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## EMERGENCY SQUAD INSTALLS ITS NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

*Peter Herslow Recognized for 36 Years of Service and Scholarship Award named in Honor of Christine Grobert*



(above, l-r) CES Officers, front row: Abigail Maddi (Secretary), Evan Skinner (President), Joanne Howden (Personnel VP), Cathy Warbrick (Finance VP); back row: Craig Alperowitz (Communications VP), Mike Lemons (Operations Lieutenant), Nicole DiMaggio (Training Lieutenant), Jim Martin (Equipment Lieutenant), Steve Davenport (Captain), and Jeff Stanton (Facilities VP)

*Submitted by Craig Alperowitz*

On Saturday, February 8, the slate of 2020 elected officers was presented by the Chatham Emergency Squad at its annual Officer Installation Dinner held at the Wyndham Hotel in Florham Park. Serving their second year in their positions are Steve Davenport (Captain), Joanne Howden (Personnel VP), Mike Lemons (Operations Lieutenant), Abigail Maddi (Secretary), Jim Martin (Equipment Lieutenant), Evan Skinner (President), Jeff Stanton (Facilities VP) and Cathy Warbrick (Finance VP). Newly elected officers this year include Craig Alperowitz (Communications VP) and Nicole DiMaggio (Training Lieutenant).

The Squad also recognized several members for their continuous years of service. Carol Grant, Tom Patterson,

Kumar Paul, Evan Skinner and Carole Wilmot were recognized for 5 years of service, and Steve Davenport was recognized for 15 years of service. In addition, 30 members of the Chatham Emergency Squad were recognized for earning 100 Length of Service Awards Points (LOSAP) which is a New Jersey State incentive program recognizing volunteers who actively serve their regular and weekend shifts, and positively contribute through additional volunteer hours.

The evening's tone of appreciation to its membership base for the past year of service was captured by President Evan Skinner's opening remarks. "There are a lot of Squads in New Jersey, but there aren't many like ours. There aren't many all-

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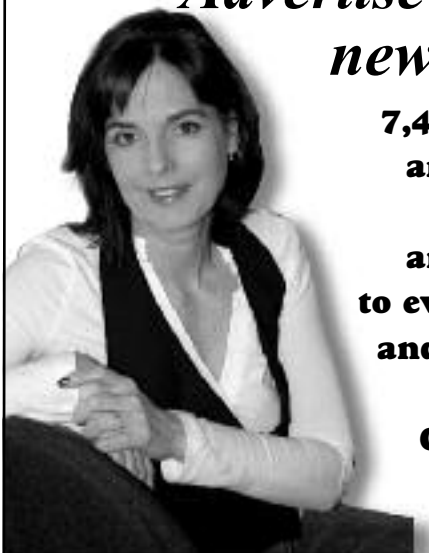
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volunteer squads that can cover 10 calls in a 12-hour Thursday day shift, including a mutual aid to another town. There aren't many all-volunteer squads who could cover 2 or 3 simultaneous calls 108 times in a year. And there aren't many all-volunteer Squads who can attract 9 new members in a single year. But we can - and we did."

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR PETER HERSLOW

The evening was also marked by standing ovations for Peter Herslow, who recently announced his retirement following 36 years of active service. In addition to serving as President (1999, 2000), Captain (1993, 1994) and many other roles throughout his tenure with the Squad, Herslow is perhaps best known for teaching thousands of Chatham residents, teachers, police, fire and Squad members how to perform CPR.

Past Chatham Emergency Squad officers Jerry Medina, Ricky D'Costa and Rich Crater along with fellow crew member Dave Elliot paid tribute to Peter's dedication to the Squad and the Chatham community recalling their time riding with and learning from Herslow.

"It's impossible to know how many lives have been saved thanks to Peter's devotion as an active Squad member and proponent of effective CPR instruction," said Jerry Medina, auxiliary member and former Captain of the Chatham Emergency Squad (2002, 2003). "Although he is retired from active service, Peter's work is not yet complete. Undoubtedly, he will continue to serve the residents of Chatham by training them in effective CPR, which in turn will continue to save countless lives."

### THE CHRISTINE K. GROBERT CHATHAM EMERGENCY SQUAD SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

During the ceremony, the evening was further marked by the formal renaming of the CHS Scholarship Award to henceforth be known as the "Christine K. Grobert Chatham Emergency Squad Scholarship Award."

Established in 2014 by Christine Grobert while serving as President of the Chatham Emergency Squad (2014, 2015), the annual award is presented to a Chatham High School student who has been committed to volunteerism in the Chatham Community and/or has displayed an interest in the field of medicine or science.

The renaming of the award honors Grobert, who retired from active service in December 2019 after 21 years of dedicated service. During her tenure, Grobert held many positions beyond that of President, including Vice President for Social & Communications, Secretary, Uniforms Manager, Archivist, Weekend Crew Chief and more. Grobert was also the recipient of the 2019 EMT Excellence Awards by Overlook Medical Center.

"Being a teacher in the Chatham School District, and as our former President, Christine had the foresight to help students reach their potential by formulating this scholarship 6 years ago," said Skinner. "She represents the best of the Chatham Emergency Squad for her years of service and countless positions held. It's only appropriate that we cement her legacy by naming this scholarship in her honor," she added.

Representatives from the Chatham Borough Council, Fire Department, and Police Department, Chatham Township Committee, Police Department, and Volunteer Fire Department, Green Village Volunteer Fire Department, Madison Volunteer Ambulance Corps, New Vernon First Aid Squad and Fire Department were all in attendance at the annual celebration. The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad responded to calls in Chatham overnight so that all Chatham Emergency Squad members could have the evening to celebrate.

The Chatham Emergency Squad is an all-volunteer organization funded nearly exclusively by donations. In 2019 the Chatham Emergency Squad responded to 1,246 emergency calls in Chatham Township and Chatham Borough and provided mutual aid to neighboring communities of New Vernon, Madison and Summit on occasion. Chatham Emergency Squad never charges for its services. The Squad provides stand-by support for community events, such as the Chatham Turkey Trot, Fishawack, and school athletic events. The Squad also provided free CPR training to more than 400 residents, teachers, coaches, school crossing guards and emergency personnel, including fire and police. To learn more, to donate or to volunteer, please visit [chathamemergencysquad.org](http://chathamemergencysquad.org).



(above) Christine Grobert receives a proclamation announcing that the annual scholarship she founded will be named the "Christine K. Grobert Chatham Emergency Squad Scholarship Award."



(above) Former Chatham Emergency Squad president Rich Crater presents a gift to Peter and Nina Herslow in recognition of Peter Herslow's retirement from active service following 36 years.

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As is CHS Theatre tradition, local senior citizens are invited to attend the final dress rehearsal on Wednesday, March 25 at 3:30 p.m. at the CHS Performing Arts Center immediately followed by a complimentary dinner hosted by the Chatham Education Association.

Seating for the dress rehearsal is unrestricted,

however, dinner reservations are limited to 80. To R.S.V.P. to the senior dinner, please call Debbie Haeringer at 973-701-8037 or email [debbie.haeringer@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.haeringer@gmail.com) by Friday, March 6. Diners will receive a confirmation call or email.

Tickets for performances are \$12.00 for students/senior citizens and \$15.00 for adults and

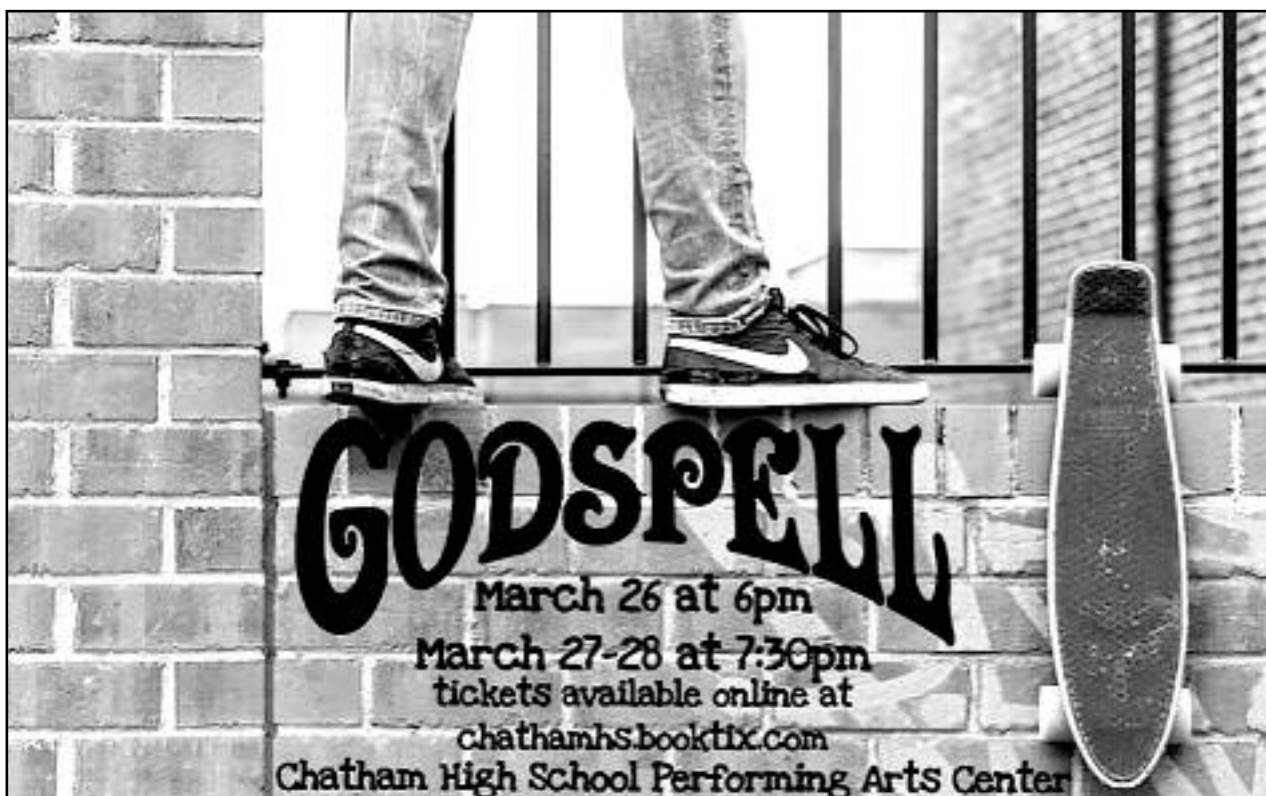
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Tickets will also be available for purchase online until 15 minutes before the performances start and will also be sold at the door one hour before each performance. For more ticket information please email Alexis Irene at [airene@chatham-nj.org](mailto:airene@chatham-nj.org).

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rectangle." Izzy received Honorable Mention in "Painting" for her piece titled "Buildingsroman."

CHS Art teacher Kiera Spadaro said, "The caliber of artwork that is considered for the Scholastic Art Awards is extremely high, as are the number of submissions. The judges making the selections are highly respected members of the art community. For our students to have received acknowledgement for their artwork is an honor and a testament to their talent and hard work. I am especially excited for Peyton to have her sculpture seen by a large audience at the Montclair Art Museum and to have it move on to the national level!"

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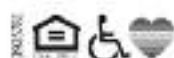
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# GIRL SCOUT CALLS ON COMMUNITY'S HELP TO MAP LOCATIONS OF AEDS



(above) Girl Scout Mikayla Meyler, a senior at Chatham High School and member of the Chatham Emergency Squad, is asking the community to help with her Gold Award project, "A Map to the Heart."

Mikayla Meyler, a senior at Chatham High School and member of the Chatham Emergency Squad, is currently working on her Girl Scout Gold Award Project to create a map promoting the locations of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) throughout the Chathams.

The project, called "A Map to the Heart," is created in cooperation with the Chatham Emergency Squad and the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation, seeking to raise awareness of the exact locations of the many AEDs in our community. But she needs your help - and is calling on the public's knowledge to assist her in populating the database, which will be made public on the Chatham Emergency Squad's website and will inform visitors of where AEDs can be found throughout Chatham Township and Chatham Borough.

"AEDs are a crucial life-saving tool in the event of a cardiac arrest," said Mikayla Meyler. "According to the National Safety Council, early access to defibrillation can increase chances of survival by 40% or more and knowing where they are located is step one in the process," she added.

The database will consist of all AEDs located in Chatham Borough and Chatham Township - the coverage area of the Chatham Emergency Squad - and it will be managed and maintained by the Squad. Anyone with responsibility for an AED is asked to share its location and some basic information by going to [chatham-emergencysquad.org/aed](http://chatham-emergencysquad.org/aed).

"You have already made a crucial contribution to community safety by installing the device," said Steve Davenport, Captain of the Chatham Emergency Squad. "Taking a moment to update the database will increase the likelihood that it is found and used in a time of emergency."

It is recommended that everyone gets trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an automatic external defibrillator. The Chatham Emergency Squad offers free classes to the public. This training might save a stranger, a friend, or even a family member. As great as the training is, AEDs can be used without any

training. Call 911 and turn the green power button on. AEDs have voice prompts that guide the user through their simple operation. The 911 dispatcher will provide further instructions until emergency responders arrive.

"No matter if you are trained or untrained in CPR or even if you're a professional responder, please have a look at the map. Find the places you work, shop, study, worship or play and be aware where the AEDs are in your life. Fast access could make all the difference," said Meyler.

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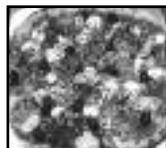
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## JUNIOR LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 2

*Submitted by Dana Felmet*

The Junior League of Summit (JLS) is pleased to continue its scholarship program in 2020. JLS will be awarding four \$3,000 Shirley Wight Keeney Voluntarism Scholarships to graduating seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to voluntarism in their community. The scholarship is open to graduating seniors who meet the following criteria: applicants must live or attend school in Berkeley Heights, Chatham, New Providence or Summit; must demonstrate academic excellence within their high school graduating class throughout his/her high school career; must be continuing their education at an accredited two-year or four-year college or business/vocational school; and must show significant volunteer work during their high school years that aligns with the Junior League of Summit's mission.

Shirley Wight Keeney was a beloved member and Past President of the Junior League of

Summit and was well loved and greatly admired by generations of Junior League women. She began her volunteer work early as a preschooler in the early 1920s and carried on her tradition of service throughout her life until her passing in 2010. We feel it is a privilege for the League to be able to offer scholarships to high school seniors in her name.

For the third year, the JLS will also be offering a \$3,000 Continuing Education Scholarship award given to a member of the community who has demonstrated a commitment to voluntarism in her community and is pursuing additional education or certification. The scholarship is open to students who meet the following criteria: Applicants must live or attend school in Berkeley Heights, Chatham, New Providence or Summit; must be pursuing additional education as adults; must be continuing their education at an accredited two- or four-year college or business/vocational school; and must show

significant volunteer work in the last three years that aligns with the Junior League of Summit's mission.

For more information, and to access the applications, please visit [jlsummit.org](http://jlsummit.org). Applications are due by Monday, March 2, 2020. Winners will be notified in April, 2020.

The Junior League of Summit is a nonprofit, charitable, and educational organization of women who are committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

For more information about the Junior League of Summit or to inquire about becoming a member, please visit the website at [www.jlsummit.org](http://www.jlsummit.org) or contact the office at 908-273-7349.

Those interested in donating to the League, please visit [jlsummit.org/?nd=donate\\_summary](http://jlsummit.org/?nd=donate_summary).

## CHATHAM EMERGENCY SQUAD BLOOD DRIVE

The Chatham Emergency Squad is hosting a blood drive on Saturday, March 14 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at 31 North Passaic Avenue, Chatham Borough. Please consider donating. Walk-ins are welcome.

## MILTON AVE. SCHOOL BOYS INVITED TO CUB SCOUT PACK 8

Boys in Kindergarten to 3rd grade at Milton Ave. School, and their parents, are invited to Cub Scout Pack 8's meeting on Friday, March 20th in the gym at Ogden Memorial Church on Main Street.

The meeting will feature demonstrations on camping skills. For more information, contact [Pack8Chatham@gmail.com](mailto:Pack8Chatham@gmail.com).



(above) Pack 8 Cub Scouts Finn Collins, Ryan Hogan and Rowan Cashin enjoying a campout.

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## CASA INVITES PUBLIC TO WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON MARCH 11

*Submitted by Gretchen Boger-O'Bryan*

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County will host its second annual Women's Leadership Luncheon on Wednesday, March 11 — the heart of Women's History Month — to highlight two Union County women whose contributions positively impact their community.

Among them is Tina Renna, Cranford resident and owner of Renna Media, publisher of 21 community newspapers including the The Chathams.

Renna, who coordinates content for more than 135,000-issues circulated to towns in Union, Somerset and Morris counties, uses her writing, editing and photography, she says, "to tell the stories of ordinary people who do extraordinary things, big or small, that inspire others and their communities. Whether reporting news from town departments, schools and libraries,



*(above) Tina Renna, owner of Renna Media, publisher of 21 community newspapers including The Chathams, will be recognized by CASA at their Women's Leadership Luncheon.*



*(above) Sue Adler, Summit resident and CEO of The Sue Adler Team of Keller Williams in Chatham, will be recognized by CASA at their Women's Leadership Luncheon on Wednesday, March 11.*

giving voice to local organizations raising awareness, or highlighting accomplishments of businesses, residents and all those who share a community — no matter strength or size — I strive to make a positive impact on each town's well-being and economic development."

Also being honored is Summit's Sue Adler, CEO of The Sue Adler Team of Keller Williams in Chatham. Currently ranked 10 worldwide out of 175,000 Keller Williams agents, Adler focuses on the community's train line towns and incorporates an in-house, team-treatment approach for clients.

Ilyse DiChiara, owner of Green Healthy Living and certified integrative nutrition, health and wellness coach, will provide the keynote address. Prior to switching professional course, DiChiara ran her nationwide trial consulting business, Litigation Support Solutions, for more than 20 years. Other participants include Summit Mayor Nora Radest and Westfield Councilwoman Joann Neylan.

Tickets are available now for the luncheon, which begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Grand Summit Hotel. Seats are \$65; tables of 10 and sponsorships are available. To purchase, log on to [casaleadershipluncheon.eventbrite.com](https://casaleadershipluncheon.eventbrite.com). For luncheon details, contact Alexis at [aslade@casaoofunioncounty.org](mailto:aslade@casaoofunioncounty.org).

CASA of Union County recruits, trains, supervises and supports community volunteers to advocate for abused, neglected and abandoned children placed in foster homes or residential facilities. There are more than 500 Union County youth, from birth to age 21, in foster care. With court-ordered access to a foster child and all parties in their life, volunteer advocates report findings to the judge so as to ensure best interests remain a priority, needs are met, and already experienced trauma is not exacerbated.

Contact Courtney at [cgreen@casaoofunioncounty.org](mailto:cgreen@casaoofunioncounty.org) or 908-293-8136 to learn more about CASA of Union County.

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Please call Center to sign up.

### Golf Clinic

Wednesdays, March 4-25, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Series of four 90-minute lessons with pro instructor Lou Ruina. Instruction includes basics, improving swing, understanding short game, and hitting off the tee. Classes held in Chatham Municipal Gym using plastic balls and your own clubs. \$75/series or \$25/class.

### Memoir Writing

Wednesdays, March 4-April 6, 10:30 a.m.

Do you have a story to tell—a story you have always wanted to write but didn't know how to start? Come spend Wednesday mornings with us as we break down the process of writing and learn how to begin your personal narrative.

Each 90-minute session will include lessons in understanding what makes a captivating story as well as fun "small moment" writing exercises. Absolutely no previous writing experience is necessary—everyone is a writer; you just need to know where to begin.

Facilitator: Jenny Tananbaum. Fee: \$30 for 6-week session; \$7 per individual class.

### Beginner Mah Jongg

Fridays, March 4-27, 10:00 a.m.

Join in if you are new to the game and would like to learn. Instructor: Stephanie Blee.

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### Free Tax Preparation

Fridays, March 6-April 10

9:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. (last appt. at 1:30 p.m.).

AARP-trained volunteers will complete tax returns and file them electronically. AARP membership is not a requirement to participate.

### Manage Pain with Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Mindfulness

Wednesday, March 11, 10:30 a.m.

Part of the ongoing Series on Positive Aging (SPA). Begin to understand the pain cycle and be shown mindfulness and guided imagery practices for a more adaptive approach to pain management. Presenter: Cara Maksimow.

### Remember the Ladies: Women During the American Revolution

Monday, March 16, 12:30 p.m.

In honor of Women's History Month, Joel Farkas, Lecturer, Florham Institute for Lifelong Learning at Fairleigh Dickinson University will make a presentation about attitudes towards women during the American Revolution; health and medicine in Colonial times; our country's first ladies; the 'real' Molly Pitcher; and the women who 'saved' George Washington.

Sponsored by Together We Care, LLC, Chatham. Light lunch served.

### Beginner Bridge Instruction

Tuesdays beginning March 17

10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Instructor Rick Hartley begins a new series of bridge classes geared for the true beginner, rusty player, or those wanting to learn modern bidding. \$7/class plus \$15 recommended instruction book. Sign-up required. Class size is limited; early registration recommended.

### Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, March 17, 12:00 p.m.

The Lager Queen of Minnesota by J. Ryan Stradal. New participants always welcome to join the discussion.

### Free Tech Support

Thursday, March 19, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Need help with your phone, laptop or tablet? Call the Center to schedule a free appointment with a high school student volunteer.

### Acrylic Painting Class

Monday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.

Subject: Santorini Welcome. All levels of ability welcome and all necessary supplies provided. Fee: \$17.50. Instructor: Annette Lissy. Limited class size.

### Myofascial Release

Wednesday, March 23, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Part of the ongoing Series on Positive Aging (SPA). Myofascia is the connective tissue that forms a web and penetrates every layer of the body. Myofascial release is a technique that uses gentle targeted pressure to restore freedom of movement, relieve pain, and improve circulation. Presenter: Sue Ellen Strong, Myofascial Freedom, Morristown. Light lunch served before the program. Call to sign up.

### Chair Zumba

Tuesday, March 24, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

A free, fun fitness class that combines the party atmosphere and Latin dance moves of Zumba with the specific needs of people who prefer to exercise sitting down. Get a workout and leave with a smile on your face. Led by Monica Panetta, Chatham Hills Subacute Care Center.

### TED Talks

Wednesday, March 25, 10-11:30 a.m.

Do You Have a 'Fixed' or 'Growth' Mindset When it Comes to Learning?

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Please call Center to sign up.

### Coffee with a Cop

Thursday, March 26, 10 a.m. - Noon.

Stop by and chat with Officer Brian Colatrella, Community Services/Training Officer, Chatham Borough Police Department. He will be here to meet people in the community and answer questions. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Please sign up.

### Non-Fiction Book Club

Friday, March 27, 11:00 a.m..

The Naked Economist: Undressing the Dismal Science by J. Charles Wheelan. New participants are welcome to join the discussion.

### Irish Music Performance

Monday, March 30, 12:30 p.m.

Singer and guitarist Ian Gallagher will perform a concert of traditional Irish music. Performance preceded by a light lunch of Irish fare. Sign-up is required.

### Community Paper Shred

Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.-Noon

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### Italian Conversation Group

Tuesday, March 3, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, March 20, 1:00 p.m.

Are you a bit rusty with your Italian language skills? Luciana Santoriello and Frank Foca will moderate Italian discussion groups. Join us, and these fluent speakers will help you get a conversation going.

### The Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, March 14, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Friends of the Library of the Chathams will be holding their annual book sale. Those wishing to purchase books between 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. will be required to pay a \$25 fee. A bag sale for \$8 per bag will begin Sunday, March 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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### Gen Y and Other Job Seekers Networking Group

March 4 and 18, 7 p.m.

Gen Y Networking Group is a forum dedicated to Generation Y young adults and others interested in job search, networking, and career development. , and all are welcome to attend.

### Chinese Conversation Group

Wednesdays, March 11 and 25, 7:15 p.m.

This group will help teens and young adults practice in daily conversation, learn new words, and become introduced to Chinese culture as well as crafts and games. Please register online or call the library if you would like to attend.

### Notable Women of New Jersey

Wednesday, March 25, 7 p.m.

The library will be sponsoring its fifth Notable Women of New Jersey panel. Guest panelists will include JoAnne Babbitt, Vice President of the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation; Bonnie Monte, Artistic Director of the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey; and Maria Sheridan, manager of the Teterboro Airport in Bergen County. The panel will be moderated by 2017 panelist Myriam Alvarez, journalist and writer. Students and adults are welcome. Registration is requested, sign up online or call the library.

### Pruning or Ruining? Master Gardener Lecture

Thursday, March 26, 7 p.m.

Master Gardener, Gail Di Domenico will discuss the basics of what, why, when, and how to prune your trees and shrubs, what tools to use and their care and when to consult with a professional. Learn the techniques to keep your plants healthy, vigorous, and beautiful.

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March for Meals participants have included NJ State Senator Thomas Kean Jr., local mayors, police chiefs, television personalities and local government officials and volunteers.

Established in 1966, SAGE’s Meals on Wheels is the oldest continuously run home delivery meal program in New Jersey. In 2019, approximately 400 volunteers delivered more than 43,729 meals to 212 people in Morris County (Chatham and Madison), Union County (Berkeley Heights, Mountainside, New Providence, Springfield, and Summit), and Essex County (Millburn and Short Hills).

“The services that we provide older adults in our area are critical; it’s not just a warm meal, but also a vital wellness visit,” said Marianne Kranz, SAGE Director of Meals on Wheels. “Together, we can keep older adults living independently, healthier at home and feeling more connected to their community as they age.”

For more information about participating in March for Meals, contact Marianne Kranz at: 908-598-5514 or email: [mkrantz@sageeldercare.org](mailto:mkrantz@sageeldercare.org).

### ABOUT SAGE

Since 1954, SAGE Eldercare has been helping make the communities it serves amazing places to age. The organization provides a wide array of

information, support, and services designed to help individuals lead the most independent and active lives possible. From helping with errands and providing Meals on Wheels, to exercise classes, community programs, care planning, an adult day health care center, and home health care, SAGE’s expertise helps older adults remain independent in their own homes. SAGE is committed to being the leading provider of programs and services to meet the changing needs of older adults, their families, and caregivers throughout Morris, Union, Essex, and Somerset Counties. For more information, please call 908-273-5550 or visit [sageeldercare.org](http://sageeldercare.org).

### ABOUT MEALS ON WHEELS AMERICA

Meals on Wheels America is the oldest and

largest national organization supporting the more than 5,000 community-based senior nutrition programs across the country that are dedicated to addressing senior hunger and isolation. This network exists in virtually every community in America and, along with more than two million volunteers, delivers the nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks that enable America’s seniors to live nourished lives with independence and dignity. By providing funding, leadership, research, education and advocacy support, Meals on Wheels America empowers its local member programs to strengthen their communities, one senior at a time. For more information, or to find a Meals on Wheels provider near you, visit [mealsonwheelsamerica.org](http://mealsonwheelsamerica.org).



(above) NJ State Senator Thomas Kean Jr. with SAGE Meals on Wheels staff, Robin Handwerger, Amy Stuart and Marianne Kranz. If you would like to participate this year (one weekday for 1 ½ hours) please contact Marianne Kranz at: 908-598-5514 or email: [mkrantz@sageeldercare.org](mailto:mkrantz@sageeldercare.org).

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Admission is \$4 per person. No registration is required, but space is limited. All demonstrations are held rain or shine.

The annual Maple Sugar Festival will be Saturday, March 14, from noon to 4 p.m. featuring more tree tapping, maple cream, a guided 'Hike Through Maple Sugaring History,' and an array of supplies and instructions on how to get started at home next year. A maple sugar farmer will sell fresh syrup products.

Festival admission is \$5 per person.

For more information and directions to the Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center, visit [morrisparks.net](http://morrisparks.net) or call 973.635.6629.



(above) Discover the sweet smells, sights and tastes of maple sugaring. For more information and directions to the Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center, visit [morrisparks.net](http://morrisparks.net) or call 973.635.6629.



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