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# OUTSTANDING CITIZENS TO BE HONORED AT THE BOY SCOUTS 9TH ANNUAL NEW PROVIDENCE GOOD SCOUT AWARD DINNER

Boy Scouts of America, Patriots' Path Council will be honoring local citizens at the 9th Annual New Providence Good Scout Award Dinner to be held on the evening of Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at The Primavera Regency in Stirling at 6:30 p.m. This year's honorees are Don Burkitt, Nadine Geoffroy, Hilary McCarron, Joseph Parlapiano, Tara M. Smith, Ph.D, Donna Zane and Cecile Seth.

The event recognizes these seven outstanding citizens for their community service, as evidenced by their leadership and interests within the New Providence community, and for their embodiment of the values of the century old Scout Oath and Law in their personal and professional lives. The event chair is past New Providence Good Scout Award Recipient Gary Kapner of Creative Wall Coverings & Interiors.

Don Burkitt is the owner of Harlee's Tap & Grille and is past Cubmaster of Cub Scout Pack 263 in New Providence. Nadine Geoffroy is a councilwoman in the Borough of New Providence and has volunteered as a member of the PTA/PTO and planning board. Hilary McCarron is a manager at The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and was the "Scouting for Food" Drive Coordinator from 2016-2018. Joseph Parlapiano is a detective at the New Providence Police Department and past chief of the New Providence Fire Department. Tara Smith is a licensed psychologist in Summit and is an active member of the New Providence Municipal Alliance, coordinating the Alliance's Every 15 Minutes program – a program designed to prevent teenage drunk driving. Donna Zane and Cecile Seth are the co-founders of STEMshoots.com, a website and resource used to strengthen the community's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) ecosystem.

New Providence is a part of the Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America which serves 16,000 youth in over 400 Scouting units in communities throughout Morris, Middlesex, Somerset, Sussex, and Union Counties.

For more information on Scouting, attending the event, and sponsoring the program journal, contact Jennifer Volz, Sr. Development Director, at 973-765-9322 ext. 249 and/or [jennifer.volz@scouting.org](mailto:jennifer.volz@scouting.org). Information also available at [ppcbbsa.org/special-events](http://ppcbbsa.org/special-events).



(above) Nadine Geoffroy



(above) Hilary McCarron



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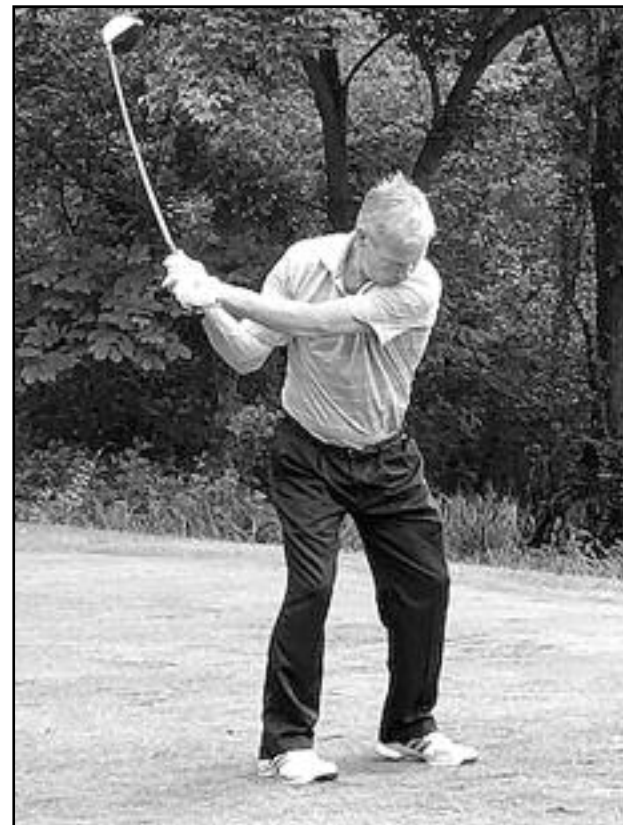
The 23rd Annual Frank A. Pizzi, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Monday, June 1, 2020 at Fox Hollow Golf Club in Branchburg, NJ with an 8:30 a.m. tee off.

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For additional information email us at [golfouting@nplions.org](mailto:golfouting@nplions.org).

The New Providence Lions Club is a 501(c)3 organization, giving back to the community 100% of the funds raised. Organizations that benefit from our annual support include NP Recreation Dept., Fire Dept., Community Service Assoc., EMS Rescue Squad, Senior Citizens Center, PBA, NPHS Scholarships, NP Historical Society, Health Fair, NP Public Library, Drive for Autism, Soup Kitchen 411, Bonds of Courage and many more!

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## TRICENTENNIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

*Submitted by Linda Kale*

The Tricentennial Planning Committee has been busy planning events in celebration of the New Providence Tricentennial. All of these events and more will be aimed at giving thanks for "300 Years of Pioneers". The following are the planned events.

### Kickoff Open House Get-together:

**February 22, 2020, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

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Meet and greet folks involved and/or interested in finding out more about some of the events planned for the celebration of the New Providence Tricentennial. Share light refreshments donated by some of New Providence's best shops and restaurants. Learn how NP grew and evolved into the great town it is today. Talk with the Mayor, Council Members and others dedicated to helping New Providence grow and prosper.

Anyone interested in volunteering for any of these activities please email us at [Tricentennial@newprov.org](mailto:Tricentennial@newprov.org)

## DRIVE FOR AUTISM FOUNDATION DISTRIBUTES GRANTS TOTALING \$37,500

*Submitted by Thomas Trezza*

The Drive for Autism Foundation is pleased to announce the distribution \$37,500 in the form of eight grants to school-based programs providing education and training to individuals with autism spectrum disorders. Each program received funds based on a "wish list."

The Drive for Autism foundation holds an annual golf outing each September, as well as several other smaller fund-raising events throughout the year. The Drive for Autism Golf Outing, which has been held since 2002, has raised and distributed over \$750,000 to local school programs. This year's grants were awarded to: Morris Union Jointure Commission (New Providence, NJ), Salt Brook School (New Providence, NJ), AW Roberts School (New Providence), Union County Educational Services

Foundation/Crossroads School (Westfield, NJ), Educational Partnership for Instructing Children, (Paramus, NJ), Eden II/Genesis Programs (Staten Island, NY), Spectrum360 formerly The Children's Institute (Verona, NJ) and Seton Foundation for Learning (Staten Island, N.Y.).

Grant recipients use the money to fund health and fitness programs, social skills programs, assessment tools, educational curriculum and teacher training, a van for community trips and transportation to job training centers, laptop computers, computer touch screens, SMART boards, iPads, video projectors and educational toys and games.

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## INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE OF NEW PROVIDENCE, BERKELEY HEIGHTS

The thirteenth annual New Providence-Berkeley Heights Interfaith Thanksgiving Service occurred on Monday evening, November 25, 2019, at Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence.

The participating worship communities were Berkeley Heights churches Little Flower Roman Catholic Church, Union Village United Methodist Church, and Westminster Presbyterian Church; New Providence churches Faith Lutheran Church, Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church; Congregation Ohr Shalom/Summit Jewish Community Center – Summit; and the Islamic Society of Basking Ridge - Basking Ridge.

The service began with a welcome by Rev. Jane McCready of Faith Lutheran, which was followed by greetings from Mayor Al Morgan of New Providence, who emphasized the importance of this traditional service to the community.

The Thanksgiving homily was offered by Dr. M. Ali Chaudry of the Islamic Society of Basking Ridge. He focused on the two parts of the word, Thanksgiving; saying that thanks for blessings should be expressed by giving to persons in need.

The liturgy of the service consisted of prayers,

readings and hymns. The music featured a large interfaith choir, which was led by Liz Mancinelli, Music Director of Little Flower. The organist was George Moser of Faith Lutheran.

The offering was given to Community Hope for Veterans, a program that provides services to veterans at Lyons Hospital. Community Hope is supported by the Islamic Society of Basking Ridge.

An open letter from the New Providence – Berkeley Heights Interfaith Clergy to the Community was included in the program of the service that was given to all congregants. Some of the words in the letter follow:

“Let There Be More Love, Deeper Understanding and Greater Gratitude for the Blessing of Diversity in Our Community.

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After the service, visiting and refreshments occurred in the educational hall of Faith.

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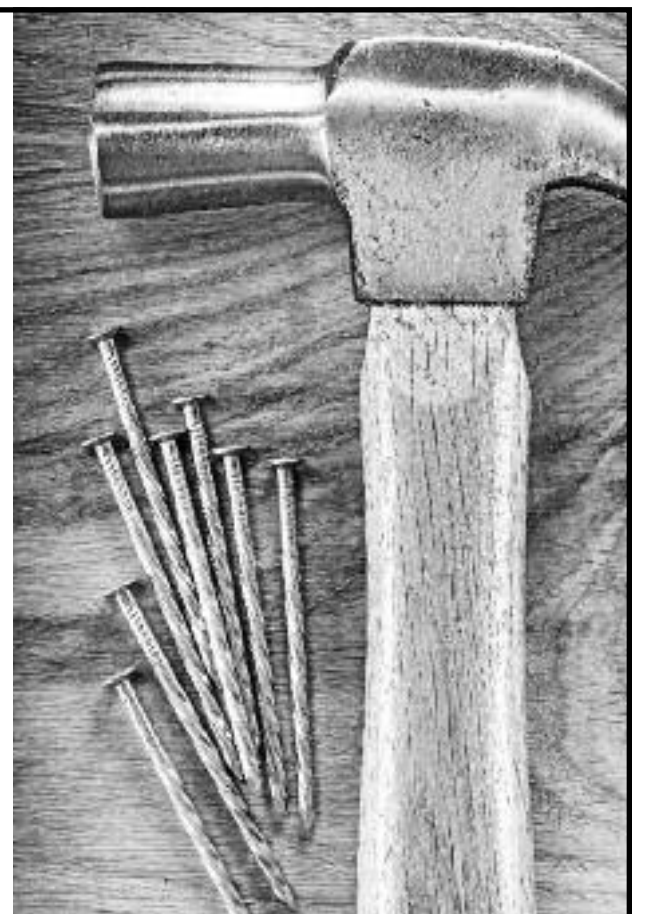
*(above, l-r) Participating in the service were Mayor Al Morgan of New Providence, Dr. M. Ali Chaudry of Islamic Society of Basking Ridge, Alina Murad of Islamic Society of Basking Ridge, Rev. Matthew Dooley of Little Flower Roman Catholic Church, Maham Sharif of Islamic Society of Basking Ridge, Rev. William Mahon of Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church, Rev. George Betz of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. Daniel Gunn of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Rabbi Avi Friedman of Congregation Ohr Shalom/Summit Jewish Community Center, Rev. Andrew Prachar of Little Flower Roman Catholic Church, Rev. Jane McCready of Faith Lutheran Church, and Rev. Rachael Phelps of Union Village United Methodist Church.*



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### Musicals for Lovers (Adults)

February 2, 3:00 p.m.

The presentation, which includes film clips and a discussion, is by Sam and Candy Caponegro.

### Blood Drive (Adults)

February 3, 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Remember to eat, drink, and bring your ID.

### Wii Gaming (Teens)

February 3, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Your choice of Super Smash Bros, Wii Sports, or other games. No registration required.

### Knitting & Crocheting (Adults)

February 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Drop by the Coddington room with a knitting, crocheting or other fiber art project to work on.

### Read to a Dog (Kids)

February 4, 7:00 p.m.

Children in grades K-5 can practice reading aloud to Seeing Eye dogs in-training.

### Study Space (Teens)

February 5, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Meet with study groups or to work alone.

### Reducing Stress Through Meditation (Adults & Teens)

February 6, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Free, everyone is welcome. email [npmrlref@yahoo.com](mailto:npmrlref@yahoo.com) if you are to attend.

### Book Group (Adults)

February 6, 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Come join the book group's discussion of "Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah.

### Period Productions presents PIRATES!! (All Ages)

February 8, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Period Productions will perform an entertaining, hilarious, and educational show on the history of Pirates and Privateering.

### "Together: a Journey for Survival"

February 9, 3:00 p.m.

Author Ann Arnold and her father, Holocaust survivor Mark Schonwetter.

### Pirate Bingo! (Kids)

February 10, 3:30 p.m.

Play pirate Bingo for the chance to win a prize.

Ages 3-6. Registration is required.

### Baseball Discussion Group (All Ages)

February 10, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Anyone with an interest in baseball is welcome.

### Snap Circuits Jr. Club (Kids)

February 11, 3:30 p.m.

Calling all budding scientists and engineers!

### Study Space (Teens)

February 11, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Meet with study groups or to work alone.

### Pirate Movie for All Ages "The Princess Bride"

February 14, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Come watch a fun throwback pirate movie.

### Book Group (Adults)

February 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

"Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee.

### Captain Hook LIVE! (Kids)

February 18, 1:30 p.m.

Come meet Captain Hook in the library!

### Chocolate Olympics (Teens)

February 19, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Chocolate Olympics to get us through the winter doldrums. Students in 6th -12th grades

### Gallery Talk with Photographer Phil Cantor

February 20, 7:00 p.m.

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### Kids Movie: The Pirates! Band of Misfits (Kids)

February 24, 3:30 p.m.

Children 10 and under accompanied by adult.

### LEGO Club (Kids)

February 25, 3:30 p.m.

Come build with us!

### Teen Volunteer Training (Teens)

Tuesday, February 25, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 27, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

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### Pirate Movie for All Ages "Hook"

February 27, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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Scouts can use Patriots' Path Council Munsee District Double Knot link to register on-line at [ppbsa.doubleknot.com/event/2583007](http://ppbsa.doubleknot.com/event/2583007)

Scouts can email Will Adams at [Will.adams@scouting.org](mailto:Will.adams@scouting.org) for more info.

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Lunch will be provided for all players.

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## THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF MENORAH LIGHTING AT FAITH LUTHERAN

On the evening of Sunday, December 22, 2019, the first of the eight days of Hanukkah, Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence and the three synagogues of Summit, Temple Sinai, Congregation Ohr Shalom-Summit Jewish Community Center and Congregation Beth Hatikvah, lit the first candle of the Menorah on the lawn of Faith Lutheran. This was the thirteenth consecutive year that Faith and the synagogues have partnered in the lighting of the Hanukkah Menorah at Faith.

In view of the recent horrific anti-Semitic actions in the United States and throughout the world, the evening was especially meaningful to the persons attending from the four houses of worship.

The evening began with an address by Rabbi Dennis Ross of Temple Sinai. He expressed the gratitude of the members of the three synagogues to Rev. Jane McCready, pastor of Faith, for the long-term partnership that the synagogues have had with Faith. Rabbi Ross' words were followed by prayers and songs of Hanukkah, the latter being led by Cantor Janet Ilene Roth of Congregation Ohr Shalom.

Cantor Roth also spoke of the great respect and love that the Jewish community has for the memory of Rev. Dr. Murdoch MacPherson, who was pastor of Faith for thirty-five years and passed away in August 2017. In response to an

anti-Semitic incident in the community in 2007, Pastor MacPherson initiated discussions with Rabbi William Horn, now Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Ohr Shalom and Rabbi Stuart Gershon, now Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Sinai. The result was the first lighting of the Menorah at Faith during Hanukkah later that year. Accompanying the Menorah was a sign saying, "In Celebration with our Jewish Brothers and Sisters." The sign has continued at each subsequent Hanukkah.

Also, on Faith's lawn during the Christmas season was a manger, lying on straw within a small, open wooden stable. On early Christmas morning, a wrapped gift was placed within the manger. This represented the birth of Jesus, a gift from God to all people. Christianity was born from the Jewish tradition.

Subsequent to the lighting ceremony, everyone went to the sanctuary of Faith where all sang fun Hanukkah songs. Leading the singing were Cantor Roth and Steve Wetter, volunteer cantor at Beth Hatikvah. At the conclusion of the songs, Cantor Roth described the kosher refreshments of fruits, cheeses, breads, nuts, cookies and jelly donuts, which are traditionally served at Hanukkah celebrations, that were waiting for all on a buffet table in Faith's Educational Hall. The congregants responded to the singing and the food with a round of applause.



(above) Volunteer Cantor, Steve Wetter of Congregation Beth Hatikvah, Rabbi Dennis Ross of Temple Sinai, Cantor Janet Ilene Roth of Congregation Ohr Shalom-Summit Jewish Community Center, and Rev. Jane McCready, pastor of Faith Lutheran, conduct the lighting of the Menorah ceremony.

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If you are a retired male and have an interest in living an interesting life with like-minded men... new members are always welcomed. Put on your business casual attire or jacket & tie (or something more casual from May to September) and attend a meeting.

Meetings are held each Tuesday in the council meeting room of the New Providence NJ Municipal Center at 360 Elkwood Ave, New Providence NJ, starting at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and conversation, followed by programs consisting of stimulating talks by people such as past governors, mayors, politicians, Nobel Prize winners, physicians, judges, professors, scientists, economists, authors, journalists, etc.

After the meetings, many members join together to have lunch at various local restaurants.

In addition to the weekly meetings, there are activity groups for golf, bridge, hiking, trips, computer help, tennis and more.

For more information, contact James Hewitt, Chairman, Membership Committee, (908) 233-5507, info@SummitOldGuard.org. You can also visit summitoldguard.org.

### FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

February 4th - Kevin Dillon, certified financial planner, with Mercer Advisors, will define the use of factors which comprise a set of investment characteristics. Kevin will define and explain the notion of factors and show how they can help the average investor outperform the market.

February 11 - Sri Srikantan, a consultant in information technology and an Old Guard member, will discuss the history, geography, culture, economics and religion of India.

February 18 - Vincent Macri, a certified elder

law attorney, will speak about elder law and the need for seniors to coordinate all aspects of retirement tax exposure, and long-term care and disability issues.

February 25 - There will be a discussion on the popular interest in political paranoia, an impulse gripping political leaders and public alike. Bruce Peabody, professor of political science at Fairleigh Dickinson, will review how conspiratorial anxiety has moved to the center of public affairs and the electoral process.

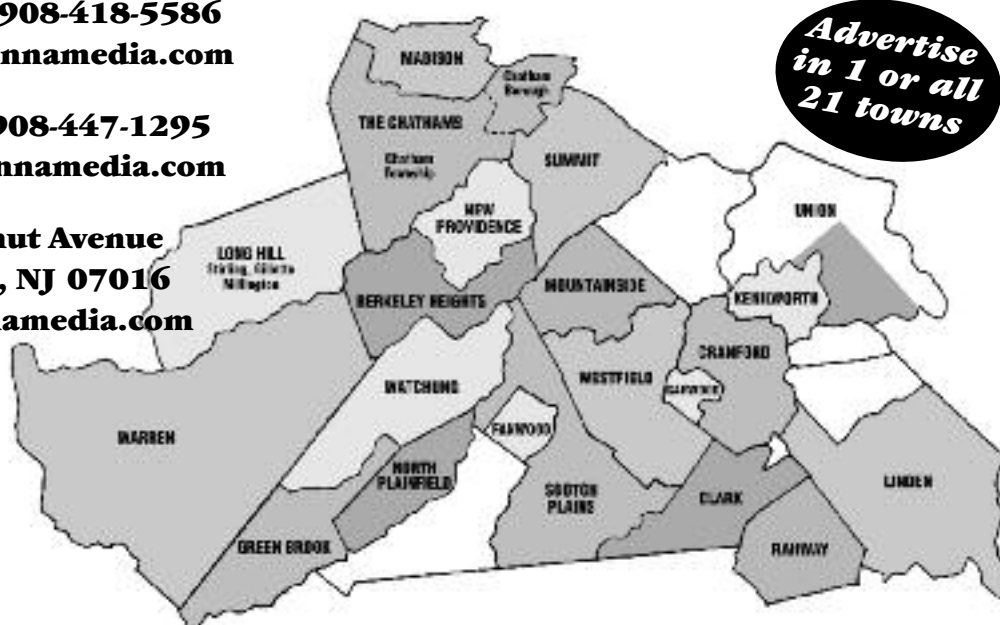
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### "Armchair Art Tour" on French Impressionism Monday, February 10, 10:30 a.m.

Free Program about French Impressionist painters, with a talk accompanied by a slide presentation of Impressionist art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Princeton University Art Museum and the Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers. Sponsored by Spring Grove Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center.

### Painting Class

#### Tuesday, February 11, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Free painting class with a professional painter. No experience is necessary! A light lunch will be provided. Sponsored by Sunrise Senior Living of Summit-Please sign up by February 6.

### AARP Smart Driver Course

#### Monday, February 24, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Refresh your driving skills, review the rules of the road, and learn research-based driving strategies. Participants may receive a car insurance discount. Cost \$15.00 for AARP members, \$20.00 for non-members. Register in advance by calling the Center at 908-665-0046.

### Tax Return Assistance

#### Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

#### Mondays, 12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

New Providence and other area residents can obtain free AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program assistance in preparing and filing their 2019 tax returns. AARP Foundation tax aide counselors will be available on beginning

Saturday, February 8, 2019 through Monday, April 13, 2020. To schedule an appointment, taxpayers may call the DeCorso Center at 908-665-0046 between 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, or they may sign up at the Center.

### Upcoming Senior Citizen Club Meetings and programs:

#### Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m.

With speakers on a variety of topics, musical performances, or "Club Days" to celebrate Club members' birthdays and socialize. Highlights of upcoming meeting programs include:

### New Providence High School Vocal Soloists

#### February 5

Enjoy the wonderful talent of our local high school students

### "Hootenanny"

#### February 12

Come join the fun and learn about musicians who wrote and sang folk tunes. Dress up like the 60s, and get ready to sing and sway. We will also celebrate February birthdays

### Surprise Program

#### February 19

### Sunrise Senior Living in Summit

#### February 26

Come learn about the new community being built in Summit and the programs being offered to our seniors in New Providence

## AMERICAN LEGION ANNUAL SWEETHEART MEATLOAF DINNER FUNDRAISER

The New Providence American Legion invites you to our Annual Sweetheart Meatloaf Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, February 14th, 2020 from 5 – 8 p.m.

The Post will be serving up a variety of meatloaves (Brown Gravy, Italian, Mexican, Mushroom and Salmon), Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Succotash, Cornbread, Salad, Italian bread, Soft Drinks, Coffee, Tea, Desserts, BYOB.

Suggested donations are: \$20 for adults, \$10 under 17 years, children under 10 free.

Please RSVP. Call/Leave message 908-464-9010 or email [alpost433@live.com](mailto:alpost433@live.com) by February 12th.

The revenue raised from the Sweetheart Dinner will go to various Veteran's Programs and their families.

"The American Legion's presence began in New Providence in 1946 with its' founding by returning World War II veterans. Since then, Post 433 has taken an active role in the community through sponsorship of community activities, interaction with the Lyons VA Hospital, support of the American Legion's National Emergency Fund, and assistance to veterans in need. We also provide opportunities for community service by both youth and adults, whether they are veteran-related or not.

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(above) New Providence seniors show off their beautiful artwork after a special painting class sponsored by Sunrise Senior Living in Summit. Please join us for the next class on Tuesday, February 11 - no experience is necessary! Please call the DeCorso Center at 908-665-0046 to register by February 6.



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