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LOCAL MASTERS SWIMMERS CELEBRATE 18TH ANNIVERSARY



(above) Masters Yardstick Swimmers held their 18th anniversary celebration online.

Madison Area Masters Swimmers

A group of New Jersey Masters Swimmers from Madison and surrounding towns have had the privilege of swimming together for many years at Drew University, the Madison YMCA, Madison Community Pool, and the Summit YMCA.

The COVID-19 pandemic limited the group's ability to swim together. Recently, however, upon the group's 18th anniversary, the Masters Yardstick Swimmers held its awards breakfast online—with a strong turnout. To celebrate the group's history, strong personal relationships, and commitment to swimming, members Bob Nissen, Joe Donohue, and Richard Clew (with help from historian Barbara Rushman) created a slide show of major milestones.

An entertaining review of swimmers' monthly comments from the comment box on their website followed the slide show. Swimmers highlighted the recent opening of the new Walker D. Kirby Aquatics Center in the Madison YMCA.

The online event culminated with their Annual Awards.

Red Stars went to swimmers Deborah Fennelly of Morristown, Lynda Przedpelski of Summit, Jennifer Bauman of Parsippany, and Bob Franks of Chatham—all having achieved at least one 100,000-yard month during the year. Jim Sullivan of Morristown was named Bold Performer of the Year for improved performance, exceptional effort, and a special commitment to the swimming program. The top swimmer for the last half of the year was Lynda Przedpelski, achieving 577,983 yards, or 328 miles during the six-month period. Lynda was awarded the Doug Clark Championship Yardstick, named in memory of a former Yardstick Swimmer.

All attendees enjoyed the event and were happy to connect online with swimming friends once again.

Adult swimmers of all levels from beginners to experts are welcome to the Masters programs and to learn more about our Yardstick Challenge. For additional information, please contact Bob Nissen at bobnissen@gmail.com.

Photo by Masters Yardstick Swimmers

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SEARCH FOR SHELLY THE EASTER EGG MARCH 25- APRIL 9

Children are invited to participate in an Easter egg hunt to find Shelly, the Easter Egg at participating businesses. The search will begin on March 25 and end on April 9 at 12 p.m. This is a free event and open to the public. For a list of participating businesses please visit MadisonNJMarketplace.com.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Pick up a participation card at Tons of Toys, 64 Main St. or Madison Pharmacy, 66 Main St.

Search for Shelly at participating businesses or on their website, where noted, and collect a store stamp, signature, or the write in code found online.

When 25 or more different store stamps/signatures or codes are collected, turn the card in at the Chamber table on Main Street during Easter Fun Fest on April 9. All entries will be eligible to win a new bicycle, donated Peter Daniele, of Rose City Collision, 291 Main St. or other prizes donated by the local businesses.

Participation cards may also be turned into Tons of Toys prior to April 9 to be entered into the drawing.

Save the date - Easter Fun Fest- Saturday,

April 9, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

This year's Easter Fun Fest will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2021 from 11:00 am-12:30 pm. Visit the Chamber table set up on Main St. where individuals can guess the number of Jelly Beans, visit with the Easter Bunny and turn in their Shelly Egg participation cards to win prizes.

This year's Easter Fun Fest is being sponsored by Alfred's Sport Shop, 32 Main St., Carter Smile, 180 Main St., Morristown., Cleaners Advantage, 888-471-7676,

Harvest Bistro, 50 1/2 Main St. and Princeton Speech-Language and Learning Center, 340 Main St.

"The Madison Chamber and its member businesses look forward to this fun, family event each year." said Karen Giambra, executive director of the Chamber. "It is a perfect way to bring our community together and to kick off the spring season"

For more information, please contact Madison Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Karen Giambra at MadisonChamber@gmail.com or at 973-377-7830. Also visit the Chamber website at MadisonNJChamber.org.

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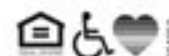


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TOM BINTINGER TO BE HONORED AT ANNUAL BENEFIT

Friends of the Madison Public Library

The Friends of the Madison Public Library (The Friends), a nonprofit organization, will honor Madison resident Tom Bintinger, President of the Library Board of Trustees, at its Annual Benefit to be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 21 at the Madison Library. "Tom cares deeply about the Library and its mission to service the community, is supportive of innovation, and offers us visionary management of the Library's funds for current and future

sustainability," said Lynn Favreau, Library Director.

"I have collaborated with Tom Bintinger as a fellow Library Trustee volunteer and in other capacities for other non-profit organizations and have always been impressed with his dedication and professionalism," said Pam Hogan, Chair of the Friends. "He joined the Board of Trustees in 2004 and has been its president for over ten years. I admire Tom's steadfast commitment and his calm, encouraging, and optimistic attitude. He is truly an outstanding leader in our community."

All are invited to attend the May 21 Annual Benefit at the Library located at 39 Keep Street. Wine, beer, and a variety of delicious hors d'oeuvres catered by the Thursday Morning Club will be served.

Invitations are being sent to Library patrons

and are also available at the Library's front desk. Admission is \$50 per person. Checks should be made payable to Friends of the Madison Public Library and mailed to 39 Keep Street, Madison, NJ 07940, along with the RSVP card. Admission can also be purchased online at friendsmadisonnjlibrary.org.

Proceeds from this event are used to support many special programs for children, teens, and adults and to expand streaming services and book and media collections. The Friends funds special programs, including the Library's popular Museum Pass Program and sponsors Minicourses at Madison, an adult continuing education program.

For more information about the 2022 Benefit or the Friends of the Madison Public Library, please visit friendsmadisonnjlibrary.org.



(above) Tom Bintinger, President of the Madison Library Board of Trustees, will be honored on May 21. To attend, contact The Friends at friendsmadisonnjlibrary.org.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 17

GFWC Thursday Morning Club

The GFWC Thursday Morning Club will be offering a scholarship to one or more deserving Madison High School Seniors.

Each year since 1985, the Thursday Morning Club's Madison Community House George Burroughs Scholarship has been given at the MHS June Awards Night. The scholarship is based on volunteer activities over and above church and school requirements. Students can obtain applications from the MHS Guidance Department. Requirements include: the completed application, a volunteer supervisor's recommendation, and an essay about experience

and growth through volunteering. Submit all three parts to the MHS Guidance Department. Applications are due March 17, 2022.

The Thursday Morning Club's Motto "I Serve" is carried out by the Club in many different activities, groups they support, and community events. The TMC has been a supporter of MHS students for many years. The amount of the scholarship varies and more than one can be awarded.

For further information, visit the TMC Website at thursdaymorningclub.org or call at 973-377-0244.

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NEWCOMERS WELCOME

Boy Scout Troop 7

For the last 62 years, St. Vincent Martyr Church in Madison has been the chartering organization for Scouts BSA Troop 7 (Boy Scout Troop 7). Troop 7 is an active troop that meets every Monday evening from 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the St. Vincent Martyr School gym at 26 Green Village Road in Madison.

Troop 7 offers a robust outdoor program that includes monthly opportunities to camp, hike, bike, backpack, or paddle, and scouts also spend a week together at summer camp. Scouts learn important leadership skills and techniques as they plan and lead all troop meetings and activities.

During their March meetings, Troop 7 scouts will learn about siege engines that have been used throughout history (e.g., catapults, trebuchets and ballistas), and they will build and test their own model siege engines.

Troop 7 invites prospective scouts to participate in or observe these meetings during the month of March. Test your engineering and design skills and have some fun! RSVP is not required. Boys 11 - 17 are welcome to join Troop 7 at any time. For more information, please visit TroopWebHost.org/Troop7Madison or contact adult leaders at Info.Troop7Madison@twh.email.

Photos by Boy Scout Troop 7



(above l-r) Troop 7 scouts Peter Kohut, Patrick Roberts, and Colin Detgen evaluate a model design for a mangonel.



(above l-r) George Dailey, Mason Hock, Patrick Roberts, Colin Detgen, Ryan Hock and Peter Kohut of Troop 7 discuss the planning, design, testing, and competition of model siege engines.

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Romanesque Art and Architecture

**2 hours, 5 Thursday afternoons,
1:30-3:30 p.m. on March 3, (skip 10), 17,
24, 31; April 7, 2022**

With Dr. Rita Keane, Professor of Art History, Drew University. The term Romanesque describes art and architecture produced in medieval western Europe from the tenth to the twelfth centuries. In this 5-week course we will consider the major monuments of Romanesque art in western Europe, such as the art and architecture of pilgrimage, monastic art including portal and cloister sculpture, the enamels of Limoges, and the innovations of Cistercian architecture. The course concludes with the study of the monuments produced for William the Conqueror.

Dr. Rita Keane is Professor of Art History at Drew University. She earned an M.A. in art history from Williams College, and a Ph.D. in art history from the University of California, Santa Barbara. At Drew she teaches medieval, Islamic, and classical art. A specialist in medieval art, her research is on the material culture of the fourteenth century in France, with particular focus on manuscript painting, ideology, and gender studies. She recently wrote a book on the testament of the medieval queen, Blanche of Navarre.

Environmental Psychology

**2 hours, 5 Tuesday afternoons
1:30-3:30 p.m. on March 22, 29;
April 5, 12, 19, 2022**

With Dr. Graham Cousens, Associate Professor of Psychology, Drew University

This course examines the interdependence of human behavior and the environments in which we live, work, and play. We will consider our emotional connections to the places we know and focus on the relationship between built environments and physical and mental health, discussing physical activity, environmental stress, and habitual behavior. We will examine our relationship to the natural world by considering the restorative benefits of nature, green space, and wilderness, by documenting some ecological consequences of human behavior, and by evaluating ways to promote more environmentally sustainable behavior.

Dr. Graham Cousens is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Drew University. He earned a Ph.D., M.A., and B.A. in Psychology from Rutgers University, and he conducted research in neuroscience as a post-doctoral fellow at Yale School of Medicine and at University of California, San Francisco.

War and Peace: Music of the '40s

**1 ½ hours, 5 Wednesday afternoons
1:30-3:00 pm on April 6, 13, 20, 27;
May 4, 2022.**

With Dr. Robert Butts, Conductor, Composer, Educator, Montclair State University, Drew University and Saint Elizabeth University. Of all decades of the 20th century, the 1940s seems to be the least studied. Yet, the decade that contained World War II and its aftermath, produced extraordinary musical works that are now considered standards of the concert and popular music worlds. Explore the major

transformations in music during this pivotal decade. From bebop, to star vocalists, to the meteoric rise of Leonard Bernstein, to the American sound of Aaron Copland, to Rodgers and Hammerstein and the Golden Age of Broadway—this course is bursting with great music as well as the who, what, when, where, and why behind the tunes.

Dr. Robert Butts has won acclaim as conductor, composer, and educator. He is the director of the Baroque Orchestra of NJ, now in its 26th season. He teaches at Montclair State University, the Caspersen School of Graduate Studies at Drew University, NJ Council for the Humanities, and Saint Elizabeth University. He has conducted major orchestra and opera performances throughout the US and abroad. Dr. Butts received his M.A. in Musicology from the University of Iowa with a specialty in 17th and 18th century music and a D.M.A. in conducting from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. He also studied conducting at Julliard with Maestro La Sella.

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Yayoi Kusama Discussion

Monday, March 7 at 7 p.m.

Join NYC tour guide and arts aficionado Sylvia Laudien-Meo for a presentation & discussion about Yayoi Kusama, a contemporary artist who focuses on quirky sculpture and other art media.

Spanish Conversation Hour

Tuesday, March 8 at 5 p.m.

Come practice your Spanish with us! This program is for adults that already have a foundation in the language.

Women Who Changed the World

Tuesday, March 15 at 7 p.m.

From the White House and the silver screen, to Olympic podiums and equality marches, these women changed the world—blazing the trail while battling adversity. Without each one of their contributions, our world wouldn't be the what it is today. In honor of Women's History Month, we take a look at these fierce, empowering, and inspiring ladies. Throughout history, numerous women have pushed for

societal change and influenced the lives of many, allowing women and girls globally to live a life that's free from stereotypes and patriarchal restraints and, most of all, encouraging girls to dream bigger.

Virtual Author Visit: Paul Kahan

Wednesday, March 23 at 7 p.m.

The Bank War: Andrew Jackson, Nicholas Biddle, and The Fight for American Finance. In The Bank War, historian Paul Kahan explores one of the most important and dramatic events in American political and economic history, from the idea of centralized banking and the First Bank of the United States to Jackson's triumph, the era of free banking, and the creation of the Federal Reserve System. The book also shows how the Bank War was a manifestation of the debates that were sparked at the Constitutional Convention—the role of the executive branch and the role of the federal government in American society—debates that endure to this day as philosophical differences that often divide the United States.

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Rotary Club of Madison

The Madison Rotary Club's Annual Grants & Scholarship Program is now open. The application deadline is April 30, 2022.

John Hogan the Rotarian coordinating the grants effort, commented: "Rotary's core mission is to serve others to make the world better. One significant way we pursue that mission is to provide financial support to local community organizations that themselves serve the public. Our annual Grants and Sponsorship Program is intended to identify worthy groups that we can support."

Rotary focuses its support in four areas: food insecurity, youth empowerment, Madison charitable community-based organizations, and local underserved groups. Each year the Rotary is able to provide support to numerous local community groups.

The Rotary program has two components:

Charitable Grants: given to qualified, non-profit, tax-exempt organizations. Grant requests can be made to support a specific project or

initiative, but not for general operating support or staffing.

Community Sponsorships: given to community organizations planning a special event and seeking financial sponsors.

For giving guidelines and applications go to madisonrotarynj.org > 2022 Grants and Sponsorships Program.

Applications are reviewed by the Rotary's Grants and Sponsorships Committee and approved by the Madison Rotary Board. Successful applicants will be notified by mid-June.

The Grants and Sponsorships program is a core mission of the Madison Rotary and supports our motto: Service above Self.

For more information, please contact the Grants and Sponsorships committee chairperson, John Hogan, at madisonrotarygs@gmail.com. For information about joining the Madison Rotary, contact Membership Chair Joe Smith at info@njrotary.org or visit the Club's website.

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TMC'S GOOD DEEDS: BOOKS, TABS, & GLASSES

Recent service projects undertaken by the Thursday Morning Club of Madison involve books, tabs, and glasses.

The Education Committee of the Thursday Morning Club of Madison collected 298 new and gently used children's books for the Club's Little Free Library located on its property at 25 Cook Avenue.

The Health and Wellness Committee collected and donated 16 pounds of aluminum can tabs, which were recycled. The proceeds were donated to Shriner's Hospitals for Children toward the purchase of supplies and equipment.

The same committee also collected 162 pairs of used eyeglasses and 85 eyeglass cases, which were donated to Lions Club International for their Lions Recycle for Sight program.

The Thursday Morning Club, a women's club which owns and operates the Madison Community House, welcomes all women to join and become part of this social, service organization which benefits both its members and the public. The Club is a member of the State and General Federation and participates in state-sponsored projects as well as initiating projects of its own.

To learn more about the Club, its activities or membership opportunities please visit the website at thursdaymorningclub.org, or call 973-377-0244.



Photo by TMC

(above) TMC member Kathy Trombacco prepares to restock the Club's Little Free Library, located at 25 Cook Avenue.

CORNERED BEEF DINNER OPEN TO PUBLIC

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #43

The ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit #43 have held a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner annually for close to 60 years. This year's dinner/fundraiser—now open to the public—will be held on Sunday, March 13 from 1 - 5 p.m. at the Madison-Florham American Legion Post #43, 20 Ridgedale Avenue in Florham Park. For a complete dinner including homemade Irish Soda Bread and dessert, a donation of \$20 is suggested for adults; \$5.00 for children under the age of 5. Corned Beef Sandwiches are available at a suggested donation of \$15. Dine with us or take your meal

home—whichever suits you.

Usually this event is limited to the Legion family, but this year we invite all residents of the area to join Auxiliary members at the dinner to show support for the volunteer and financial support the Auxiliary provides to our area veterans in need.

The annual fundraiser has also made it possible over the years to sponsor the following in our local communities: American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State, the Valerie Fund, Family Promise, the Special Olympics, and scholarships for children and grandchildren of veterans.

RENNA MEDIA LAUNCHES THREE NEW NEWSPAPERS

Beginning in March three new towns have joined Renna Media's growing family of newspapers: Florham Park Press, Millburn Short Hills Monthly, and Elmora Hills Elizabeth. Renna Media is now mailing 160,000, town-specific newspapers, to 24 towns each month.

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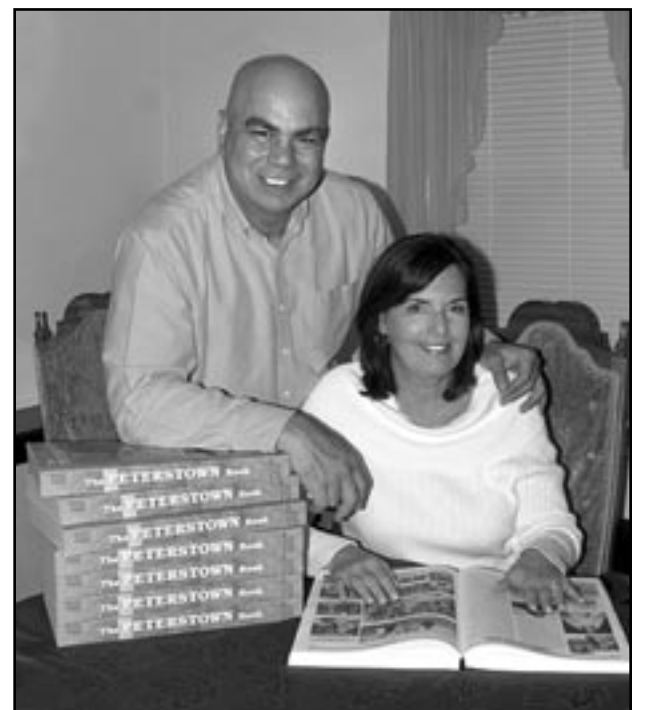
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For more information about Renna Media publications, please visit rennamedia.com.

You can contact Tina Renna regarding advertising, or to submit news, via email info@rennamedia.com; or call 908-418-5586.



(above) Joe and Tina Renna, owners of Renna Media, LLC, publish 24 direct-mailed community newspapers with a total circulation of 160,000. They have been publishing community newspapers since 1998. For more information, please visit rennamedia.com.

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