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(above, l-r) Standing: Wes Sturdervant, Mateo Culan, Drew Mercogliano, TMC member Mary Ann Albanese, Brett Sturdevant, Aberle Cavanagh, William Layng; Seated: Samantha Culan, Andrew Miranda, Chase Herson

On March 2, 2020 the Madison Community House Preschool at 25 Cook Ave in Madison, NJ celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with special story readings, crafts and activities. "Stop everything and read" was an all-day event in which Thursday Morning Club (TMC) members partnered with the Preschool to read 6 different Dr. Seuss books throughout the day. Every hour the 3's & 4's class gathered together to hear a story.

The TMC Guest Story Readers for the day were: Sue Hoover, I Am Not Going to Get Up Today!; Jo-Ann Musorofiti, Green Eggs and Ham; Nancy Monahan, Mr. Brown can Moo can You; Lauren Jouan, The Cat in The Hat; Carol Sturdevant, One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish; and Mary Ann Albanese, Hop on Pop.

Both classes made Cat in the Hat hats, cooked up some yummy green eggs and ham for snack time and had over 20

different Dr Seuss books available in the classroom libraries.

The STEAM challenge was to build a tower of Cat Hats using cups and index cards. The children made a hypothesis as to how tall they could build the tower. They were then given the materials and constructed the tower, counted and recorded the number of cups and the number of cards used, and made a drawing of their tower. The children dictated a journal entry to share their findings and results. Later in the day teachers and children used the class journal to reflect on the challenge, and children had an opportunity to share their findings with their friends.

The day ended with Read Across America stickers and singing Happy Birthday to Dr. Seuss!

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#### **RETIRED SCOUTS HELP MAINTAIN BOY SCOUT CAMPS**

House at Boy Scout Camp Somers in Stanhope, NJ over the winter. This camp serves the Union County area scouts, as well as Morris, Sussex and Middlesex Counties.

The Flintlocks are retired scouters who volunteer every Thursday at Camp Winnebago in Rockaway, NJ. All it took was some lumber, some screws and some elbow grease. Since the Flintlocks are all volunteers with outstanding

The Flintlocks repaired the Dan Beard Tree construction skills, it saves the Council from hiring outside contractors to do the repairs. A small group goes up to Camp Somers on Wednesdays to work over there. Most of the men had fathers who helped the Boy Scouts when they were in the scouts as lads, and have sons and grandchildren who were, or are, in the scouts.

> For more information please visit the Facebook Page "Flintlocks", or contact Flintlocks Secretary Michael Hart at drmhart@yahoo.com.









(above) The Dan Beard Tree House at Boy Scout Camp Somers received repairs by the Flintlocks over the winter.





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#### RAPTOR TRUST'S DIANE SOUCY'S LEGACY LIVES ON THROUGH "THE LEONARD AND DIANE SOUCY MEMORIAL FUND"

The Raptor Trust annnounces with deep sorrow the passing of Diane Soucy co-founder of life to the rehabilitation of wild birds.

Along with her husband, Len Soucy, Diane was there every step of the way: from the inception of The New Jersey Raptor Association in the 1970's, to the incorporation of The Raptor Trust in 1982, to her much deserved 2018 Women in Wildlife Lifetime Legacy Award.

From hands-on rehabilitation, administrative matters such as bylaws and thank you letters, to the countless personal sacrifices she made over decades, nearly everything about the Raptor Trust was done through Diane.

For over 50 years, Diane devoted her life to the rehabilitation of wild birds. She inspired thousands of people who called or passed through the doors of The Raptor Trust, looking for help with an injured or orphaned wild bird. For years, she and Len were the sole providers of the Raptor Trust, financing all of the aviaries and supplies completely on their own.

Diane handled more avian patients and was The Raptor Trust, who selflessly dedicated her responsible for more successful bird releases than anyone else at The Raptor Trust.

> Before there were any standards for wildlife rehabilitation, Diane developed successful songbird diets and recipes which have been shared, replicated, improved upon, and used for decades throughout the larger wildlife rehabilitation community.

> Diane wore every hat there was to wear at The Raptor Trust, working as a behind-the-scenes adviser, songbird manager, and emergency resolver. At a time when the phrase "wildlife rehabilitation" didn't even exist, Diane and her husband were working to develop techniques which would later become the best practices in the field.

> The Raptor Trust takes in 50% of all birds admitted to New Jersey's various rehab centers over 150,000 songbirds, wading birds, waterfowl, hummingbirds, raptors, and other birds have now

been cared for here. Ultimately, there would be no Raptor Trust had it not been for Diane's willingness to go along for the ride. She dedicated nearly her entire life to the mission of The Raptor Trust and the well-being of New Jersey's wildlife.

Fittingly, in 2018, Diane was honored with Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey's Women in Wildlife Legacy Award. Her close friends and colleagues recall not only a patient and accomplished rehabilitator, but also a quiet, calm spirit that was instrumental is shepherding The Raptor Trust to where it stands today.

Donations can be made to The Raptor Trust with a note designating "The Leonard and Diane Soucy Memorial Fund." She and Len began The Raptor Trust together, cared for it throughout their lifetimes, and now that legacy will continue in both of their names. Visit theraptortrust.org or mail check to: The Raptor Trust, 1390 White Bridge Road, Millington, NJ 07946.

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#### **TMC'S OPERATION COOKIE**

#### Submitted by Cathy Gotliffe

On March 5, Thursday Morning Club (TMC) members gathered at the Madison Community House at 25 Cook Ave in Madison to package homemade cookies. Club members then delivered the boxed cookies to local care facilities, as well as the Madison Police and Fire departments. Over 1,000 cookies were baked by TMC members. This annual event allows the members to show their appreciation to the police and fire personnel, and deliver cheer to those in care facilities.

Organized in 1896, the club 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 and civic groups. 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) Lynn Crescio, Carol Schessler, Beth Romero and Ellie Diamond

#### **MADISON NATIVE CONTINUES U.S. NAVY** "WE BUILD, WE FIGHT" SEABEE TRADITION

Submitted by MC3(SW/AW) Justin Whitley

"We Build, We Fight" has been the motto of the U. S. Navy's Construction Force, known as the "Seabees," for more than seven decades. The Navy Seabees are an elite group of personnel construction industry.

Constructionman Hunter Peralta, a native of construction projects for his battalion.

Madison, New Jersey, builds and fights around the world as a member of the naval construction battalion center located in Port Hueneme, California.

Peralta is serving as a Navy construction trained in both combat and the craft skills of the mechanic, who is responsible for maintaining cranes and bulldozers and conducting various

#### **KIWANIS CLUB HONORS OUTSTANDING KEY CLUB MEMBERS**

#### Submitted by Justin Montanaro

The Kiwanis Club of the Chathams/Madison recently held their award ceremony where they recognize outstanding Key Club Members from Chatham and Madison High School.

Chatham High School's recipient was Sam Kaplan. Sam is the Grade Level Representative for the club, where he attended and was involved in board meetings, as well as served as a liaison between general members and club officers. He provided reminders to members to stay on task with their service hours, as well as voice any concerns or needs from the group at large. He communicated efficiently through email, fielding questions and problem solving – always in an extremely well written and responsive manner. Thank you Sam for your continued dedication to the Key Club!

Madison High School's recipient was Nicole Maldonado. Nicole has been an active Key Club member throughout her years at Madison High School. She handles Club Monthly Report Forms, relaying them to the club's Lieutenant Governor in a timely and thorough manner. Nicole is extremely assertive, always offering her help. She has taken it upon herself to tally up member points, act as a representative for the club at Leader's Meetings, and fill in as "Blood Buddy" at the Blood Drive. She also staffed the booth for the Valentine's day rose sale and wrangled donations for the food drive. As a senior she juggles a full course load amongst other extracurricular activities, while keeping the Key Club a priority. Congratulations for a job well done!



(above) Chatham High School's Outstanding Key Club Member recipient was Sam Kaplan.



(above) Nicole Maldonado, of Madison High School, received the Outstanding Key Club Member recognition.

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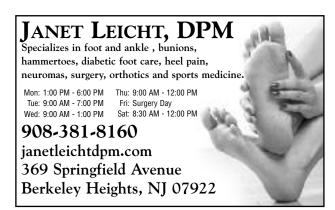
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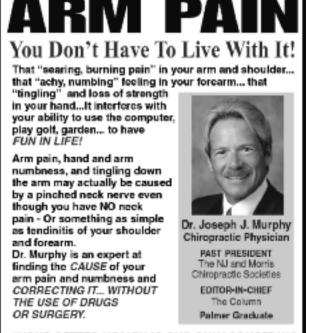
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(above) Hunter Peralta of Madison is serving in the Navy as part of the "Seabees," a member of the naval construction battalion center located in Port Hueneme, California.





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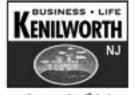
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The Borough of Madison announced important changes to our recycling program that began on January 1, 2020. Starting this year, only plastic containers (bottles and non-bottles) coded 1, 2 and 5 will be accepted for curbside recycling.

Residents are encouraged to look for the recycling symbol on the bottom of plastic containers before disposing of plastic.

Acceptable plastic bottle/containers include the following:

Containers that are coded #1 (PET/PETE, Poly-EthyleneTerephthalate) include water, soda

and salad dressing bottles, microwavable food program has been negatively impacted, thus trays, and peanut butter containers;

Containers coded #2 (HDPE, High Density Polyethylene) include milk jugs, shampoo bottles, and butter and yogurt tubs;

Containers coded #5 (PP, Polypropylene) include ketchup and syrup bottles, and some vogurt containers.

These changes to the recycling program are due to restrictions imposed by China on their imported recycling commodities. Due to the restrictions put in place, Madison's recycling

resulting in certain plastic containers no longer being accepted as part of curbside recycling.

Madison's contract for hauling and recycling was recently re-bid. Due to the restrictions, our hauler for recycling now had to make other arrangements for disposal and recycling of all goods. This has caused garbage and recycling costs for 2020 to go up approximately \$322,500.00 for the year. Waste removal, which is the hauling of waste and recycling, cost \$1,657,300.00 in 2019. In 2020, that cost has increased by 19.46% to \$1,979,800.00 due to the restrictions and lack of facilities within the area accepting recyclables.

Those plastic bottles/containers that are now unacceptable include:

Plastics with no container code (no number in a recycling symbol);

Plastics coded #3 (V, PVC Vinyl), which include cooking oil and mouthwash bottles, clear food packaging, and PVC piping;

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Plastics coded #6 (PS Polystyrene) used in disposable cups, plates, egg cartons, and clamshell take-out containers:

Plastics coded #7 (Other) used in three-to-five gallon water jugs and some food containers.

Recycling materials that will be collected, including plastic bottles and containers coded 1, 2 and 5, include aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars, steel (tin) cans, newspaper, corrugated cardboard, mixed paper, and organics, including leaves, grass clippings, brush, logs, stumps, branches and tree parts.

Residents are reminded to ensure that recyclables are empty and clean before placing them to the curb. Plastic bags are not to be used for curbside recycling as they can be caught in the machinery at the recycling center and cause delays, contamination and increased processing costs. Clean, dry plastic bags should be recycled at local supermarkets. Contaminated materials could result in the entirety of the truck being denied at the recycling center, and cause all of its contents to be brought to a landfill instead.

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