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PROJECT GRADUATION 2021

Submitted by Jeanie Ruban

Governor Livingston Project Graduation 2021 was a HUGE success. 167 seniors enjoyed a fun-filled night at the Branchburg Sports Complex. The event ran from 10 p.m. – 2 a.m.

There were a variety of activities available to the students including Gaga, Laser Tag, an arcade, basketball, volleyball, dodgeball, an inflatable race, a casino (with Amazon gift card prizes), BINGO (with varied gift card prizes), caricaturists, airbrush tattoos, a tarot card reader, a photobooth and so much more!

Mountainside EMT's Domenico and Amanda were on hand for the entire evening as were police officers from each town, Detective Yasinski from Mountainside and Officer Rodriguez from Berkeley Heights. A huge shout out to the EMTs and police officers!

11 event volunteers traveled by bus to and from the event; without them this event wouldn't be possible.

Those amazing volunteers were Yesenia Gonzalez, Jordan Hyman, AnnaMarie Labisi, Rich Lander, Michele McDonald, Michelle Monaghan, Leslie Moorman, Kristin

and Michael Osborn, and Meg Pasternak and Coordinator, Jeanie Ruban.

A team of 20 additional volunteers, led by Jennifer Doll and Amy Radick, helped with registration and bag check in the GL parking lot before the 5 busloads of seniors departed.

A huge thank you to the Berkeley Heights Board of Education, Mr. Nixon and the GL administrators, local businesses for their generous donations (including 20 dozen donuts donated from the Berkeley Heights Dunkin Donuts located on Springfield Avenue).

Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior parents please consider getting involved with Project Graduation in the future.

Project Graduation includes many activities throughout the year including a Senior Breakfast in the fall, Prom Fashion Show, Senior Discount Card, Senior Picnic and finally the Project Graduation event. The Project Graduation committee is also responsible for sale of the graduation lawn signs as well as the sale of the Highlander Way pavers.

If you would like to get involved please reach out to the Project Graduation Coordinator, Jeanie Ruban, at J.Ruban@verizon.net.

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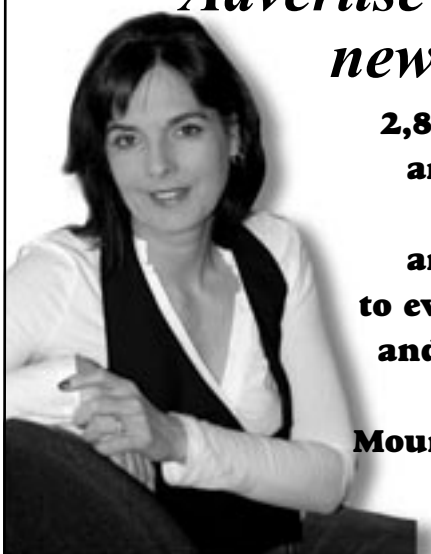
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COACH CHARLES FERNICOLA CHAMPIONSHIP DAY

Mountainside Youth Baseball

The Coach Chuck Fernicola Championship Day was held on Friday, June 11, 2021. The event started at 4 p.m. with team and individual pictures and games scheduled from 4-9 p.m. The ceremony to honor Coach Fernicola was held at 5 p.m. to honor Coach Fernicola, to close out the spring rec season, and to also present awards.

Coach Fernicola dedicated over 53 years of his life volunteering for Mountainside Youth Baseball. He was a coach for the Blue Stars and All-Star Team and also a MSBL Board Member. In honor of Coach Fernicola, we have placed a monument as another angel in the outfield by the flag that he proudly raised at every Opening Day. It sits under the new flag that was replaced today in his honor. We also put a memorial "bucket" with a plaque in the home dugout of the Major League Field representing the exact spot he sat

on his ball bucket to coach his team. On this day, we also retired the Blue Stars since no one will ever be able to fill his shoes. We proudly hang the last Blue Star Jersey to remain on the snack shack for all players, coaches, and fans to remember the legacy of the one and only Coach Chuck Fernicola.

The first pitch was thrown out by Jason Guidici Pietro, a former BlueStar and now Board Member of MSBL along with Coach Fernicola's two daughters Lisa and Lori and Mr. Fernicola's girlfriend Joyce. Eric Cantagallo, former Bluestar and now Board Member of MSBL caught the ball.

The awards presented included: The Hustle Award, and the following Memorial Sportsmanship Awards, in honor of Scott Burdge, Ryan Faella, BJ Giannone, Frank Harpster, and The Chuck Fernicola Board Member Award.



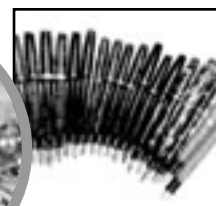
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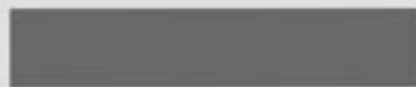
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WATTS FOUNDATION AWARDS TWO SCHOLARSHIPS

Submitted by Gina Perrotta

The Blanche M. and George L. Watts Mountainside Community Foundation is pleased to announce it has awarded two scholarships to Senior High School students who reside in Mountainside. This year, the Foundation awarded scholarships to Victoria Jonach and Mark Jones.

Victoria Jonach will attend Rutgers University in New Brunswick. Although she is undecided as to what major and career path she will choose at this time, Victoria is confident that she will find her path at Rutgers. She is involved in many different activities and is always putting her best effort forward.

Mark Jones will attend the Ohio Technical College, where he will pursue an Associate of Applied Science degree in Automotive Technology. Mark is passionate and determined especially when it comes to automotive repair. He has known for quite awhile that this was the career path for him and believes that the Ohio Technical College will give him the tools to achieve his goals.

Each year, the Blanche M. and George L. Watts Mountainside Community Foundation grants scholarships to deserving Mountainside High School Seniors. To find out more information, please visit wattsmountainside.org.



(above) Victoria Jonach and Mark Jones were named this year's Blanche M. and George L. Watts Mountainside Community Foundation's scholarship winners.

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The American Cancer Society (ACS) Relay For Life of Berkeley Heights hosted the "Light The Fight" Event at The Grove at Connell Park on Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Teams of students and members of the community joined forces for the annual fundraiser to help save lives from cancer. At this writing the event raised 50,382.09.

Due to the pandemic, Relay For Life events were adjusted this year but the passion and commitment to fight cancer remains unchanged. The "Light the Fight" event featured Luminaria bags designed by volunteers that illuminated the pathways of The Grove. The day also included an opening ceremony, singing of the national anthem from Rebecca Candelero, raising of the Flag by Boy Scout Troop 368, and two food trucks to choose from.

The annual Relay for Life event serves as a way to bring the local communities together;

with participants from Berkeley Heights, New Providence, Summit, Mountainside, Springfield, and Watchung Hills.

Founded by Dr. Gordy Klatt in Tacoma, Washington, in 1985, Relay For Life continues to be more than just an event – it's a movement, a community of like-minded survivors, caregivers, volunteers and participants who believe that the future can be free from cancer.

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To learn more about Relay For Life of Berkeley Heights, or make a donation visit RelayForLife.org/BerkeleyHeightsNJ.



(above) Youth and Adult Chairs of the "Light the Fight" Event (adult) Sue Kelly, Patti Broccoli, Jeannette Gates (youth) Brianna Cagan, Maddy Sabatino, Kelly McRae

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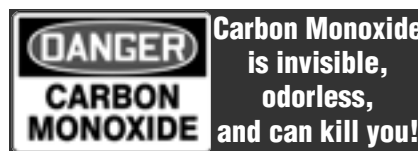
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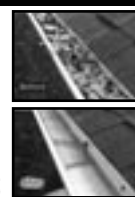
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Submitted by Manny Carlino

The Mountainside community recently came together to celebrate Irene Truskowska – 103 years young!

Irene was born in Newark and resided in the Ironbound Section until moving to Mountainside in 1964.

Irene earned 3 College degrees and 2 Post Graduate degrees.

Her over 50-year career included:

Night Supervisor (Labor & Delivery)

Presbyterian Hospital 1931-1941

In Charge Nurse (Nursery) Presbyterian Hospital 1941-1943

Staff Nurse (public Health) Orange Visiting Nurse 1944-1946

Nursing Art Instructor Newark City Hospital 1946-1991

East Side High School, Newark Board of

Education Health Teacher 1961-1972

East Side High School, Guidance Counselor 1972-1987

Retired 1987 from East Side High School

Irene's hobbies include reading, singing, playing the violin, sewing, spending weekends at the jersey shore with her sister Sabina, going to movies, volunteering for church events, groups and organizations she belonged too.

The groups and organizations she belonged to over the years include: Polish Women Alliance of America, Holy Rosary Society or St. Casimir's Church, Newark NJ, and she is a life-long Parishioner of St. Casimir's Church, Newark.

Irene is an amazing person, her sister, Sabina Truskowski who passed away on October 2017, and her have touched my heart from the day I have moved into my home here in Mountainside. I am so happy to be able to help honor her.

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While enjoying the fresh air and beautiful breeze and in the company of real live people, the attending members listened to presentations from Mountainside Mayor Paul N. Mirabelli, Mountainside Police Chief Joseph Giannuzzi,

Police Lieutenant M. Jackson, Mountainside Councilwoman Rachel Pater, and Mountainside Senior Coordinator Kim Moriak.

The speakers touched on topics affecting the residents of Mountainside such as road improvement, town development, scams, senior activities, and the question in everyone's mind, taxes.

After the individual presentations all of the speakers happily answered all questions and concerns completely.

A Welcome Back cake, cookies, brownies, coffee, tea, and water supplied by the club were enjoyed by everyone attending at the end of the question and answer period.

Indoor meetings of the Mountainside Active Retirees will resume at Borough Hall, September 14, 10am in the 2nd floor Community Room.

Photos by Kenny i.



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Submitted by Isabella Lora

SAGE Eldercare's Meals on Wheels volunteer, Lorelei Burns describes herself as "lousy at relaxing." A resident of Summit for 33 years, Burns has volunteered since 2015. What inspires this high energy woman to deliver meals two days each week year after year? Simple, she said, it's the meaningful relationships she has with her clients and the SAGE staff.

A former ATT executive, who appreciates competence and structure, Burns says she feels at home with the Meals on Wheels team. "I like organizations that are successful, well managed, and get things done."

She also praised SAGE for their timely response to the pandemic. "They didn't close their doors. They didn't stop doing business. The rules and procedures they put in place to keep the operation running were most impressive."

The most challenging part of being a volunteer, she said, are the losses. Whether it is saying farewell to an elderly client who has died or delivering food to a client who has lost their

spouse, it's difficult. A widow herself, Burns can empathize with these people and share their feelings of loss. Yet, even with the sadness, she said, the visits are positive and so necessary as many of the meal recipients have no other daily visitors other than their volunteer. While the food is vital "It is the visit that counts," she explains.

The passion Burns has for her giving and helping extends beyond Meals on Wheels. She is active at the Newark Museum, North Star Academy and has a shop at Covenant House, which provides clothes to homeless children.

Referring to SAGE, she said with modesty, "I am nothing more than a volunteer; I have no desire to be retired." For her, SAGE represents "friends, food and home." The relationship she has with the nonprofit is mutually beneficial, she said. "This is my home."

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RAKE & HOE DECORATES MOBILE MEALS

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Submitted by Betty Round

Members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club recently met at the First Baptist Church of Westfield where Mobile Meals originates and made 55 small floral arrangements to accompany the Mobile Meals delivered that day.

These colorful small arrangements are much appreciated by the clients who look forward to receiving them. One recipient told the club that she placed the arrangement on her kitchen windowsill and when she saw the arrangement every day it brought her happiness and made her realize that she was not alone and that others think of her and care. The club has performed this service twice a year in the Spring and the Fall for almost 50 years.

Mobile Meals is a voluntary, non-profit program that provides home-delivered meals to

those who are unable to shop and prepare their own meals on either a temporary or permanent basis. It is available to residents of Westfield and surrounding communities including Mountainside, Fanwood, Scotch Plains, Clark, and Cranford. For more information, call 908-233-6146.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club is affiliated with the Garden Club of New Jersey and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Currently, the club meets online on the second Wednesday of the month at 12:00 p.m. Meetings feature speakers on horticultural, flower design, floral crafts, and environmental topics. Membership is open to residents of Westfield and surrounding towns. For more information, call Beth Siano 908-233 4150 or visit the club's website, rakeandhoegc.org, or Facebook page.



(above, l-r) Pictured are Mary Smith, Kris Luka, Kathyryn Ciurczak, Margot Partridge, Gayle Lechner, Donna Hopkins, Mary Fran Annese, Jeanie Pelikan and Betty Gulino.

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The Library is closed on Saturdays for July and August

The Mountainside Public Library is located at 1 Constitution Plaza, Mountainside, NJ.

SAGE LAUNCHES “THE GROTTA FUND LIBRARY” TO EASE OLDER ADULT LONELINESS

SAGE Eldercare recently launched a new virtual library on its website, sageeldercare.org. The library includes exclusive SAGE exercise, entertainment and educational videos. Funded by a \$10,000 grant from the Grotta Fund, the goal of the library is to ease the loneliness and isolation many older adults and caregivers are continuing to experience due to the pandemic. The new library is available to SAGE clients as well as the public; anyone who can benefit from it.

Advocating on behalf of the elderly for 100 years, The Grotta Fund for Senior Care is an advisory council fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater MetroWest. The Foundation has a long history of supporting organizations that help improve the lives of older adults and their caregivers. SAGE also received a \$10,000 grant from the Fund last summer to assist the nonprofit during the pandemic.

“The loneliness that many older adults and caregivers are still experiencing due to COVID-19 is heartbreaking,” said SAGE grant writer, Ellen Tepper. “We are deeply appreciative of the Grotta Fund for allowing us to create this engaging selection of content to help provide something fun and entertaining for those who need it.”

Within the library, exercise videos include: chair exercises, gentle yoga, meditation and more. The entertainment section has everything from show tunes and to Motown hits, while education includes webinars from SAGE’s Your Decisions Matter program as well as other helpful and interesting content.

Visit SAGE’s new library at sageeldercare.org. For more information, please email swirth@sageeldercare.org.

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,



(above) SAGE Eldercare recently launched a new virtual library on its website, sageeldercare.org. Funded by a grant from the Grotta fund, the library includes: exercise, entertainment and educational videos. Pictured here is singer Jackie Jones. Jones has performed throughout the US as well as Russia, Germany, Portugal and Switzerland. She currently teaches jazz voice at NJPAC.

to exercise classes, community programs, care planning, 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 Union, Essex, Morris, and Somerset Counties. For more information, please call 908-273-5550 or visit sageeldercare.org.

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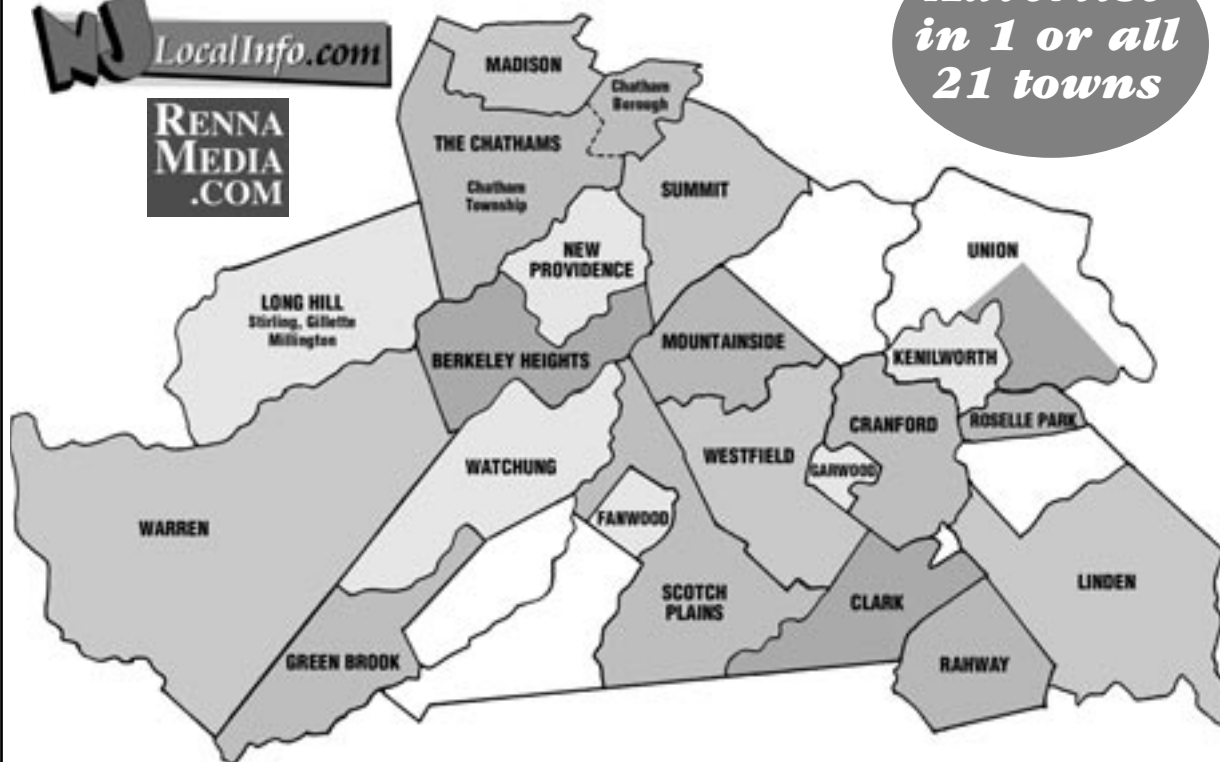
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