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THE SUMMIT FOUNDATION AWARDS LOCAL GRANTS

Submitted by Julie Adams

The Summit Foundation has awarded more than \$292,000 in grants to 22 local area nonprofit organizations providing vital food, shelter, education, arts, culture, and health services. Some of the grants include:

- \$5,000 to St. Teresa of Avila Loaves and Fishes for household supplies and personal care products for weekly distributions.
- \$15,000 to Bridges Outreach, Inc. for Welcome Neighbors services for homeless and necessity-insecure residents.
- \$15,000 to Promly Support, Inc., for a social media platform that will provide mental health resources and fight teen suicide.
- \$16,000 to PG Chambers School for assistive technology for children with special needs.
- \$8,000 to KinderSmile Foundation for free dental care for children served by GRACE in Summit.
- \$9,000 to New Jersey Bicycle Coalition for construction of a bike depot at the Summit train station.
- \$10,000 to Union County College Foundation for debt relief for students enrolled in Operation Graduation.

- \$5,000 to Somerset County YMCA, Inc., for a summer camp program that will address COVID-related learning losses among K-5 grade students from Plainfield School District.

The Summit Foundation also provided grants totaling more than \$124,000 to support SAGE Eldercare, The Connection for Women and Families, Reeves-Reed Arboretum, and the Visual Arts Center of NJ.

Other organizations receiving grants include Our House Foundation, Pillar Care Continuum, Literacy NJ, Contact We Care, Inc. (Caring Contact), Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre, Summit Interfaith Council, Hilltopper Stage Productions, Continuo Arts Foundation, CASA of Union County, and The Adult School of the Chathams, Madison, and Florham Park.

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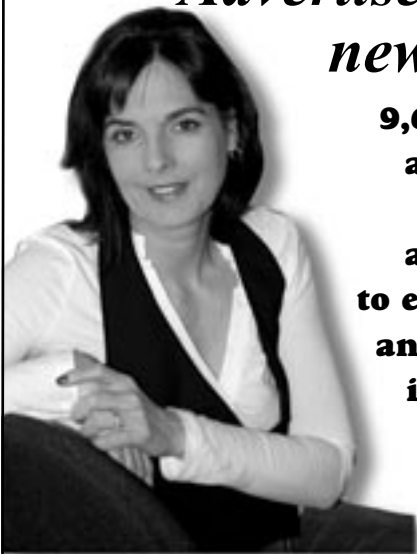
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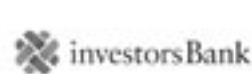
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Thanks to recent funding from E.J. Grassman Trust, The Summit Foundation, The Summit Garden Club, and the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF), the Arboretum was awarded a total of \$35,000 in 2021. With COVID-19 still impacting the Arboretum's operations this spring, the \$10,000 grant from the Summit Foundation provided much needed general operating support.

gardener funded by The Summit Garden Club. "We are so grateful for the support of our community partners," says Kondel.

For more information about programs, events, workshops, camps and classes at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, please visit reeves-reedarboretum.org or call 908-273-8787 x1010.

Celebrating over 40 years as a historic public garden and education resource, Reeves-Reed Arboretum engages, educates and enriches the public through horticulture and environmental education, and the care and utilization of the gardens and estate. Open 7 days a week, the Arboretum is listed on both the National and New Jersey State Historic Registers. Funding for RRA has been made possible in part by the NJ Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, Dept. of Parks & Community Renewal. Reeves-Reed Arboretum....a place to grow, for everyone!

"The \$20,000 grant for repairs to our deer fence from E.J. Grassman Trust is timely; this summer we are experiencing a level of damage to our plantings from the deer that I have not seen in my 13 years of working here," according to Jackie Kondel, Executive Director of the Arboretum. "The \$2,500 grant from the NEEF Restoration and Resilience Fund will be used to remove invasive plants along the Wildflower Trail and replant the area with natives since many of the native species have been browsed by deer." The work will be completed with a combination of volunteers and staff, including a seasonal

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10 Argyle Ct	5	5.1	3	\$2,195,000	\$2,250,000	82
26 Badeau Ave	4	3.2	2	\$1,995,000	\$2,051,000	15
121 Beechwood Rd	5	4.1	1	\$1,895,000	\$2,000,000	18
90 Larned Rd	4	3.2	2	\$1,545,000	\$1,681,000	14
64 Blackburn Rd	5	4.0	2	\$1,375,000	\$1,606,000	9
140 Canoe Brook Pkwy	6	4.0	2	\$1,595,000	\$1,595,000	54
87 Druid Hill Rd	5	4.1	2	\$1,595,000	\$1,565,000	11
28 Brantwood Dr	4	5.1	2	\$1,495,000	\$1,511,000	7
235 Oak Ridge Ave	4	3.0	2	\$1,599,000	\$1,500,000	13
93 Pine Grove Ave	5	3.1	2	\$1,350,000	\$1,485,000	14
43 Locust Dr	5	3.1	2	\$1,249,000	\$1,410,000	11
51 Rotary Dr	4	3.2	2	\$1,325,000	\$1,410,000	0
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190 Ashland Rd	5	4.0	2	\$1,399,000	\$1,350,000	115
94 Kent Place Blvd	4	3.2	2	\$799,000	\$850,000	20
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45 Wade Dr	5	2.0	2	\$820,000	\$825,000	12
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(above) Firefighter John Bonczo, Kristine Bonczo and daughter Blair.

ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF A LIFESAVING CPR SAVE BY SUMMIT FIREFIGHTER


The one-year anniversary of a lifesaving CPR save by Summit firefighter John Bonczo passed this Summer.

On July 25, 2020 at approximately 1 p.m. Watchung Police officers were called to the Watchung Square Mall on Route 22 in the area of DSW shoe store for a report on an 83-year-old unresponsive male. On arrival, officers observed the patient on the ground with off-duty City of Summit firefighter John Bonczo engaged in lifesaving measures. Firefighter Bonczo remained on the scene and assisted Watchung Police, EMS and paramedics until the patient was transported to Overlook Medical Center. Approximately three hours later, police received

an update that the patient was in stable condition.

Firefighter Bonczo has been a member of the Summit Fire Department for the past 11 years. Emergency preparedness and response is an important component of firefighter training.

“My wife Kristine, who was five months pregnant at the time, and I were returning from a shopping trip when I noticed an unconscious male on the ground in the parking lot,” explains Bonczo. “When I first checked the patient had a slight pulse that disappeared before I began CPR. I am incredibly grateful that the assistance I provided alongside Watchung police and EMS saved a life that afternoon. I look forward to sharing the story with my daughter one day.”



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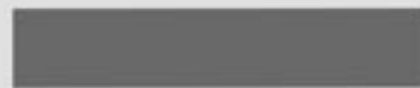
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Summit Common Council will be held on September 9 at 7:30 p.m. Berkeley Heights Township Council will be held September 14 at 7:30 p.m.

As of this writing, plans for a New Providence Borough Council forum and a Berkeley Heights Board of Education Forum have not been finalized.

Information on accessing the livestream forum as well as how to submit questions for the candidates will be found on our website, LWVBHNPS.org.

All Candidates in the three towns, as well as the candidates for Union County Commissioner, have received an invitation to respond to several

questions. By going to Vote411.org and entering your address, you will be able to see all the candidates for whom you can vote. You can read about their background and then see their answers to the questions presented to them by the League.

As a reminder, this year voters can cast a ballot on the machine prior to the election (October 23-30). The list of locations and times are available at UnionCountyVotes.com.

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Repair services available at this event will include jewelry, sewing/textiles, lamps, wooden items, electronics and bicycles. This is a free event, but please note that a voluntary contribution is appreciated when an item is brought in for repair. Donations help to insure future repair events. Replacement parts for lamps will be on hand for an at-cost fee. Please only bring items that you can carry into our event unaided.

Summit's Repair Café events were founded by Courtney Cordaro and are co-sponsored by the Summit Area Green Faith Circle and Repair Café Garden State. Green Faith Circle's goal is to inspire, educate, organize, and mobilize people of diverse religious and spiritual backgrounds globally for environmental action. Repair Café Garden State is a network of community organizers who host monthly repair events across the state. This organization shares news and schedules of all upcoming Repair Café events taking place in New Jersey via their website repaircafegs.org. Here you can find all the details of Summit and other local repair events.

If you would like to volunteer or help to repair beloved but broken items at this event or future events reach out to Courtney via email: summit@repaircafegs.org or through the contact form on repaircafegs.org.



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\$100K BEQUEST AND SETS CHALLENGE MATCH

Bridges Outreach

Bridges is honored to announce a \$100,000 bequest from the estate of John J. Hurley of Chatham, NJ. Mr. Hurley found his way to Bridges through former Board Treasurer, Bob Rowan, and founders, Geoff and Ginger Worden, formerly of Summit, NJ. Bob and John's friendship during retirement was partially founded on a mutual connection to Bridges Outreach. Together they made numerous "Bridges Runs" to Newark. As John experienced the full impact of the Bridges Organization in action, he became a strong proponent of its work, ultimately working with Rowan and the former Executive Director, Lois Bhatt, to commit to this major gift.

Mr. Hurley was born in Glen Gardner before



(above) John J. Hurley of Chatham, NJ

moving to Roselle Park, New Jersey. Having lost his parents early in life, he was raised by his godmother and her family as one of their own. After graduating from Roselle Park High School, he attended Rider University. He was also a US Army veteran. Professionally, Mr. Hurley worked for Wilkinson Sword, Inc. before it was associated with Gillette. While there, he was known for his attention to detail and respect of the family atmosphere. He ended his professional career as the Business Manager for Kent Place School. He managed the school's finances with respect for the program and the wisdom of careful spending. It is there that he connected with the Worden's, with whom he stayed in contact well after his retirement in 1997. Arlene Gibson, former Head of School at Kent Place, worked with John for nine years. She remembers him fondly as a man with a wry sense of humor who supported the school with care. "It is not surprising that John became involved with Bridges, a program in which the school's faculty, staff and students worked both to aid the homeless and to learn from them. I am touched by his gift and applaud Bridges in the effort to match his generosity."

Bridges is grateful for his commitment to our work, and we have begun the John J. Hurley Housing Success Fund with his bequest. This fund will help cover the cost of the voucher process, provide a basic care package, and extended transition support for those newly housed. Rich Uniacke, Executive Director, recognizes the long-term impact of this bequest. "Getting people out of homelessness and into housing, rather than shelter, is our highest aim. Keeping them successfully housed can itself be a challenging process which can last indefinitely. The establishment of this fund is meant to be a lasting tribute to the man who made this kind of impact possible."

Bridges' aim is to raise another \$200,000 dollars to match this gift by September 30, 2021 and transform the lives of those we serve—covering the costs of the housing voucher process

and providing some basic items to start a new home. Bridges has raised \$96,000 of our \$200,000 goal, and we are asking for your help.

To support the John J. Hurley Housing Assistance Fund and help meet our \$200,000 match, please donate at give.bridgesoutreach.org/HurleyMemorial; send donations to Bridges Outreach, Inc., P.O. Box 1444, Summit, New Jersey 07901 in honor of John J. Hurley. For stock transfers and/or planned giving, please contact Liz Christou-Woodall at 908-273-0176 or ewoodall@bridgesoutreach.org

Founded in 1988, Bridges Outreach has actively supported people experiencing homelessness in New York City, Newark, Irvington, and Summit. Bridges works to end homelessness through volunteer driven outreach and case management focusing on health, housing, and independence. We form relationships with those experiencing homelessness while meeting their most urgent needs. With case managers at our drop-in center, Project Connect, in Newark, we have been the primary organization providing identity documents, access to health and social services, shelter, daily food, and connections to employment.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, Bridges has sustained Runs in New York City, Newark, and Irvington and self-care access in Summit. Bridges has also committed to Street Outreach in Newark seven nights a week to provide food, clothing, PPE, and access to Covid-safe shelter. We have worked tirelessly to permanently house 30 clients with HUD mainstream housing vouchers and are working to prevent imminent homelessness with rental arrears support. Since April 2020 with our volunteers and case managers hard at work, Bridges has had more than 1,100 shelter placements, distributed over 35,000 lunches, and served over 8,000 people.

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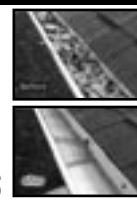
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SUMMER OF HIGH ADVENTURE FOR SUMMIT'S SCOUTS

Submitted by Matthew Hecker, Troop 67

Summit's own Boy Scout Troop 67 was able to do something truly incredible over the summer that they were waiting to do for years. From July 14 to July 28, a select group of scouts traveled to New Mexico to go backpacking at the Philmont Scout Ranch for two weeks. We used all of the skills we learned along our path to Eagle Scout, and got to have an experience that most scouts could only dream of. Philmont is one of only three High Adventure Camps in all of America, and only 20,000 scouts get to go over the entire summer. We flew to Colorado to spend two days becoming acclimated to the 7,000+ foot altitude, then took a bus to the ranch itself, and started the eleven-day hike. This trip was indescribably amazing, but I hope that I can at least try to describe even a fraction of it.

Our first stop was Colorado. After flying in from Newark Airport into Denver, we collected our bags and were immediately picked up by the Blue Sky Adventures bus. We were driven to the Garden of the Gods, a gorgeous rock formation. Our hike around the formation allowed us to get accustomed to having less oxygen when we hike. We then drove to Great Wolf Lodge, which is where we'd be staying for the next two nights. When we woke up the next morning, we immediately boarded the bus to get a tour of Pikes Peak, driving up to over 14,000 feet above sea level. After getting a view from the top, we drove to a local park for lunch, and then to the

Arkansas River to go whitewater rafting. Whitewater rafting intensity ranges from 1 (borderline still water) to 6 (extremely dangerous, and should be avoided)- and we reached a 4! It was easily one of the most fun parts of the trip and was a great bookend to our time in Colorado.

We stayed at Philmont Base Camp for 1 day, which was similar to a standard day camp. But the following day, we started on our trail. Hiking at Philmont was truly amazing, with a once-in-a-lifetime view at every turn. Our hikes ranged from roughly 2 miles to nearly 10 miles. There were days with elevation gains of 2500 feet, and multiple hikes had to be done in the rain. But the best part of the hikes was undoubtedly the comradery. From hour-long conversations about Kung Fu Panda to chanting, "We Ready," our crew was able to thrive in the heat, sun, rain, and fatigue of Philmont.

The activities at Philmont were so varied, yet every single one of them added so much fun to the trip. On day 2, we got to rock climb on 30 foot high cliff faces, something so different compared to the indoor gyms we have here in New Jersey. On day 3, we shot and reloaded Civil War-era muskets, even getting to put our own hats down range to be shot. On day 4, we branded a lot of our gear with the Philmont logo, as well as getting to cook and eat peach cobbler. We got to pet goats, burrows, and chickens on day 5. The side hike up to Mt. Phillips and subsequent lightning storm of day 6 was easily a highlight of

the entire trip, since we got one of the prettiest views I've ever seen, and more importantly, cell service. On day 7, we got to prepare 30.06 rifle bullets, as well as actually fire the rifles at targets, hats, and even at flip flops. day 8 brought the most activities. Some of us learned how to play mandolin, others played poker, and then we all got to explore an old mine shaft as well as pan for gold (no gold was found, but some say that the real gold was the friends we made along the way). The next two days both included fly fishing, which was probably the only time on our trip that the advisors got some peace and quiet. And finally, day 11 included a hike and climb up the Tooth of Time, the greatest landmark of Philmont, and an incredible way to end our journey.

When we weren't hiking, fishing, rafting, climbing, shooting, reloading, chanting, singing, panning, exploring, or hiking some more, our crew was having to handle the scariest part of the trip: boredom. And food. The food was just as scary. Dehydrated meals, pop tarts, and meat sticks were the vast majority of our sustenance, but we made it through. And the boredom was overcome through copious amounts of poker. But from poker to meat sticks to uphill hikes to heat to sunburns to blisters, every challenge only made us stronger. This trip was not only a journey, it was truly an experience. One that I, and the rest of the crew, wouldn't trade for the world, and will never forget.



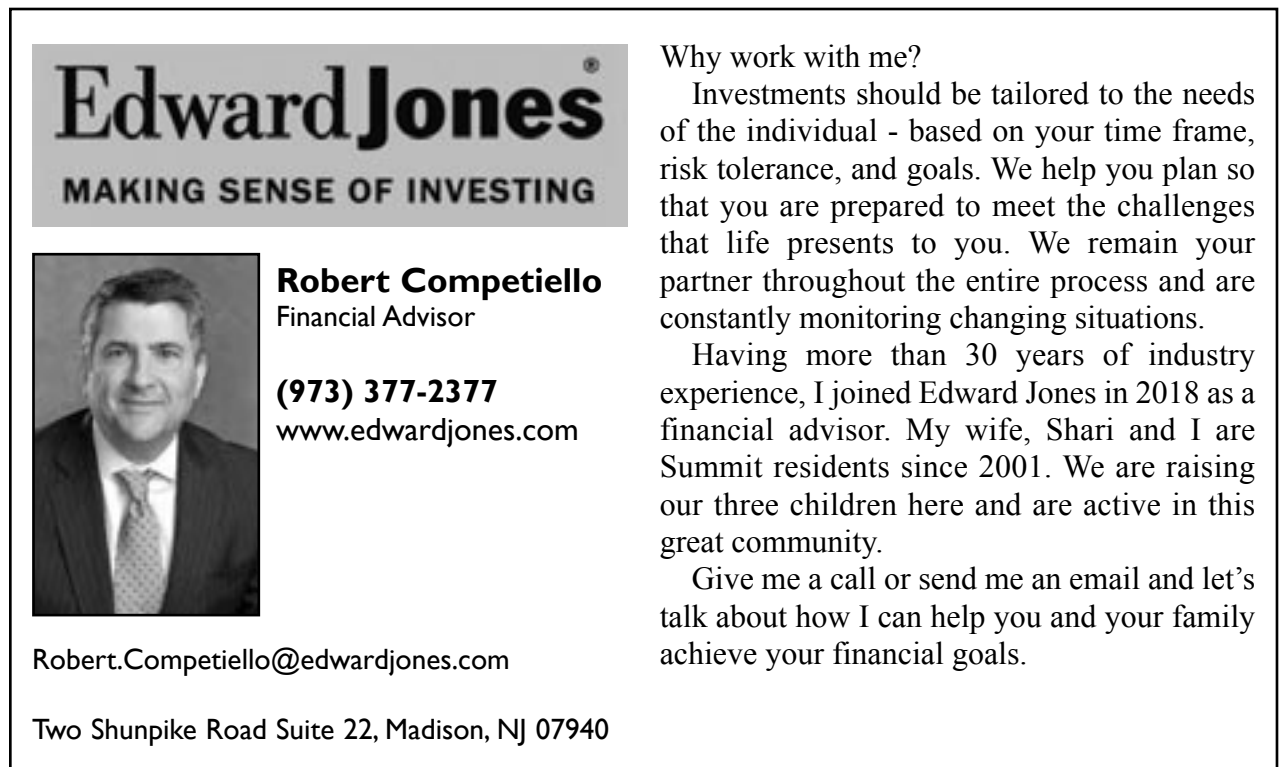
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(above) Boy Scout Troop 67 travelled to New Mexico to go backpacking at the Philmont Scout Ranch for two weeks.



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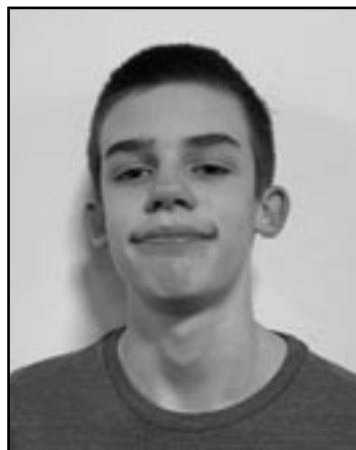
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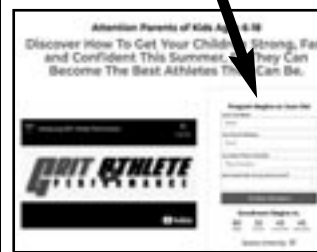


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MARTHA GORDON SANTIUSTE

Martha Gordon Santiuste of Summit, NJ passed away peacefully on August 19th, 2021. She will forever be cherished by those fortunate enough to know her as a mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, teacher, and so much more.

Martha was born on June 15, 1949 in Summit, NJ to the late James and Jane Gordon, and grew up in New Vernon, NJ with her siblings James A. Gordon Jr., Sarah DeGiovanni, and the late Ann Gordon. A graduate of Kent Place School ('67) and Smith College ('71, '72), Martha returned to Summit and devoted her life to family, teaching, and enriching the lives of others through her warmth and passion for learning. Some of her most special memories are of summers spent in Brewster, MA with family and lifelong friends. She delighted in bringing joy to others and was always there with a smile, a hug, a listening ear, or a bag of cookies.

Martha was widowed in 1988 by her husband Enrique "Hank" Santiuste, and mourned the loss of their young son Scott later that year. Martha is survived by her sons Charlie and John, daughters-in-law Jessie and Dakota, grandsons Grady and Cole, and her third grandson due to arrive in October 2021.

Martha will be laid to rest in a private burial service at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield, NJ. The family is planning a celebration of her life for the spring of 2022. In lieu of flowers please consider supporting the Martha Gordon Santiuste memorial scholarship fund to be established in her honor. Sign up to receive updates about the memorial fund and celebration of life event at www.marthasantiuste.com

FLINTLOCKS RUN CUB SCOUT WOOD TOOLS BADGE PROGRAM

Submitted by Dr. D. Michael Hart

The Flintlocks BSA, Inc. ran the Cub Scout Wood Tools Program at the Watchung Mountain District Spring Cub Family Camporee at Boy Scout Camp Winnebago in Rockaway, NJ this spring.

Fifty-three Cub Scouts earned a Woodcraft badge by learning about how to use wood tools, safety measures, and building a small bird house. The program starts with one of the Flintlocks explaining how to use wood tools properly and important safety measures. After the Cub Scouts build their bird house, they may practice using screwdrivers and a coping saw. The parents work with the children, and the Flintlocks offer guidance.

The Camporee has many different activities, including Archery, Batting cages, BB guns, First Aid Classes, and Fishing Derby, Climbing wall, Basketball, Volleyball, a 2-mile Hike, Rockets and Catapults. The shooting sports programs have NJ State Certified Instructors. Since it is a

family camporee, and since girls may now join scouts, entire families may enjoy the fun, and the scouts earn various badges. Attendance at the camporee was 150 scouts with an equal number of parents. This was one of the first big events at the scout camp since the shutdown over a year ago.

The Flintlocks BSA, Inc are a group of 27 retired scouters who volunteer every week all year round to help the scout camps of the Patriot's Path Council. They are incorporated as a separate 501c3. Facebook page is "Flintlocks". They do maintenance at the camps, build cabins, tent platforms, picnic tables, etc. In 2018 they built a STEM lab classroom for scientific related merit badges. The members also volunteer to help the scouts with various programs throughout the year. The Flintlocks purchase lumber from a lumber mill, then make the parts for the craft kits in their wood shop which are sold at the Council Scout shops. Bird houses have the bottoms attached with screws since a mother bird wants to build a new nest every year. The old nest needs to be cleaned out in the fall so a new family can start over again in the spring.

The Watchung Mountain District of the Patriot's Path Council, Boy Scouts of America serves the communities of: Berkeley Heights, Fanwood, Garwood, Gillette, Long Hill Township, Meyersville, Millington, Mountainside, Murray Hill, New Providence, North Plainfield, Scotch Plains, Stirling, Summit, Warren, Watchung, and Westfield.



(above) A happy family with completed bird houses



(above) Bob Pysher instructing the scouts on tool use and safety

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(above) The five Flintlock volunteers Chuck Hoeckele, Bob Pysher, Jeff Huppert, Frank Wallace, and Dr. D. Michael Hart.

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scientists, economists, authors, journalists, etc. After the meetings, many members join together to have lunch at various local restaurants.

For more information, contact James Hewitt, Chairman, Membership Committee, (908) 233-5507, info@SummitOldGuard.org.

SEPT 7 "HISTORIC PLACES OF PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY AND THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE SCENES"

Nancy Piwowar, president of the Plainfield Historical Society, provides an overview of Plainfield's role in the Revolutionary War, site of the Blue Hills encampment; Washington Rock, Green Brook; Drake House: Drake family, Caesar, and John Harberger; Muhlenberg Hospital and the Obama connection; Fitz Randolph family; and Evarts Tracy, architect and World War I soldier.

Plainfield historic districts are also highlighted. [video conference]

SEPT 14 "RISING FROM THE ASHES—WORLD TRADE CENTER 20 YEARS AFTER 9/11"

We will mark the 20-year anniversary of 9/11 with a review of the World Trade Center. Peter Rinaldi, retired Port Authority engineer, who worked on its original construction, recovery, and was the general manager overseeing its rebuilding, will talk about pre- and post-9/11, but mostly the rebuilding of the facility and revitalization of the area. One World Trade Center is, again, the tallest building in New York City and the World Trade Center site is an active business center, memorial, and vibrant public space. [video conference]

SEPT 21 "THE RUTGERS UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF JAZZ STUDIES AT THE DANA LIBRARY"

Vincent Pelote is the senior archivist digital preservation strategist at the largest jazz library in the world in Newark, New Jersey. Mr. Pelote will describe his work of preserving that most American of cultural endeavors—jazz recordings. He will also describe the development of the Institute and Library from their inception, including the libraries' treasures and rarities. [video conference]

SEPT 28 "IN 1969, THREE FRIENDS TAKE A TRIP FROM NEW YORK TO SAN FRANCISCO IN A COMBI"

Summit resident Marty Alexander climbs aboard a 1960 VW Microbus and learns about the history of cross-country travel and its impact on the culture and zeitgeist of America. In his book, "The Idea," Marty looks back at a trip taken a half century ago. It is a memoir of his youth and friendships growing up in Brooklyn leading up to the journey, and a tale of what the travelers discovered about the country as it existed at the close of the turbulent 1960s.. [video conference]



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HATCHER MICONE OF SUMMIT TURNS 100 WITH A “PINK “CELEBRATION

Susan G. Komen North Jersey Founder and Past Volunteers Pay Tribute to a Life Well Lived

Hatcher Micone, a long-time resident of Summit, was honored on August 4, 2021 at a 100th Birthday Celebration held in her honor at the Fairmount Country Club in Chatham. Micone, who is a breast cancer survivor, was a dedicated and passionate Komen North Jersey volunteer for decades. Nearly 30 fellow former Komen volunteers, all of whom worked with Micone in the early days of the Affiliate, were there to celebrate her life, and to pay tribute to the “one-and-only Hatcher.”

“Hatch started volunteering with us around 2004, not long after we’d moved to our new offices in the pink-shuttered house in Summit,” says Deborah Q. Belfatto, Komen North Jersey’s founder, and a Summit resident for more than 20 years. “She was amazing from the start, so we put her in charge of our volunteers. She ran a tight ship, but they adored her and would do anything for her, so much so that they became known as ‘Hatcher’s Girls.’ There wasn’t a single person at her 100th year celebration whose life hasn’t been touched by

her. She is such an inspiration, and I can only hope that I will look, and feel, and act, and be like her. She really is the one-and-only-Hatcher.”

Micone was born on August 2, 1921 and grew up in Freeman, Virginia. After graduating from high school, she attended Longwood College in Farmville, VA as a Physical Education major. She later studied at the Pan American Business School in Richmond, and met her husband, Edward Micone, in Richmond. She and Ed were married on June 11, 1944, and after living in Jacksonville, FL during WWII and San Diego, CA during the Korean War, they settled in Summit, NJ. She and Ed were married for 69 years (Ed passed away in 2013 at the age of 94) and had three children, Lacy, Edward and Roger. There are also five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Micone resided in Summit for 75 years before moving to assisted living at Juniper Village at Chatham.

In addition to her work with Komen, Micone served as a candy stripper at Overlook Hospital,

dabbled in musical theater (she was cast as a chorus girl in a few Overlook Hospital theater productions), and was an excellent golfer—in 1978, she was the Fairmount Country Club Ladies Club Champion.

Micone was recognized in 2006 by Komen North Jersey as Volunteer of the Year and given their top honor, the much-coveted “Angel Award.” In 2007, she was photographed as a “Journey of Courage,” a unique Komen North Jersey photo essay comprised of portraits of survivors who agreed to share their stories to heighten awareness of the disease that touched their lives. Her portrait includes this quote: “Surviving breast cancer inspired me to appreciate the gift of life and motivates me to work, play and love fully. I am thankful for the support of my family and friends, and have faith, hope and trust that cures will be found.” At the close of her birthday party, she expressed the hope that “all the wonderful people here will be around to celebrate her next 100...” We hope so too, Hatcher.

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(above) Nearly 30 past Komen North Jersey volunteers joined Hatcher at her 100th birthday celebration held on August 4, 2021.



(above, l-r)) 1) Hatcher Micone, a long-time resident of Summit, NJ turned 100 on August 2, 2021; 2) Hatcher’s high school graduation photo; 3) Hatcher Micone as a young woman: Beautiful then, beautiful at 100; 4) Hatcher Micone’s Komen North Jersey “Journey of Courage” Portrait; 5) Komen North Jersey Founder Deborah Q. Belfatto leads a champagne toast to Hatcher at the August 4 celebration in her honor at the Fairmount Country Club; 6) Komen North Jersey Founder Deborah Q. Belfatto presents the “Angel Award” to 2006 Volunteer of the Year, Hatcher

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The NJ Sharing Network Foundation's Hearts for Emma Partner Fund has awarded a scholarship to Gabriella Giolli of Hillsborough, NJ, for her passion and dedication to raising awareness of organ and tissue donation. Giolli was presented with her scholarship award at the NJ Sharing Network's headquarters in New Providence during a private ceremony with her family members in the Landscape of Life Meditation Garden.

Giolli, a 2021 graduate of Hillsborough High School has been an advocate for organ and tissue donation since she joined her high school's Donate Life Club during her junior year. Giolli had the opportunity to meet donor families, recipients and others touched by donation and transplantation. This inspired her to become co-president of the Hillsborough High School Donate Life Club during her senior year. Gabriella plans to attend the University of Delaware Honors College in the Fall.

The NJ Sharing Network Foundation's scholarship program provides an opportunity to recognize and award graduating high school senior advocates whose lives have been touched by organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

The Hearts for Emma Partner Fund, a program of the NJ Sharing Network Foundation, was created in recognition of the successful heart transplant of Emma Rothman of Cranford. It supports the production and distribution of education materials and programs to help promote the importance of organ and tissue donation. The Fund has raised more than \$50,000 since its inception and has helped educate more than 100,000 students about donation and transplant through NJ Sharing Network's high school outreach program. Earlier this year,

Rothman celebrated the 10th anniversary of her life-saving heart transplant and graduated from Syracuse University with a degree in Food Studies. Rothman remains humble and always thankful for her donor who gave her the gift of life and made her achievements possible.

"Hearts for Emma is focused on educating present and future generations to ensure everyone understands the importance of organ and tissue donation and transplantation," said Rothman. "Gabriella serves as a perfect example of what it means to take an active role in supporting these important outreach efforts."

Scholarship applicants were measured on academic achievement, community and volunteer efforts, extracurricular activities and advocacy for organ and tissue donation. The application process included a thorough review by a committee of NJ Sharing Network Foundation Board members and volunteers.

"We are grateful for the generous support of Hearts for Emma and their ongoing commitment to rewarding students who share a commitment to our life-saving mission," said Elisse E. Glennon, Executive Director of the NJ Sharing Network Foundation. "We know that Gabriella and all of our scholarship recipients will continue to be strong leaders in educating others about donation and transplantation as they move forward to begin college."

According to NJ Sharing Network, there are nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents currently waiting for a life-saving transplant, and one person in New Jersey dies every three days waiting for a transplant. Just one organ and tissue donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of over 75 people. To learn more, get involved and register as an organ and tissue donor, visit NJSharingNetwork.org.



(above) Pictured are Gabriella Giolli and Emma Rothman.

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Mother Goose Storytime

restarts on Monday, September 13
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Popular storytime host Ms. Lisa reads stories, sings songs, and enchants with her magic—and best of all she'll be doing two sessions: 10-10:30 a.m., and 10:30-11 a.m.! Open to babies through age 2. This program will be live.

Registration required.

Fluffy's Friends returns

Tuesdays starting September 14
from 10-10:30 a.m.

Mrs. Wheelless hosts this popular storytime, featuring stories, songs, bounces, and rhymes. Geared to preschoolers age 2-3 years of age (and their caregivers). This program will be live. If you're over age 2, please wear a mask.

Registration required.

Wednesday Wiggles returns

Wednesdays starting September 15
from 4-4:30 p.m.

Deb Sandford presents this popular storytime. Open to preschoolers ages 2 years and up. This program will be live. If you're over age 2, please wear a mask. Registration required.

Spanish Storytime finally returns

Thursdays starting September 16 at 10 a.m.
Join our newest children's librarian, Maggie for this special program. Open to babies through age 4. This program will be live. Anyone over age 2 must wear a mask. Registration required

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Family STEAM Club

Tuesdays, Starting September 14
from 7-8 p.m.

Open to kids in grades K-5, join The Family STEAM Club returns. Each week there will be a different science-related activity. This program will be live. Everyone must wear a mask. Registration required.

Serendipity program

starting Thursday, September 16
from 4-5 p.m

Join Mrs. Wheelless for her popular Serendipity program. Open to grades K-5. We have a different theme each week—Mrs. Wheelless tells tales, sings songs, and sometimes has a special craft! This program will be live. Everyone must wear a mask. Registration required.

TEENS

CATSS at the Library

Every day, from 3-4:30 p.m.

our popular teen program, will resume the week of September 13. Teens are welcome to hang out and do homework in the Children's Room or Teen area. There will be special programs designed to interest teens. Programs may be held under the tent or in the library. Registration required for programs. Everyone is asked to wear a mask.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

The Sixties in the United States

Friday, September 10
(and for two subsequent Fridays)
from 9:30-11:30 a.m

Dr. James Carter, Associate Professor of History at Drew University presents The Sixties in the United States. This three week class, which will be presented live, will focus on the Sixties in the United States, focusing on the counterculture and advent of rock music culture, and will look at the role college campuses played in shaping history. Registration required. All who attend should wear masks.

Making a Peaceful Mind Your Personal and Professional Superpower

Monday, September 13 from 12-2 p.m.

Stephen Woolston will present Making a Peaceful Mind Your Personal and Professional Superpower via Zoom. Stephen is a professional coach who lives by the mantra, "When we live and work coming from a more peaceful grounding, not only do we become happier and healthier, but our sphere of influence increases". Registration required.

Book Talk with Debbie

Thursday, September 16
from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Get the inside scoop on what's hot and what's not in new releases and attend Book Talk with Debbie! Librarian and book aficionado Debbie Abrams will present this popular program. Feel free to share your own picks and pans—or just attend and come away with a list of new books to read. This program will be delivered via Zoom. Registration required.

The Lost Family Book Discussion

Monday, September 20, from 7-8 p.m.

Author Libby Copeland will discuss her book, The Lost Family: How DNA Testing is Upending Who We Are. The Lost Family explores the rapidly evolving phenomenon of home DNA testing, its implications for how we think about family and ourselves, and its ramifications for American culture broadly. This program will be delivered via Zoom. Registration required.

Get Crafty with Marge!

Wednesday, August 18 at 11 a.m.

crafting wizard Marge Barkan returns with Crafting with Marge: Make an Easy Animal Suncatcher. This will be a Facebook Premiere video. Kits with essential materials will be provided to the first 12 registered attendees. Printed sheets of paper with animal images to color in will be provided to all registered attendees. Registration required.

Trivia Night!

Friday, September 24 at 7 p.m.

join mistress of ceremonies Mary Piekarski for our popular Trivia Night. G-rated fun for all. Questions are geared to ages 18+, but all are welcome to play! Via Zoom. Registration required.

Great Decisions program

Wednesday, September 29 from 7-8:30 p.m.

our latest Great Decisions program will focus on The Korean Peninsula. The Korean Peninsula is facing a defining era. Attempts by South Korean President Moon Jae-in and former U.S. President Donald Trump to repair the rift between North and South have lost any momentum as Pyongyang continues to test long-range missiles for its nuclear weapons program. As the rift between the U.S. and China grows further, South Korea may end up in the middle of the two superpowers. What does the future hold for the U.S. relationship with the Republic of Korea (South Korea)? This program will be live. Registration required.

Please wear masks.

Live Music Returns to the Library!

Sunday, September 26 from 2-3 p.m.

join us as we present The Florian Schantz Jazz Combo! We're excited to be bringing live music back to the library. The Florian Schantz Jazz Combo will be playing a selection of popular Dixieland music. Please join us!

Note, since many of the library's programs are currently being delivered via Zoom, you'll receive a Zoom link in your email, typically the day before and the day of the start of the program. All live programs are subject to change based on Health Department guidance.



(above) The Florian Schantz Jazz Combo will play in the Summit Library's Rotunda on September 26 from 2-3 p.m.

CASA SALUTES ITS VOLUNTEER CHILD ADVOCATES AT BBQ

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County, the only local nonprofit advocating for youth from birth to age 21 involved in the child welfare system due to abuse, neglect and abandonment, took time-out on a recent sunny Sunday afternoon to fete its community members who are trained as child advocates and continuously give of their time to ensure the best interests of Union County's most vulnerable youth are protected and their needs are met.

Seeley's Picnic Grounds in Watchung Reservation was host to a guest list that included each of the organization's nearly 170 current volunteer advocates and their families and dogs, its funders, and court personnel with whom the organization regularly works as cases are heard by Union County Superior Court. CASA staff and several members of the Board of Trustees

served guests such grilled fare as ribs, pulled pork, hotdogs, burgers, and sides and dessert galore. Executive Director Mariel S. Hufnagel's husband Anthony was grill master.

Amid the frivolity of lunching, chatting and even competition at the cornhole and KanJam playing fields, CASA volunteers and staff still managed to make time for advocacy work, too. Each year as the summer draws to a close, the organization runs a school supply drive to ensure every foster youth served has a new backpack chock-full of needed supplies so their first day feels full of promise. The park's pavilion became backpack depot where advocates checked in to secure their foster youth's backpack, lunchboxes, and supplies.

Anne Collart, President of the Board of Trustees, was among those welcoming advocates. "It was a gorgeous day, and the

perfect setting for CASA of Union County to give its time for all those who gift their time for local foster youth, and keep the organization moving forward in its mission. Today, we wanted to be in their corner, and encourage each advocate to relax, connect and enjoy our gratitude for all they do."

Since 2005, the nonprofit has recruited, trained, supported and supervised nearly 600 volunteers to advocate for more than 900 youth, protecting best interests in the courtroom, classroom and community, and helping ensure already experienced trauma is not exacerbated as youth await permanency in a safe and loving home.

For details on the advocate experience and joining upcoming information and training sessions, email Lucia at info@casaoioncounty.org.



(above) Among the CASA volunteers attending were, from left, James Walker Jr. of Elizabeth, Isabella Blumberg of Springfield, Barbara Bagger of Westfield, Arlene Sumner of Linden, Carmen Iyala of Scotch Plains, Quetzali Sevillano of Rahway, Lara Gibbemeyer and Robert Bridgeman of Westfield, Flor Maria Mendez of Elizabeth, Mollie Yang of Mountainside, Fernando Porras of Clark, Katherine Romano of New Providence, Shelley Grobe of Cranford, Kristen Kim of Westfield, Rebecca Muston of Summit, Teresa Lastella of Clark, Kevin JeanCharles of Roselle, Donna Isidron of Clark, Karime Herrera of Elizabeth, Komal Nankani of Summit, Lisa Kalichman of South Orange, Sean O'Leary of South Plainfield, Carolyn Colonna of Fanwood, Cynthia Evans of Scotch Plains, and Lydia Pernia of Linden.

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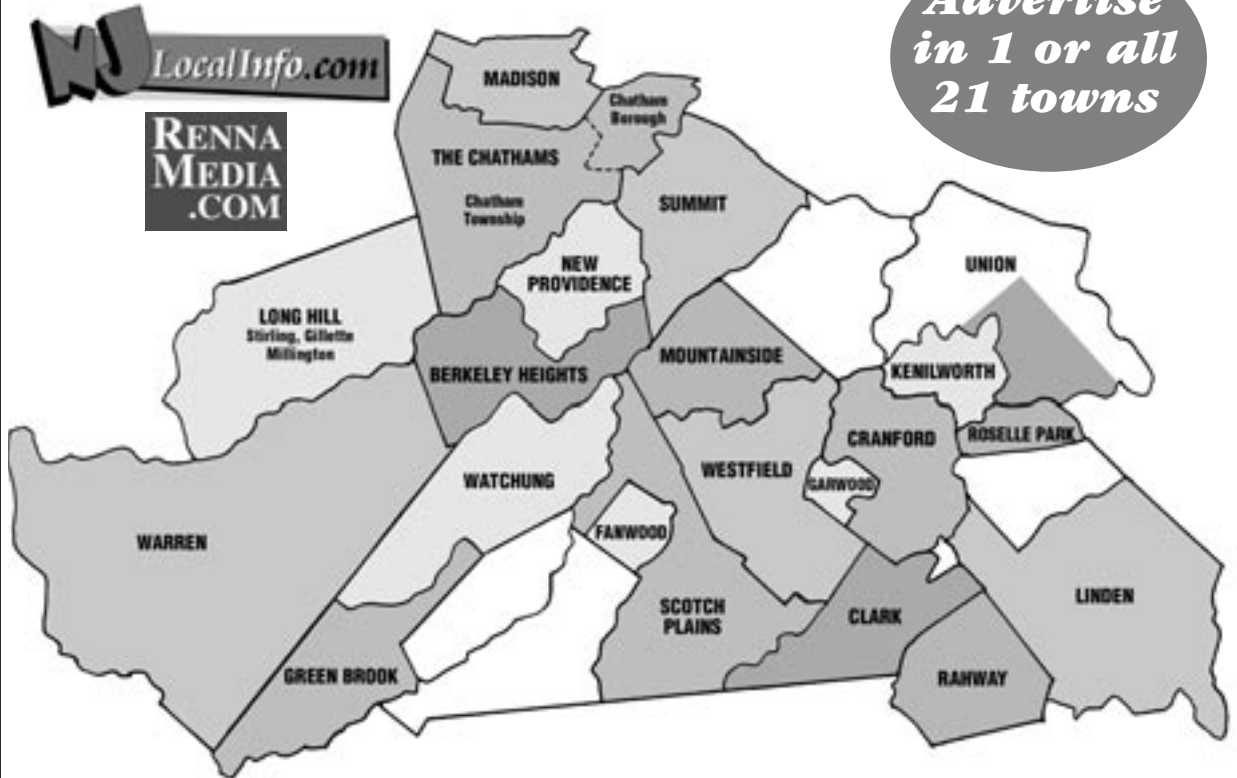
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