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## MAYOR'S WELLNESS CAMPAIGN

The Garwood Mayor's Wellness Campaign Committee would like to wish all a Happy and Healthy New Year. The committee would like to thank all who participated in the events of 2019, especially our 3K Walks with our special guest walkers. For this coming year of 2020, the committee is planning four major programs for the community of Garwood. We are also planning to continue our 3K Walks with Mayor Todisco and other special guest walkers which will occur every third Saturday of the month (weather permitting) at 9:00 a.m. at Garwood's Recreation Complex on Myrtle Ave.

Another major goal of the Wellness Committee

is to obtain a "Healthy Town Designation" through New Jersey Care Quality Institute, in partnership with New Jersey League of Municipalities. We are always willing to work or co-sponsor with any organization in town to create, support, or enhance a program on physical fitness or nutrition. We would appreciate all to follow us on Facebook at Garwood Mayors Wellness Campaign or our news articles in the Garwood Times and other local newspapers. For further information, please contact us at MWC@garwood.org or join us at our monthly meetings held on the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in Garwood Borough Hall.



(above) A kickoff meeting of the Union County Mayor's Wellness Campaign Consortium was held on Thurs., November 7 at Garwood Borough Hall. Garwood, Scotch Plains, Westfield, Rahway, and Elizabeth were represented through town delegates, including Garwood Mayor Sara Todisco, former Garwood Mayor Charles Lombardo, and Scotch Plains Mayor Al Smith. The purpose is to share ideas and increase opportunities for collaborative programs.

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## SANTA'S MAILBOX

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(above) Sean Reynolds dropping off his letter to Santa.

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## WESTFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Submitted by Gene Jannotti, CEO-GWACC

The Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (GWACC) held its Annual Holiday Party on December 5, 2019, at the Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains. With 110 members and guests, the food, music and entertainment gave everyone an early Holiday Season treat.

The Board of Directors awarded plaques to

long standing members of GWACC that included The Westfield Y-35 years, Evalyn Dunn's Gallery-20 years, Jay's Cycle Center-15 years and Mitch Beinhaker Law Firm-10 years. In addition, the Board gave out an award to Mitch Beinhaker for his 8 years of service on the Board of Directors, including his time as Board President. The first ever Life Time Membership Award was given to Sherry Cronin for her years

of service in the DWC and her commitment to Westfield.

The event was sponsored by Clearskies Title Agency, Northfield Bank, Two River Community Bank, Spencer Savings Bank. Christopher Devine and Rabadeau Wealth Group, Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook and Cooper, Gillman Strategic Group, Town Car Wash and Hehl & Held.

For 71 years, the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce has been connecting commerce and community. The GWACC promotes the economic prosperity of businesses primarily in Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield. It is the largest association of businesses and nonprofits in our area. Members include business owners, professionals, managers and operators. Membership cultivates the opportunity to build relationships, partner, make referrals, increase business, attend lunch and learns, and support the community.

For more information about the GWACC, visit [gwaccnj.com](http://gwaccnj.com). You can also call the office at 908-233-3021 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. For any additional information regarding the GWACC Foundation, please contact the Chamber Office, located at 212 Lenox Avenue, Westfield.



(above, l-r) GWACC Board of Directors: Harold Star-VP, Jennifer DiVirgilio, Stephanie Branna, Mario Cesario, Marta Alexander, Christopher Devine, Heather Bryant, Jim Mooney, Tony Bianchino, Ron Bansk, Gene Jannotti-CEO, Barbara Murphy, Darielle Walsh-President, Carol Kearney-VP and Maria Fuentes. Missing are Jodi Weinberg, Aimee Nuzzo, Mike Martin, John Capeci, Lauren Hammer, Paul Mecca and Mitch Beinhaker.

## ANNOUNCING: THE CONNIE DWYER BREAST CENTER AT TRINITAS

Trinitas Regional Medical Center has partnered with The Connie Dwyer Breast Cancer Foundation to open a new breast center in Connie's name at Trinitas. The brand new \$3.4 million facility will offer a highly empathic approach to screening, diagnosis, treatment, community outreach and education to all women, regardless of financial status.



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## ADOPTION DAY: AS SIX YOUTH JOIN FAMILIES, LOVE TEEMS

*Submitted by Gretchen Boger-O'Bryan*

On the morning of Friday, November 22, 2019, more than 25 youth gathered to celebrate the long-awaited end to living in foster care with adoption into a forever family.

National Adoption Day is the Saturday before Thanksgiving every year; Union County's Family Court celebrated on Friday, November 22, as six youth ranging from one to nine years old, entered the courtrooms of Superior Court Judges Richard C. Wischusen or James Hely as foster youth — accompanied by their foster families and other loved ones — but left as official members of their new family. More than 20 other recent adoptees returned to participate in the program.

Adoption Day is a national movement to raise awareness of children in foster care awaiting a family. Since its inception 20 years ago, more

than 75,000 children have found that permanency. Still, more than 125,000 youth in the United States need a permanent home and the average wait is four years. For more than 23,000 youth nationwide, that permanency doesn't happen before they age out of the system and must face life on their own.

The family courts see complex issues fraught with loss or discord nearly every day, yet Adoption Day is eagerly anticipated by all at Union County's Family Court, as fresh starts and ample smiles fill the courthouse. Festivities included balloon headwear creations donated by nonprofit A Birthday Wish; super-human Heroes 4 Heroes, an organization of area corrections officers in costume seeking to brighten the lives of children facing medical and other adversities; photo booth area for children to select a superhero cape and mask gifted by family court personnel, pick photo props and pose with family and their favorite superheroes.

Approximately 30 students from Elizabeth's Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy A Cappella Choir performed pieces they selected especially for the occasion.

Each adoptive family received a gift basket from CASA of Union County, with collaboration from David Brearley High School's Bears that Care, The Race Matters Alliance and Peer Leadership Groups; Seton Hall Law Professor Kevin Kelly; and the Union County Bar Association. Items included board and card games, blankets, jars of popping corn, movie candy, bowling passes and WalMart gift card. In addition, every adoptee received handpicked books by Kappa Alpha Theta's Westfield Chapter and bike certificate redeemable by the Albanese family of Plainfield's Dairy Queen.

For details on CASA of Union County and becoming an advocate for a foster youth, reach Courtney at 908-293-8136 or log on to [casaofunioncounty.org](http://casaofunioncounty.org) to learn more.



*(above) The adoptees, each wearing superhero capes, ready to pose for a picture with their favorite superheroes.*



*(above) The Heroes4Heroes group, a nonprofit comprised of corrections officers who dress as superheroes and visit children.*



*(above) Union County Assignment Judge Karen Cassidy, an adoptive mom herself, making a speech.*



*(above, l-r) CASA staff and their table of gifts for each adoptive family: Courtney Green, Recruiter/Advocate Supervisor; Natalie Deo, Program Director; Kim Stocco, Advocate Supervisor; Lisa Poris, Trainer/Advocate Supervisor; Gretchen Boger-O'Bryan, Development and Communications Manager and CASA's Adoption Day Committee member; and Abby Gallego, Advocate Supervisor.*



# GARWOOD HISTORICAL COMMITTEE SEEKS COMMUNITIES HELP IN MEMORIAL PROJECT

The Garwood Historical Committee has decided to research a memorial project, where we will attempt to replicate the Garwood War Memorial Honor Rolls listing the names of the Garwood men and women who served in the military during World War II and Viet Nam wars. Back then, during each of those conflicts, to honor the service men and women, the residents of our Borough erected a large wooden Honor Roll board to stand next to our old Borough Hall facing South Avenue. Many Garwood names were found to be common between those two Honor Rolls, the fathers who served in WW2 and then the sons and daughters who served in Viet Nam. The two pictures enclosed show the Honor Rolls and many names are legible but many are not, and we found many are not included on the Roll since these photos many have been taken during the conflicts where names were later added.

The Committee does not really know what happened to these wooden memorials, since made of wood they could have easily deteriorated beyond saving. Our Historical Committee

understands the importance of this major undertaking. This will entail many resources, time and money to replicate these Rolls and update with missing and/or corrected names. It will take some time and much research to complete this task. We are reaching out to the community for their help. Right now, if anyone has additional photos of either of these two Honor Roll boards we request you send them to us. If anyone knows of any missing names or has further information on them or to the disposition of these Rolls, we need to hear that also.

We can be contacted at email: [garwoodhistory@garwood.org](mailto:garwoodhistory@garwood.org), or through Garwood Borough Hall, 403 South Avenue, Garwood, NJ 07027. Thank you all for your attention to helping us in this endeavor.



(above) The original Garwood War Memorial Honor Rolls listed the names of Garwood residents who served in the military during World War II and Viet Nam wars. The Garwood Historical Committee is seeking to replicate and complete these and is seeking information from the community.

# RAKE AND HOE GARDEN CLUB DELIVERS GIFT BAGS TO VETERANS

Every year members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club prepare Holiday Gift Bags for the Veterans at Lyons Hospital in Basking Ridge, NJ. Once again, Betty Gulino coordinated the collection and delivery of 140 Holiday Gift Bags donated by club members. These gift bags are designed to bring holiday cheer to the veterans who have served our country and are now deserving of our thanks and well wishes.

To learn more about the services Lyons Veterans Medical Center provides and volunteer opportunities to support our military heroes, please call 908-647-0189 or visit [newjersey.va.gov/locations/lyons\\_campus.asp](http://newjersey.va.gov/locations/lyons_campus.asp).

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club is affiliated with the Garden Club of New Jersey and the National Garden Club, Inc. The club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 12:00 p.m. at the Scotch Hills Country Club. Membership is open to residents of Westfield and surrounding towns. For more information, call Bet Siano, 908-233-4150, or visit the club's website, [rakeandhoe.org](http://rakeandhoe.org), or Facebook page.



(above, l-r) Front row: Betty Gulino, Jeanie Pelikan and Joyce Mullen; back row: Marty Gulino and Richard Pelikan. Not shown: Mary Foley Smith.

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## TERRY FOPPERT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR



(above) Terry Foppert Awarded Union County Superintendent of the Year

Submitted by Maureen Wakeman

Ms. Terry Foppert, Superintendent of Union County Educational Services Commission, has been selected as Union County's 2019 Superintendent of the Year. "I am humbled and honored to be named Union County Superintendent of the Year. This award reflects the commitment and dedication of our staff, administration and community partners, working collaboratively to improve the lives of students with special needs," said Superintendent Foppert.

Ms. Foppert has served as Superintendent of Union County Educational Services Commission (UCESC) since August 2013. Under her guidance, UCESC, a public school district for students with special needs, has expanded services and become a leader in special education. The innovative programs that have been introduced over the past six years have improved student outcomes including increased graduation and employment rates.

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In addition, UCESC operates two alternative high schools serving students from Elizabeth, provides supplemental instruction and related services to students who attend non-public schools and coordinates over 800 transportation routes for districts throughout Union County.

Ms. Foppert is proud of the services provided by UCESC and passionate about her work. According to Ms. Foppert, "We strive to make a difference in our students' lives. Everyone deserves an education and everyone should be given an opportunity to achieve their goals. It is our mission to create school environments and services where students can work hard and go beyond expectations."

Please visit [UCESC.org](http://UCESC.org) to learn more about our schools and programs.

## CHESS CLUB DRAWS MEMBERS FROM FAR AND WIDE

The Kenilworth Chess Club has kicked off its 2020 season with a new slate of officers. Jack McCorkell of Cranford is incoming President. Outgoing president Dave Lazarus of Fanwood will serve as Vice President. Treasurer Geoff McMAuliffe of Dunellen and Webmaster John Moldovan of Garwood will continue in their positions. Trustees are Pat Mazzillo of Union and Greg Tomkovich and Joe Renna, both from Cranford.

The club was formed in 1972 amid the chess craze in America, spearheaded by Bobby Fischer's march to the world championship. For 47 years the club was a force to be reckoned with as its member roster included many Master level players, including State Champions.

The club has a reputation for being friendly and accommodating. It welcomes non-members with no obligation or cost. It's a place where beginners can learn in a casual setting without being intimidated. Strong players are generous with their time in analyzing and giving instruction.

The club's website, [kenilworthchessclub.org](http://kenilworthchessclub.org), is well read and features an award-winning blog by Michael Goeller and other instructional features. Players are welcome to just pop into the Kenilworth Chess Club with no formalities every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. at the Kenilworth Community Center, located next to Borough Hall on the Boulevard and the corner of 24th Street.



(above, r-l) Kenilworth Chess Club President Jack McCorkell, Vice President Dave Lazarus, John Moldovan, Treasurer Geoff McAuliffe, Web Master John Moldovan, Trustees Ed Selling, Greg Tomkovich, Pat Mazzillo, and Joe Renna.

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# GARWOOD WINS 2019 FOODSTOCK CHALLENGE

*Submitted by Mayor Sara Todisco*

Garwood won the 2019 Foodstock Challenge between our Borough and the Borough of Fanwood. Additionally, Garwood set a new state record of 4,815 pounds of non-perishable food items donated to fill local food pantries! With the help of Garwood and Fanwood in 2019,

Foodstock was able to meet its goal and distribute more than 500,000 pounds of food to those in need over the past 10 years.

Garwood resident Coleen Gray Hay stepped up to organize Block Ambassadors to maximize food collection and drop off. She was awarded the Garwood Community Spirit Award for her

leadership on this important cause. Block Ambassadors were recognized for their efforts as well at the November 14, 2019 Council meeting.

Presently, about 10% of the population of Union County is food insecure. While a friendly competition was fun, the real win is making a positive difference for our neighbors.



*(above) Mayor Sara Todisco recognized all the Block Ambassadors from the 2019 Foodstock Challenge with Mayor's Awards for their help collecting and dropping of food items to Borough Hall and the Library.*



*(above) Bob Swisher of Foodstock, Mayor Colleen Mahr of Fanwood, Mayor Sara Todisco of Garwood, and Garwood resident Coleen Gray Hay after the announcement and the presentation of the trophy to Garwood.*



*(above) At the November 14 Council meeting, Mayor Sara Todisco honored Garwood resident Coleen Gray Hay with the Community Spirit Award for her leadership during the 2019 Foodstock Challenge.*

# SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AND ITS INSPECTOR GENERAL ANNOUNCE NEW ONLINE REPORTING FORM FOR IMPOSTER SCAM CALLS

Andrew Saul, Commissioner of Social Security, and Gail S. Ennis, the Inspector General for the Social Security Administration, recently announced the launch of a dedicated online form at [oig.ssa.gov](https://oig.ssa.gov) to receive reports from the public of Social Security-related scams. These scams—in which fraudulent callers mislead victims into making cash or gift card payments to avoid arrest for purported Social Security number problems—skyrocketed over the past year to become the #1 type of fraud reported to the Federal Trade Commission and the Social Security Administration.

To combat these scams, Social Security and the OIG will use the new online form to capture data that will be analyzed for trends and commonalities. The OIG will use the data to identify investigative leads, which could help identify criminal entities or individuals participating in or facilitating the scams. Ultimately, these efforts are expected to disrupt the scammers, help reduce this type of fraud, and reduce the number of victims.

“We are taking action to raise awareness and prevent scammers from harming Americans,” Commissioner Saul said. “I am deeply troubled that our country has not been able to stop these crooks from deceiving some of the most vulnerable members of our society.”

Commissioner Saul and Inspector General Ennis encourage the public to use the new online form to report Social Security phone scams including robocalls and live callers, as well as email, text, and in-person scams. The form allows people to create a unique Personal Identification Number (PIN), so if OIG contacts a person about their report, they will know the call is legitimate.

“Awareness is our best hope to thwart the scammers,” said Inspector General Ennis. “Tell your friends and family about them and report them to us when you receive them, but most importantly, just hang up and ignore the calls.”

Social Security employees do occasionally contact people - generally those who have ongoing business with the agency - by telephone for business purposes. However, Social Security employees will never threaten a person, or promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information or money. In those cases, the call is fraudulent and people should just hang up.

Generally, the agency mainly calls people who have recently applied for a Social Security benefit, someone who is already receiving

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- Promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for info or money.

If there is a problem with a person’s Social Security number or record, in most cases Social Security will mail a letter. If a person needs to submit payments to Social Security, the agency will send a letter with instructions and payment options. People should never provide information or payment over the phone or Internet unless they are certain of who is receiving it.

The Social Security OIG will also continue to take reports of fraud, waste, and abuse in Social Security’s programs and operations. A separate online form for those reports remains available at their website link:

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Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Closed on Sunday

## Knitting Club

**Mondays & Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.**

No registration required; Learn how to knit or show others how it's done while enjoying fun conversation. Needles and yarn provided to newcomers.

## Kid's Chess,

**Mondays, 3:00 p.m.**

No registration required. Limit 12; Informal chess game for children of all ages. This is a non-instructional, supervised program. Six boards provided.

## Monday Afternoon Book Club

**Monday, January 27, 1:00 p.m.**

No registration required. Discussing, Next Year in Havana by Chanel Cleeton

## Kid's Craft,

**Tuesday, January 14, 3:00 p.m.**

Make a fun winter craft. Registration required.

For children 2nd grade and up, Limit 20

## Adult Craft

**Tuesday, January 14, 6:00 p.m.,**

Make a winter craft. Limit 10. Registration required.

## Toddler Story Time,

**Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.**

No registration required. For children from birth to age 4; Stories, songs, bubbles and more.

## Library Board Meeting

**Wednesday, January 8, 8:00 p.m.**

The meeting of the Library Board of Trustees is open to the public.

## Brixology

**Wednesdays, 3:00 p.m.**

For kids 2nd grade through 6th grade, registration required, limit 15, 8 classes, Wednesdays January 15 through March 4. Using LEGO bricks kids build a different engineering project in each class.

## What's It Worth

**Thursday, January 23, 6 p.m.**

Professional appraiser, radio host and auctioneer, Michael Ivankovich will offer advice and estimate the value of items brought by the audience. Each audience member may bring 2 items for appraisal. Registration required, Limit 30.

## Thursday Evening Book Club

**Thursday, January 2, 7:00 p.m.**

No registration required. Discussing 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle by Stuart Turton.

## LEGO Club

**Thursday, January 9 & 23, 3:00 p.m.**

Be inspired by this month's theme and build whatever comes to mind. Then share your creation with others. Some will be displayed in our showcase. Registration required by phone or in person. Registration will open the Monday after the last Lego club for the month. Limit 15 children ages 4 -12.

## Aging Services Kiosk (ASK)

**Thursday, January 16, 10:00 a.m. - Noon**

Union County Division of Aging Staff will be on hand to assist seniors (age 60+) or their caregivers with information on services, such as meal delivery, respite care, adult day care and support services for caregivers.

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