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ROTARY CLUB OF MADISON'S JULY GUEST SPEAKERS

The Rotary Club of Madison is an enthusiastic and engaged network of ordinary people doing extraordinary things to serve people in our local and global communities. At the Rotary's weekly meetings, guest speakers present on a broad range of topics that are of interest to the community. Rotary meetings are at 8:00 a.m. each Thursday via Zoom and are open to the public. For July 2021, the line-up of guest speakers for Rotary meetings includes:

JULY 15: DR. ROZELLA CLYDE, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Dr. Rozella G. Clyde is an educator and an environmental activist. She taught middle and high school Social Studies and created Law Studies Programs in several NYC public schools over a 44 year period before retiring in 2012 and moving to New Jersey. Dr. Clyde currently serves as the Educational Director for Clydeoscope Educational Consultants, is a Commissioner on the Chatham Borough Environmental Commission and chair of the Borough's Green Team. Dr. Clyde also serves as Education co-chair for the League of Women Voters of New Jersey, and as Membership and Education Directors for the Morristown Area Local LWV, and is active in a range of other civic organizations. Dr. Clyde and her husband Jim live in Chatham Borough.

Dr. Clyde will address the overall mission of the League of Women Voters (LWV) and in particular will touch on how the LWV supports the election process to promote a well-informed public and to help assure fair and open elections.

JULY 22: DON BAILEY, BRISTLECONE PARTNERS

Don is a principal in Bristlecone Partners, a management consultancy, which he formed after a long and successful career in the insurance world.

During his years in the insurance business, Don has held many senior management roles. Most recently Don was the President of Global Sales for Marsh, the largest risk broker in the world with 500 offices in 130 countries and \$7 Billion in annual revenues. Prior to that, Don was the President of Allstate B2B, the \$5 Billion division of the largest, publicly held, personal lines insurer in the United States. He was also the Chairman of Encompass, the \$1 Billion mass affluent personal lines subsidiary of Allstate. Prior to Allstate, Don was the North American CEO for Willis, the global insurance broker and the third largest insurance services firm in the world.

Don has been coaching executives for more than 20 years. He has coached C-suite professionals and some of the leading sales executives in the industry. Through his innovative approach, he's enabled leaders to obtain a deep sense of awareness. His consultancy at Bristlecone enables him to bring these coaching and leadership skills to a wide variety of both senior and rising executives.

In his talk Don will review the field of leadership development and coaching, and how these skills have grown from merely an ancillary activity of corporate managers into a formalized and specialized activity that can be critical to the ongoing success of many organizations.



(above) Dr. Rozella G. Clyde will be the Rotary Club of Madison's guest speaker on July 15.

JULY 29: LISA ELLIS, DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, MADISON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Downtown Development Commission, a cooperative effort of Borough government and local business and nonprofit leaders, actively tracks and promotes the health of Madison's local business community. With the worst of the Covid pandemic now behind us, Lisa will review how the DDC and local leaders addressed the stresses caused by pandemic-related shutdowns and other restrictions. She will review how the local business community came through the pandemic and provide her thoughts on the positive impacts of the reopening of the Borough's, and state's, economies.

Please note that Rotary speakers, or speaker schedules, are potentially subject to change. Please visit the Rotary website at madisonrotarynj.org for any updates to the schedule and for instructions on how to log in to the Zoom meetings.

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GOOD GRIEF 5K RUN & WALK RAISES \$160,000 FOR GRIEVING FAMILIES

Submitted by Paul Fitzhenry

Like many nonprofits throughout New Jersey and across the country, Good Grief welcomed the return of in-person fundraising events this spring as pandemic restrictions ease and families embrace opportunities to gather safely in groups to renew their connection to organizations helping others.

After more than a year of holding virtual events and fundraisers, Good Grief returned to an in-person format for its annual 5K Run & Walk on Sunday, June 6 at Giralda Farms. The event drew more than 800 registrants to run, walk and volunteer and helped raise \$160,000 to support free programs for grieving children and families.

"We were thrilled to be able to bring our Good Grief children, families and the extended community together for this cherished event," said Good Grief CEO Joe Primo. "Over the last year, our community has demonstrated

incredible resilience in the face of the grief, loss and uncertainty posed by the pandemic. It was truly gratifying to see children and families walking and running to honor their loved ones."

Sponsors recognized for their support of the event included The Sharp Financial Group, Strawn Arnold & Associates and Deloitte.

Good Grief is respected as a national leader in delivering grief services to children and their families. It is the leading provider of these services in New Jersey serving over 1,000 children since its founding in 2004. Good Grief is a registered 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization whose mission is to provide unlimited free support to children, teens and families after the death of a parent or sibling. Servicing more than 160 communities, we operate programs in Morristown, Princeton, Jersey City, and Newark. For more information about Good Grief, please visit our website, good-grief.org.



(above) Good Grief's 5K Run and Walk held on June 6 at Giralda Farms in Madison. The event attracted more than 800 participants and raised nearly \$160,000 to support grieving kids and families who participate in free and unlimited peer-support programs in our Morristown and Princeton Family Support Centers.



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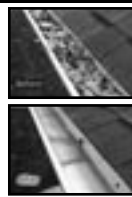
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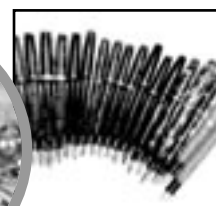
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WALK-A-THON BY 60 MADISON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS A SUCCESS

Interact Club program benefits girls of the Maasai Village Ngong’Narok in Kenya

Submitted by John Hogan

During the Madison High School (MHS) Day of Service on Friday, May 28, sixty students from MHS, under the leadership of the Madison Rotary sponsored MHS Interact Club, walked a 6-mile route through Madison. The Interact Club sought to raise awareness of their project to create an international bridge from high school students in Madison to high school girls from the rural Maasai village of Ngong’Narok in Kenya.

After a visit to this village ten years ago, Rotary members Paul and Avery Mantell created a foundation, the Maasai Girls Fund (maasaigirlsfund.org). They were deeply moved when learning that, at that time, girls as young as

eight were genitally cut and “sold” as child brides to older men in exchange for cows and goats – to lead a life of ignorance, servitude and often pain. Through the Mantell’s efforts, the village chief agreed to allow the Mantells to fund some girls’ education and stop cutting. Girls from the village lucky enough to get a sponsor could look forward to attending boarding high school and a life making their own choices. Cost of a full year of high school – including tuition, room & board, uniforms, and books – is only \$600.

Students wore lanyards with pictures of some of the girls from the village whose high school education was sponsored through the Fund. The Interact Club raised \$600 on their own, received

donations from students attending the walk, and seeks to raise the full additional \$600 from the Madison community to allow funding for one girl for two years of high school. They plan to follow this girl’s progress through written and video communication and share the story with other students.

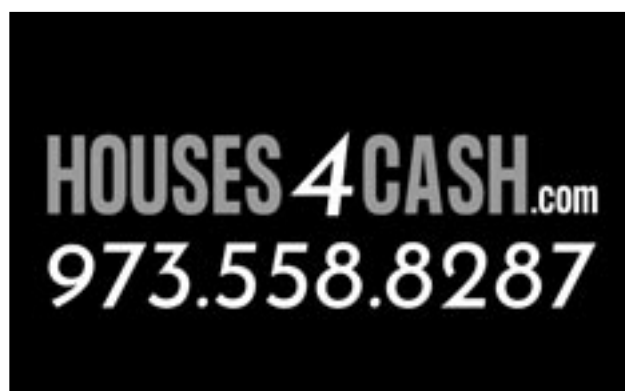
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(above, l-r) Pictured are John Hogan with students Nina Kornchankul, Owen Weller, Meredith Weiner, Kate Bria, and Jonathan Lu.

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We share a post Saturday run breakfast on a park picnic bench. We even have a fire in the shelter fireplace on cold winter days. We are starting to plan other activities including member hosted house parties. When races start coming back our USATF racing team will be active racing against other NJ clubs. Racing on the team is an option, but not a requirement for membership. Just come some

Saturday. Members run varying paces (including a few walkers) and cover 3-8 miles, much on quiet wooded park trails. When trails are icy/snow covered we use alternate routes.

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Morris County recognizes resident veterans by presenting them with the Distinguished Military Service Medal, which are unique to the county and have been awarded since 2000 to veterans or their family members to honor their service to our country. More than 10,000 have been presented.

Among this year's honorees were Amabel Scharff Roberts - an American nurse serving in France during World War I.

Born in Madison, Morris County, on Sept. 16, 1891, she grew up there and attended what was then-called Vassar College, graduating with honors with the Class of 1913. She won an academic prize to attend a summer course at the National Biological Laboratories in Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

Her experience there may have influenced her decision to enter the School of Nursing at the Presbyterian Hospital of New York, now Columbia University. She undertook the work during peacetime, and it was an unusual choice for a child of privilege because nursing was considered menial labor.

Miss Roberts graduated with honors with the Class of 1916, and thanks to her extensive training, she retained a supervisory position at Columbia University Hospital, where she was working when the United States declared war on Germany in April 1917.

She volunteered to be an American Red Cross nurse for wartime service, explaining in a letter she wrote that she "would not have been contented to be a slacker." In mid-May 1917, six weeks after the United States declared war on



(above) Margaret and Wade Merrick were present for the ceremony. The couple live in the house in Madison where Miss Roberts grew up and work to have her name and sacrifice remembered. They are friends of her descendants. Miss Robert's great nephew viewed the livestream from his home in Arizona.

Germany, she sailed for France with other volunteer nurses to care for the British and French soldiers already embroiled in the war.

While enroute, she and other nurses were enlisted into the U.S. Army and she was stationed at Presbyterian Hospital Base Number 2 on the Normandy Coastline in Étretat, France.

A glimpse into the character of this selfless woman was offered in one of the many letters Nurse Roberts sent home.

"I don't think we can do enough for them, these men who have left everything. ... I am more thankful every day that I took up nursing, even though my bit is so very small indeed," she wrote.

Sadly, on January 17, 1918, Nurse Roberts died of blood poisoning, contracted while she tended the injured soldiers.

She was only 26 years old.

Miss Roberts was the first citizen of Madison

to die and the first American Army nurse to die in that "War to End All Wars."

In France, she was the subject of a huge military funeral, and when her body was returned to Madison, the outpouring was the same as family and friends buried her in Hillside Cemetery.

A memorial tree was planted in her honor at James Park in Madison, along with a World War I Eagle Monument that bears her name. Other plaques in Madison and elsewhere continue to honor her.

In 1937, The American Legion Post 3662 was chartered as the Amabel S. Roberts Post – the first to be named after a woman.

For more information on the ceremony and other honorees visit:

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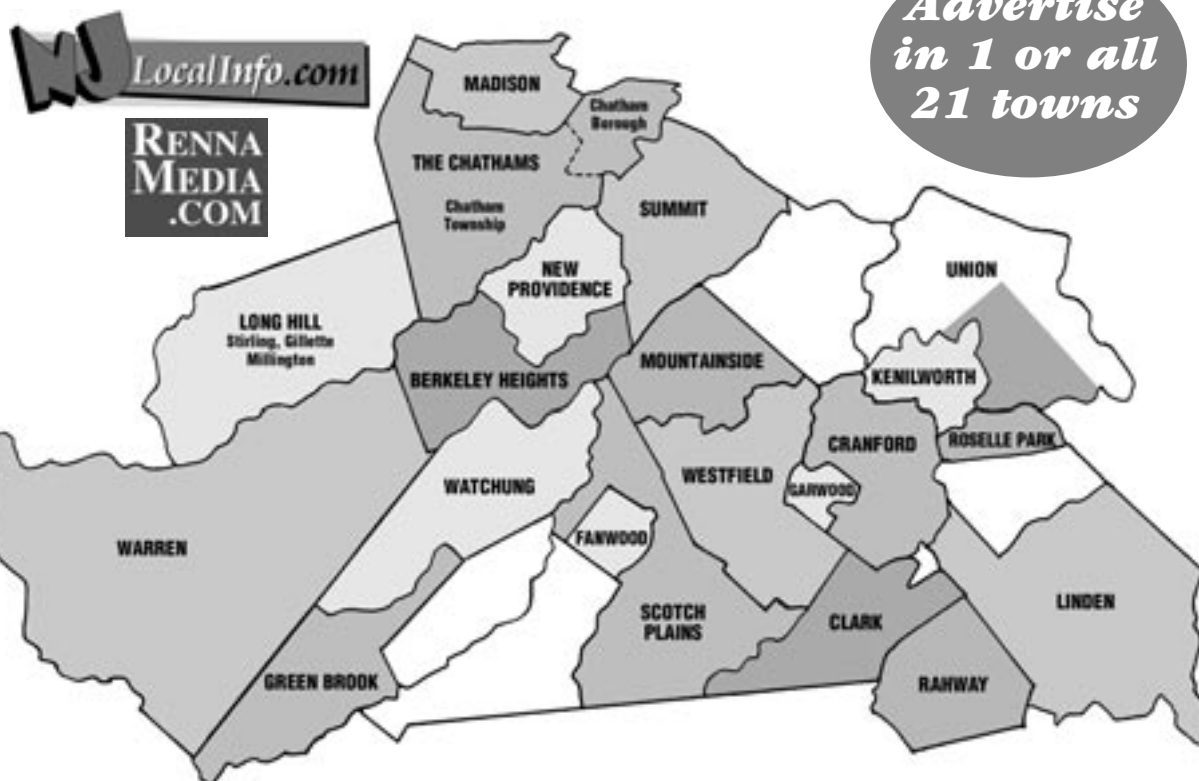
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MADISON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS NIGHT

The Madison Area Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Awards Night on Tuesday, June 8 at Shanghai Jazz, 24 Main St. The year-end celebration awards were given in eight categories to include business improvement, community service and the Extra Mile award.

Eight celebrated the outstanding achievements of a carefully selected group of distinguished individuals, businesses and community organizations. All of our 2021 honorees are being honored for their dedication and support of Madison businesses and the community." said Karen Giambra, the Chamber's executive director.

In the business improvement category, the Chamber honored Home Sweet Home, 27 Main St. with the Outstanding Retail Merchandising Award in recognition of their outstanding merchandising design and execution. Suburban Shoes, 5 Waverly Pl. was awarded the Outstanding Interior Renovation Award for creating an updated interior space that is inviting and customer friendly. Madison Memorial Home took home the Outstanding Building Renovation

Award in recognition of the extensive work they have done to create a comfortable and inviting home for families to celebrate loved ones. J & M Home & Garden, 201 Main St. was awarded the Beautification Award for their dedication and generous contributions to the Lincoln Place Project and to Madison.

The Chamber awarded the Community Spirit Award to Madison resident Leslie Readlinger who created The Store Next Door Project which highlighted businesses and their owners through photography during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown.

The Community Service Award honored the First Baptist Church of Madison, 36 Cook Ave. in recognition of their dedicated service to the people of the community of Madison and the surrounding area.

The Chamber's prestigious Hall of Fame Award honored Gary Ruckleshaus in recognition of his impressive impact on Madison from his years on the Borough Council and as Mayor. Gary was also recognized for his tremendous work with the Friends of the Madison Train

Station restoring the beautiful gateway to the downtown. Anyone interested in continuing to support Gary's work on the train station can join the Friends of the Madison Train Station by reaching out to Lisa Ellis at EllisL@rosenet.org."

The favored Extra Mile Award is the only Chamber award determined by the general public. This year honored 2 individuals, Francisco Irene of Cleaners Advantage, a delivery dry cleaning service that services Madison and the surrounding area and Patrick Bray & Jackie Korn Bray owners of Korn Dogs, a pet walking and sitting service.

"The spirit of this award is embodied in the employees and entrepreneurs who work so very hard in Madison's businesses. They provide superior customer service everyday and make doing business in Madison a unique, pleasurable and rewarding experience," said John Morris, co-owner of Stewart-Morris Awards, Gifts & Flags and president of the Chamber. "The Extra Mile Award gives these fine business people the public recognition they deserve."

Photos by The Madison Area Chamber of Commerce



(above) Extra Mile Award winner Patrick Bray and Jackie Korn Bray, owners of Korn Dogs.



(above) Extra Mile Award winner Cleaners Advantage's Francisco Irene with owner Robbin Salmeri.



(above) Community Service Award Winner First Baptist Church of Madison Rev. A. Craig Dunn & Chamber Vice President Peter Daniele.

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(above) Hall of Fame Award Winner Gary Ruckleshaus, Chamber President John Morris, Mayor Robert Conley.

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