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FANWOOD CELEBRATES ELEANOR MCGOVERN

Retiring Fanwood Borough Clerk and Administrator, Eleanor McGovern was celebrated on December 18, 2019, at a dinner at the Shackamaxon Country Club with gifts, proclamations and about 100 guests who honored her 35 years of service.

Mrs. McGovern, who began working as Clerk/Administrator in 1984, saw five mayors and many more council members come and go during her tenure, which came to an end on December 31, 2019. She announced her retirement in the fall.

Mayor Colleen Mahr was the keynote speaker, and was joined by Public Works Director Clint Dicksen and Police Chief Richard Trigo who praised her service and their ability to work seamlessly with her to perform the important functions of the Borough. Fanwood Tax Collector and Registrar Colleen Huehn spoke fondly of her as a friend and coworker for the last 34 years and presented her with a gift card from coworkers and friends. Council President Tom Kranz read portions of proclamations in Mrs. McGovern's honor from Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman, the New Jersey Assembly and the Union County Freeholders. Mayor Mahr and members of the Council presented her with a pen crafted from the Fanwood Oak, the iconic tree that once stood on Martine Avenue but had to be cut down for safety reasons. She also received a plaque made from the tree.

Many members of Mrs. McGovern's family were in attendance, including her son Bill who flew in from Denver, sons Mike and Jerry and two grandsons. Two of her sisters also attended.

A virtual who's who of Fanwood and regional officials, former officials and volunteers were among the approximately 100 people in attendance, including County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, Garwood Mayor Sara Todisco, former Scotch Plains Town Manager Tom Atkins, municipal clerks from across the region, Fire Chief John Piccola, Rescue Squad president Ed Winsor, Library Director Dan Weiss, Shade Tree Commission Chairman Steve Falco, Borough Engineer Antonios Panagopolous, Zoning Official Ray Sullivan, Tax Assessor Mike Ross, Borough CFO Fred Tomkins, Redevelopment Director Liz Jeffrey, Fanwood poet laureate Adele Kenny, all of Mrs. McGovern's coworkers at Borough Hall, and all members of the Borough Council.

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SALES AWARD



(above) Mrs. McGovern with Mayor Mahr and Council members Jeff Banks, Erin McElroy Barker, Trisha Walsh, Kathy Mitchell and Tom Kranz



(above) Mrs. McGovern surrounded by her family



(above, left) Mayor Mahr presenting gifts. (above, right) Council President Kranz reads various proclamations.

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Community service organizations, schools and sports teams are encouraged to submit news of upcoming events or highlights and photos from recent events.

Organizations who are interested in submitting content, please email editor@rennamedia.com

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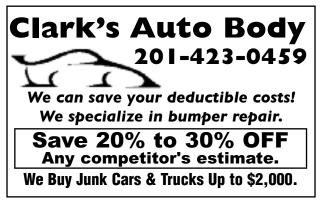
At the January 5 Reorganization Meeting, the residents to reach out with any questions or 2020 Fanwood Borough Council officially began concerns the year.

For a directory of contact information, please The Mayor and Council encourages all visit: fanwoodnj.org/government/mayor-council/



(above) Mayor Colleen Mahr, Council President Erin McElroy Barker, Council-members Katherine Mitchell, Anthony Carter, Jeffrey Banks, Patricia Walsh, and Francine Glaser

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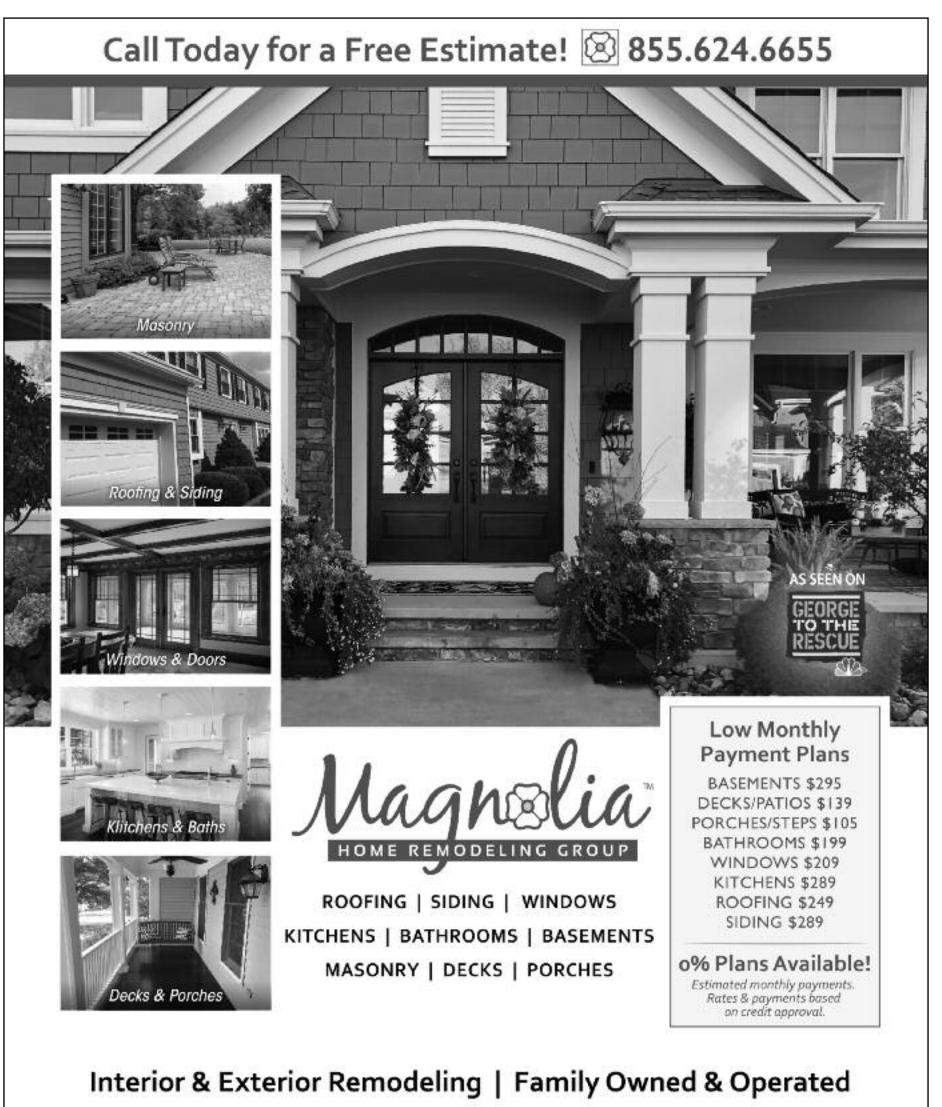
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TEACHERS NAMED 2019 NEW JERSEY EXEMPLARY EDUCATORS

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District is pleased to announce that Sharon Atta, 8th grade Social Studies Teacher at Terrill Middle School; Ronald Litz, 7th grade Social Studies Teacher at Park Middle School and Daniel Valentine, 11th grade Social Studies Teacher at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, have been selected as 2019 New Jersey Exemplary Educators.

On Monday, November 11, Dr. Joan Mast, Superintendent of Schools, along with building Principals, Noel Baxter, Supervisor of Social Studies and Candice Testa, President of SPFEA, honored Sharon, Ronald and Daniel in their classrooms presenting them with their certificates of recognition.

The goal of the program is to identify educators who are valued by their school and community and have exhibited strong knowledge and skills, have an inspiring presence and a clear vision for quality teaching and learning.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District is fortunate to have Sharon, Ronald and Daniel who provide a positive impact on our students, colleagues and the school community.



(above, l-r) Candice Testa, President of SPFEA; Dr. Joan Mast, Superintendent of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools; Daniel Valentine, 11th Grade Social Studies Teacher at SPFHS; Noel Baxter, Supervisor of Social Studies and Dr. David Heisey, Principal of SPFHS.

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(above, l-r) Kevin Holloway, Principal of Terrill Middle School; Candice Testa, President of SPFEA; Sharon Atta, 8th grade Social Studies Teacher; Noel Baxter Supervisor of Social Studies and Joan Mast, Superintendent of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools.



(above, l-r) Kristina Morano, Assistant Principal of Park Middle School, Candice Testa, President of SPFEA; Noel Baxter, Supervisor of Social Studies; Ronald Litz, 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher at Park Middle School; Jocelyn Dumaresq, Principal of Park Middle School and Dr. Joan Mast, Superintendent of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools.

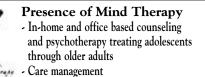


COLLEGE CLUB OF F-SP IS HOSTING THE FLORIAN SCHANTZ JAZZ COMBO ON FEBRUARY 24

Come celebrate the roaring 20's with the its heyday. The program is suitable for all ages. Florian Schantz Jazz Combo on February 24, 2020, 7 p.m., at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, 74 Martine Avenue, Fanwood (around the back at the McDermott Street entrance). The program is sponsored by the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains. This lively and entertaining program is free and open to the public. The Florian Schantz Jazz Combo who specializes in thematic historical musical programs with informational narrative will be featuring the music that put the "roar" in the roaring 20's. Come witness the revival of the one true American art form in its purest form during

The band has performed over 65 library programs across the tri-state area as well as numerous historical societies and hundreds of other venues. The combo is led by a 17 year old professional trumpet player, Florian Schantz, who started the band at age 9 and has performed over 470 engagements across NJ, NY, CT, PA and Germany. Also appearing in the band are Rup Chattopadhyay on trombone, Margaret Schantz on Flugelhorn and Lowell Schantz on guitar.

Additional information about the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains can be found on the club's website at fspcollegeclub.org.



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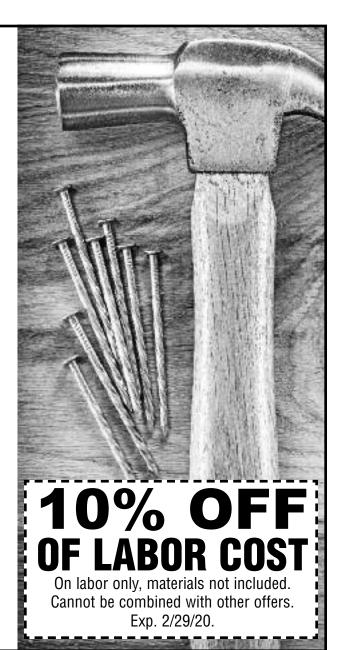
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(above) The Florian Jazz Combo will be hosted by the College Club of F-SP on February 24, 7 p.m.



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WORLD LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETIES **INDUCTION CEREMONY**

Submitted by Patrice Barth

32 students were inducted into their respective world language honor societies during a ceremony replete with pomp and circumstance. Flag-bearing officers led their inductees into the auditorium as cultural music played.

Senior Derick Vega, who served as Master of Ceremonies, began the night by sharing his own experiences of being raised bilingual at home and then choosing to study a third language, Italian, in middle and high school. He then introduced various guest speakers of the evening. Junior, Matthew London, spoke from the heart about his positive experiences in his Chinese classes over the years and gave specific thanks to his teacher, Mrs. Li Salewski. Senior, Michaela Genty amused the audience with her humorous tales of traveling to France and speaking with the locals. She also credited her family's French-Creole heritage as her inspiration for studying French. Senior, Kyle

On Wednesday, November 13, 2019, a total of Isolda shared his reasons for studying Italian in middle and high school and spoke with delight over the exchanges he was able to have with his host family while participating in the district's Italian exchange program. Finally, Senior, Aleezah Madraswalla, spoke with joy as she shared her earliest memories of learning Spanish in second grade and traveling to Mexico with her family. She attributed the world language curriculum for not just teaching her the Spanish language but for giving her the opportunity to explore and to appreciate the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world.

> The World Language Honor Society officers conducted the induction ceremonies for each language entirely in the target language. The officers included: Catherine Buren and William Robertson (Chinese), Carina Delcore and Michaela Genty (French), Antoinette Chango and Christina Gubernat (Italian), and Sarai Romero and Tara Wolman (Spanish).

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WORLD LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETIES PHOTOS

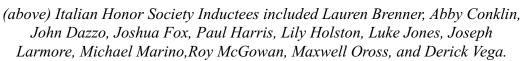




(above) Inducted into the French Honor Society were Chloe Alce, Jessica Jimenez, Shruti Khandelwal, Chloe Rousseau, and Jamie Wirth.



(above) Inducted into the Spanish Honor Society were Kayla Avila, Conor Feeney, Ava Gelling, Patrick Howard, Daniel Sicinski, and Zoe Wernsing. Photos by SFPS Public Schools





(above) This year's Chinese Honor Society Inductees were Justin Chan, Kaelie Chung, Juan Rojas, Ryan Eng, Margaret Lapolla, Evelyn Liang, Matthew London, Thomas Peeney and Myles Talmadge.



SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM

The 2019-2020 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Varsity Girls' Soccer Team concluded their school history making season ranked third in the final NJ.com Poll and 38th in the National Polls, finishing with a record of 18-3-2, with impressive wins over state ranked opponents throughout the season. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education recognized the team during their December 19, 2019 board meeting.

The SPFHS Varsity Girls' Soccer Team, seeded second in North II Group IV, defeated Perth Amboy 9-0, Watchung Hills Regional 1-0, and in the Sectional Final a 2-0 win over perennial Sectional Finalist Bridgewater-Raritan. The most dramatic game of the Sectional Tournament was the 4-0 redemption victory in the Semi-Final against Westfield. The Raiders Girls' Soccer team fought off a talented Montclair team 2-1. The season concluded at Kean University in the Group Final against Hunterdon Central.

The 2019-2020 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Varsity Girls' Soccer Team consisted of the following members: Gabrielle Aloe, Micky Genty, Sophia Lama, Rachel Schoss, Elizabeth Bedatsky, Abby Hanvey, Elizabeth Ley, Maya Sutterlin, Lily Camacho, Ava Hausle, Corinne Lyght, Giorgiana Vacca, Devon Danielovich, Maya Kessler, Giulianna Milano, Jamie Valian, Ashley DeFrancesco, Rebecca Kessler, Holly Nelson, Kaylah Webb, Sarah Dill, Leah Klurman, Grace Ponterio, Katarina Zikas, Alexa Fazio, Brooke Klurman, and Julianna Scarcella.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Varsity Girls' Soccer Team was led by Head Coach Kevin Ewing, and Assistant Coaches Matthew Tiedemann, Lauren Mains and Joseph Higgins.



Valentine's Day is Friday, February 14. The Fanwood - Scotch Plains Thrift Shop, 1741 East 2nd Street, Scotch Plains, has that special gift for that special someone.

Look for green dot pieces in the Collector's Corner or jewelry collection. Many pieces have been researched and found on Amazon. Thrift Shop prices are below internet prices. As with all items in the shop, these pieces are new or gently used. Be sure to shop all sections of the Fanwood - Scotch Plains Service League not for profit Thrift Shop. All purchases fund scholarships, and community organizations.

Thrift Shop hours are Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For information regarding the Fanwood -Scotch Plains Service League and the Thrift Shop, call 908-322-5420 during business hours and speak with a shop volunteer.



(above) The 2019-2020 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Varsity Girls' Soccer Team were celebrated for their excellent season. Photo by SFPS Public Schools

SPFHS GIRLS VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY TEAM CELEBRATED AT BOARD MEETING

The 2019-2020 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Girls Varsity Field Hockey Team completed the 2019 Season with a record of 13-7, representing the best record since the program was brought back to the high school in 2015. The SFFHS Girls Varsity Field Hockey Team had a seven-game winning streak and advanced to the quarter-finals of both the Union County and North II Group IV State Sectional Tournaments. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education honored the team's accomplishments during their December 19, 2019 board meeting.

The SPFHS Girls Varsity Field Hockey Team, led by Head Coach Alexandra Neidig, and Assistant Coaches Virginia Weber and Sarah Weber, was honored to have two players named to Second Team All-Union County, five players named to First Team All Division, three named to Second Team All Division, and one All Division Honorable Mention.

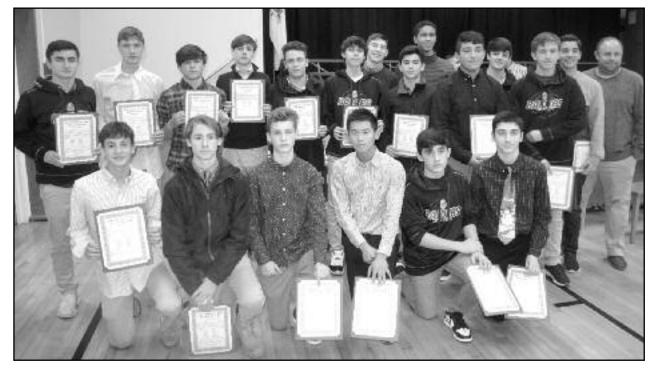
The 2019-2020 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Girls Varsity Field Hockey consisted of the following members: Meagan Bourke, Alicia Murphy, Liv Calcaterra, Cassidy Novello, Haley Cino, Sophia Novello, Abby Conklin, Emilia Saccento, Brenna DeProspero, Erica Schug, Bridget Ennis, Allie Serio, Jamie Frank, Olivia Stahley, Cecelia Kelly, Maya Viscardi-Carelse, Erin Lay, Julia Zambrio, and Jenna Lee.

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(above) The 2019-2020 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Girls Varsity Field Hockey Team, who achieved the record of 13-7.

SPFHS BOYS JV SOCCER TEAM RECOGNIZED BY SPF BOARD OF EDUCATION



(above) SPFHS JV Boys' Soccer Team, who became Co-County Champions this past season.



The 2019-2020 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School JV Boys' Soccer Team, led by Coach Matthew Giannacio, completed the 2019 Season with a record of 11-6-4 earning the first seed in the Union County Interscholastic Athletics Conference Tournament. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education honored the team's accomplishments during their December 19, 2019 board meeting.

In a dramatic contest, the SPFHS JV Boys' Soccer Team tied the championship game 1-1 with seconds remaining following a penalty and after two golden goal ten-minute overtime periods, the contest ended as a 1-1 draw earning the SPFHS JV Boys' Soccer Team a Co-County Championship.

The 2019-2020 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School JV Boys' Soccer Team consisted of the following members: Kieren Adams, Luke Jones, Chase Robert Alber, Sean Kennedy, Gabe Bachman, Jordan Lopac, James Barth, Rory Moser, TJ Baylock, Calum Murray, Ryan Chaillet Grande, Roman Perrelli, Matt Cieslinski, Noah Sadler, Benjamin Cohen, Rohan Shah, Dylan Fei, Benedetto Skirde, Liam Ferguson, Christian Tardi, Joey Gale, Isaac Tu, Michael Hayeck, and Luka Culjak, Team Manager.

Photo by SFPS Public Schools

4TH ANNUAL TEEN PHOTO CONTEST

The Fanwood Memorial Library has announced its 4th Annual Teen Photography Contest. This year's theme is "Young and Old and In-between" and the contest is open to students in grades 6-12. Submissions are already underway and the deadline is February 15. Photo submissions be emailed can to Nkipping@fanwoodlibrary.org along with the photographer's name, grade, school, phone number, and title of the image. The submission musts be original and the contest is limited to one entry per person. One high school student and one middle school student will each receive \$50. For more information

visit fanwoodlibrary.org/teens.



LOCAL AUTHOR WILL APPEAR AT FANWOOD LIBRARY ON FEBRUARY 13

Local author Mia Marko has written a unique five-volume novel about love, meditation, swashbuckling adventure, and the big questions of life. She will be speaking about her book at the Fanwood Library at 7 p.m. on Valentine's Eve, Thursday, February 13.

A love story can touch your heart. Can it also touch your soul? The Delicate, Passionate World of Gregory Morgan and Vivien Prevette is the world's first self-help novel, and it traces the supernatural relationship between two people from meeting to declaration to bliss to loss to mature courtship and the Great Love.

The result is a philosophical love story for thoughtful adults, a kind of loose retelling of the story of Eros and Psyche which the Ancient Greeks had about a godlike if troubled god/man and his mortal beloved. Can God and mortal love

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each other, and can they ultimately be together? This can be a much higher order philosophical question that goes well beyond just the original adventure-story myth.

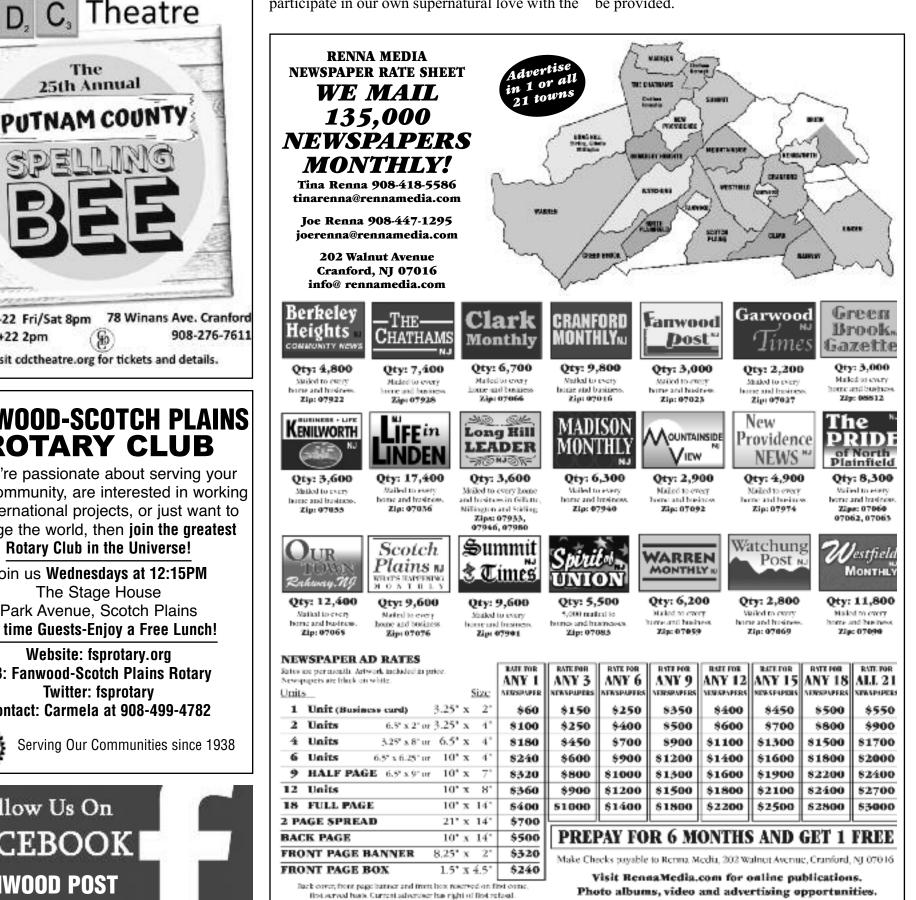
The narrative alternates both of their voices, giving even-numbered chapters to the gentleman Gregory and giving odd-numbered chapters to his mortal beloved Vivien. Telling one story from two intertwined points of view certainly is contributed to the overall length of the book, but it makes the story more complete for the reader. The Delicate, Passionate World is not a series. All five books were written, edited, and published together. The result is a single work which brings alive a luxurious world for readers to savor and to go and live in whenever they wish.

The elegant, adventurous, warm, and enjoyable story subtly creates opportunities for introspection and ultimately invites us all to participate in our own supernatural love with the

Divine. Book 1: The Accident takes place in New Orleans in the first part of the 20th Century. A free copy can be picked up at the Fanwood Library event or by reaching out to Mia at mia@peppertonpress.com.

Available in hardcopy, as e-book where ebooks are sold, and audio for free on YouTube under Pepperton Press Delicate, Passionate World Audio Experience.

A long-time volunteer with the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield since 2001 and Past President of that organization, Mia Marko began working on her unique five-volume novel in 2013. Learn more about her literary project at delicatepassionateworld.com. Upcoming book reading event and reception with free books coming up on Thursday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fanwood Public Library. The event is open to the public. Free books and refreshments will be provided.





PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 3

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public School District will begin accepting preschool applications for the 2020-2021 school year on February 3, 2020. The Preschool Program uses the Creative Curriculum, which fosters children's learning through exploration and discovery. Preschool classes are comprised of general education students and students with special needs, as determined by a district evaluation.

Applicants must be residents of Scotch Plains or Fanwood. Proof of residency status and an original birth certificate will be required for new students enrolling in the program. The child's age as of October 1, 2020 will determine placement in a 3-year-old or 4-year-old class. Typically, 3year-olds attend the morning session from 8:35-11:20 a.m. and 4-year-olds attend the afternoon session from 12:20-3:10 p.m. All classes meet five days per week.

Tuition for the half-day program will be \$340 per month. A 10% sibling discount is available. In addition, free or reduced tuition may be available for families who qualify per federal guidelines or a district review.

Applications will be available at all district elementary schools and on the program website (spfk12.org/preschool) beginning February 3, 2020.

Please mail all completed applications to the Preschool Office located at 667 Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

For additional information, please contact the Preschool Office at 908-889-8600 x3302 or preschool@spfk12.org.



COLLEGE CLUB BLOOD DRIVE ON FEBRUARY 29

The College Club of Fanwood Scotch Plains is sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, February 29 at the New Jersey Blood Services, Scotch Plains Donor Center, 2279 South Avenue, Scotch Plains (adjacent to Tom the Green Grocer). The entrance to the building and the parking area are located in the back of the building. Donation hours are 8:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Age qualifications for donors: minimum age is 16; maximum age is up to and including 76th birthday. Donors past 76 must have approval from their physician.

All members of the community are encouraged to join College Club members and donate blood at a time that there is an urgent need for blood donations. According to a recent article in the Star Ledger, New Jersey is facing a critical blood shortage due to a higher than usual drop in donations during the holiday season.

College Club members participate in and support a Community Outreach activity during each month of the year. More information about the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains can be found on the club's website at fspcollegeclub.org.

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