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Submitted by Kerry Rokicki

Six Girl Scouts of Cranford have been honored with the Distinguished Girl Scout Service Award for their dedication to the organization. To qualify for the honor, each met specific criteria which often included mentoring younger Girl Scouts or assisting other troops.

The 2021 Distinguished Girl Scout Service Award recipients are Rachael Durant. Lasairfhiona (Fiona) Iosso, Julia Love, Genevieve Marchesi, Erin Miklencic and Amanda Newport. Each received a \$300 scholarship from Girl Scouts of Cranford Service Unit 48 in recognition of their achievement.

The Distinguished Girl Scout Service Award honors Ambassador Girl Scouts who were Girl Scouts for all four years of their high school careers, completed 50 hours of service for the organization during that time, and graduated with a minimum 3.0 GPA. The scholarship program was created several years ago to encourage leadership through service while also creating a stronger Girl Scout community.

"By adding their time and talents to our organization these young women have made our group stronger. Their efforts included assisting adult leaders, mentoring younger Girl Scouts, supporting town-wide programming and even at the Cranford United Methodist Church. working on behalf of the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey council. We are so proud that they chose to give back and lead by example," said Elayna Torsone, manager of Cranford Service Unit 48. "We can't wait to see where the future takes them."

Amanda Newport will be attending the University of New Hampshire (Zoology), Erin Miklencic will attend Rowan University (Mechanical Engineering), Fiona Iosso will attend the Fashion Institute of Technology (Advertising and Marketing Communications), Rachael Durant will attend Holy Cross College (Psychology), Genevieve Marchesi will attend University of Delaware (Finance) and Julia Love will attend University of Pittsburgh (Special Education and Developmental Psychology). The young women were honored for their achievements at an awards ceremony held in June



(above, 1-r) Manager of Girl Scouts of Cranford Service Unit 48, Elyana Torsone (far right), presents the Distinguished Girl Scout Service Award to Amanda Newport, Erin Miklencic, Genevieve Marchesi, Julia Love, Fiona Iosso, and Rachael Durant.

The Girl Scouts of Cranford boasts over 1,139 Girl Scout Members in 71 troops and Juliettes making it one of the largest non-profit organizations in town. The Cranford Service Unit is a part of the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey (GSHNJ) Council which is part of the Girl Scouts of the USA. If your family is interested in learning more about local Girl Scouts or to find out more information on the Girls Scouts of Cranford, please visit cranfordgirlscouts.com.

9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Cranford WTC Committee and the Cranford Clergy Council will be hosting a 9/11 Memorial Service on Saturday, September 11, 6:30 p.m. at Memorial Park, Springfield and No. Union Avenues in Cranford.

In case of inclement weather, the service will take place at the First Presbyterian Church across the street from the park.

This event will honor all those that lost their lives in the September 11th attacks including family, friends, first responders and all that were affected by this tragedy.



GIRL SCOUTS DISTINGUISH THEMSELVES THROUGH SERVICE

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Project Home of Cranford's Fall 2021 Town check for \$25 to Project Home of Cranford, PO Wide Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday October 2, 2021 Rain or Shine. This is a great opportunity for residents to clean out items they no longer need and turn them into cash and most importantly help support township residents in

need. Those who register will have the address of their sale and a brief description of what they are selling included on the listing that will be posted on the Project Home website and on Facebook for shoppers looking to find sale locations. Online registration will be available through Tuesday September 28, mail in registration must be postmarked by Friday September 23.

To participate in the Town Wide Garage Sale registration is available on-line through the Project Home website:

www.projecthomeofcranford.org/2021townwide-garage-sale or by mailing in the completed registration form, which can also be found on the website or send a note with your name, address, telephone number and brief description of what you are selling, along with a

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All participants are requested to follow the current health and safety guidelines relating to COVID-19 while running their individual sale.

It is through fundraisers like the Town Wide Garage Sale that we as a community are able to lend a hand to those in need when unexpected financial crisis impacts our neighbors.

For over 25 years Project Home of Cranford, a 501(c)3 charity has been working through Cranford Family Care to keep Cranford families in crisis in their homes. The Town Wide Garage Sale is one of the events that Project Home runs to raise funds for Cranford Family Care.

For questions about the garage sale or just find out more about Project Home and our mission please email us at

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We have no required experience, fees, or membership dues for anyone on or backstage. We stand committed to casting people of color in any role that will showcase their talent, to producing works by playwrights of all races, faiths, genders, and sexual orientations, and to inviting all people in our diverse communities to join us onstage or behind the scenes in volunteering to express our collective voices and stories.

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OSCEOLA FOOD PANTRY

Cranford Clergy Council

In 2015, Osceola Presbyterian Church, located at 1689 Raritan Rd, Clark, NJ, expanded their food ministry program from three holiday distributions a year to its current monthly distributions. In the past 5 years, Osceola Food Pantry has given out over 50,000 pounds of food in addition to gift cards, school supplies, cleaning supplies, and household items.

Supported by food and monetary donations from Osceola congregants, community members. local churches and civic organizations, Osceola Food Pantry serves an average of 20 families each month. A "box of basics" is provided along with a "special of the month." During the pandemic, sanitizing supplies and extra "kidfriendly" foods were given and additional items and gift cards are provided prior to holidays. In addition, a selection of donated clothing and household items are normally made available for selection by our families and will continue when it is safe for our families to re-enter our building.

The Food Pantry attempts to meet individual needs of our regular families and also provides "emergency" boxes for those in need who contact the church.

Despite the pandemic, Osceola Food Pantry's monthly distributions have continued but have been limited to outdoor loading of food boxes. We have continued to receive great support from within the church and from within the community and our volunteers are grateful to be able to provide for all who have reached out to the program. We also look forward to a time when we can provide more personal contact with our families.

For more information about Osceola Food Pantry, contact the church at 908-276-5300 and leave a message. Someone will respond to you shortly.

This is the fourth in a series of articles by churches of the Cranford Clergy Council. This article was written by Alice Dietze. Submitted by Skip Winter.

GIFT CARDS DONATED TO MOBILE MEALS

Jason Rooney, Business representative for appreciative of their donation." Sheet Metal Workers Union #22 of Cranford, recently presented Mobile Meals of Westfield with a generous donation of \$650 in gift cards for use at ShopRite.

Mobile Meals Executive Director Josephine Walsh said, "The Sheet Metal Workers Union in Cranford supports local charities. We are most

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RESIDENTS ASKED TO REMAIN VIGILANT



Cranford Police Department

Since June 2021, the Cranford Police Department has taken multiple reports of thefts from private properties. Most commonly, individuals will enter unlocked cars, sheds, or porches to find anything of value. Bicycles in sheds as well as personal belongings in vehicles are commonly targeted. In some cases, vehicles left unlocked with their key-fobs inside become an unintended gift to perpetrators.

The Cranford Police Department suggests that residents remain vigilant with their property and belongings, urging residents to lock vehicles and doors, close overhead garage doors, hide or remove valuables from vehicles and keep exterior residential lighting or motion sensors on overnight.

As the Cranford Police Department continues to investigate acts of theft occurring in our residential neighborhoods, residents are encouraged to report any thefts or suspicious events involving trespassers. If you have any information that could potentially assist in ongoing investigations, please contact our Detective Bureau at 908-709-7331 or 908-709-7346.

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COFFEE IN THE PARK WITH THE CHAMBERS

On a beautiful summer morning in July, the event, "Coffee in the Park with the Chambers," brought members form both the Cranford and Millburn Chambers of Commerce together to meet over coffee and danish. The event expanded the horizons for businesses from both towns in a fun casual setting. Attendees also had the opportunity to go on a walking tour of the historic Taylor Park.

The Cranford Area Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to supporting our businesses and community amidst this delicate time. It is imperative that we come together to provide resources to support our businesses while continuing operations. Find out more about the Chamber by visiting their website. CranfordAreaChamber.com. Anyone interested in becoming a member can call 908-272-6114 or email cranfordchamber@comcast.net.



(above, 1-r) Cranford Chamber of Commerce President Andis Kainins and Millburn Chamber of Commerce President Jimmy Joseph.



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DUCKY DERBY RETURNS THIS OCTOBER

Hanson Park Conservancy's 10th Annual Rubber Ducky Derby is scheduled once again for Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 4 p.m. On race day, over one-thousand individually numbered rubber ducks will be released in the Rahway River at Sperry Park, Cranford, NJ and tumble over the falls racing to the finish line at the North Union Ave Bridge. Numerous prizes for the fastest lucky duckies will be awarded. The top prize is a \$250 gift card.

Ducks can be purchased at two locations: Periwinkles, on North Union Avenue downtown Cranford, or the Cranford Canoe Club on Springfield Ave. Purchase a single Duck for \$5.00 or a flock of 5 ducks for \$20.00. Please secure your tickets early as ducks are limited, and the race has been known to sell out.

All proceeds benefit Hanson Park maintenance and educational programs. Please visit tthis lovely little park located at 38 Springfield Ave. Have you got your Ducky?



PICTURE BOOK PALOOZA – SEPT. 25

Cranford Public Library

Join the Cranford Public Library for their third annual Picture Book Palooza, featuring Anne Appert, Mike Ciccotello, Rosanne Kurstedt, and Laura Sassi!

Picture book authors and illustrators will be sharing books and crafts on Saturday, September 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the Cranford Community Center. This free event, for children ages 4-8 and their families, will provide young readers with an opportunity to meet the creators of some truly amazing stories!

No registration is required. Books will be on hand for purchase and autographing-cash or check only, please.

Please be aware that masks, worn over the mouth and nose, are required for all patrons over the age of 2 at indoor and outdoor programs, regardless of vaccination status. Please stay home if you feel unwell, have a fever, or if you think you might have been in contact with someone who is sick.





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SEVEN FROM TROOP 80 EARN EAGLE RANK

Submitted by Cady Kaneko

It's no secret scouting in Cranford (boys and girls) has always been a very active and involved part of the community. It has also helped to keep our town enjoyable for all who live here with a plethora of renovations and improvements. Last spring Boy Scouts of America Troop 80 had an impressive Court of Honor producing seven Eagle Scouts. Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty, State Senator Tom Kean, Jr. and U.S. Representative Tom Malinowski were present to congratulate and support the scouts at their ceremony on June 7, 2021.

These seven scouts started as cute cheekpinching cub scouts and now after years of dedication, hard work and a lot of parent-driving miles, have grown to become young adults who know what it means to give back. So let's meet the Eagles and their projects.

Anthony Bottino decided to plant a memorial garden with a bench at Lincoln Park in memory of his friend Raymond Schwartz who passed away from cancer in 2019. It took 128 hours to complete and a dedication ceremony was held on October 10, 2020 to present The Valerie Fund with a donation in Raymond's memory.

Will Kennedy built a Gaga pit at Orange Avenue School. Gaga is a fast paced, high-energy sport played in an octagonal pit. Gaga is a kinder and gentler version of dodge ball. The game is played with a soft foam ball and combines the skills of dodging, striking, running, and jumping, while trying to hit opponents with a ball below the knees. He spent 148 hours on this project.

Patrick O'Shea spent 102 hours reimagining the Resource Room at Brookside Place School. The room was a disaster and a mess and just not usable. Patrick and his team cleaned, organized and upgraded the room for the teachers.

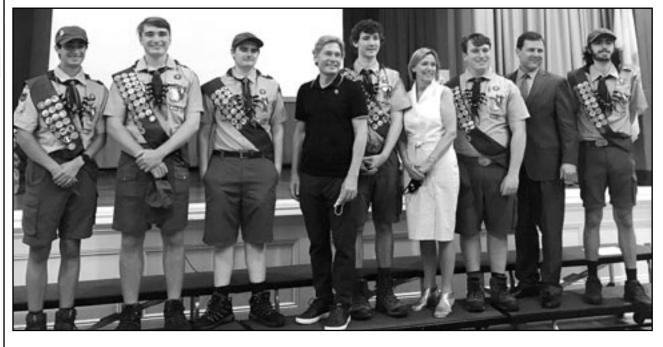
John Scheurer chose the Rahway River Parkway as the site of his Eagle project. Much of the walkway was overgrown and covered with invasive plants. John and his crew cleared the area, planted new saplings and beautified the area. This was a 300 hour project. It's pretty clear he has the appreciation and respect for all landscapers throughout Cranford!

Now here's one for those parents with kids roaming and biking around town. Michael Scheurer decided to create a Traffic Safety Awareness Program in Cranford to highlight the growing issue of pedestrian safety on our busy streets. He spent 351 hours making this program a success.

This one is for our animal lovers. Liam Usinowicz lead his team of scouts in a rehabilitation project at the Union Township Animal Shelter. So many Cranford residents are pet owners so they understand the value of proper animal care. Are you looking for that special companion? Maybe check out this animal shelter for your next best friend. Liam spent 80 hours cleaning, planting and refreshing the grounds for a much needed face-lift for our furry friends.

Shane Waleski did a beautiful park space enhancement at the Theodore Roosevelt Park on Orange Avenue. He spent 76 hours designing and creating a reading and meditation area. It was a nice addition as there have been sports camps and outdoor yoga classes at this park.

A big thank you to all those who have supported scouting in Cranford throughout the years and greatest gratitude to the volunteer parents that make Troop 80 a safe and fun environment for all scouts.



(above) Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty, State Senator Tom Kean, Jr. and U.S. Representative Tom Malinowski were present to congratulate and the scouts at their Court of Honor Ceremony



TEEN VOLUNTEER FOLLOWS HER DREAMS TO PRINCETON

Trinitas Regional Medical Center offers teenagers with an interest in healthcare several opportunities to test-drive their dreams. Dimiana Ibrahim, an Elizabeth resident, followed her dream of becoming a doctor to Princeton University to join the Class of 2025. What helped make the decision to study medicine were her experiences as a volunteer and a Medical Explorer at Trinitas.

As a high school sophomore, she entered the Teen Volunteer program, run by Lisa Liss, Director of Volunteer Services at Trinitas. "I wanted to be further exposed to the hospital setting to see if medicine was really the right path for me," Dimiana says. "Volunteering on the maternity floor allowed me to observe the ins and outs of how a hospital floor works. Helping different varieties of patients exposed me to how different and equally important each patient's story is. I was exposed to real-world hardships, celebrations, and stories that I

would've never been able to see otherwise. It taught me the great importance of patience and compassion in the field, which is something you really have to feel and not just read about in a book."

Then Dimiana joined the Medical Explorers Club, for those interested in healthcare, nutrition, physical therapy, and nursing, among other careers. "Although short-lived due to COVID, it was an overall really fun and educational experience for my friends and me. I learned a lot about different specialties in the hospital, like anesthesia and dialysis. It showed me how truly excited I felt learning about medicine. It helped me realize that this is the excitement I aspire to have my entire life when it comes to my chosen field. These experiences, along with many others, helped me achieve the self-reflection and discovery needed to not only find my career path, but to recognize how I intend to get there. Attending Princeton



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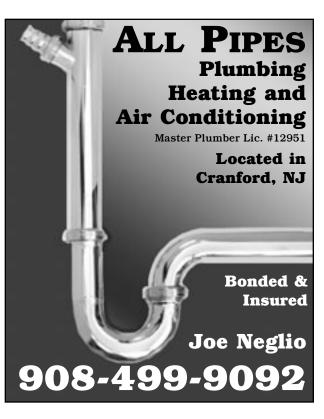
would've never been able to see otherwise. It University will be one of my first of many steps taught me the great importance of patience and towards becoming a physician."

Liss, who also oversees Nurse Camp for high school students and the Collegiate Medical Mentor program for college students, says, "I'm always thrilled to hear about students taking their experiences at Trinitas and running with them. Dimiana was a shining example of how enriching these programs can be for students who may either be on the fence about healthcare as a profession and figure out that they definitely want it, or know for sure they want to study medicine at some level and can't wait until college to get started. Dimiana took advantage of what we have to offer and we hope to see her in our Collegiate Medical mentor program as she excels at Princeton."

For more information about Volunteering at Trinitas or to get involved with one of the medical mentoring programs, call Lisa Liss, 908-994-5164.



(above) Dimiana Ibrahim, Elizabeth resident and former Teen Volunteer at Trinitas, poses at Princeton University, where she has joined the Class of 2025.



The blaring of a fire truck's siren as it approached a party, cars honking horns as they drove by, letters, cards, proclamations, flowers, and dozens of relatives and friends were part of a surprise yard party on Saturday, June 26 celebrating the 100th birthday of Edythe Claire Hansen Frank of N. 12th St., Kenilworth, NJ. Also stopping by were Mayor Linda Karlovitch and Councilman Louis De Mondo who extended personal congratulations to the birthday girl as did her minister, Father Andy Kruger, of Trinity Episcopal Church, Cranford. Edythe's actual birthday was the next day, having been born in Jersey City on June 27, 1921 to William E. and Laura Jane Silvers Hansen.

Not only does Edythe have the distinction of being a centenarian but she very well may be the oldest, and longest dues-paying Girl Scout in the United States. In 1931 at age nine she became a Brownie Scout and in 1935 a registered Girl Scout.

One of three children, Edythe married Sgt. George J. Frank on Armistice Day, 1943 while he was on short leave from the US Army during WWII. She said, "He came home on short leave and we got married." During the war she tried to enlist with the Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines and they were not taking people at that time. The Army indicated they would take her but her parents and husband asked her to reconsider. Eventually she decided to remain at home.

After WWII they lived in a Millburn apartment and ran a luncheonette. They soon had two children – George (aka "Stretch") and Laurie-Jo. The couple bought some building lots in Kenilworth on N. 12th St. for a few hundred dollars and began to erect their own home with their own labor and that of relatives and friends. Edythe remarked, "I handed him the cinder blocks and he added the mortar." At last, in 1949, they moved in and later had two more children – Sue-Ellen and Donna-Claire. George passed way in 2012 at age 91 after 68 years of marriage.

Both Edythe and George were part of Kenilworth scouting – he with the Cub Scouts



(above) Edythe Frank gives a toast at her 100th birthday party.

Photos provided by the family of Edythe Claire Frank

and she with the Brownies and then the Girl Scouts. They were scout leaders for their own children and many more from town. Edythe started out as a Brownie leader and as her daughters grew older, she become a Girl Scout leader spanning a period of 14 years from 1957 to 1971.

Edythe recalls trips to Camp Wild Cherry and the old Girl Scout cabin at the end of N. 18th and N. 19th streets adjacent to Black Brook Park. She mentioned, "There was really nothing around there at the time. There was a lot of open space." She reminisced about the wild cherry trees, poison ivy, dirt, and dust. Edythe stated, "We couldn't wait to wash off all of the dirt from camp. When we got home after day camp, the first thing we did was to shower to get rid of the dirt."

In 1995 Edythe was honored by the

Washington Rock Girl Scout Council with a 60year service pin and again in 2005 with a 70-year pin. Still a dues-paid Girl Scout after 90 years, Edythe indicated a few years ago, "Everyone worked nicely together at Camp Wild Cherry. We really were sincere about following the Girl Scout Promise and Law. I still follow it today.

A special highlight of the day was the attendance of Natasha Hemmings, CEO of Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey. Ms. Hemmings announced that Edythe had been awarded the distinct honor of "Life Time Girl Scout," and noted that among other benefits, was that no longer would Edythe need to pay dues. With a smile, Edythe said, "So glad to be a Life Time Girl Scout as at times I was late in paying my dues. Now I don't have to worry about it."

The hostess of the party was Edythe's granddaughter, Dionne Frank, who resides next door. She is one of Edythe's 10 grandchildren. Edythe also has 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

The celebration continued over to the following day with continued surprises as more relatives and friends arrived. On Sun., July 11, a third get together with old friends visiting was held in Ocean Beach, NJ where Edythe and her late husband, George, husband, had a home for over 30 years. Edythe concluded, "I never had any idea about the surprise party. I was pleased to see so many people."

Granddaughter Dionne, commented, "As a family, we are very blessed to have her with us, in good mental and physical health. Edythe is the true matriarch of the Frank Family and is always ready to dole out love and humor. The entire weekend was a surprise for Gramma so every person who walked up the driveway to greet her, made her more excited and filled with love and joy."

Research provided by Walter E. Boright, Ed. D., historian, and Irene Laki for the Girl Scouts. Persons with inquiries about this or other aspects of Kenilworth history may contact Dr. Boright at drbori@aol.com or 908-256-5200.



(above) Edythe and family, ca. 1958 (top, l-r) Edythe; George, Sr.; and George, Jr., ("Stretch"}; (bottom, l-r) Sue-Ellen; Laurie-Jo; and Donna-Claire.



(above, left) Edythe joined the Brownie Scouts in 1931. (right) Edythe C. Frank Brownie Troop 855, 1959 Clockwise: Edythe, Jackie Clark, Sue-Ellen Frank, Peggy Curtis, and Laurie-Jo Frank Photos provided by the family of Edythe Claire Frank

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Have you have been told you are facing knee replacement surgery? Have you been told about all the downsides you could be facing? First and foremost, there are NO guarantees that knee replacement surgery will be the answer to your pain, but let's look further:

Surgery is costly, regardless of the percentage of services covered by insurance. · Surgery requires lost time from work and typically requires a regimen of rehabilitation and medications

With surgery, there is always a risk for unwelcomed complications. And you could be back to where you started, or worse.

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There are a number of reasons why you developed Osteoarthritis pain. It can develop with age or because of heredity. It could be from repetitive stress from a job or some glory days in athletics. Of course your concern is with the symptoms you face daily and how to make them end, hopefully without surgery or the use of potentially addictive medications. Northeast Spine & Wellness Center understands the symptoms you have been

living with and can help. If you have any of the symptoms below, please call us today. Relief is a phone call away.

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· Stiffness - Getting up out of bed or after sitting for a period of time gets more and more difficult. This loss of mobility can be more than a hindrance. It can be dangerous if you need to move quickly.

· Loss of muscle strength - This can lead to balance issues and the strong possibility of falling

· Joint deformity - Not just unsightly, but painful as well. · Creaking Joints - Can be painful and a sign of more discomfort to come

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SOUNDS OF SEPTEMBER - FREE MUSIC CONCERT



Townley Presbyterian Church together with the Salem Roadhouse Cafe proudly present Carrie Jackson & the Jazzin' All Stars, performing on Saturday, September 18, 2021.

The show starts at 6:30 p.m. and goes until 8:00 p.m. at the Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Road, Union, NJ 07083.

The concert is free. It's a wholesome show, so bring the entire family! Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs. Plenty of safe outdoor space. Free snacks will be available.

Donations of a non-perishable food item for a local food pantry will be accepted – please be generous.

Carrie Jackson is a metropolitan area based vocal stylist and rekindles thoughts of America's great jazz history. Carrie credits her mentors, the great ladies of jazz, Sarah "Sassy" Vaughan, Ella Fitzgerald, Nancy Wilson, Carmen McRae, Dinah Washington, Billie Holiday, and others as a primary musical influence for her style, which indelibly helped shape vocal jazz for every generation.

Carrie attributes her vocal style of singing from her mentors and made them a part of her, also bringing new horizons to this classical American art form called Jazz. The truth is that she has a bit of all of them and more that create her own unique style as she proudly carries the jazz banner.

Carrie is a vocalist and performer, a native of Newark, NJ, and honed her many talents in the jazz mecca of performing arts while performing throughout the USA and abroad. She spreads and shares her joy and well-honed expertise on the stage.

Ms. Jackson, with her multifaceted singing style, can harmonize swing and scat; swings classic jazz standards with sweet soul; wails the blues, cabaret, pop tunes, ballads, or Gospel, all complimented by her engaging stage presence and graceful moves. Carrie has a wide range with a strong command of the classic elements of jazz vocalizing. She is a gifted lyricist, has great timing and truly sings from her heart and is comfortable performing with a small ensemble, big band and or orchestra.



NEW NURSES GRADUATE THE TRINITAS SCHOOL OF NURSING

Sixty-nine students received their nursing diplomas from the Trinitas School of Nursing for what would have been the 166th Convocation Ceremony on June 3, 2021, including Cranford residents Natalia Knapp and Eden Musumeci.

Fifty-eight women and 11 men became eligible to sit for the registered nurse licensing exam. The convocation ceremony was a hybrid event of inperson ceremony and taped speeches. The class gathered in person in two groups to maintain

social distancing. The students received their Accreditation Commission for Accreditation in awards, pins, and nursing diplomas in person. No outside visitors were allowed. The event was recorded and edited by the UCC Media department, and the premiere of the complete version of the ceremony was conducted on June 11, 2021 at 6 p.m. A gift of the video was given by the school to each graduate.

"During the pandemic, the School of Nursing successfully underwent accreditation by the

Nursing (ACEN)," said Dr. Roseminda Santee, Dean of the Trinitas School of Nursing, which is affiliated with Union County College. "The school was granted the full eight years continuing accreditation by ACEN in March 2021. Graduates participated actively in the accreditation process. I am very proud of these graduates."



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BILL HINKLE NAMED COMMANDER

VFW Post 335

Bill Hinkle, the newly elected VFW Post 335 Commander, assuming the reins from outgoing commander Andrew Burns (a retired US Army Colonel), looks for creativity and teamwork after a year of unprecedented challenges. Under Colonel Burns' command, Cranford's VFW Post was named an "All American Post," acknowledging it as one of the top posts in the country for activities, membership retention and support services to veterans. The new Commander went on to commend Colonel Burns for the time and effort he has put into maintaining post operations, it's goals and objectives.

Commander Hinkle grew up in Roselle Park, becoming a Cranford resident in 1981 during a business venture. Bill spent two years away at college, where he played football and baseball and is a member of the 1966 Wilkes College Hall of Fame football team, winners of the Lambert Bowl Trophy. After two years Bill left college joining the Marine Corps and quickly entered his training at M.C.R.D., Parris Island, South Carolina as a member of the 2nd Recruit Battalion, Platoon 253, graduating in July of 1968, being named the Platoon's Outstanding Marksman. Further advanced training moved him onto Camp Lejeune and Camp Geiger, North Carolina, then onto Camp Pendleton, California prior to being shipped out to The Republic of Vietnam. In the Republic, Bill was stationed with Marine Air Group 16 and served with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 165, Marble Mountain.

On March 3, 1969, Lance Corporal Hinkle, while serving as an aerial gunner aboard a CH-46 Marine transport helicopter, was assigned a mission of inserting a Marine reconnaissance team into an enemy controlled area. While the aircraft descended, it came under an extremely heavy volume of enemy fire from three sides of the insertion site. Although seriously wounded, Lance Corporal Hinkle was able to return suppressive fire against hostile enemy positions, allowing the damaged helicopter to lift out of the perilous area and safely return to a regimental aid station. After spending 30 days in Cam Ranh Bay medical facility, Bill returned to duty and was awarded the Air Medal (Bronze Star) and Purple Heart for his actions and returned to his unit, completing his tour of duty.

Bill is a lifetime member of Cranford VFW Post 335, along with being active for many years in the St. Michael's Sports Association and Union County Senior Softball League. Bill retired as a Lieutenant from the New Jersey State Police after 30 years of service, being stationed in Troops B, C, D and E., and was a member of the 83rd State Police Recruit Class, being named the Outstanding Recruit upon graduation in November of 1970. Bill went on as a General Manager of an H.O.A. for sixteen years until retirement.

Bill's brother, Tom, who served in Vietnam with the 25th Infantry 3/17, Air Cav and 34th Amor Division, is also a lifetime member of the Post. Together they owned and operated T and J Lawn Mower in Cranford for many years before falling victim to the mass merchandisers. Their Uncle, William E. Hinkle, an Army Private and Cranford resident, at the age of 24, was valiantly killed during combat WWII, in Germany, December 1944, serving our country and is one of Cranford's "86".

The VFW always welcomes new members. Please call the Post at 908-276-9730 and leave a message for Commander Hinkle or Col. Burns so we can discuss your eligibility and our membership offers for new members.

Our events are open to all residents. After meeting with other officers of the Post, as well as representatives of it's Auxiliary, the schedule of events for the upcoming 2012-2022 Post calendar was set by Commander Hinkle. Due to the uncertainties in our future with the new variant of the virus, we may have to be a bit flexible in our dates.

The following is a listing of the significant events for the year:

- September 13 Monday Night Football and Grand Re-opening Party
- September 18 Flag Retirement Ceremony, Post Office Plaza
- October 2 Annual Post Picnic
- November 7 Annual Veterans Day Breakfast
- December 7 Pearl Harbor Memorial Service
- December 12 Holiday Cocktail Sip
- February 6 Super Bowl Extravaganza
- March 12 St. Patrick's Day Party
- April 8 Awards Night for Student Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy winners

Other dates to be announced are Veterans Hospital visits at the East Orange facility in both October and April and the Annual Blood Drive, among others.

Commander Hinkle also gave high praise to our Auxiliary who have been there every step of the way, devoting their time and effort for a successful Post and went on to say "preserving our past, present and future military sacrifices and legacies is an ever present goal."





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Garwood Still Rocks! features a classic car show hosted by "Hot Rod Mike" which is expected to draw over 100 cars this year, in addition to an all-day live stage, entertainment, vendors, and festival food including many area favorite food trucks. Artisans and craftspeople will display paintings, pottery, photography, handmade jewelry, furniture, and many other unique gifts. The Crossroads is sponsoring the Beer & Wine Garden and providing the main entertainment at the Garwood Rocks main stage. The music lineup will be announced closer to the event. A fun day for the whole family and admission is free! For further information regarding booking a space, please contact This is It Productions at 201-653-2699 extension 251.



