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CHATHAM'S HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

The Chatham community celebrated the annual holiday tree lighting on Saturday, December 4th, 2021, at the Gazebo at Reasoner Park. Visitors enjoyed free treats, entertainment by the Persbyterian Churches of Ogden, Chatham Township Choir, and a "Christmas Sweater" performance by Dance Innovations. Santa and Mrs. Claus also made an appearance to light the tree and pose for photos.



(above) Historical Society of Chatham handed out Hot Chocolate



(above) Dance Innovations





(above) Members of Chatham PBA Local No. 226 handed out candy canes.





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SING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH FREE WORKSHOPS!

Tree Chorus on Wednesday evenings in January from 7 to 9 p.m. The Chorus hosts singing workshops via Zoom or in-person for fully vaccinated members and guests as covid safety protocols permit. Participants will learn more about chord-ringing, fun-filled, four-part harmony. Broadway, Beatles, and more!

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IS IT REALLY POSSIBLE FOR A KID TO LEARN HOW TO RUN FASTER?

Retired San Francisco 49ers QB Joe Montana, is arguably one of the greatest NFL players that has ever played football...when his son started playing football it would have made sense for him to help his son learn how to play Quarterback.

But that's not how it went. Joe Montana had to hire a quarterback coach to help his son be a better football player. Here's possibly the greatest NFL QB of all time, needing to hire someone else to help his son. It was not that Joe Montana was not equipped for the job...it was that his son needed a second voice to help him get to the next level.

Many parents who have much less knowledge, experience, and skills than Joe Montana are in the same boat in regards to helping their kids get stronger, faster, and more confident.

Most parents we've come across want their kids to eat healthier, be more active, and have a stronger mindset. But many have told us they need help.

Even with the constant reminders of telling their kids to eat more vegetables, get outside instead of watching TV, practice their sport more, get to bed earlier...they find that sometimes the message falls on deaf ears...and some backup would be helpful toward their vision of helping their kid be the best they can be.

Parents have told us that having us(the Grit Athlete Performance Coaches) as a second voice to help reinforce the habits they want for their kids...is changing the game.

Further...Our Grit Athlete Founder has over 20 years experience with training athletes himself...and certainly knows a LOT more about getting stronger and faster than the average parent...But has all 3 of his children(9, 8 and 6) enrolled in Grit year round....because he knows the power of that second voice.

And after they come through our program, parents tell how it's turbocharging their parenting. Here are some real-life examples that have been reported...

Before, parents struggled with getting kids to eat vegetables...now their kids are asking for more.

Before, parents struggled with getting their kids to get enough sleep....now their kids are getting to bed earlier on their own.

Before, parents struggled with getting their kids to watch less TV or play video games...now they are limiting these activities because they've learned they don't really help them become better athletes.

Before, parents struggled with helping their kids have more confidence...now their kids are doing things out of their comfort zone more often which is helping them believe in themselves which further improves self-esteem.

Before, parents had no clue how to help their kid get faster...now they are faster because they've learned that speed is a skill, and a few simple tweaks can make a kid faster immediately.

Before, parents could not get their kids to make their beds...now their kid makes their

bed each morning on their own because they learned that making their bed in the morning helps them have a better day.

Before, parents struggled with getting their kids to do even one good push-up...now they catch them in their room practicing on their own.

Before, parents wanted their kids to have more determination and grit when training new things...now they are staying calm under pressure and seeking out challenges instead of avoiding them.

Many times it's not about telling your kid to eat more vegetables or stop watching TV...but rather finding the right environment for them to be more successful.

Right in your backyard, there's a team of great coaches waiting to be second voices for your kids...so that all the things you're teaching as parents will be reinforced. But most importantly, the results you're after for your kids will actually become a reality. The Grit Athlete winter Sports Performance session starts on January 3rd in Berkeley Heights NJ, visit www.gritathletes.com to fill out an application for your child.

Grit Athlete Performance is a Sports Performance Training Company located in Berkeley Heights that helps kids ages 6-18 get strong, fast, and confident so they can have a bigger and better future. They have just released the dates for their winter program that starts on January 3rd. Visit www.gritathletes.com to register for their winter session...or see below for more details...

SPORTS PERFORMANCE TRAINING FOR KIDS AGES 6-18 STARTS JANUARY 3rd (9 SPACES REMAINING)



Warning: The Winter session is the most popular session of the year and always sells out before it starts. We strongly encourage you to scan the QR code today and enter your information to make sure your child doesn't get locked out of the winter session.

Attention Parents of Kids Ages 6-18 **UPDATE: THE GRIT ATHLETE PERFORMANCE WINTER PROGRAM HAS ONLY 9 SPACES REMAINING** Give us 12 weeks with your kids and we'll have them

stronger, faster, and more confident...guaranteed.

Here's what parents can expect to happen:

- They will get stronger which means when they show up to their sport they'll be able to perform better than ever.
- They will run faster and jump higher so they can show up to their next season and people will start asking what the heck have they been doing.
- They'll become **more coordinated and improve agility** which means they'll pick up new skills their coaches teach them faster.
- Your children will start to eat better because we'll be educating them daily on what's good and what they should avoid ...don't be surprised if they start asking you to buy more vegetables.
- **Confidence will skyrocket.** When kids get stronger, faster and more fit...their confidence will rise...so will their self-esteem which means their performance in every aspect of life will get better.
- **Their mindset will improve.** We're going equip your child with very specific mindset skills that'll help them learn how to transform how they think about mistakes and failures.

HAPPY PARENTS TALKING ABOUT THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL TRANSFORMATION OF THEIR KIDS...

• "When my son started Grit he was quiet, shy, and had some difficulty with movements...Now he is confident in himself, has become more vocal, and is mastering the exercise he struggled with in the past."

- Jen O'Brien, Grit Athlete Parent

• "My son is more disciplined and confident in himself"

- Steve Hughes, Grit Athlete Parent

• "I have watched my children become more confident and vocal."

- Christine Stramandinoli, Grit Athlete Parent

• "His confidence has shot up in the last few months...and has carried forward to the way he approaches other activities like sports and schoolwork. My son is now making his bed daily and exercising every day."

- Catherine Solfaro, Grit Athlete Parent



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ART LEAGUE WINTER SHOW AND RECEPTION

The Art League of the Chathams held its works of art, crafts, pottery, publications, and not only a talented artist, but an architect, winter art exhibit on Sunday, December 12, 2021, in the Chatham Township municipal building.

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Maia Kumari, a Chatham resident, was the solo artist for the Lundt/Glover Gallery exhibit. In addition to the exhibit, members sold their Her collection is called 'Moving Light.' Maia is

published author, and Reiki Master.

The winter exhibit will remain until March 11, 2022. The municipal building is open during normal business hours. COVID rules apply.



(above) Susanne Bierley and artist June Fisheer-Markowitz.



(above) Maia Kumari's Moving Light exhibit will be on display until March





(above) Artist Jim Van Duzen (above) Leina'ala Schwartz.

Photos by Larry Kerner





(above) Chatham Borough Councilman Len Resto, Ann Frommer, Chatham Twp. Councilwoman Celeste Fondaco, Former Mayor Chatham Twp Tracy Ness, and artist Jennifer Duiteil.

(above) Rosemary Howlett, Gail Logan, Linda Kimler, and John Howlett.





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ON THE STREET WHERE YOU LIVE, THERE MAY BE A FORGOTTEN STORY

County of Morris

From Disdain for the Devil to Powerbrokers Building Legacies, The Tales Behind Morris County Street Names Are Many.

Did you know Buddy Lane in Mendham Township was named for the first Seeing Eye Dog? And whatever happened to Devil's Punchbowl Road in Morristown and Florham Park?

There are histories, legends and mysteries surrounding the names given to the streets where we live in Morris County. Who still recalls that Shunpike Road in Chatham Township was sonamed because it was an alternate route to toll roads, otherwise known as pikes? Thrifty travelers would "shun" them.

The history of street names is easily forgotten, and the paved lanes often are renamed as new people move into towns. The reasons for the original monikers fade or name changes become necessary.

"History and local folklore, as well as memorials and tributes to local citizens, lay behind the names affixed atop of street poles and stone markers, yet the stories are often overlooked and lost through time," said Jan Williams, a historian at the Morris County Office of Planning and Preservation.

She has initiated the Morris County "Street Histories Project," hoping to keep alive the stories behind street names by inviting everyone to share what they may know. The office is developing what historians call a "crowdsourced" history project, asking residents or anyone else to send contributions to an everevolving public document designed to collect the histories.

The project's current form is a rough and evolving webpage listed at Planning & Preservation Street Histories Project.

SHARE A STORY

You do not have to be a historian to share a street name story. That is the point of a "crowdsourced" history project. Just contribute a street name and a narrative. Submit what you know and it may jog someone else's memory and lead Morris County to more information.

Start by sending an email to Jan Williams at: jwilliams@co.morris.nj.us

Needed are the street name, the town, the story or legend and, when possible, please submit a photo of the street sign.

"People really like being part of Morris County history, and I'm so grateful for that. They are so invested," said Williams of the project.

The project is important because roads played a vital role in the development of communities, commerce and leisure in Morris County and elsewhere, and their names reflect the history of bygone industries, structures, farms and people. Some pay homage to presidents or citizens. Many remember those who, in service to their country, gave the last, full measure of their lives. On the "Street Histories Project" website, lost

service members are marked with a gold star. Williams says the project grew from her habit of keeping notes about local lore and mythology regarding local street names after numerous members of the public asked her about the origins of some strangely labeled roads.

DEMONS & ANGELS

Punch Bowl Road in Morristown and Florham Park is a frequent topic. Many people assume the name emerged from a glacial indentation in the landscape by the road. That is not completely accurate. The region was originally called the Devil's Punchbowl.

"Just imagine. According to some of the longtime local residents, early settlers would say, 'Don't go in that area - it's the devil's punchbowl.' Or early mothers would refer to it while warning their kids about being out after dark," Williams explained, noting the old road that passed through the area took on the name, "Devil's Punchbowl Road."

However, when the Morristown Ladies Golfing Club purchased the area in the 1890s, they took umbrage with the reference to Lucifer. Giving the matter some due diligence, the club gave a much shorter moniker to the region and, as a result, the long street that passed through: Punch Bowl Road.

However, the righteous piety did not end there. The golf club also omitted the 13th hole from its course.

"It lends credence to the folklore. Maybe they were prim and proper and didn't want 'devil' associated with anything," Williams said. "It's charming that the etymology changed not only for the area, but down to the street name."

Many street signs have an "honor blade," an honorary street name atop the official sign to name it for a veteran who died in service or even a noted community leader.

Riverdale's Post Lane is named for Peter Post, who established residential and industrial buildings in the area in the 1730s. An honor blade was added in 2013, designating Post Lane as Capt. "Papa" Joe Ezzo Way, for the Riverdale Fire captain who died while responding to a call in August 1982. Feeling ill, Ezzo managed to control the tanker he was operating long enough to pull off the road before dying behind the wheel. Captain Ezzo is also remembered on the National Fallen Fighters Memorial.

Some street names were changed with the advent of technology.

In the 1990s, Boonton Township was adopting a modern 911 alert system. That modern technology brought a series of problems, including requiring streets to be renamed so that they would not be confused with similar sounding streets. For example, local residents Dorothy and George Newton, Jr., lived on North Road, which was similar to another street in town. Therefore, Mr. Newton, a historian, requested their North Road be changed and designated "Whispering Pines Road" in honor of the trees behind his home – trees planted by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s.

Streets Named by the Rich & Powerful for the

Rich & Powerful

New York financiers Joseph Blackwell and Henry McFarlan lent their names to two of Dover's main thoroughfares, Blackwell Street and McFarlan Street – both of which had portions absorbed years later by Route 46. The businessmen purchased a large chunk of the unincorporated "village" in 1917 while settling a debt owed by the owners of the local iron works. The 450 acres they acquired included the iron works and what is now the central business district in Dover that grew up around it, although there were only 12 buildings at that time.

Blackwell and McFarlan began laying out streets in the village in classic grid patterns, and took the time to name them.

The "Street Histories Project" has already stirred interest and received some responses from local residents.

One Mendham Township resident contributed information recently about a development where the streets are named for places in Bermuda, such as Devonshire Lake, Langford Drive and Penderhill Road. The developer who built the neighborhood apparently was fond of his vacations in the tropical North Atlantic islands.

The "Street Histories Project" also has since learned that the Township of Butler's street names designate many luminaries, including Auguste Bartholdi, the sculptor of the Statue of Liberty. The story is that he was a friend of the town's namesake, Richard Butler, who also was founder of the Ace Hard Rubber Works. In decades gone by, Ace combs were handed out to schoolchildren on picture day in Butler hence, the significance of Ace Road in the township.

MYSTERIES

The project would like to learn more about many other streets, including:

Featherbed Lane in Harding Township. That cannot be by accident.

Collegan Lane in Mine Hill. The street no longer exists, but it is noted on old maps. Some evidence suggests it was named for W. Collegan, who may have been a miner.

Kossuth Street in Wharton is probably named after a long-gone establishment known as Kossuth Hall, which was the meeting place of a Hungarian group called the Lajos Kossuth Society, named in honor of the leader of the Hungarian Revolution. However, the "Street Histories Project" would love to learn more. After all, the street runs parallel to Wharton's nod to a hero of the American Revolution -Washington Street. Was that coincidental?

Washington Street, Lane, Court, Avenue or Boulevard in any town.

The "Street Histories Project" would like a photo of every street named for George Washington in every town in Morris County, where the General headquartered during the Revolution. The idea is to collect one photograph representing each street.



The Summit Free Public Library and The Summit Library Chinese Club are hosting their second annual art show.

Young artists from Summit and around the region are invited to participate in the Summit Free Public Library's 2022 Chinese New Year Art Show! The theme of this year's art show is Feast! So, put on your thinking caps, and try to see how you can create a piece of artwork around that theme.

HERE ARE THE RULES:

Entrants must be a student enrolled in Kindergarten thru 8th grade, or an equivalent grade, and must live in Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Chatham, Madison, Millburn/Short Hills, Mountainside, Springfield, and Westfield

Each participant may only enter one (1) piece. Works of crayons, pastels, water colors, oil paints, acrylic paints, ink, pencil, mixed media, etc. are all accepted.

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By entering this event, you are granting Summit Free Public Library and the Chinese Club the right to display your artwork in the library (or the Summit Community Center), and/or post your name, age, city, and the image of your artwork on our website and social media pages.

If you have any further questions about the Chinese New Year Art Show, please contact us at SummitChineseClub@gmail.com.

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LINE DANCING

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BEGINNER KNITTING CLASS

Mondays, starting January 10, 1:00 PM. Learn how to knit from Center staffer Carol Eisenhardt. All materials provided. Free class.

Sign up is required. CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday, January 12, 10:30 AM. Moderated on Zoom and in person at the Center by Phyllis Flemming, former Executive Director of Victorian Garden Adult Day Center, and experienced dementia support group leader. New participants always welcome. Contact

Center for Zoom link. **WATERCOLOR BASICS**

Thursday, January 13, 10:00 AM. This introduction to watercolor painting covers basics about brushes, paper, techniques, textures, 'drip tipping,' and the fundamentals of color and color mixing. No experience necessary. Materials are provided to those who need them; feel free to bring your own if you have them. Students are free to work on their own projects during class. Instructor: Philla Barkhorn. Cost is \$7 per person. Must sign up to attend.

PLAY READING CIRCLE

Tuesday, January 18, 1:00 PM. Have you ever been in a play or wished you could act in one? Now's your chance to show your inner actor at our second Play Reading

Circle. Parts will be assigned, and scripts handed out on the day of the program.

Facilitated by Judy French. Sign up by Jan. 14. WHIMSICAL WATERCOLOR BOOKMARKS

Thursday, January 20, 10:00 AM. Learn the technique of 'softening off' while creating beautiful misty floral paintings that can be cut up and made into bookmarks. The bookmarks can be covered with clear packing tape to make them more permanent - and dressed up with ribbon to make a great gift. Instructor: Philla Barkhorn. Cost is \$7 per person. All supplies provided. Sign up is

required. FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Thursday, January 20, 1:00 PM. Walk-ins welcome; no appointment necessary. Sponsored by Brandywine Senior Living of

Livingston. CLAY ARTS & CHOCOLATE FONDUE DESSERT

Friday, January 21, Noon. Learn how to make a winter themed item out of clay and enjoy some chocolate fondue for dessert. Free event sponsored by Care One Madison and Care One Hanover. Must sign up to participate.

NONFICTION BOOK GROUP

Monday, January 24, 11:00 AM. Call Center for book title. NUTRITION WORKSHOP

Tuesday, January 25, 12:30 PM "Food for Thought in the New Year" is the topic, and the class includes making and tasting hummus. Presented by dietician Joyce Lin. Sponsored by Sunrise of Madison. Sign up is required.

FREE PERFORMANCE BY THE NJ INTERGENERATIONAL ORCHESTRA OUTREACH ENSEMBLE

Friday, January 28, 1:00 PM. The NJIO Outreach Ensemble will perform light classical fare along with arrangements from more popular music, playing everything from Handel to the Beatles. This event is free. Sponsored by HomeWell Care Services. Call

Center to sign up. GENTLE EXERCISE CLASSES

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 12:20 PM

The Gentle Exercise classes sequence is Balance & Flex on Mondays and Thursdays, Chair Yoga on Tuesdays. Instructor: Donna Sue Dowton. Contact Center for fee information and

to sign up. INTERMEDIATE EXERCISE CLASSES

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays,

9:00 AM

The Intermediate Exercise Classes sequence is Balance & Flex on Tuesday, Chair Yoga on Wednesday, and Low Impact Cardio on Friday. Instructor: Donna Sue Dowton. Contact Center

for fee information and to sign up. **PICKLEBALL**

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00 AM.

Fee is \$20 though March 2022. Game is played in the Municipal Township Gym. Sign up is

required.

WRITING WORKSHOP Tuesdays, 9:45 AM.

Grab a pen and paper and join us as the group explores the beauty of writing. This class is for new and returning students and will focus on all genres of writing, including personal memoirs,

creative fiction, and poetry. Topics to be covered include character and narrative development, dialogue, plot, and much more. Each week, the group will read a short story or short memoir piece, share written homework

assignments, have a lesson about writing techniques, and tackle a brief in-class prompt.

No experience needed; just a willingness to learn, laugh, and write! Six-class session meets on Zoom. Instructor: Jenny Tananbaum. Fee is \$30 for the session. Must register to participate.

DVD LECTURE SERIES

Tuesdays, 10:30AM starting January 4. The Great Courses series "Ancient Civilizations of North America" will be shown. This series includes 24 lectures, each 30 minutes in length.

Three lectures are shown at each session.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Mondays & Fridays, 10:00 AM-Noon. Call Center to sign up. Fee through March 2022

is \$20. **TABLE TENNIS**

Five Days a Week, 12:30 PM.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays are for experienced players; Tuesdays & Thursdays are for those new to the game or who'd like a lesson. If new or interested in instruction, please call the Center a few days ahead. MAH JONGG

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM-Noon.

Mah Jongg is a stimulating game of strategy that helps people enhance cognitive ability and improve planning, memory, and calculation skills – all while having a lot of fun. If you're an existing player or a beginner with knowledge of the game who's looking for a few tips, join

this friendly group in a no-pressure environment. All game materials provided.

Everyone is welcome! OPEN BRIDGE PRACTICE

Mondays and Tuesdays, 10:00 AM-Noon These sessions are open to those who want to practice playing bridge. Bring some friends and

we'll provide the cards.

THE WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Tuesdays, 1:30 PM. A social discussion group where women get to know one another by talking about issues of the

day and topics that interest them.

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Fridays, 10:30 AM A friendly and relaxed gathering of men who engage in lively discussion about current events, have some laughs, and exchange useful

information over coffee. **NIFTY KNITTERS**

Wednesdays, 1:00 PM.

This active and social group gets together to create caps, blankets, and more for donation to local hospitals and veterans' organizations. They welcome all knitters interested in

contributing to their cause.

FREE PAINT

Thursdays, 10:00 AM-Noon. The art room is open for artists to work on their own creations using their own supplies. **MOVIES**

Thursdays, 12:30 PM.

A movie is shown every Thursday. Call Center for titles. Sponsored by Bradley Funeral

Homes. FOREIGN FILM

Friday, January 14, 12:30PM.

A foreign film is shown once a month. Call the Center for this month's title. Sponsored by Bradley Funeral Homes.

CONNECTIONS SELF DISCOVERY GROUP

Fridays, beginning January 7, 10:30AM. Join this in-person group experience for some

learning, fun, self-discovery, and mutual

support. The group is facilitated by Claire Solu-Burd, LCSW. Space is limited.

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JANUARY 2022 EVENTS:

English as a Second Language Classes

starting the week of January 10th For those wanting to improve their English language skills, the library will start their next series of ESL classes during a winter session, starting the week of January 10th. These free classes will be conducted online via Zoom by LEARN Associates and volunteer tutors for 8 weeks. Students will be divided into small groups by skill level and registration is required. Sign up in person, by phone at 973-635-0603, or online at chathamlibrary.org/esl-classes.

Mahjong Open Play

Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone who loves Mahjong is welcome to play at the library. Bring friends or come alone and find new partners! However, remember to bring your 2021 Mahjong card. There is no need to sign up - just come and enjoy the

game.

Vikings in America with Fran Drew

Monday, January 10th at 7 p.m. In September 1960, immediately after Hurricane Donna, Fran Drew and two other family members discovered an unusual hunk of a boat at low tide on the Manasquan beach.

After tying the wreckage to the jetty, they hauled the soggy skeleton of an old ship ashore. Others helped transport the ship to the family's property, one block from the beach. Over the next month, hundreds of people came to see the hulk along with historical experts from Rutgers, the Smithsonian, and Oslo, Norway. Chatham resident, Fran Drew, will explain what was learned about her family's great discovery.

Those who cannot attend can join by the Zoom link found on the library's website at chathamlibrary.org.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, January 11th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the library. Supporting this drive helps the Red Cross fulfill its mission by ensuring the availability of a safe and reliable blood supply needed to save lives.

The Seven Spots to Declutter First with Jamie Novak

Monday, January 17th at 7 p.m Professional organizer and author of, Keep



This, Toss That, Jamie Novak will help you start your new year off becoming clutter free by

tidying up seven spots that will make the biggest difference. From paperwork to closets, Jamie will share the top seven areas to declutter for a fresh start. You'll learn what to do first, without getting overwhelmed, and how to pack a toolkit for all your decluttering tasks. If you are ready to follow through on your resolution to get organized, then this is the program for you. Please join the library on via the Zoom

link found on the library's website at chathamlibrary.org.

Who Wants to Talk? Thor in Popular Culture Monday, January 17th at 7 p.m

The interactive presentation delves into the mythological roots of modern representations and adaptations of Norse Mythology, centering particularly on Thor, God of Thunder. After a brief introduction, several defining tales about Thor will be told, then connected and compared to modern representations in popular culture, including, but not limited to, the recent Marvel film adaptations. The talk will be presented by Dr. Matthew T. Jones, Associate Professor and

the Founding Chair of the Department of Communication at the County College of Morris. His PhD dissertation centered on adaptation of comic art to film. His current research interests include diffusion of

traditional folklore in popular culture, as well as, Norse, Celtic, and Greek Mythologies, esoteric belief systems, rune lore, and pagan religions. This is part of Who Wants to Talk?,

which is a series of online conversations moderated by Library Director, Karen Brodsky. You may sign up at chathamlibrary.org, or call 973-635-0603.

Holocaust Survivors Speak

Tuesday, January 25th at 7 p.m Elie Wiesel said, "When you listen to a witness, you become a witness." In order to remember, and most importantly, learn from the past, the Holocaust Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest has offered its Survivors

Speak program for the past 15 years. The library will hear from Holocaust survivors or their descendants telling their stories, followed by a question-and-answer session. The program will be presented in person at the library on .

Those who cannot attend may join via Zoom by going to the link on the library's website at





FEBRUARY 2022 EVENTS: Income Tax Assistance

Wednesdays, February 2nd to April 13th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m Appointments for this free service may be made in person or by calling the library at 973-635-0603. Please bring all your financial records from 2021, copies of your 2020 Federal and State tax returns, all printed and blank forms from the Internal Revenue Service, picture identification, and proof of Social Security for all dependents filing.

Essex Water Color Show Sunday, February 6th

from 2:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Essex Water Color Club, the oldest water color club in New Jersey, will hold a show of its work at the library through February. An opening reception, sponsored by The Friends of The Library. The public is invited to attend.

Traveling the Lewis and Clark Trail

Tuesday, February 8th at 7 p.m Former Chatham resident, Jennifer White Fischer, will present a talk on traveling the Lewis and Clark Trail. at the Library of the Chathams. Through her photographs, she will

tell the exciting story of the Corps of Discovery's adventures in the early 1800's as they explored the newly acquired Louisiana Territory, crossed the Bitterroot Mountains, and continued on to the Pacific Ocean. Fischer is the author of Adventures Across America, On and Off the Trail of Lewis and Clark, which is about her two extended road trips following the trail and exploring the northwest United States. She has been writing about her travels for the Out and About section of the New Jersey Hills Media Group newspapers, which includes The Chatham Courier, for the past five years.

Who Wants to Talk? In Defense of Romance Novels: Empowering Women, Exhibiting **Nontoxic Masculinity & Embracing Sexuality**

Tuesday, February 16th at 7 p.m. Michelle Altieri, Professor of Communications at the County College of Morris, will explore how romance novels, far from being frivolous, are about empowering women, exhibiting

nontoxic masculinity, and embracing sexuality. Using novel excerpts by Julia Quinn, Diana Gabaldon, Nora Roberts, and others, the library will take a closer look at the value of romance, as well as how the genre is providing space for all generations of women to love others, plus themselves, fiercely and unapologetically. Join

the Library of the Chathams. Sign up at chathamlibrary.org, or call 973-635-0603. This is part of Who Wants to Talk, which is a series of online conversations moderated by Library Director, Karen Brodsky.

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KENILWORTH CHESS CLUB IS BACK ON BOARD

The Kenilworth Chess Club resumed meeting on November 11, 2021, after twenty months of being closed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Club President Jack McCorkell of Cranford held a "Welcome Back Tournament" to celebrate. The casual unrated tournament excited members, and even some new arrivals, who were itching to play "over the board" again. The three-week tournament ended in a tie for first place between Hanna Malko of Clark and Joe Renna of Cranford.

The club was formed in 1972 amid the chess craze in America spearheaded by Bobby Fischer's march to the world championship. For 45 years the club was a force to be reckoned with as its member roster included many Master level players, including state champions.

The club has a reputation for being friendly and accommodating. It welcomes non-members with no obligation or cost. It's a place where beginners can learn in a casual setting without being intimidated. Strong players are generous with their time in analyzing and giving instruction.

The club's website, kenilworthchessclub.org, is well read and features an award-winning blog by Michael Goeller and other instructional features.

Players are welcome to just pop into the Kenilworth Chess Club with no formalities every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. at the Kenilworth Community Center located next to Kenilworth Borough Hall on the Boulevard and the corner of 24th Street.



(above, l-r) Brandon Verno of Kenilworth, John Moldovan of Garwood, Hannah Malko of Clark, Jack McCorkell of Cranford, Mark Shoengold and Louis Leiggi of Colonia analyze a critical position during the post mortem of Welcome Back Tournament game between Verno and Leiggi held at the Kenilworth Chess Club.

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