organizations. The Committee's hope and expectation is that local organizations will identify their own ways of incorporating Westfield 300 into their 2020 plans.

The Steering Committee also expects to form its working subcommittees in the near future in core areas such as fundraising, marketing/merchandising, community outreach, and event planning. At that time, there will be a call for additional volunteers to support these efforts and lend their talents as Westfield 300 approaches.

For ongoing information about the Westfield 300 initiative, visit westfieldnj.gov/300.



TOWN ANNOUNCES ANNUAL CALL FOR BOARD AND COMMISSION VOLUNTEERS

The Town of Westfield has opened its 2020 call for volunteers to fill anticipated openings in its boards, commissions, and Mayor's advisory councils. Residents can now visit westfieldnj.gov/volunteer to review full descriptions of each group and submit an application for their areas of interest.

"The public's response to our online call for volunteers has been overwhelming since we implemented this process two years ago," said Mayor Shelley Brindle. "Our community's eagerness to engage and lend their time and expertise continues to impress me, and with 2020 shaping up to be a pivotal year on a number of fronts, we need volunteers now more than ever."

In addition to the established boards, commissions, and councils, the Town is seeking additional volunteers to assist with the planning and execution of Westfield 300, the year-long

celebration of Westfield's 300th anniversary in 2020. Westfield 300 events are expected to include the anchor events of a Town-wide outdoor celebration in June and an enhanced year-end holiday event next December to cap the anniversary year. Over the course of 2020, ongoing Westfield 300 programming will also be scheduled, with historical lectures/re-enactments, musical events, architectural tours. а commemorative book, and additional opportunities to be finalized in the coming weeks and months among business owners, residents, and community organizations. Residents with expertise in event planning, fundraising, marketing/communications, and merchandising are encouraged to volunteer.

Applications will be accepted through Friday, December 13, 2019, with appointments made prior to the January 7, 2020 annual Town Reorganization Meeting.





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WILLIAM ARIDA COMPLETES EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT REVITALIZED CHURCH COURTYARD ENTRANCE



(above) William Arida at the revitalized Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Courtyard, which he completed for his Eagle Scout project.



William Arida, a member of Boy Scout Troop 77 and a resident of Westfield, NJ, completed his Eagle Scout Project in June 2019. BSA Troop 77 is chartered at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and is a member of the Patriot Path's Council. William has been a member of Troop 77 since 2012 and is a senior at Seton Hall Preparatory School. He is the son of Dr. Kenneth and Mrs. Jeannie Arida of Westfield.

An Eagle Scout project must be for the benefit of a non-profit organization and the Scout is tasked with developing, leading and executing a community-service project.

William's Eagle Scout service project benefited his home parish, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, where he is an active youth member. His Eagle Scout service project was to revitalize the Church Courtyard, the primary entrance from the parking lot to the church, with new

landscaping.

William led a team of 22 volunteers over the course of four weekends to clean up the flower beds, pull out dead trees and landscape the area with 48 new trees, shrubs, plantings and install fresh Canadian Cedar mulch. The team of volunteers also permanently installed a commercial park bench under two shade trees, as an area of rest and reflection. The project budget was \$3,000. William fundraised and received monetary donations over several months from family, friends and community members. The project came in at budget, due to a thorough project plan by William and the generosity of vendors, including RL Landscaping in Watchung, Baron Nursery, Twin Boro Lumber and Supply and Home Depot. William is donating surplus donation funds to the parish of Holy Trinity for the benefit of youth programs.





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WESTFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS HONOR VETERANS

Submitted by Mary Ann McGann

Students and staff across the Westfield Public School District honored the nation's military veterans with assemblies and other commemorations to thank them for their service and sacrifice.

Colorful signs in red, white and blue adorned the gymnasium walls at Edison Intermediate School as the 8th grade band and chorus performed patriotic medleys at the school's annual Veterans Day assembly. A video presentation paid tribute to friends and relatives of students and staff who are veterans, including the late Westfield High School principal Dr. Derrick Nelson who served in the U.S. Army Reserves for more than 20 years.

"These are some of the most important years of your life," Edison principal Matthew Bolton told the students. "You are learning about how to make important decisions about the type of person you want to be. And there are no better role models than our veterans."

Edison keynote speaker and science teacher Christopher Wiley, a former member of the U.S. Army and Army National Guard, gave a brief history lesson on the military while encouraging students to reconnect with the nation's veterans by creating care packages, conducting food drives and volunteering at homes for veterans.

Nearby, at McKinley School, first graders in April Krihak's class welcomed Anthony DeFoe, who served in the U.S. Army for 12 years.

DeFoe's 1st grade son beamed with pride as his father spoke to the class.

"My family has a long history of military service," said DeFoe whose grandfather served in the U.S. Navy during World War II while his father, an Army veteran, conducted artillery training during the Vietnam War.

Students at Franklin Elementary School heard from U.S. Army veteran Lieutenant Colonel Ron McGovern who explained the branches of the armed services and Lieutenant Sean Joffe, who served 5 years in the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps, helping to build bridges, tunnels, and training bases while repairing existing water pumping stations to ensure clean water for the troops.

"It feels like just a few years ago that I was sitting here," said Joffe, a former Franklin student whose 2nd grade teacher 30 years ago was Dr. Eileen Cambria, now principal, and whose daughter currently attends 1st grade at Franklin.

Roosevelt Intermediate School held its 21st Annual Veterans Day Honor Assembly, honoring Helmuth Meditz, who served five years in the U.S. Army National Guard, with the "Heroes Among Us" award. Students from various grade levels spoke about the history of Veterans Day and what it means to citizens while patriotic music was performed by the 8th grade band and chorus along with the Sharps & Flats choral group.





(above) Edison band director John Scozzaro conducts members of the Edison 8th grade band in playing patriotic tunes during a Veterans Day assembly on November 6.



(above) Colorful posters created by students and honoring the nation's veterans adorn the Edison Intermediate School gymnasium.



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(above) During its annual Veterans Day assembly on November 11, Roosevelt Intermediate School honored Helmuth Meditz, who served 5 years in the U.S. Army National Guard, with the "Heroes Among Us" award. Mr. Meditz is pictured here with Roosevelt principal Brian Gechtman (left) and teacher/assembly coordinator Brian Vieth.



(above) Former Franklin School student, Lieutenant Sean Joffe served 5 years in the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps. He addressed students at Franklin, which his 1st grade daughter attends, on November 11.



(above) Anthony DeFoe, a 12-year veteran of the U.S. Army, speaks to 1st graders at McKinley School on November 11, as his son, Quinn (left) proudly looks on.

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JEFFERSON LEARNING GARDEN DEDICATION



There was great weather and a great turnout for the recent dedication of Jefferson's Outdoor Classroom and Learning Garden. Principal Dr. Susie Hung thanked Jefferson dads John Drennan, Thomas Nastasi, Marc Nissim, Christopher Thornton and all those who contributed to the yearlong project. "It really shows the power of community," said Thornton who added that 260 pounds of fresh produce has already been harvested since last spring with 172 pounds donated to a local food bank. The produce planted and harvested by students includes kale, asparagus, tomatoes, eggplant, cucumbers, string beans, and zucchini.

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MARVEL STUDIOS PRESIDENT MAKES DONATION TO WHS TV STUDIO RENOVATION

Submitted by Mary Ann McGann Marvel Studios president Kevin Feige, who graduated from Westfield High School in 1991, has donated \$500,000 to be used for audio/video equipment in the new television studio at the high school.

Superintendent Dr. Margaret Dolan made the announcement at the Nov. 12, 2019 meeting of the Board of Education.

"Earlier this year, as we finalized plans for a complete overhaul of the TV studio, we reached out to Kevin in March to ask whether he would be willing to contribute to the cost of the studio renovation project," said Dolan. "What followed was several telephone conversations with Kevin's staff and, ultimately, with Kevin himself who took great interest in the plans for the new TV studio."

Dolan said that Feige delivered the commencement address to the Class of 2013 and, at that time, toured his high school alma mater. The tour included a visit to the television studio with Feige remarking that the studio, in which he had spent many hours during his high school years, looked essentially the same.

Work began this summer to renovate the aging facility and turn it into a new soundproof production space with studio cameras on pedestals equipped with teleprompters and tally lights, an updated lighting grid, new editing workstations, a professional control room and, because the studio is a teaching space, movable furniture and multiple curtain tracks to create diverse, quick set changes. The renovation is expected to be completed in the next several months.

"Today, I am proud and grateful to accept a donation of \$500,000 from the Feige Family Trust to be used specifically for audio/video equipment in the TV studio," Dolan said. "This generous donation will greatly enhance the new studio's technical and instructional capabilities. We thank Kevin for his interest and support and we congratulate him on his tremendous success."

Marvel Studios is known for its blockbuster superhero films including Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, Black Panther and The Avengers series.





IMAGINE'S MARY ROBINSON SELECTED TOP TEN CNN HERO OF THE YEAR



(above) Imagine's Executive Director, Mary Robinson was recently nominated as a top ten CNN Hero. In order to become CNN's number one hero and earn \$100,000 for Imagine's programs, Mary needs to receive votes at the CNN Hero website.



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Submitted by Val Stierhoff

Imagine Founder and Executive Director Mary Robinson has been selected this year as a Top Ten CNN Hero by CNN Executives. While Imagine made it to the Top Ten CNN Hero category, they can use your vote to make it to the Hero of the Year which would result in a donation of \$100,000 for Imagine and a global spotlight on the need and importance of supporting grieving youth. You can vote ten times a day every day for Mary at cnnheroes.com. Voting ends Dec. 3.

"We are thrilled but not surprised Mary has been selected," said Imagine Board Chair John Toriello. "Having served on the board since Imagine's inception in 2011, I know Mary is an outstanding and dedicated leader who makes and has made an enormous contribution in helping grieving children and families. We are very proud of her."

"This award means we are able to shine an even bigger spotlight on our mission of supporting children, teens, young adults, and their families, who are coping with loss due to death or illness," said Mary. "In NJ alone there are currently over 114,000 bereaved youth who have had a parent die. Nationally the number is over 4.9 million. At Imagine over 430 children and adults from 59 towns across New Jersey attend our support groups every two weeks in Mountainside and Newark. However, serving 430 people at our centers is just the tip of the iceberg in terms of youth needing support. Therefore, our mission also includes a focus on education, to make sure wherever a grieving child or teen turns in their life, there is an adult who pays attention and understands the need to provide support and to listen. Our goal is to create grief-informed communities, school districts, agencies, workplaces, and neighborhoods in New Jersey and nationally.

"Volunteering and working in the field of Children's Grief Support since 1997, I am so honored to receive this award," said Robinson.

About Imagine

Imagine offers free year-round grief support groups for children age 3-18 who have had a parent or brother or sister die, and for families caring for a family member living with a lifealtering physical illness. Concurrent groups are available for parents and guardians, and young adults 18-30. Support groups meet on weekday nights for an hour and a half. Dinner is provided prior to the group meeting. To schedule an orientation for yourself or your family or for more information please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or info@imaginenj.org.

EDISON SPEAKER SERIES ON MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health and wellness is the important focus of a new speaker series at Edison Intermediate School. The series is sponsored by a team of EIS educators including school counselors Lori Bercovicz, Kimberly Lisnock, and Kerri Webster, nurse/health educators Martha Fico and Patricia Kelly and school resource officer Tiffany Kenny.

Each presentation begins at 7 p.m. in the EIS auditorium and is open to the public at no cost. Additional information, including how to register for each presentation, will be available soon on the school website at edison.westfieldnjk12.org. Phones: Smartphone and Technology Overuse, a guide to ensure the safety and wellbeing of families on this road of rapid technological breakthroughs. January 23, 2020 – Screenagers: Next Chapter, a 60-minute film to help young people

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thrive in our screen- and stress-filled world. February 11, 2020 – Navigating Teen Life, a Q&A conversation with an expert panel of mental health professionals.

March 10, 2020 – Dr. Michael Fowlin presents You Don't Know Me Until You Know Me: A Celebration of Differences, a guide to building resiliency and self-esteem in your teen.

November 18, 2019 - Sean Foley of



A NEW SUPERVISOR OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS IN WESTFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Submitted by Mary Ann McGann At its October 15, 2019 meeting, the Westfield Board of Education approved the appointment of Sean McArthur as Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds for the Westfield Public School District, effective January 1, 2020. McArthur succeeds Michael Morris who will retire on December 31 after 25 years of service.

"Mr. McArthur has extensive experience in landscaping, facilities management, and maintenance," said Business Administrator Dana Sullivan. "We look forward to welcoming him to the district in January."

McArthur currently serves as Educational Facilities Manager in Lacey Township Public Schools where he supervises 57 custodial, maintenance and grounds personnel, maintains all buildings, grounds, and athletic fields, coordinates inclement weather responses, oversees on-demand projects and the repair and purchase of equipment and works closely with administration, architects, and engineers on larger projects.

Prior to working in Lacey Township, McArthur was facilities manager with the Aramark Corporation and operations foreman/budget manager in the East Brunswick School District.

"I really appreciate the opportunity to join this wonderful school district," McArthur told board

members upon his approval, adding that he understands and takes very seriously the importance of the position.



(above) At its October15 meeting, the Westfield Board of Education approved the appointment of Sean McArthur as supervisor of buildings and grounds, effective January 1, 2020. Photo by Westfield Public Schools





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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 sideby-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 crowdpleasing 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.WhartonArts.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.

Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts is located in Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Paterson, NJ and reaches students from 10 counties. All of Wharton's extraordinary faculty members and conductors hold degrees in their teaching specialty and have been vetted and trained to enable our students to achieve their personal best.



ROTARY COLLECTS BIKES FOR THIRD WORLD

Submitted by Michael Hart

The Rotary Club of Westfield collected exactly 100 bikes, 11 sewing machines, and \$1,804.00 in donations on Saturday, October 19, 2019.

Every year Americans dump 15 million perfectly good bicycles in the landfills. 100 million Americans own bikes, and purchase another 20 million every year.

But in the third world, a bicycle is not just funit is important vehicle to get to work, transport goods to market, or for a child to travel a longer distance to school. One third of the bikes collected were childrens bikes.

The Rotary Club of Westfield works with a non profit organization 501c3 called Pedals For Progress. Every year the Rotary Club puts out the call for old bikes and collects them in October. Warren Rorden has been running the bike drive for the Rotary Club since 1997 and has collected 2,400 bikes and 89 sewing machines over 22 years. The Club also collects sewing machines at the same time. A sewing machine can create a job for a person for their lifetime, and can change the economic circumstances of their family. Pedals runs collections throughout New Jersey then fills a container with bikes and ships it to where they

will do the most good. Off road bikes go to a check for \$250.00. They are making room for countries without roads, road bikes go to countries with paved roads.

The bikes need to be prepared for shipping. The volunteers take off the pedals, attach them to the frame and turn the handle bars sideways to flatten the bikes. They the bikes may be easily stacked in the shipping containers. It costs about \$50 to ship each bike, so the Rotary Club asks for a \$10 donation with each bike. The bikes are sold in the receiving country for a nominal fee, which gives value to the bike and helps to offset shipping.

Many people have an old bike in their garage which is perfectly good, but they hate to throw it out. Recycling the bike to a practical use in the third world is a wonderful idea. Pedals for Progress gives a tax receipt for the donation of the equipment and money; the resident gets to clean out their garage, the third world person who gets the bike benefits with increased economic opportunity. They need a bike shop there for repairs so it creates jobs. Kids can get to school, bikes do not create any air pollution, and the Rotary club looks good. Everyone wins.

Jay's Cycle shop dropped off 25 new bikes and

their new season.

We have a project every month. We meet most Tuesdays for lunch at 12:15 at Addams Tavern, in downtown Westfield and guests are always their website welcome. Visit at westfieldrotray.com. For information contact Club Secretary Michael Hart at drmhart@yahoo.com.



(above) Chair Warren Rorden with collected bikes.



(above) Rotarians pose with some of the collected bicycles.

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DREAM TEAM STUDENTS ACCEPT DONATION FROM MOUNTAINSIDE ELKS

Submitted by Kerri Oligino

The Mountainside Elks Lodge #1585 presented a donation to WHS Dream Team students on Sunday, November 3, 2019. The Dream Team club at Westfield High School encourages responsible decision-making, healthy choices, and a substance-free lifestyle for students. Their message is, "Confidence, Choices, Challenges, Changes".

The Westfield Municipal Alliance sponsors the WHS Dream Team activities, including annual student attendance at the NJ Elks Peer Leadership Conference in Long Branch. The 2020 conference dates are February 7-9 and it's the 12th consecutive year that Dream Team students will attend. Health educator and physical education teacher, Lauren Hauser, is the WHS Dream Team advisor. Ms. Hauser explained that membership to the WHS Dream Team club has grown exponentially in the past two years. "The Mountainside Elks' donation will assist in supporting the increased number of student registrants for the conference," said Hauser.

FREE PASS TO SCHOOL EVENTS FOR WESTFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS

The Westfield Public School District is once again providing a senior citizens' "Golden Pass" to Westfield residents 65 years and older to attend many school-sponsored events for free. The pass will provide free admission to events that normally collect entrance fees such as Westfield High School musicals, matinee performances of plays and certain concerts. The pass also will be accepted at Westfield High School athletic events with the exception of those organized by the county and NJSIAA. Westfield residents 65 years and older can obtain the Golden Pass, about the size of a credit card, in the Business Office of the Westfield Board of Education, located in Room 101 on the first floor of 302 Elm Street. A list of popular scheduled events in the school calendar also will be provided. For more information on the program, please call 908-789-4463.

UPCOMING WINTER CONCERT SCHEDULE

All concerts will be held at Westfield Hight School and will begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

DATE / SCHOOL AND CONCERT

- 12/5/19: WHS Band
- 12/12/19: WHS Orchestra
- 12/18/19: WHS Chorus

(Special performance @10:45 a.m.)

- 12/19/19: WHS Chorus
- District Band Night @ WHS 1/8/20:
- 1/13/20: District Orchestra Night @ WHS
- District Choral Night @ WHS 1/15/20:
- 2/8/20: WHS Choir Night of Love Songs

The Mountainside Elks invest in their communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free. The mission of the Mountainside Elks aligns with that of the Westfield Municipal Alliance to promote positive behavior, strengthen students' leadership skills, and encourage peer-mentoring.

The parent liaison for the Westfield Alliance, Kerri Oligino, explained that the leadership conference instills confidence in young leaders and inspires participants to return to their communities and take the next steps to transform lives around them. "We appreciate the

generosity of the Mountainside Elks and we are thrilled to send a greater number of students to the conference in February," said Oligino.

The Mountainside Elks #1585

at 1193 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ.

For more info visit, elks.org

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BAND SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The Township of Union Municipal Band is seeking new members to join the band. "Musicians of all ages are welcome," says director Howard Toplansky. "If you are a high school musician looking for extra practice or a retired professional who wants to get back into music, the municipal band is a perfect fit." The band is looking for new members who play any

The Township of Union Municipal Band is instrument, however there is an immediate need eking new members to join the band. for low brass, woodwinds and percussion.

The band rehearses on Monday evenings at Hannah Caldwell School in Union, NJ and performs ten concerts throughout the year. Musicians who are interested in joining the band should contact the Township of Union Recreation Department at 908-686-4200.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP AT BLOOD DRIVES

New Jersey Blood Services (NJBS), which supplies blood to hospitals throughout the state, is in need of volunteers to help at blood drives. The blood drive volunteer is an integral member of the blood collection team whose task it is to assist donors with registration and/or at the refreshment area. No medical background is necessary. Volunteers should have the ability to relate to the public, be able to perform different

jobs as needed and have the willingness to follow the rules. For additional information contact, Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Manager of Volunteer Services Sharon Zetts at 732-850-8906.

To apply on line as a blood drive volunteer, please go to:

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