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ROSE CITY RUNNERS CELEBRATE 40 YEARS





(above) Rose City Runners Club members at their 40th anniversary party.



The Rose City Runners celebrated their 40th Anniversary with a party held at Community House in Madison, NJ (AKA The Rose City) on November 24, 2019. A memorabilia table displayed club related articles dating back the club's origin in 1979. Long-time member Dick Helmer prepared a slide show that was accompanied by music from the movie Chariots of Fire. Members shared their favorite memories.

The most central activity of the club is Saturday morning runs held from the Kitchell Road parking lot of Loantaka Park. The club meets at 8:30 a.m. from April – October, and 9 a.m. from November - March. No matter how inclement the weather or impassable the streets there are always a hearty few that make it to the park. The club is made up of slow, fast and medium paced runners who typically cover between 3 and 8 miles. The best part of Saturday morning is sharing breakfast after the run on a picnic bench. In the winter a member builds a fire in the shelter to keep warm while sharing coffee and goodies. The club has been known to roast marshmallows and make S'mores.



(above) Party committee members Pam Helmer, Lee Brush, Joseph Balwierczak, Richard Helmer, Barbara Rushman (chair), Linda Brush, John Rushman.

If you are interested in learning more about the club visit RoseCityRunners.com or contact BarbaraRushman@yahoo.com.



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KIWANIS CLUB AWARDS OUTSTANDING KEY CLUB MEMBERS

Submitted by Justin Montanaro

The Kiwanis Club of the Chathams/Madison held their yearly awards ceremony, where they recognize outstanding members of the Key Club from Chatham and Madison High School.

The recipient for Madison High School was senior Nicolette Cilenti, president of the Madison High School Key Club. Nikki has been an active member of the club and a member of the Key Club executive board throughout high school. She engages fellow members during meetings, helping build a record breaking roster of over 100 members! Always leading by example, board members look to her as the heart and soul of the Key Club. Her projects have included the Students Change Hunger food drive, which has directly impacted 3,000 people in need in the community. She has also helped gather donations for the Covenant House, socks for the homeless, and roses for the Valerie Fund on Valentine's Day. Breakfast with Santa, Red Cross Blood Drives, and UNICEF fundraising

are just a few other of her countless projects with the club. Her ability to do this on top of her full course load, varsity sports, and other extracurricular activities are what has lead to her being a recipient of this great award.

The recipient for Chatham High School was Will O'Neil, president of the Chatham High School Key Club. His organization, responsiveness, and leadership has helped land him his role, as well as the outstanding Key Club Member award. He continues to provide innovative ideas, helping brainstorm with club members various fundraising and charitable ideas. Most significantly the great success of meeting, and exceeding, the Outreach Program's meal packing goals.

As always, the Kiwanis Club is honored to present these awards to our local high school Key Club Members. We look forward to a bright future of working together to help the community. Happy Holidays to all!



(above) Nicolette Cilenti, a senior at Madison High School and president of the Madison High School Key Club, received recognition from the Kiwanis Club.



(above) Will O'Neil, president of the Chatham High School Key Club, received an outstanding Key Club Member award.





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PLANT DETECTIVES RECEIVE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE FOR WORK DONE IN MADISON COMMUNITY GARDEN



(above) "The Plant Detectives", Morris County master gardeners, were given The Award for Excellence at the Rutgers Master Gardener Association of New Jersey's annual conference held on October 5.

A group of dedicated Morris County master gardeners called The Plant Detectives are helping to keep community gardens thriving in New Jersey, and their work was recently acknowledged with The Award for Excellence at the Rutgers Master Gardener Association of New Jersey's annual conference held on October 5, 2019.

Each week, the seven Plant Detectives scout two community gardens in Morris County -Madison and Morristown - to monitor for plant pests or diseases. Their thoroughly researched reports are ultimately distributed to nearly 2,000 individual community gardeners statewide.

The Plant Detectives are Morris County master gardeners Brian Monaghan, Diane DuBrule, Margot Sample, Jennifer Basile, Mary Albright, Mary Olin, and Sue Wiedaseck.

The Community Garden Plant Detective Committee of Rutgers Master Gardeners of Morris County are: Mary Albright, Jennifer Basile, Mary Olin, Margot Sample, Sue Wiedaseck, Diane DuBrule and Brian Monaghan. Many Rutgers Master Gardener Interns also participate, putting their classroom learning and skills to the test while on their way to becoming certified Rutgers Master Gardeners.

As they check the gardens, issues that arise are thoroughly researched by the team and reviewed by Extension faculty and staff. A final report, featuring research based controls and management techniques, references and appropriate cultural practices, is distributed to the Morristown and Madison Community Gardens managers as well as the 35 member New Jersey Community Garden Association which in turn distribute it to their garden members. The Plant Detective reports impact nearly 2,000 individual community gardeners statewide. These Morris County residents are the only master gardeners in the state providing the service.

In addition to the weekly reports, the Detectives also track the occurrences of insects and diseases by date and severity. This serves as a key resource and allows the gardeners to anticipate possible infestations throughout the next growing season.

Under the leadership of Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Rutgers Master Gardeners of Morris County provide assistance with home gardening questions to residents of Morris County. Rutgers Master Gardener volunteers are trained to diagnose common plant and pest problems, suggest appropriate cultural practices and advise as to the best care for the home landscape and garden.

The Rutgers Master Gardener Helpline is staffed from April through October, Monday – Friday 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and can be reached at rcehelpline@co.morris.nj.us or 973-285-8305. To learn more about the program, contact Dave Los at 973-285-8307 or email at dlos@co.morris.nj.us. Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Morris County is located at County Building 550 West Hanover Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07963. For more information logon to morris.njaes.rutgers.edu





"AMERICA'S FUNNIEST GRANDMA"

The Thursday Morning Club will welcome guest speaker, Marion Oxenhorn, to its Wise, Wonderful Women Lecture Series on Thursday, February 20, 2020 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Club's Madison Community House, 25 Cook Avenue. The Public is invited to attend this luncheon and lecture.

Marion, AKA the "Laff Lady, America's Funniest Grandma" who resides in Rockaway, NJ, had her career and life changed at the age of 68, when she attended an all-female comedy show with friends. "I thought, 'I could do that' and every time I saw a comedian I said 'I can get up there and do the same thing' It didn't look very hard." These thoughts led to Marion's enrollment in the Learning Annex in New York where she received such positive feed back from her mentor that she went on to perform at "Stand Up New York". She continued to appear and headline in such other well-known metro area venues as "The New York Improv", "Caroline's", and "Bananas Comedy Club" in Hasbrouck Heights. Marion is also a past winner of the "Gilda's Club Laugh-Off" comedy contest.

Marion began her career when most people are retiring and she holds her 63-year marriage, her unconventional children, and the aging process responsible for much of her material. Marion delivers amusing anecdotes and stories blending humor with wry observations about domestic life and is refreshingly upfront with her audience which is sure to result in much entertainment and laughter.

The February 20th Wise, Wonderful Women Lunch and Lecture's registration fee is \$35; checks should be made payable to "TMC, Wise Wonderful Women" and sent to P.O. Box 345, Madison, N.J. 07940. Cancelled checks will serve as a receipt; no tickets will be mailed.

For further information, contact Anne Lawless, the Club's Ways & Means chair at 973-822-2517 or anneel@verizon.net.

Proceeds from the program will benefit the Madison Community House, which is owned, operated, and maintained by the Thursday Morning Club, and its programs: the Community House Pre-school, and the Before and After School Child Care program. The Club offers services to support the community and its Community House provides a meeting home for a number of sports, recreation, and civic groups. Organized in 1896, the Club is a member of both the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs and General Federation of Women's Clubs.



THURSDAY MORNING CLUB SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Madison, NJ is a non-profit organization of women dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. This year TMC created a scholarship to fund the completion of an Associate's or Bachelor's College Degree or to obtain a Certificate of Training. Eligible applicants had a high school diploma or GED and were clients participating in the Dress for Success Program (DFS), an organization that empowers women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and development tools to help women thrive in work and life. The scholarship is for education-related expenses incurred during the pursuit of a degree or certification. The scholarship is renewable.

TMC and DFS recently awarded the first annual TMC Scholarship to Simone Roelli. Ms. Roelli was born in Brazil, only spoke Portuguese as a child, and had very little formal education before coming to the United States. Once in this country, Ms. Roelli completed ESOL coursework; received her GED; completed as Associate Degree in Business Administration; and is currently a full-time student at Rutgers, Newark, where she anticipates completing her B.S. in Accounting by May 2020.

In her acceptance speech, Ms. Roelli noted the many obstacles she faced and acknowledged that she found a "village" to help her realize her dreams. Ms. Roelli thanked the Literacy Volunteers of Morris County for the tutor that

The Thursday Morning Club (TMC) of they assigned her. This tutor, who still helps her to this day, helped Ms. Roelli to understand her assignments in her English-based college courses. Ms. Roelli also thanked Dress for Success. Ms. Roelli explained that through her participation in the financial theory program, attending monthly meetings and other programs, DFS gave her the confidence to set and meet realistic goals. Lastly, Ms. Roelli thanked the Thursday Morning Club. This scholarship will allow her to complete her college education and obtain the degree that she has spent many years pursuing.

> The scholarship was presented by Thursday Morning Club President Susan Packie and Scholarship Committee Chair Bernadette Grohol. Also in attendance were Scholarship Committee members Kathy Trombacco, Sharon Kapica, Carol Schessler, and Dress for Success Executive Director, Kimberly Iozzi.

> Organized in 1896, TMC is a member of both the New Jersey State and General Federation of Women's Clubs. The club offers programs and services to support the community, and its Community House provides a home for a number of sports, recreation, civic groups and the Madison Community House Preschool. The Thursday Morning Club is a non-profit service organization with over 260 members whose goal is to provide services for the town of Madison and neighboring communities.

> For information about the Thursday Morning Club or membership, call the Community House at 973-377-0244 or visit TMCMCH.org.



(above, l-r) Kathy Trombacco, Sharon Kapica, Carol Schessler, Simone Roelli, Susan Packie, Bernadette Grohol, and Kimberly Iozzi.

THURSDAY MORNING CLUB'S 2020 SCHOLARSHIP SOCIAL

Submitted by Cathy Gotliffe

On January 16, 2020 Thursday Morning Club (TMC) President Susan Packie welcomed 70 TMC members and their guests who had gathered to celebrate the Club's support of the education of children. This event, called the Scholarship Social, was organized by Education Chairs, Peggy Merrick and Nancy Guempel. The event provides TMC members with the opportunity to meet two of the seven recipients of the scholarships/awards that the Club funds, and to enjoy lunch and games afterwards.

Sadie Doberman, currently a Madison High School junior, was sponsored by TMC to attend the 2019 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership conference held last June at Kean University. Sadie noted that she "learned a lot about what it means to be a better person and a better member of society." Sadie was accompanied at the Social by her mother, Mrs. Hoberman, and by Madison High School Director of Guidance Counselor, Phyllis Levy.

Melanie Cuentas, now a senior at Benedictine Academy in Elizabeth, was sponsored by TMC to attend Girls' Career Institute (GCI) in June 2019 at Douglass College. Melanie also described her experiences at GCI, and led her audience through one of the short bonding activities that she learned during her time at Douglass College. Melanie attended the Social with Benedictine Academy Principal, Ashley Powell.

Both students considered these educational opportunities to be life-changing, and thanked the Thursday Morning Club for their support.

The lunch was well received, and we had great support from volunteers.

VOLS 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: nybc.org



(above, l-r) Peggy Merrick, Melanie Cuentas, and Nancy Guempel



(above, l-r) Peggy Merrick and Sadie Hoberman







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END HUNGER 3.6 PROJECT RETURNS TO MADISON

Submitted by Carmela Moeller

Representing Rotary District 7475, the Rotary Club of Madison will host the 5th Annual End Hunger 3.6 Project on March 7, 2020 at the Simon Forum at Drew University.

Once again, the packaging of nutritious meals for the food insecure in the area will take place with the help of 600-800 volunteers. The meals are mac & cheese, apple cinnamon oatmeal, minestrone soup, and rice and beans. The ingredients are vitamin enriched, non-GMO, non-perishable, and ready to cook. The meals are distributed to numerous feeding facilities and soup kitchens throughout the Rotary District which includes Morris, Essex, Sussex, Warren and Hunterdon counties, as well as parts of Somerset County.

The project involves volunteers packaging the ingredients into bags which are weighed, sealed and then boxed. Each bag contains 6 meals. Each box contains 36 bags, hence 216 meals per box. The project has grown exponentially from 52,000 meals to 200,000 meals. The goal this year is 250,000 meals.

Why 3.6? According to statistics, every 3.6 seconds someone in the world dies of starvation.

Some of our past recipient organizations include the Market Street Mission in Morris County, St John's Soup Kitchen in Newark as well as M.E.N.D. in Essex County, and the Salvation Army, which has over 500 feeding stations throughout New Jersey. The Northwest Counties receive their allotments through the services of NORWESCAP. We have been told by some organizations that were it not for our contribution, "they would not be able to feed their clients the next day."

Clearly, there is a need, and with public support, we can make a difference to the nearly 1 million people living in New Jersey at the poverty level.

Approximate cost per meal is 25 cents. \$10 = 40 meals; \$50 = 200 meals, \$100 = 400 meals, etc. Please consider donating so the ingredients for this project may be purchased. Make checks payable to the Madison Rotary Foundation (a 501c(3) organization), P. O. Box 211, Madison, NJ 07940.

Register to become a volunteer by visiting our website: madisonrotarynj.org. Questions about volunteering should be directed to Pat Miller at pcmiller15@verizon.net.

STOP & SHOP MANAGER RECOGNIZED

The Madison Area Chamber of Commerce and Madison P.B.A. #92 presented Madison's Stop & Shop manager, Thomas Rebele, with a certificate in recognition of his many years of dedication, generous contributions and support to the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce/ PBA #92 Car Show.

"I want to personally thank Tom Rebele for his years of dedication and support to not only the Madison PBA Local #92 and Madison Police department but to the community we serve," said Madison Police Chief Dachisen. "Tom was always willing to help out in any way he could."

"For many years Tom has been a tremendous supporter of our annual event," said event chairman Peter Daniele. "His interest in our community and his generosity have been sincerely appreciated and we wanted to thank him in our own way for all of his contributions. We look forward to continuing the partnership with him and Stop & Shop."



(above) Chief Darren Dachisen, Chamber V.P. Peter Daniele, Stop & Shop Manager Thomas Rebele, PBA President, CPL. Vincent Dellavalle and Chamber President John Morris.



(above) Over 1,000 volunteers packaged 200,600 meals during the 2019 End Hunger
3.6 Project. Volunteers came from local Rotary Clubs, community organizations, churches, youth groups, schools, and more. The next event will be held on March 7, 2020 at the Simon Forum at Drew University. For more information visit madisonrotarynj.org.



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Grand Central Terminal

Tuesday, February 4th, 7:00 p.m. What is the relationship between Grand Central Terminal and Penn Station connection to the demolished Penn Station? Why are there acorns everywhere, incandescent light bulbs, and a slight depression in the floor of the Biltmore Room? Is there a secret staircase? Join MiCome learn about the history of the Grand Central Terminal with author Michael Czuchnicki.

Adult Craft Club

Thursday, February 6th, 1:30 p.m. Join us for a special Valentine's Day Craft Club! Make this wonderful folded book art heart for yourself or your sweetheart! You will receive clear, simple instructions on how to create this project. Folded book art is a wonderful way to re-use old books and make something new.

Winter Wonderland 2020

Saturday, February 8th, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Winter Wonderland is a family event with activities for all ages. Watch a live ice carving by the well loved Jimmy of Jimmy's Artistic Design between 1-2 in the courtyard. This now annual event is loved by both adults and kids. While Jimmy is carving, there will be other activities going on in the courtyard including different types of ice painting and winter themed crafts. Then at 2 p.m. there will be a winter-themed show by Mad Science in the Chase room and penguin story time and crafts for smaller children in the library.

Who Is At My Birdfeeder?

Monday, February 10th, 7:00 p.m. Who is that at my Feeder? will introduce viewers to the birds that commonly come to backyard feeders and how to distinguish between very similar species. This program will take on importance as we head into The Great Backyard Bird Count and we encourage people to participate in this very important annual

population survey as citizen scientists. **Chocolate Tasting With Mike Cazano** Tuesday, February 11th, 7:00 p.m.

Come learn about chocolate and enjoy a chocolate tasting with chocolatier, Mike Canzano, the owner of the

J Emanuel Chocolatier in Chester.

Community Forum-How to Live Plastic Free

Wednesday, February 12th, 7:00 p.m. Bring your best tips on green living and learn from local experts-your neighbors, especially

members of the Madison Environmental Commission. This lively forum will focus on easy ways to go plastic free, reduce food waste and green your daily living. We'll trade ideas, talk about the obstacles and share the wastesaving products we love.

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Tuesday, February 25th, 7:00 p.m. February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month A national effort to raise awareness and protect teens from violence. Marilyn DeFalco, MSW, LSW Clinician from Morris CARES will speak on the following topics to students and parents - Red Flags: Healthy vs. Unhealthy

Relationships, Teen Dating Violence 101, Online/Digital Safety, What is Consent, How to

Get Help and Parental Concerns (Laws, Education & Resources). Sponsored by Friends of the Madison Library.

International Film Festival

February 26th – 27th, 1:00 p.m. Come watch Stan and Ollie! A 2019 British film about Laurel and Hardy, the world's most famous comedy duo, attempt to reignite their film careers as they embark on what becomes their swan song - a grueling theatre tour of post-war Britain.



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MARY ROBINSON NAMED 2019 TOP 10 CNN HERO

Madison resident Mary Robinson, Executive Director of Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss, was awarded \$10,000 and honored during the 13th annual CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute, which aired live from the American Museum of Natural History in New York City on December 8, 2019.

Robinson was introduced by Anderson Cooper, who said "My dad, Wyatt Cooper, died when I was ten. For a long time I found it difficult to speak about him, to even say his name. Too often we go through grief alone, but Mary Robinson is trying to change that, especially for kids. Imagine is a place where the language of loss is spoken and understood. It's a place where children and their parents can speak their loved one's names, where they don't have to pretend that everything is ok. They can learn coping skills, and they can see that they are not alone in their pain, none of us has to be alone."

Childhood bereavement is a serious public health issue. The death of a parent or other important person in a child's life has been noted to be one of the most commonly reported and disruptive Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs.) There are currently over 114,000 NJ youth age 0-18 who are bereaved due to the death of a parent. This doesn't include the death of a sibling which Imagine also supports along with children and caregivers living with a family member with any life-altering illness.

Currently, over 425 children and adults meet every two weeks at Imagine in their free, yearround grief support groups in Mountainside and Newark. The impact on children's lives of participating in Imagine grief support programs is immense. At Imagine children and adults make life-long friends, develop healthy coping skills and grow more resilient. By working to eradicate the potential negative effects of unresolved grief



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joerenna@rennamedia.com Visit RennaMedia.com or NJLocalInfo.com and creating communities well equipped to cope with loss, it is Imagine's expectation that grieving children everywhere will grow up to be emotionally healthy and able to lead meaningful and productive lives.

If you'd like to support this work, please donate on CNNHeroes.com. With the \$10,000 award, Subaru's matching gift of \$50,000, and your donation, Robinson will use the funds to expand its services in their Mountainside and Newark locations.

In addition, as part of the award package, Robinson and a member of her board will also participate in a customized version of the Annenberg Alchemy program, which offers leadership development that will help strengthen Imagine for long-term success. Alchemy is offered through the Annenberg Foundation, a leading supporter of nonprofits worldwide.

"Our hope is that through this recognition more children and teens will get support, know their loss matters, and feel less alone in their grief," said Robinson. "The spotlight shown on our mission by CNN and the training from the Annenberg Foundation will be invaluable in helping us achieve our goal that some day no child will grieve alone. I believe this is now possible to achieve in my lifetime."

Since 2006, CNN has profiled more than 300 heroes and has received upward of 85,000 nominations from more than 100 countries. **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.



(above) CNN Top Ten Hero Mary Robinson will receive a \$10,000 cash donation from CNN and a \$50,000 donation from Subaru for her organization and personalized leadership training from the Annenberg Foundation to advance the work of Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss.



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