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GIRL SCOUTS HONOR MLK JR. BY GIVING BACK

Garwood Girl Scouts

Garwood Girl Scout Daisy Troop 41005 and Brownie Troop 41108 made over 200 homeless care kits on Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. The care kits were filled with toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, razors, shaving cream, combs, brushes, Chapstick, and more.

A very special thank you to everyone in the Garwood community who donated the supplies to make this service project possible. This was a way to honor MLK Jr.'s life and teachings by engaging the girls in community action. Our goal was to teach the girls that service breaks down barriers and builds a stronger community, and that, no matter how old you are, you can make a difference. The care kits were donated to The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless.

"As a newly elected official, I'm very proud of both Daisy Troop 41005, for which I am a Troop Leader, as well as Brownie Troop 41108. These girls made over 200 homeless care kits out of the goodness of their hearts." said Councilwoman Kimberly Salmon.

A special thank you to Garwood Lincoln School teacher, Ms. Danielle Libutti for assisting with building the care kits. Ms. Libutti also reviewed the Financial Literacy Booklet with the girls and assisted them in gaining another badge.



(above) Garwood Brownie Troop 41108 has their homeless care kits boxed up and ready to donate to the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless as part of a day of service to honor MLK Jr.



(above) Garwood Girl Scout Daisy Troop 41005 displays the homeless care kits.

Photos by Garwood Girl Scouts



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FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

Garwood Recreation

Garwood residents braved the bitter cold for the Annual Garwood Family Skate Night held at the Westfield Rink on Saturday, January 29th.

Approximately 80 residents enjoyed skating at the rink hoping to warm up as they kept moving on the ice. Despite the snow and cold temperatures – everyone had a great time!



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(above) 1st place: Zackary Silberberg

SNOWMAN CONTEST WINNERS

Garwood Recreation Department

Garwood Recreation Director Ralph Bernardo recently announced the winners of this year's 'Do You Want to Build a Snowman?' contest. Bernardo selected three creations from the variety of entries. Winners received a Target gift card.

Bernardo started the tradition during the pandemic when, due to statewide restrictions, there weren't many activities available through the Recreation Department.

"I couldn't stand that there were no activities for children during those early days of the pandemic. I felt like they were all locked in their houses for school and for everything and I just wanted to give them an opportunity to do something fun and get them outside and bring some joy," said Bernardo. "The kids had a great time with it, and I knew right away this was going to become an annual tradition."

Photos by Garwood Recreation Department



(above, 1-r) Honorable mention: Liana Simon, 3rd place: Emerson Mangan, 2nd place: The Guerriero Family

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCILS JOIN FORCES

The Cranford and Garwood Knights of Columbus Councils joined forces and held a Football Championship Fundraiser at the Columbian Club of Garwood Hall in Garwood on Sunday, January 30th. This worthy event was a tremendous success with over 100 guests attending, and by working together, the Councils were able to raise over \$5,000 for our two worthy designated charities. Donations will be made to the Anne Salway Dolan Memorial Scholarship and to Cranford Brother Knight Bob Scheurer and his family to help with Bob's courageous battle against Cancer.

There are too many people to thank here with both Councils as this event was put together with only two weeks of prior planning. Based on the success of this event, both Councils will be doing some more events like this, and are in the process



of planning another one on April 2nd for the viable part of our community. For information NCAA Final Four Championship games to help and support another worthy cause. Save the date and see below for contact information.

The Cranford Knights of Columbus is a cranfordknights.org. Catholic Fraternal Organization dedicated to our Four Core Principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. The Cranford Council supports 37 many charities and civic causes locally, statewide, and nationally and is committed to being a

about joining the Cranford Council, please contact our Grand Knight Jerry Conheeney at 908-416-3464 or visit the Council website at

Garwood residents who would like to join the Garwood council can either inquire at the club at South Ave visit or https://garwoodkofc.weebly.com/become-amember.html.



(above) PGK & Lecturer John Doolan, Worthy Consultant Jim Byrnes, PGK & District Deputy Jim Vari, Garwood Columbian Hall Chairman Aaron Dolan, Grand Knight Jerry Conheeney, Bill Doolan, and Worthy Chaplain Monsignor Tim Shugrue.

GARWOOD HISTORICAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Despite the damper that the COVID-19 pandemic has put on community organizations, the Garwood Historical Committee has been active.

A number of the signs that honor veterans of Garwood who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom were faded. The Historical Committee of Garwood worked with Police Chief Wright and the Garwood DPW to replace them.

The Committee has also partnered with the Garwood Celebrations Committee to participate in their Garwood Memorial Day service and cosponsored a 20th Anniversary remembrance of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania. The Committee placed a commemorative wreath at the 9/11 Memorial at Borough Hall.

The Committee also welcomed the opportunity to once again participate in the successful 2021 Garwood Rocks event in the center of our town.

The Garwood Historical Committee seeks our meetings to speak to us in person.

photos and memorabilia of past Garwood events. While doing your spring cleaning, please think of the Committee before tossing anything related to Garwood and consider donating it to the Historical Committee for preservation. March marks Garwood's 119th year. Compared to most other towns we are in our infancy, yet, many people have items of interest that could be saved for future generations to appreciate.

Also, please consider monetary donations to the Garwood Historical Committee. The pandemic has stretched budgets to their limits and every little bit helps our Committee continue the task of preserving Garwood's history for you, your children, and future generations.

The Garwood Historical Committee meets the fourth Monday of each month to plan events that will create an interest in Garwood's fine history. Contact the Historical Committee at garwoodhistory@garwood.org or come to one of our meetings to speak to us in person.

MOUNTAINSIDE COMMUNITY POOL ACCEPTING MEMBERSHIPS

Who's ready to enjoy the summer like it was 2019!!! Located conveniently off Route 22 at 1005 Mountain Ave., Mountainside Community Pool memberships are currently available for this private gem of a facility for residents and non-residents.

Featuring three pools (50 meter, Dive/slide tank, and a zero-depth), picnic grove, snack bar, and two newly paved basketball courts, there are plenty of options for families of all sizes.

We offer swim lessons, swim team, have events throughout the year, and run a 13 & under triathlon. And all new members will receive a free 2022 tennis badge which gives you access to our six tennis courts in town.

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For membership information please call the Mountainside Recreation Office @ 908-232-0015 or email kbandics@mountainside-nj.com.



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FIRST AID SQUAD RECRUITING VOLS

The Garwood First Aid Squad is actively recruiting volunteers and invites you to join our team. Whether you are looking to help out the community or get a start in the medical field, we would be glad to have you join us. You can work on board the ambulance or just help out around the squad house. No experience necessary. As a squad member, you can make a difference in a person's life join today.

If interested, just email us at InformationGFAS@gmail.com or call 908-789-0300. "Volunteers Since 1939 Dedicated To Saving Lives"

GARWOOD LIBRARY MARCH EVENTS

411 3rd Ave, Garwood, NJ (908) 789-1670 garwoodlibrary@garwood.org www2.youseemore.com/garwood/ Monday and Wednesday from 9 am-5 pm, Tuesday, Thursday from 9 am-8 pm, Friday 9 am-4:30 pm, Saturday 10 am-1 pm

Storytime in the Library

March 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Join Miss Maryanne for a Storytime, stories, bubbles and more. Registration Required. Limit: 10 per session.

Virtual Kid's Craft March 8 at 3 p.m.

Pick up supplies for the craft and then watch the craft tutorial on the Library's Facebook page at 3 p.m. The video will be available for viewing thereafter. Registration required. Limit: 15. Sign up on the Library website's events calendar or

by phone. Dancing in the Streets Coding Program (Grades K-3)

March 9, 16, 23, 30 Join us on a trip across the dance floor, exploring dances around the world, while creating and coding your own animated dances using age-appropriate coding language. Registration required. Limit: 10. You will receive a Zoom link upon registration.

Writing and Publishing (Adults) March 9 at 7 p.m.

Join Mark Vogel, author, psychologist, and professionally trained chef as he discusses the basics of writing, publishing, and marketing your book. Once registered, a Zoom link will be

provided. Virtual Adult Craft

March 15 at 3 p.m. Pick up your craft supplies from the Library and then watch the Facebook tutorial at 3 p.m. Registration required. Limit: 10. Sign up on the Library website's events calendar or by phone. Book Discussion Group

March 21 at 1 p.m.

Join us in the Library for a lively discussion of this month's book Say Nothing by Patrick Radden Keefe.



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. A DAY OF SERVICE

Borough of Garwood

Garwood made Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a day ON, not a day off! For the 4th Annual Day of Service, Garwood collected cards for veterans, coloring pages for seniors, winter clothing for the homeless and over 800 sandwiches for the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless! Thanks to everyone who donated!



(above, l-r) Garwood residents Michele Tortorici and Rob Schilare, Council President Jen Blumenstock and Mayor Sara Todisco.



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MOBILE MEALS OF WESTFIELD THANKS DONORS

Ruth Maloney, President of Mobile Meals of Westfield, in accepting donations from the Sheet Metal Workers' Union No. 22, \$350 Shop Rite food card; and the Optimist Club of Westfield gift of \$50 food cards in support of Mobile Meals' clients.

Each year, Optimist Club of Westfield distributes food baskets to families and organization which provides prepared meals for

Because of Covid, this year food cards were themselves. donated in place of the food baskets. In presenting the donation, Darielle Walsh of Optimist Club of Westfield said, "We are always looking for deserving families and individuals who can benefit from our food program."

Mobile Meals of Westfield is a non-profit

"On behalf of our clients, thank you!" declared individuals in need. The program spans 31 years. those individuals unable to provide meals for Mobile Meals serves the communities of Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield.

> For more information on volunteer opportunities, food services or those wishing to donate can visit the Mobile Meals website at mobilemealsofwestfield.org or call 908-233-6146.



(above, l-r) Row 1: Gene Jannotti, Mike Walsh, Mary Ellen O'Boyle, Darielle Walsh (all of Optimist Club); Ruth Maloney, Josephine Walsh, Cherie Parker (of Mobile Meals). Row 2: Jayson Astel, Ray Kostyack Tony LaPorta (of Optimist Club). For more information about Optimist Club of Westfield, visit westfieldnj.com/optimist/index.htm.



(above) Sheet Metal Workers' Union No. 22 presented Mobile Meals of Westfield a \$350 Shop Rite food card donation on November 10. Representing the union was and Business Representative, Financial Secretary/Treasurer Jason Rooney. Accepting the donation was Mobile Meals Operations Manager Josephine Walsh.





EARTH SCIENCE LESSONS

Garwood Public Schools

6th Grade Earth science students at Garwood Lincoln School are exploring the geosphere, including minerals and rocks. Students performed a lab designed by their science teacher Mrs. Bree to experience the process of crystallization of minerals from a solution using baking soda and water. The results were amazing in just one week!

Photos by Garwood Public Schools





GARWOOD POLICE YOUTH ACADEMY Applications are available for the

2022 Garwood Police Youth Academy

Available at Garwood Police Headquarters Contact: Sgt. John Wright Email: jt-wright@garwood.org Phone: (908)-789-1500 Application Deadline: June 3, 2022



PRIMARY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Garwood Public Schools

Garwood is proud of their new PEP (Primary Enrichment Program) class to promote science and engineering for their younger advanced students. Students are able to follow their own curiosities with the guidance of Lincoln School's science teacher, Mrs. Bree, in the Middle School science lab. First grader Charlie King and second grader Eddie Minson have explored polymers and made foamy slime and elephant toothpaste. Their current project involves building a greenhouse to grow some herbs for the garden.

Photos by Garwood Public Schools













(above) Fourth grader Ryan Ofri has been exploring crystallization by making his own crystals. His favorite was the homemade rock candy!





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER FOR CRANFORD FIREFIGHTER



(above) Help raise funds on April 2 for Firefighter Robert Hurewitz whose injuries sustained in the line of duty prevent him from working.



The Final Four Charity Fundraiser to support Cranford Firefighter Robert Hurewitz, whose career was cut short by physical injuries sustained on the job, will take place on Saturday, April 2 from 6:00 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Columbian Club of Garwood at 37 South Ave., in Garwood. Tickets are \$35 per person and include beer, wine, soda, and food.

Hurewitz suffered heart and kidney damage in the line of duty last year. The effects have been lasting and deleterious. Proceeds from the April 2 fundraiser will be donated his family.

Please help this family of three by participating in the April 2 event or by donating directly to the GoFundMe campaign started by Hurewitz's wife Amanda: GoFund.Me/e460a236. You can also mail a donation check made payable to the Cranford Knights of Columbus, PO Box 501, Cranford NJ 0701 – write in the check note: For Hurewitz Family.

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earned their Democracy and Good Neighbor badges thanks to newly elected Councilwoman Kimberly Salmon and Councilwoman Heather Loffredo, who organized a Garwood Borough Hall and Garwood Police Station tour. Councilwoman Salmon went over how council works in every town and what types of decisions are made. The girls met with Kyle Harris, the Borough Administrator, who went over his role in town and gave them a tour of the building. He shared some fun facts with them but the girls were excited to learn that one of their fellow

Garwood Daisy Girl Scout Troop 41005 Daisy's lives in the oldest house in Garwood. The girl's then met with Mayor Sara Todisco, who gave the girls a tour of her office and read "Duck for President". Finally, the girls met with Police Chief James Wright, who gave the girls a tour of the police station. The girls got a real live look inside of what the jail cells look like. Chief Wright went over the importance of knowing your phone number, address and when you should dial "911". The girl's promised that this is something they will start practicing. A huge thank vou to all involved in this event.

Photo by Garwood Daisy Troop 41005



(above) Police Chief James Wright & Garwood Daisy Girl Scouts during a recent tour of Borough Hall and the Police Station.



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