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# **LOCAL STUDENTS IN A CELEBRATION OF DANCE EVENT**

Submitted by María Daniel

The National Dance Foundation and iDance Ministry will host their 6th Annual Celebration of Dance Event to promote National Dance Week. Two SPF High School students, 10th grader Ananda, and 12th grader Valdon, and one SPF Alumus, Aliyah, will be participating this year in the National Dance Week celebration.

National Dance Foundation Ambassador María Daniel invites everyone to attend the first ever "Virtual" Celebration of Dance event. This free event is an opportunity to acknowledge our commitment to the local dance community while highlighting the benefits of dance. The event will take place Friday, April 16, 2021 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and will be streamed on YouTube (iDance Ministry, Inc. Channel) due to COVID-19.

The event includes a variety of dance styles such as West Coast Swing Dance, Lyrical Jazz, Hip Hop, Stepping, Acro Dance, Broadway Jazz, Clogging, Breaking, Liturgical Dance, Tap, Bollywood, Graham-based dance and more.

This year will feature three local SPF High School students performing a Hip Hop Dance. The program will also include national and international dance companies such as the Syncopated Ladies from Los Angeles, CA and Shereen Ladha, a Canadian Professional Bollywood Dancer.



(above) Two SPF High School students, 10th grader Ananda, and 12th grader Valdon, and one SPF Alumus, Aliyah, will be participating this year in the National Dance Week celebration as part of a Hip Hop group. For more information, contact Maria Daniel, National Dance

Foundation Ambassador, at idanceministry@gmail.com

# **FANWOOD REC ANNOUNCES SPRING & SUMMER PROGRAMS**

Registration is now open for these Fanwood Recreation spring programs for children: Skateboarding Lessons, TGA Premier Junior Golf Lessons, Babysitting Certification Class, Karate Beginner Class in the Park, Design the Peasant Top, Design the Paper Bag Shorts, T-Ball Squirts, Parent & Me T-Ball Squirts, Soccer Squirts, Squirts Multi-Sports, Parent & Me Soccer, Parent & Me Sport Squirts, and Junior Tennis Lessons.

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Golf Camp, Golf Squirts Camp, Soccer Squirts Camp, Parent & Me Soccer Squirts Camp, Multi-Sports Camp, Squirts Multi-Sports Camp, Parent & Me Multi-Sports Squirts Camp, and T-Ball Squirts Camp. More programs are still being added.

Registration is now open for these Spring 2021 (April–June) Fanwood Recreation programs for Seniors: Zumba Gold, Gentle Yoga, Aerobics and Meditation. All programs will be offered via Zoom. Each program will run for approximately 12 weeks and cost only \$15 for the entire program (Meditation is free). For more information and to register, please visit fanwoodrecreation.org.

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# **FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS COLLEGE CLUB**

Submitted by Bernadette Hoyer

The Fanwood- Scotch Plains College Club continues to come together to face the challenges that impact not only its membership but also the needs of our entire community. Each month Pat Goldberg, Cathy Hirschhorn and Connie Salisbury, the co-chairs of the club's Outreach Committee, plan and organize a project and invite membership participation.

Club members recently donated personal and household items that will fill two backpacks for

previously homeless men to help them transition into affordable housing.

Since September, the club members have also supported local food pantries, purchased baby products for Hearts for Humanity, made a Thanksgiving meal basket for a local family, and donated to the Tiny Tim Fund.

To learn more about the College Club, its monthly programs or membership send an email message to collegeclub.fsp@gmail.com or visit the club's website: fspcollegeclub.org.



(above) F-SP College Club members, Joanne Sheffield, Pat Goldberg, Ellen Harrision and Jean Naugle prepare to pack up items donated by club members for the Urban League of Union County.

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The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club's first online Trivia Night will be held on Friday, April 9, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per login and include four rounds of fun trivia. To purchase a ticket, go to fsprotary.org. You'll have an opportunity to purchase up to three mulligans – this will give you the option to correct one wrong answer per round, for a maximum of three rounds. Each mulligan costs \$10. Finally, there will be great prizes, including gift cards.

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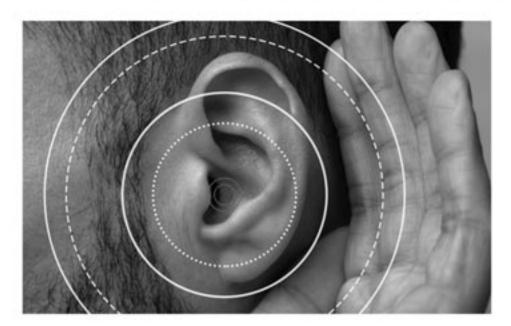
Christine, a native of Fanwood and a graduate of SP-F High School currently resides in TN. She is an avid practitioner and teacher of the arts of Tai Chi and Qigong and while she learned them from the martial aspects, she now focuses her own practice and her teaching on the meditative side. She describes it as "meditation in slow motion that allows you to move out of your head, into your body and connect you to your own breath and energy. This non-impact exercise offers many benefits including building strength, balance, flexibility and coordination. It is beneficial for your heart, breathing and immune function."

Anyone interested in giving Tai Chi/Qigong a try can receive a link for the program by sending a request to tishisack17@gmail.com.

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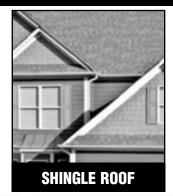




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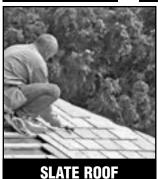


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What could that mean? It could mean better pedestrian walkways, new safe crosswalks, bike paths, easier ways to get from the South Avenue side to the North Avenue side and better access to our northside cultural venues including the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center, the soon-to-be constructed new library, the Fanwood Museum and the Carriage House Park.

"There's no doubt we already have a downtown to be proud of," said Mayor Colleen Mahr. "But we have all these great cultural venues that need to be better connected. This program will help us develop new ideas for making the whole area north of the train station more accessible and the train station area itself more user-friendly."

The grant enables a team to come to town and assess things like physical layout, transportation issues, pedestrian issues and infrastructure around the train station. This month, the team's

focus is on a survey of our citizens, businesses and community leaders to hear what they want to see happen to connect the train station to the rest of town.

"The survey is very unique," remarked the Mayor. "It's not just a series of yes/no questions. It asks for detailed commentary and even has an interactive map that allows respondents to place markers at places of interest and give specifics about what to do to improve them."

Planning teams are composed of volunteers who are nationally recognized experts and will meet with residents, government officials, and other key stakeholders to offer planning assistance. Last year, APA-NJ Transit Hub Planning teams completed Transit Hub plans for the City of Passaic, Borough of Dunellen and Town of Bloomfield.

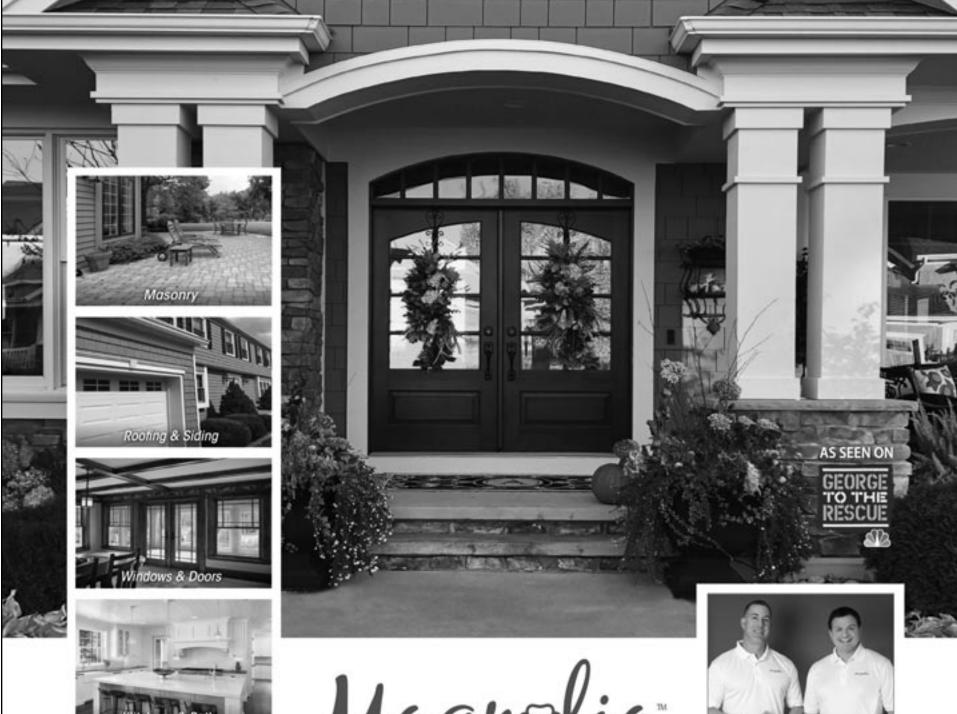




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The event (via Zoom) will feature selections from a documentary about the Negro Leagues, with players speaking to the audience about their Blacks in America.

playing days. A special poem will be recited by Kane, a musician and playwright whose Negro League version of "Casey at the Bat," called "Breaking the Line with the Mudville Nine," was written for and first performed at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

Hogan is professor emeritus of history at Union County College and author of The Forgotten History of African American Baseball, as well as several other books on the history of

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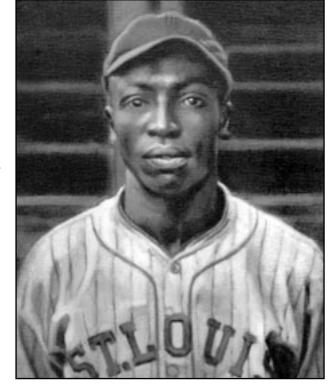
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