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FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS ROTARY INDUCTS NEW OFFICERS

On August 12, 2020, new President Julie Murphy was sworn in by Rotary District 7475 Governor Ann Walko, for the 2020-2021 Rotary year. The Rotary year began on July 1, however, due to the Coronavirus, the ceremony was postponed and held via Zoom rather than in-person. The following new officers were also inducted: Deanna Dell-Bene: President-Elect, Patty Laguna: Secretary, and Don Rosenberg: Treasurer.

The evening started with a presentation by outgoing President Wayne Zuhl. He gave out two Paul Harris awards to Rotarians Deanna Dell-Bene and Carmela Resnick, for their outstanding work and dedication during the past year, specifically for their work associated with Coronavirus efforts. Additionally, Dell-Bene received a Rotarian of the Year award.

Zuhl demonstrated excellent leadership during a difficult year, and several key initiatives were completed during his presidency. These included: the creation of SPF Resource Central - a centralized Coronovirus information resource for the towns of Scotch Plains and Fanwood; a GoFundMe initiative which raised \$16,000, with \$3,000 raised during an online Benefit Concert managed by Theatrical Artist's Prep; and a Mask Team who has been making fabric masks for the past several months. The GoFundme money was donated as follows: \$9,000 for PPE for Overlook Hospital, approximately \$3,000 for local food banks and the remainder will be used to purchase gift cards for healthcare workers and first responders. Zuhl was presented with a Paul Harris award for his leadership.

President Julie Murphy continues the work started by Zuhl. As of this writing, the Rotary mask team has raised closed to \$10,000 from the sale of fabric masks and every dollar has been donated to local food banks, including: IHM Food Pantry, Fanwood Presbyterian Food Pantry, El



(above) Patty Laguna: Secretary



(above) Deanna Dell-Bene: President-Elect



(above) Julie Murphy sworn in as President. Murphy has several important goals for this Rotary year: Increasing the diversity of club members to include different ethnic groups, getting new members energized, holding virtual fundraisers, and continuing to improve the club's visibility in the local community.

Centro, The Community Food Bank of New Jersey, Starfish in Plainfield, St. Mary's Dinner Program in Plainfield, JFS Jewish Family Services Central NJ in Elizabeth, Wynona's House, Heart for Humanity. The Rotary Club continues to sell the masks at the Scotch Plains Farmer's Market every Saturday.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club has been serving the community since 1938. The club meets on Wednesdays at noon via Zoom. For further information about the club, go to fsprotary.org or visit their Facebook page: Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club. For membership information, contact Steve Goldberg at stegold94@aol.com.

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THE COLLEGE CLUB COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submitted by Bernadette Hoyer

The 57th edition of the F-SP College Club's Community Calendar will be available for purchase on or about September 30. The calendar will not be a COVID casualty due to the determination, time and energy devoted to the project by Mari McDevitt, the club's calendar chairperson and the generosity and loyalty of local advertisers who have agreed to continue to support the calendar during this challenging time for small businesses.

The 13 month calendar – September 2020-December 2021- will contain information that has been obtained from the SP-F school district, Union Catholic, St. Bartholomew Academy and UC Vo-Tech. Also included will be contact information for approximately 100 local organizations and township schedules for Fanwood and Scotch Plains.

Due to the support of nearly 100 advertisers, all proceeds from the calendar sales will go directly into the club's scholarship fund for scholarships that are awarded annually. This year the F-SP College Club awarded \$20,500 to ten local young women. Information about this year's scholarship recipients will be featured in the calendar.

The College Club Community Calendar will be available for purchase at Norman's Hallmark, the Fanwood and Scotch Plains libraries, Apple Blossom Flower Shop, The Fanwood Larder and from College Club members. Community members in need of shopping assistance can contact Mari McDevitt at 908-917-5979.

For additional information about the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains please visit the club's website: fspcollegeclub.org.

VFW KICKS-OFF OF ANNUAL \$30,000 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Earl Pavlik, Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Post 10122 in Scotch Plains and Fanwood, announced the kick-off of this year's VFW's Voice of Democracy Scholarship competition. Local high school students have the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and a trip to Washington, D.C.

Students must write and record a three-to-five minute essay on the selected theme using an audio CD or flash drive and present their recording, typed essay and completed entry form to their local VFW Post by October 31. The 2020-2021 theme selected is "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?" Students begin by competing at the local post level, then post winners compete at the district level with the winner advancing to the state competition.

All state first-place winners receive a four-day trip to Washington, D.C., and the chance to compete for their share of more than \$150,000 in

Earl Pavlik, Commander of Veterans of scholarships. The first-place winner receives a preign Wars of the United States Post 10122 in \$30,000 college scholarship.

The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) started the Voice of Democracy Scholarship program in 1947. The VFW became a national sponsor in the late 1950s and assumed sole responsibility for the program in 1961. The competition was created to provide students grades 9-12 the opportunity to express themselves in regard to democratic ideas and principles. Around 40,000 students participate in the competition each year and VFW awards more than \$2.1 million in educational scholarships every year.

Student entries, accompanied with a completed entry form, must be submitted to a local participating VFW Post. The deadline is Oct. 31, 2020.

Interested students and teachers should contact the Voice of Democracy Chairman Frank Chupko at VFW Post 10122 via email at frankchupko@aol.com.



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The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club is included on the club's Facebook page. asking residents of the borough of Fanwood and township of Scotch Plains to nominate frontline heroes, including healthcare workers, first responders, and essential workers, who have worked hard throughout the pandemic.

Gift Cards will be purchased from local restaurants and delivered to the frontline heroes. Additionally, each hero will be honored and

To nominate a someone to receive a restaurant gift card, send an email to

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Deadline for nominations is October 24, 2020.

GREAT PUMPKIN PATCH RETURNS TO FRAZEE

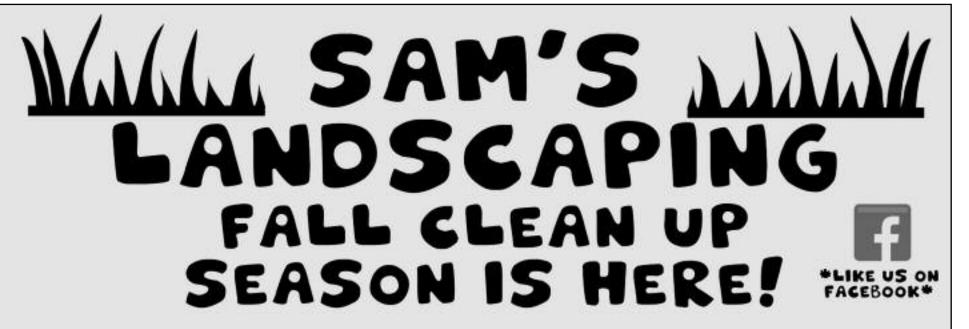
host the Great Pumpkin patch. Due to the pandemic, the annual Harvest Festival is cancelled this year but it will return in 2021! Pumpkins will be sold every day from 11 a.m. to dusk, from October 3rd through the 31st. There will be various sizes and colors and the site will be decorated for Autumn. It will also be an opportunity for the public to see the amazing progress on the external renovation of the Frazee House. All proceeds from the sales of pumpkin sales will go toward the next phase of the renovation which will include restoration of the two lower levels of the western end of the house and one of the fireplaces, heating and airconditioning, and the addition of a small public restroom.

The Frazee House, a nationally designated historic site, is significant for one woman's rumored role in the American Revolution, and as an excellent example of 18th-century vernacular residential architecture. The house is reported to

The historic Frazee farmstead will once again have been constructed circa 1720-1740 by the husband of Elizabeth (Betty) Frazee.

As the legend holds, after the Battle of Short Hills, General Cornwallis and his troops passed by the house while marching toward the Watchung mountains, located a few miles to the north. Known to the locals as a prolific baker, Aunt Betty was baking bread at the time. Hungry and tired, the troops smelled the bread and Cornwallis approached her stating, "I want the first loaf of bread that next comes from that oven." Betty is said to have replied, "Sir, I give you this bread through fear, not in love." Evidently impressed by her courage, Cornwallis is said to have stated, "Not a man in my command shall touch a single loaf."

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club began the effort to restore the Frazee House approximately 15 years ago, working closely with the Township of Scotch Plains. If all work is completed on schedule, the house will be open to the public in 2022.



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MICHAEL LAUMBACH SELECTED FOR INTERNSHIP

Submitted by Nicole Barreca

The World Food Prize Foundation has selected Fanwood resident and Rutgers University - New Brunswick student Michael Laumbach, along with 12 other students for its prestigious Borlaug-Ruan International Internship. For the first time in the program's 22-year history, the Foundation created innovative virtual internships for these exceptional students.

As a 2020 Borlaug-Ruan International Intern, Laumbach will interact online with scientists from the International Livestock Research Institute in Nairobi, Kenya. Laumbach will conduct research on camel production with an experienced mentor.

Since 1998, the World Food Prize Foundation has sent 358 students on 8-week, all-expensespaid research internships to learn about food security issues and nutritional problems in developing regions of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Given the widespread global pandemic, the Foundation changed course this year to an online setting with the goal of still providing rewarding internships for these hunger fighters.

"The World Food Prize granted me new perspectives on the lives of those most vulnerable to our ever changing world and a passion to help, and through the Borlaug-Ruan Internship I am excited to gain the skills and knowledge

necessary to continue the fight against food insecurity, especially as it relates to preserving indigenous cultures," said Laumbach.

To qualify for the Borlaug-Ruan International Internship, Laumbach attended the three-day World Food Prize Global Youth Institute, which occurs each October. As a Global Youth Institute participant, Laumbach presented a research paper on creating agricultural and social change in Nauru to prevent dietary diseases and obesity. He also had the opportunity to interact with World Food Prize Laureates and renowned experts to discuss issues relating to food security throughout the world.

ABOUT THE WORLD FOOD PRIZE FOUNDATION

The Foundation's mission is to elevate innovations and inspire action to sustainably increase the quality, quantity and availability of food for all. The Prize was founded in 1986 by Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, recipient of the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize. Since then, the World Food Prize has honored 50 outstanding individuals who have made vital contributions throughout the world. The World Food Prize Foundation annually hosts the Norman E. Borlaug International Symposium, known informally as the Borlaug Dialogue and a variety of youth education programs to help further the discussion on cutting-edge global food security issues and inspire the next generation to end hunger.



(above) Michael Laumbach, Fanwood resident and Rutgers University - New Brunswick student, was selected by the World Food Prize Foundation for its prestigious Borlaug-Ruan International Internship.

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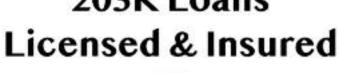
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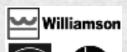
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