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SUMMIT NAMED 2021 GREAT DOWNTOWN DESIGNEE

The City of Summit and Summit Downtown, Inc. recently announced that Downtown Summit has been chosen as one of the 2021 Great Places in New Jersey by the New Jersey Chapter of the American Planning Association (NJ APA) in its Downtown category.

Each year, the NJAPA awards a downtown that represents the gold standard of exemplary character, quality, and planning as a "great place." Award-winning towns possess a true sense of place, cultural and historical interest, community involvement and a vision for tomorrow.

"We are thrilled to receive this designation," explains Mayor Nora Radest. "Although we have always known that our wonderful and accessible downtown is one of the greatest places in New Jersey, now others will know as well. I am extremely proud of the cohesive community effort to support our local shops and restaurants these past two years. Summit's downtown has a vitality that has been sustained and celebrated by a community that values it."

Summit Downtown, Inc (SDI) is a non-profit organization that represents retailers, businesses and property owners in the downtown Special Improvement District. SDI organizes

events, oversees marketing of the downtown and its businesses and works with city stakeholders to create and maintain an engaging downtown experience for visitors and businesses. The application for the NJ APA award was submitted by SDI.

"Downtown Summit is a vibrant regional destination and absolutely one of the great places in New Jersey," describes SDI Board of Trustees Chair Bob Conway. "We share this recognition with everyone who has thoughtfully invested in our downtown's beautification, preservation, and economic and social vitality."

Previous recipients of this award include Morristown, Westfield, Cranford, and Lambertville.

"We are very proud to receive this award, but it is not exactly a surprise," says SDI Director Nancy Adams. "Summit's downtown is very special. It has a lively art, shopping, and restaurant scene, providing visitors with a true sense of place and community."

For more information on Summit and other great places in New Jersey visit greatplacesnj.org. For information on Downtown Summit, go to summitdowntown.org.

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The Summit Fire Department has donated 10 "level B" hazmat kits to support under-equipped fire departments in the Ukraine as part of a Clifton Fire Department and FMBA21 equipment drive. The kits contain turnout gear, tools and breathing equipment required to operate at hazardous materials incidents, as well as

various essential medical supplies. Donated items will be distributed directly to Ukraine stations in need. More than 400 sets of turnout gear have been donated by area fire departments. To donate or for more information, visit the Clifton FMBA 21 website at cliftonfmba21.com.

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(above, l-r) Summit Fire Department Lieutenant Jeff Hudkins, Deputy Chief Paul Imbimbo, Firefighter Sergio Villalobos, Firefighter Tom Penn and Battalion Chief Rick Locke

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Thank you Spring Grove.

Chrissy Sloan
★★★★★

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The Summit Music Parents Association's 49th Annual Big Band Dance will take place on Thursday, April 21 from 6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. at the Grand Summit Hotel at 570 Springfield Avenue. Headlining is the Summit High School Big Band under the direction of Alex Bocchino.

Their music is sure to get you out on the dance floor. A delicious buffet dinner and cash bar complete the evening. Tickets are \$90 each and are available by visiting smpasummit.org. For more information, contact Kate Speer at kmspeer1@gmail.com.



(above l-r) Trumpeters Eden Levkov, Lucas Gomez, Brian Axtell, James Ritter, and Meredith Jenkins will perform with the Summit High School Big Band at the SMPA 49th Annual Big Band Dance on April 21. Get your tickets at smpasummit.org.

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SUMMIT CHURCHES UNITE TO OFFER SUMMER CAMP

Central Presbyterian Church

Local children will have the opportunity to experience commUNITY Camp this summer, thanks to a cooperative effort by several Summit churches. Central Presbyterian Church on Maple Street will host the week-long camp, in partnership with St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church, Christ Church, and Calvary Episcopal Church. Camp runs from July 25 - 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. It includes stories, snacks, games, music, science, and a focus on community service through a connection with Bridges. The camp fee is \$75 per child. Camperships are available.

"Working together with faith leaders across our community models to children and youth what we can do when we do it together. Being part of a larger Christian community for study, worship, and service, communicates to Summit's children that we are part of something bigger than ourselves, bigger than our individual churches. We belong to this community," explains Rev. Dr. Deborah Huggins, associate pastor at Central Church.

Thanks to a grant from The Synod of the North East Youth Initiative, this summer's camp will be supplemented by several youth-led after-camps that will take place in the afternoons following commUNITY Camp. These mini-camps including sports, theatre, cooking, and more.

They will be available from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. The after-camps were developed by youth leaders, assisted by adult mentors, and will be fully supervised.

To register for any of these camps, visit centralpres.org for information and links to registration pages. Spots are filling up, so register now!



(above) Young campers enjoy commUNITY Camp—an initiative by four Summit churches that focuses on a host of fun and community service.

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ELEVEN+ IS LOOKING FOR NEW NONPROFIT PARTNERS

Eleven+ is ramping up its programming significantly for the summer of 2022 after its first successful year of operation. During the summer of 2021, it piloted its diversity internship program with ten students working in seven different organizations. Scaling by a factor of ten, it plans to facilitate and fund 100 paid internships for underserved students from low-income backgrounds in 2022. To succeed, it is looking for many more nonprofit partners to host interns.

During the pilot, Eleven+ interns worked for SAGE Eldercare, the Summit Area YMCA, Charity Navigator, and several others to gain valuable skills, experiences, and professional contacts that will serve them well when they enter the full-time workforce. Partnering with Summits STAR, PEP Program, and Summit High School, as well as KIPP Newark to source talented, motivated students, it must now develop additional internship opportunities.

The Eleven+ internships are a true win-win endeavor, with the students getting meaningful paid work while the nonprofits get access to high caliber students without having to establish and fund internship programs on their own. Last July and August, students completed meaningful projects and helped their hosts further their strategic agendas in a variety of roles including Communications, Development, Public Relations, Financial Analysis, Technology, Marketing, and External Affairs.

According to Shari Competiello, Chief of Staff at Family Promise, the national organization that addresses homelessness issues, the students gave both Eleven+ and its internship hosting partners a lot to be proud of. "Not only were we impressed by the caliber of the two Eleven+ interns who worked here this summer, they made meaningful contributions that will endure long past their summers with us," Competiello said. While one of the interns, Ernange Alfonse, returned to her studies at Lycoming College, the other, Cyan Perdue, was hired on as an employee by the organization while also attending Rutgers University as a graduate student pursuing her



(above, l-r) 2021 Eleven+ interns: Alexis Tonge, Cyan Perdue, and Stevensky Mertyl

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master's degree.

"In our experience so far, the hosting organizations get as much out of the summer as the students," says Eleven+ Founder and President Andrew Walker. "It's been a really rewarding experience for all of us. And we aim to make it as easy as possible for our nonprofit partners." He explained that the expectations of each hosting organization are a low hurdle. Hosts are expected to provide a meaningful role for the student to give them a feeling of accomplishment by the end of the summer, and they are to assign a mentor to coach the students through what is likely to be their first professional work experience.

Eleven+ surveyed the intern hosts at the end of the summer and all agreed they'd like to take

interns again next year. Additionally, all said they'd recommend Eleven+ to other organizations and strongly agreed that Eleven+ was easy to partner with in support of the students. Eleven+ has recently hired a part-time Program Manager, Carolyn Parelli, as an additional resource for the nonprofits and students.

Building on last summer's success, Eleven+ is now developing a Job Readiness training program for its incoming interns to better prepare them for their first day of work. "With valuable input from last year's hosts, we're pulling together some guidance on effective communication, organization, and self-representation that will help our interns hit the ground running even faster", said Walker.

If you know of a New Jersey nonprofit organization that might be interested in learning more about hosting an intern through Eleven+, please have them contact Andrew Walker at andrew.walker@eleven-plus.org. Additional information is available on its website, eleven-plus.org.

ABOUT ELEVEN+

Students from underserved and disenfranchised communities often lack the access to internships, which are critical in building skills and creating networks. Eleven+ levels the playing field, ensuring these students can get great paid internships doing formative work. As a result, young people gain applicable skills, valuable experience, and a network of mentors and peers that are critical to future success in the workplace.



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LIBRARY CELEBRATES SUSAN PERMAHOS AND SUSAN TAMHANKAR

Submitted by Rebecca Cohan, Tom Mizisko

The Summit Free Public Library is bidding farewell to two of its beloved staff members: Director Susan Permahos and long-time Administrative Assistant Susan Tamhankar.

At the end of her tenure of nine years as Director of the Summit Free Public Library, Susan Permahos has achieved what she set out to do when hired in 2013. From the start, her enthusiasm, energy, passion, commitment, as well as her excellent administrative and leadership skills were apparent to all those who worked and came in contact with her. She was a visible presence who made herself accessible to her employees and the community at large. She created an inclusive working environment among library staff and inspired them to do their best in delivering excellent programming and customer service to the community.

Ms. Permahos initiated significant changes by increasing library services, such as notary services, intellectually and culturally focused lectures, ESL classes, computer workshops, a monthly series of diverse concerts, an annual Shakespeare in the park theatrical performance, an annual Chinese New Year celebration, and many others. She revived community interest and involvement in the library; a "Friends of the Library" group—which successfully raised thousands of dollars for library resources---and a Library Foundation were re-established through her efforts.

A campaign to publicize the library, as well as its resources and services, resulted in more people using the library than ever before. As a result of her relentless hard work, advocacy, and skill as a grant-writer and fundraiser, the library became a state of the art facility, acquiring the latest technology, including a public fax, scanner, 3-D printer, color printer, a new sound system, and movie and presentation equipment. Her creative vision to reconfigure the interior space of the facility enabled the library to expand the space for community functions, and rooms for patrons who needed a quiet area to study or hold a meeting.

She solicited input from the staff and community and engaged in outreach to many different groups in the Summit community to determine what services and resources they wanted the library to provide; she built strong partnerships and alliances with other community organizations and the schools which has resulted in an increase of students using the library, its facility, resources and services.

Under Ms. Permahos' direction, the library has

not only thrived but become a trusted and welcoming presence in the community for exceptional research, instruction, and customer service assistance, as well as a hub for learning and exploration, a resource and space for everyone: children, students, parents, immigrants, business people, and retirees to enlarge and enrich their spheres of interest, and to study and congregate with others.

"At Susan's first staff meeting, she asked us to think of opportunities when we could tell patrons 'yes' instead of 'no'. She has worked hard to improve customer service, expand access to information, and increase library programming for the Summit community ever since. Her positive impact on the library will be felt for many years to come. She will be greatly missed."

— Abigail Brady, Head of Adult Services

The Library is also bidding farewell to Susan Tamhankar, who has worked for the library since 2001. She began part-time as a circulation assistant, moved to full time in January 2004, and then moved to the Administrative Office as the Administrative Assistant in September 2006. She has worked in the administrative office for almost 16 years. In that time, she was extremely efficient, organized, disciplined, helpful to all staff and patrons, and always pleasant on the phone and with patrons.

"During the pandemic year when Susan T. was working offsite, I had the honor of being her "hands" in the office a couple of times. Susan T. is a true professional and held her part of the library together. She mixes this professionalism together with care and kindness for all of us. One of our treasures, and we have been lucky and blessed to have known and worked with her."

— Suzanne Hurley, Circulation

"Susan T has been so kind to me since I started working at the library. She is always smiling, and pleasant and helpful, both adaptable and extremely organized. She has been very accommodating all the time I've worked with her. I wish her the best moving forward, and it was a privilege to be able to work with her."

— Tom Mizisko, PR

"Thank you [Susan Tamhankar] for your kindness and professionalism over the years and for everything you have done for the library. I wish you a happy next step and hope that retirement treats you well."

— Elizabeth Hathaway, Adult Services

We wish Susan Permahos and Susan Tamhankar well and hope and believe that their successors will build on all their achievements.

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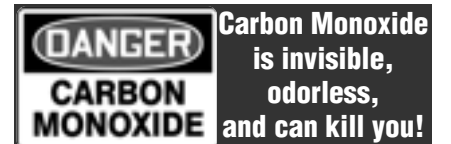
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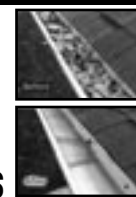
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(above, l-r) Annette Dwyer was recognized as Volunteer of the Year, by Mayor Nora Radest, during the March 15, 2022 Common Council meeting.

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ANNETTE DWYER NAMED VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

City of Summit

At the March 15 Common Council meeting, Annette Dwyer of Summit was recognized by Mayor Nora Radest and members of Common Council with the 2022 Volunteer of the Year Award for her more than 20 years of dedicated service to the Summit community.

"I was very honored to present the Volunteer of the Year Award to Annette Dwyer at last night's council meeting," explains Summit Mayor Nora Radest. "Council and I established this award four years ago to honor individual Summit residents who have made significant contributions to the Summit community through their time, actions, and dedication outside any volunteer work done for an employer. Annette Dwyer is the embodiment of this ideal."

Annette Dwyer has been a leader of Shaping Summit Together since 2003 and spearheads the Martin Luther King Day of Justice, Equality and Service to Others; the One Book, One Community Initiative; and the Red Ribbon

Awareness program. Ms. Dwyer served on the Mayor's Partnership for Summit Public Arts from 2011 to 2015.

In 2012 Ms. Dwyer opened Mondo on Springfield Avenue, now a thriving member of the downtown community. Her goal for the building was to honor "community, diversity, enrichment of small business, and social and economic empowerment."

"We have awarded Annette Dwyer with this recognition for her indefatigable efforts to create and maintain open communication among all of the various interest groups in our city. Those who know Annette have watched her over the years work tirelessly to bring disparate groups together, to bridge divergent opinions with the utmost caring, sincerity, and humility. She is a role model to all of us and we are grateful for her service in this way to our community."

Past recipients of the Volunteer of the Year Award include Rev. Denison Harrield, Beth Lovejoy, Marian Glenn, and Tom O'Rourke.



(above) Take the challenge and find the Hilltop Bunny each day from April 4 through April 12 in this virtual challenge to welcome spring. Sponsored by Summit Downtown, Inc.

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Starting on Monday, April 4 and each day through April 12, they will post a photo of the Hilltop Bunny hidden somewhere in downtown Summit. It might be a shop window or an outdoor location; it will be up to you to figure out where it is located so you can enter your selection on summitdowntown.org.

A new picture every day offers multiple chances to enter to win! One random winner will

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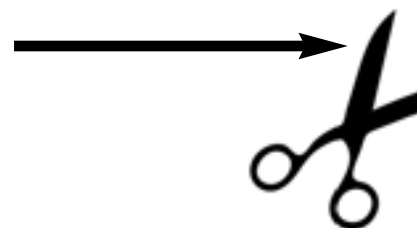
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- ☐ Have nuts instead of chips as a snack
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- ☐ Limit sweets to only one serving

Get stronger

- ☐ Perform 50 bodyweight squats
- ☐ Perform 50 pushups
- ☐ Perform a plank for 60 seconds 3 times
- ☐ Perform 25 vertical jumps
- ☐ Get at least 8 hours of sleep a night

Be Happier

- ☐ Get at least 30 minutes of exercise
- ☐ Do a morning routine that you enjoy
- ☐ Write 5 things that you are grateful for
- ☐ Adopt a Growth Mindset
- ☐ Listen to music whenever you can

Run Faster

- ☐ Do 10 hill sprints
- ☐ Perform 15 Broad Jumps
- ☐ Sprint for 50 yards
- ☐ Perform single leg jumps
- ☐ Perform High Knee Marches

Build Confidence

- ☐ Do something outside of your comfort zone
- ☐ Read a book
- ☐ Practice or spend time on your hobbies
- ☐ Learn a new skill
- ☐ Work towards a new Goal

Be More Active

- ☐ Walk during TV show commercials
- ☐ Schedule exercise time
- ☐ Whenever you see a commercial for a car company, perform 10 squats
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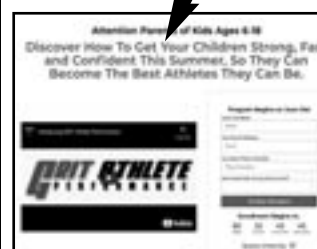
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These problems and the severity are dramatically worse in poorer areas with more industry, diesel fumes and NO TREES. (please see "Earth Day turns 50" in the Star Ledger, it touches on what are children and their children are facing. One of the things they speak of are the "Large bodies of polluted water" we are leaving behind.

Despite these facts and my efforts: dozens of these trees, our "Oldest Residents", are killed in our local neighborhoods each year. Among the many losses: Shade, Solace the Filtering of our Air and Water, the oxygen they provided, ...they also release the Carbon they have accumulated for hundreds of years.

On June 8th, 2021, I hired a tree expert to help

save some of the trees in our area. I showed him dozens of trees in Westfield, New Providence, Summit and Scotch Plains. He used the word "disgusting" to describe what he saw. In his report he writes "that many of these trees can be saved if prompt action is taken".

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Please visit our site and read all the facts **defendourtrees.com** See the:

- 1) "Pictorial of trees that can be saved". These are just a few of the many OLD trees being destroyed and dying in our area. If you live in the area, please write a letter (to your local mayor and town council) demanding this needless destruction of our old trees, stop immediately. Please Email a copy to **defendourtrees.com**
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It explains: "simple measures for saving trees during construction",

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SUMMIT COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Municipal Golf Course
Hit the links! Opening day at the Summit Municipal Golf Course is Friday, April 1. Registration is now open for Summit residents and non-residents. Visit the Department of Community Programs website for more information or to register now: summitcommunityprograms.com.

Summit Free Market
Getting started on your spring cleaning? Don't throw your unwanted items away; bring them to the next Summit Free Market on Saturday, April 9. Head to the Transfer Station, located at 40 New Providence Avenue, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. to drop off yard sale-quality items and browse other items for free. No appointment necessary. Visit summitfreemarket.org for donation guidelines and more information.

Spring leaf collection
Curbside leaf collection begins on Monday, April 4, and continues through Friday, April 22. Leaves should be placed at the curb in paper, biodegradable bags for pickup on residents' household trash collection day. Property owners should not rake or blow leaves into piles in the street. Do not include twigs, branches, or other yard debris in leaf bags.

Summit Family Aquatic Center
Dreaming of fun in the sun? The first day of the 2022 season at the Summit Family Aquatic Center is Saturday, May 28. Registration is now open for Summit residents and a limited number of non-residents. Visit the Department of Community Programs website for more information or to register now: summitcommunityprograms.com.


Submitted by Thomas W. Fish
Little did these boys of the 1928 and 1929 baseball teams know that the Great Economic Depression was only months away, and the greatest war of all mankind was a little more than a decade in the future.
These students were transplants from Brayton School to the newly opened Franklin School. In fact, there was one mother who told her son that he might not get as good an education in a country school house as he would in a school closer to town.
The enrollment at Franklin School was so small in the beginning that the baseball team was composed of 4th, 5th and 6th graders. They lost one baseball game to Washington School 62-0 while a cow grazed in the outfield.
Seventy-five Summit residents were lost in World War II. Focusing on the two students of this group that made the ultimate sacrifice in the

war: Arthur "Lefty" Vivian who lived across the street from Franklin was often seen crossing the street in the morning, buttoning his shirt while the school bell was ringing. But by high school he was considered a top baseball pitching prospect. The other, Ben Herr, took the family car to pick up his high school date. When the girl's father came to the door, Ben introduced himself to the father who immediately slammed the door in his face. He thought Ben was spoofing him with the character of the 1880 book, Ben-Hur, not knowing that the name was spelled differently. Hopefully, they finally got together.
Six grade students from Franklin competed against other schools in town, at least until the mid 1960s. The achievements on the field got better with future generations, but they would never match the accomplishments of students of "The Greatest Generation" who struggled through the depression and fought in the war.



(above, l-r) Top row: Ray King, Walt Fish, Henry Hankin, Lester Cog, C. Dean, Ernest Long and Fred Porter. Bottom row: Jack Rossell, Gordy Fish and Ben Herr

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SUMMIT COLLEGE CLUB'S BOOK SALE RETURNS

Summit College Club will resume its annual Book Sale in mid-April, 2022. "We have held the Book Sale for over fifty years," said Lynne Rogerson, president of Summit College Club. "It was our major fundraising event by far, and it required a lot of time to organize and prepare. So, for two years, during the pandemic, we've repeatedly prepared and then held our breath and hoped. This year, at last, the Book Sale is going to happen. We're really ready now!"

DONATIONS

As in the past, the Summit College Club's Book Sale will fill the American Legion Post 433 next to the Library at 357 Elkwood Avenue in New Providence. Readers with books to donate should bring them to the American Legion Post, on three days only: April 18th from 1 to 7 p.m., and April 19th and 20th, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The sale accepts a variety of media in good condition: books, CDs, DVDs, etc. The only items not accepted are encyclopedias, magazines, manuals, and textbooks.

As in past years, for the customers' convenience, volunteers will sort the items for sale into about 50 different categories, ranging from astronomy to zoology. Traditionally the

largest sections are Children's Books, Fiction, History, and Biography.

SALE

The Book Sale itself will occur from April 21 through 24. Nearly all the items will sell for either 50 cents, one or two dollars. The opening day, April 21 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., has a \$25 admission charge; although everyone is welcome, the customers on that day are typically book sellers from the tristate area.

The next three days, April 22 through 24, are free of charge. Hours are: Friday the 22nd, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday the 23rd, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Bag Day, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Sunday, the final day, readers may fill a grocery bag with books of any type for \$5 or with electronic media for \$10.

Masks are required to enter the hall during donations and the sale.

Summit College Club, a branch of the American Association of University Women, is dedicated to advancing gender equity through research, education, and advocacy. The profits from the SCC Book Sale help fund annually awarded scholarships for local college-bound high school seniors. Last year alone, the club gave away \$24,000.

Volunteers are more than welcome! Men and women are needed to gather, categorize, and arrange the books before the sale, and to straighten the various book areas during the sale.

Anita Meritt, membership chair, notes that several current members were originally volunteers, who, seeing how the sale worked and enjoying the camaraderie of the members, joined Summit College Club.

Anyone interested in volunteering should go to the web site: summitcollegeclub.org, then Events/Book Sale and scroll down to the Volunteer With Us box; anyone interested in joining Summit College Club should go to the web site: summitcollegeclub.org, then Membership and scroll down to Join Today or send a line to Anita Meritt at anita.meritt@gmail.com. Anyone interested in reading should come to the sale! For questions email summitcollegeclub@gmail.com.

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YOUNGSTERS COMPETE IN HOOP SHOOT CONTEST

Summit Elks Lodge 1246

The Summit Elks proudly sent four representatives— Charlotte Atkins, Zoe Berliner, Billy Hamm, and Brandon Jacobs—to the State Finals of the Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest.

The Free Throw Contest, which has had

more children participating than any other sports competition in the country, is for boys and girls between the ages of eight and 13. Contestants shoot 25 free throws at local, district, state and national levels.

Our four contenders had earned the right to compete in the NJ State Finals by first

winning the Summit Elks Local contest as well as the East Central District contest in Rahway.

Zoe Berliner, who competed in the contests for 10- to 11-year-old girls, finished in second place in this highly-competitive state contest. Zoe is the daughter of Elks member Noah Berliner. She attends Gill St. Bernard's School in Gladstone and plays on the Summit Grade 5 Traveling Basketball team.

Members of the Summit Elks are very proud of Zoe's accomplishment as well as the work that Charlotte, Billy, and Brandon put into the contest. We look forward to next year's event when most of the children that we have sponsored will be able to compete again.



(above) The podium at the State Finals of the Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest.

Second from left: Zoe Berliner is honored.

Photos by Summit Elks Lodge 1246

(above l-r) Free throw champ Zoe Berliner sports a Summit Elks T-shirt and a trophy.

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STUDENTS "AFTER THE FIRE" PROGRAM

City of Summit

Summit High School seniors attended a fire safety presentation on Tuesday, March 15. Members of the Summit Fire Department were joined by Alvaro Llanos and Shawn Simons, burn victims from the January 2000 arson fire at Seton Hall University.

Alvaro Llanos and Shawn Simons shared their experience of being college burn victims. Two students set fire to a banner on a bulletin board as a prank in the third floor lounge of a six-story freshman residence hall. The resulting fire ultimately killed three students and left 56 students and firefighters injured. Shawn and Alvaro were among four victims who were left severely burned. Mr. Simons suffered third degree burns on his hands and first and second degree burns on his head and face, with a total of

16% of his body burned. Mr. Llanos suffered burns on 56% of his body.

Mr. Simons and Mr. Llanos speak nationally at colleges, high schools, and fire safety training seminars, advocating for fire safety and prevention. They strive to inspire burn victims and others to overcome obstacles and show that there is life "After the Fire."

SFD Chief Eric Evers and Deputy Chief Paul Imbimbo discussed fire safety tips and information for college campuses and apartments with students. Resources are available on the city website. The Summit Fire Department provides fire safety education and training programs to schools, scout troops, church and senior citizen groups, local businesses, and civic groups. Call the department at 908-277-9358 to schedule a program.



(above, l-r) SFD Chief Eric Evers, Deputy Chief Paul Imbimbo, Alvaro Llanos, SFD Office Manager Sharlynn Thomas-Pierce, Shawn Simons, SHS Student Assistance Counselor Amy Herber, and SHS Assistant Principal Brian Murtagh.

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The Summit Foundation has appointed three new members to its board and announced the retirement of three longstanding trustees. Regina Daly, Katie Curran Darcy, and Irene Murdock have joined the board. Lyle Brehm, David Dietze, and Cary R. Hardy have retired from the board.

Regina Daly is treasurer of the board at Saint Vincent Academy in Newark, where she has also served as an advisor and student mentor. She served as bookkeeper of Student/Partner Alliance. Regina is assistant treasurer and bookkeeper for Franciscan Charities, a Newark-based soup kitchen. Her Summit volunteerism includes: Summit Education Foundation, Community Preschool at St. John's, and Brayton Elementary PTO. Regina was a financial counselor for Affiliated Private Investors in Far Hills for 17 years.

Katie Curran Darcy has been active in community through her involvement with Franklin School PTO, Santa Claus Shop Chair, The Connie Dwyer Breast Cancer Foundation, Overlook Auxiliary, and the Summit Lacrosse Club. Katie began her career at Merrill Lynch. She has since worked in the financial and nonprofit sectors and is on the advancement team at Oak Knoll School. In March 2020, Katie founded the Front Line Appreciation Group of Summit (FLAG).

Irene Murdock will serve as The Summit Foundation's assistant treasurer. She served as

president, grants chair, and events chair of the Summit Educational Foundation, a board member of the Summit Women's Lacrosse Association, and a board member on the finance committee of The Connection. She most recently was treasurer of the Summit Boosters Association. She is a former vice president in the credit risk management division of JPMorgan.

Lyle Brehm served as trustee of The Summit Foundation for 25 years. During that time, she was secretary and co-chair of the grants committee. Lyle worked in corporate and foundation relations at Kean University Foundation and as a bond market analyst at Capital Access International and assistant professor of nursing at the University of Virginia. She is a former trustee of Central Presbyterian Church.

David Deitze served as a trustee for 13 years. During that time, he was vice president and finance committee chair. He is the founder of Point View Wealth Management, an SEC-registered investment adviser. He has served as president of Summit's Board of Education, trustee of Overlook Foundation and the Summit Area YMCA. He has served as chair of the service committee of Dartmouth's Alumni Council, and as president of the Suburban Chamber of Commerce.

Cary R. Hardy served as a trustee for 18 years. During that time, he was active on the grants and development committees and advised the board

on governance issues. He was senior partner of Bourne, Noll & Kenyon and has been a lawyer in Summit for many years. Until his retirement, he was an elected member of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. He served as chair and board member of Family Promise; the Suburban Chamber of Commerce; the Visual Art Center of New Jersey; Christ Church Summit; United Way of Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights; and Friendship Ambassadors Foundation, Inc. He has served as a board member of Overlook Foundation and Summit Downtown, Inc.

"Cary, David, and Lyle have given more than 50 years of combined service to The Summit Foundation," said Julie Keenan, president of The Summit Foundation. "Each has made far-reaching contributions to the Foundation's work and our to community. We will miss their active participation on the board. At the same time we are thrilled to welcome Irene, Katie, and Regina. They bring a wealth of knowledge of local nonprofits as well as strong nonprofit governance experience to our organization."

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(above, l-r) Katie Darcy, Regina Daly, Irene Murdock, David Dietze, Cary Knox, Lyle Brehm.

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SUMMIT SPEECH SCHOOL SPRING BENEFIT

Summit Speech School

Summit Speech School (SSS) is pleased to announce that its 32nd Annual Spring Benefit will be held in-person beginning at 10 a.m. on



(above) SSS Pre-School Program graduate Cooper Van Beveren, pictured at age 6, will be the Student Speaker at the 32nd Annual Spring Benefit at the Canoe Brook Country Club on April 26. For tickets, go to summitspeech.givesmart.com.

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Tuesday, April 26 at Canoe Brook Country Club. The Spring Benefit Committee is delighted to, once again, provide guests with wonderful speakers, elegant silent and ticket auctions, a grand raffle, gourmet chocolates for purchase and much more at this, our largest annual fundraising event.

This year's keynote speaker is Ilyse Dobrow DiMarco, Ph.D. An expert in the field of reducing anxiety, Dr. DiMarco is the author of Mom Brain. She is a Chatham resident with clinical psychology practice in Summit.

Our Student Speaker this year will be Cooper Van Beveren, who graduated from the preschool program in 2021. The Van Beveren family will share how SSS has impacted their lives, especially in giving Cooper the gift of speech.

This year, the Benefit Committee will honor John Thoms, soon-to-be retiring Board Chair and dedicated Board member for over 12 years. During his time on the Board, SSS has seen a greater than 50% increase in the children served, broadening our scope to reach over 70 school

districts throughout New Jersey. John's efforts have helped to raise over \$10 million throughout the years by connecting the SSS with various corporate sponsors and private benefactors, as well as making many generous personal contributions. John's leadership has been instrumental in Summit Speech School's success.

For more information or to register for our 32nd Annual Spring Benefit visit summitspeech.givesmart.com.

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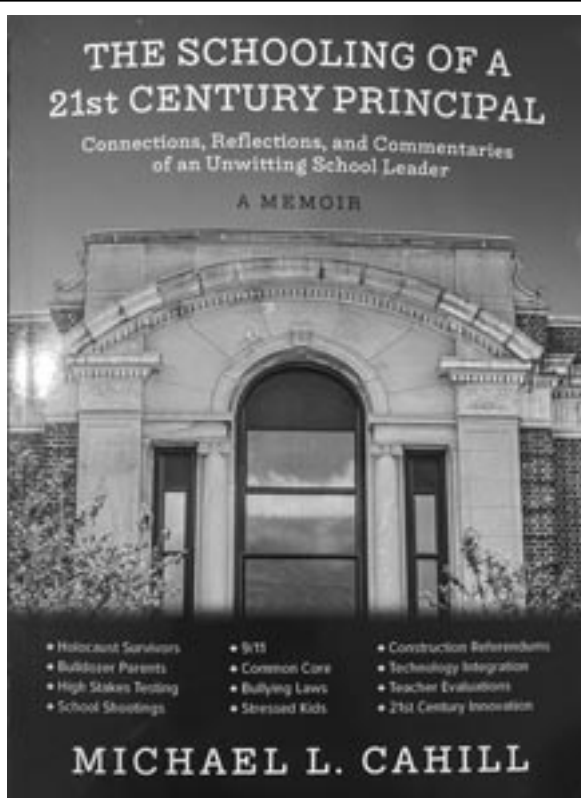
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NATIONAL TARTAN DAY AWARD GOES TO BOB CURRIE

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The Scottish Coalition USA has announced the 20th Annual National Tartan Day Award will be presented to Robert "Bob" Currie, Commander of the Name and Arms of Currie, for his outstanding contribution as community leader and volunteer to the Scottish American community. The 2022 National Tartan Day Award will be awarded to Currie at a ceremony in Alexandria, VA on April 5, 2022.

Currie, raised in Scotch Plains and a current resident of Summit, NJ, is a respected leader in the Scottish American community and has been involved in ethnic affairs and historic preservation for the last 30 years.

Currie, along with the support and guidance of the Scots Gaelic community, reestablished the once famed literary dynasty by forming a family society in 1992. Now a "Learned Kindred" as opposed to a Highland Clan, the far-flung Curries have grown from strength to strength, now counting thousands in their membership rolls and multiple social media outlets on Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter among others.

The Society's signature events include "Tartan Day on Ellis Island" (founded in 2002)

and the award-winning "Pipes of Christmas" concerts now in its 24th year. The Society has distributed thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving students in the US, Canada, and Scotland.

The Society is also the Title Sponsor of the US National Scottish Harp Championship and was at the forefront of developing cultural heritage tents specifically for harp, fiddle and Gaelic singing at Scottish games in the United States.

In recognition of his years of service to the Scottish American community, Bob received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in 2017. He has also received an Honorary Doctorate from Edinburgh Napier University in Scotland and was also the recipient of the Saltire Award from St. Andrew's University in Laurinburg, North Carolina.

In November of 2017, Bob received the International Gaelic Leader Award from Scotland's Bòrd na Gàidhlig – the departmental public body of the Scottish Government with responsibility for Gaelic. It was established in 2005 and is based in Inverness. Bob is also one of the inaugural Supporters of the new Lord Lyon Society in Edinburgh.



(above) Scottish heritage award-winner
Robert Currie

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