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This year’s action-packed night was held on June 16th at Iron Peak Sports & Entertainment in Hillsborough, NJ. Food and drinks were provided throughout the night. Graduates choose from a full night of fun, including rock climbing, ninja courses, basketball, pickleball, volleyball and other sports, a new video arcade, live entertainment and so much more.



Photos from this and other events can be found online at [rennamedia.com](http://rennamedia.com) and on Long Hill Leader page on [facebook.com](http://facebook.com) Feel free to “Like,” “Tag,” and “Share.”

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## WHRHS STUDENT CREATES THE BUDDY-UP PROGRAM TO HELP THE ELDERLY

Anmol Bhatia, a Watchung Hills Regional High School junior, created the Buddy-Up Program at Abington Care & Rehabilitation Center in Green Brook to help give lonely residents someone to chat with.

Anmol has always been passionate about helping the most needed in healthcare. While volunteering in the activities department last summer at Abington, he realized that most activities were canceled due to Covid, and many residents were very lonely and had few visitors. Bhatia created the Buddy-Up Program to keep lonely residents company by having them chat with community volunteers online.

Anmol's goal of connecting students to residents was a huge success. Community members and students offered to chat with the lonely residents on 30 minute Zoom calls through iPads provided by the center. "It makes you feel good to help someone else in your community," says Bhatia, who has raised funds to purchase more iPads. "We've had fifty-five volunteers sign up, and nothing but positive reviews from the residents."

Bhatia recently collected funds to purchase three new iPads for the program but is always looking for more volunteers and donations. To sign up as a volunteer, send an email to

[buddyupprogram@gmail.com](mailto:buddyupprogram@gmail.com), or you can donate funds to purchase more iPads, at <https://gofund.me/df476cc5>.



(above) Anmol Bhatia, the program Founder and Director presenting iPads to Love-E Raynes, the Activities Director, and Dr. Patricia Barsanti, the Medical Director at Abington.

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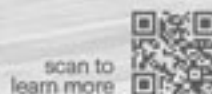
  
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## DONATIONS BEING COLLECTED FOR RUMMAGE SALE

The Senior Center in Gillette will conduct its annual rummage sale on Saturday, October 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and on Sunday, October 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This is a major fundraiser for the Long Hill Senior Club. The hall is packed with treasures, and the sale takes place rain or shine. Parking is always free.

We will be selling small furniture and lamps, pocketbooks, books, CDs, DVDs, jewelry, tools, linens, household items, small electronics, puzzles, toys, games, china, baskets, small appliances, kitchenware, pictures and frames and lots of seasonal decorations.

Donations are accepted at the Senior Center, 769 Valley Rd., Starting August 16th on Tuesdays and Fridays between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday 10:30-3. Only some Thursday mornings from 10-12 - Please call ahead on Thursdays to make sure someone is there - 908-626-1101 or email [lhseniors@comcast.net](mailto:lhseniors@comcast.net).

IF DONATING...PLEASE NO: Clothing, NO OLD LARGE TV's large furniture, car seats, high chairs, strollers, cribs, or encyclopedias and no broken items.

Thank you in advance for your donations, and we hope to see you at the sale in October!

## HISTORIC PLAQUES PRESENTED TO FIREFIGHTERS

*Submitted by Frank Reilly*

During the May 25, 2022 Long Hill Township Committee meeting, Mayor Matt Dorsi presented a historical marker plaque to each of the two township fire chiefs. The markers will be placed on their respective firehouse.

The plaques show the name of the fire company, the date of their founding, and the date their firehouse was built. Millington's fire chief is Joseph Fronapfel, and Stirling's is John Whitmore.

The plaque program is administered by the Township's Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC), which is comprised of residents with an interest in historic preservation. HPAC advises the Mayor and Committee on historic preservation matters as well as collects artifacts of historical significance to the township. It provides exhibits of interest in the township office building and in the restored Millington School House that was built in the mid-19th Century, both of which are open to the public on weekdays.



(above, l-r) Mayor Dorsey, Stirling Fire Chief John Whitmore, Millington Fire Chief Joseph Fronapfel, and HPAC member Fred Schann.

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## DAR CHAPTER CELEBRATES 125TH ANNIVERSARY

*Submitted by Holly Dunbar*

“Celebrating 125 Years of Service” was the theme as members of Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently gathered for a belated observance of the chapter’s 125th anniversary.

Green Brook Mayor Jim Van Arsdale, DAR State Regent Bonnie Matthews and the State Board of Managers were honored guests at the event held on June 11 at the Dunellen Hotel.

“Today we celebrate our chapter’s many accomplishments,” said Regent Ashley Salsano. “As we follow in our ancestor’s footsteps, we look forward to carrying on their tradition of service.”

Continental Chapter was organized on January 23, 1896 in Plainfield and in 2002 merged with Elizabeth Snyder Chapter of Dunellen. Now based in Green Brook, the chapter continues to serve areas of Somerset, Middlesex and Union counties.

At the event, Barbara Navatto of Somerville was honored with a DAR Community Service Award for her years of service to the Somerset County 4-H Program. In addition, a donation of \$300 was presented to the DAR State Regent in support of Semper Fido, an organization that trains service dogs for veterans.

Guests enjoyed a slide show retrospective of chapter history. The chapter is perhaps best known for its leading role in the preservation of Washington Rock in Green Brook. Chapter memorabilia was on display, including gavels made from the wood of the British warship, Augusta, sunk in 1777, and the chapter charters.

A highlight was a musical performance by Patricia Turse, harpist with the Metropolitan Orchestra of New Jersey.

Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter sponsors students in DAR contests that promote the study of American history and good citizenship, collects holiday gifts for hospitalized veterans, and gathers supplies for the Plainfield Area Humane Society. Members support local conservation efforts, patriotic observances, and

state and national DAR projects.

The DAR is a nonprofit service organization open to women 18 and over who can trace their descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Elizabeth Snyder-Continental

Chapter also sponsors the Pis-Cat-A-Qua Society of the Children of the American Revolution, open to girls and boys from birth to age 22. New members to both organizations are welcome. Learn more at DAR.org.



*(above) State Regent Bonnie Matthews (2nd from left) with the members of Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter DAR.*

Courtesy photo

## CHESS FOR FUN CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

Chess for Fun is a casual group of chess players who have been meeting for roughly 50 years. The group’s players come from all over, and in the case of Larry Morse, as far away as Whitehouse Station. The most senior player, at 98 years old, is still playing strong.

It their earlier years the group met at the Rahway Public Library when it was located on St. Georges Avenue. In 1999 a flood destroyed the library. Chess for Fun has been meeting in

the Clark Public Library every Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. And at Max’s Pizza & Bistro in Scotch plains on Monday mornings at 11 a.m.

There are no formalities to the group. It is not an established club with officers or membership. Everyone of any ability is welcome to participate. Regulars bring their own board to share so it is not necessary to bring a board, but it would be helpful if you can.



*(above, standing, l-r) Players and hometowns: Larry Morse, Whitehouse Station; Mark Shoengold, Colonia; Jack Rothstein, Edison; John Foy, Scotch Plains; Bodre. (seated, l-r) David Goldstein, South Plainfield; Neil Landau, Edison; Matthew Bistis, Mountainside.*





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Twelve Baskets Food Pantry will be moving to the First Presbyterian Church in Stirling, at 158 Central Ave., for the summer months of July, August, and September. The pantry will be open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Twelve Baskets provides food and various non-perishables to individuals, families, seniors, and Veterans in Long Hill and surrounding areas. A valid driver's license or state ID to verify local address is the only documentation needed. Anyone in need of walk-in hours for emergency appointments can call 908-647-0067 ext. 4 and arrangements will be made. All calls and visits are free and confidential.

Masks are required, and we ask that everyone bring reusable bags for food.

The goal of the pantry is to help supplement families during these difficult times. Donations are accepted and can be placed in our donation barrels located in the side door at All Saints' Church, 15 Basking Ridge Road, Millington. We do ask that food items should not contain high amounts of salt, sugar or highly processed grains. We ask for foods high in protein, healthy fats and whole grains when possible. At this time, avoid pasta and all bulk sizes.

Items such as fresh produce (fruit, veggies), eggs, milk and bread can be accepted after 9:30 a.m. during open Saturdays. In addition, ShopRite card donations are greatly appreciated and will be used to purchase fresh produce, eggs, milk, etc.

If you would like more information on donating food, perishables, or gift cards, or would like more information, please visit [allsaintsmillington.org/outreach.html](http://allsaintsmillington.org/outreach.html) or call 908-647-0067 ext. 4.

Twelve Baskets Food Pantry is sponsored by All Saints' Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church of Stirling, Meyersville Presbyterian Church, Long Hill Community Services, and LHT CERT.

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### NONFICTION BOOK GROUP

**Friday, August 5, 1:00 PM**

All are welcome to join the discussion. The group will discuss "The Snow Leopard" by Peter Matthiessen.

### CELEBRATE THE MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

**Thursday, August 11, Noon**

Enjoy some cake and celebrate those with birthdays in August before watching the Thursday movie. Sponsored by Sunrise of Madison, Sunrise of Summit, and Brighton Gardens Florham Park.

### SCRIPT READING

**Tuesday, August 16, 12:45 PM**

Join us for the popular script reading group. Roles assigned and scripts distribute at the session. Please call the Center to sign up.

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### MEN'S BASKETBALL

**Mondays & Fridays, 10:00 AM**

Game is played in the Municipal Township Gym. Sign up is required. Fee for July-September is \$20.

### GENTLE EXERCISE CLASSES

**Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 12:20 PM**

The Gentle Exercise classes sequence is Balance & Flex on Mondays and Thursdays, and Gentle Stretch 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, Mat Stretch & Alignment 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**

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### THE WOMEN'S CIRCLE

**Tuesdays, 1:00 PM**

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### OPEN BRIDGE PRACTICE

**Wednesdays, 10:00 AM-Noon**

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**Wednesdays, 10:30AM-Noon**

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### NIFTY KNITTERS

**Wednesdays, 1:00 PM**

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### MOVIES

**Thursdays, 12:30 PM**

A movie is shown every Thursday. Call Center for titles. A foreign film is shown once a month on a Friday at 12:30 PM. Call Center for date and details. Sponsored by Brandywine Living at Summit.

### 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.

### BEGINNER KNITTING CLASS

**Fridays, 11:30 AM**

Learn how to knit from Center staffer Carol Eisenhardt. All materials provided. Free class. Fee required as class progresses.

Sign up is required.

### TABLE TENNIS

**Five Days a Week, 12:30 PM**

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Long Hill Township Library Foundation

The Foundation of the Long Hill Township Public Library is pleased to announce the completion of their 2021 annual appeal, exceeding their goal and raising more than \$28,000 in donations from local residents and businesses.

During the last two challenging years, the Long Hill Library has adapted to meet the changing needs of the community, providing a mix of both online and in-person services and programs such as virtual and in-person book club meetings, mindfulness classes, take & make craft bags for children and adults, the summer reading program, movies, and outdoor events including line dancing classes and children's story times.

Marygrace Luderitz, Director of the Long Hill Township Public Library, said the residents of Long Hill Township are the ultimate recipients of the Foundation's work. She stated, "The Foundation funding allows us to finance streaming services, digital resources, and events

we may not otherwise be able to afford. The digital services provide instant borrowing of ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, TV shows, music, and comics, for all ages, all with easy-to-use apps. We couldn't have offered Cloud Library, Hoopla, and Kanopy without the financial help of the Foundation."

At the conclusion of this year's appeal, with the generous support of the community, the Foundation donated over \$10,000 to support library programs and services. The remaining funds raised will be used to grow the endowment fund, which was established in 2015 to help ensure the viability and sustainability of the library for years to come.

"The Library Foundation would like to express our sincere gratitude and thanks for those who contributed to our annual fund drive," said Library Foundation Board President, Lisa Hoffmann. A complete list of donors can be found at [fflhtpl.org](http://fflhtpl.org).

## RUMMAGE SALE – AUGUST 5-6

Meyersville Presbyterian Church Rummage Sale and Bake Sale The rummage sale will be a 2-day event this year. Friday, August 5th and Saturday, August 6th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

After over 2 years of no rummage sale, this rummage sale is chock full of donations from many "covid-cleanouts", downsizing and moving away. So, this sale will include just about everything including household items,

collectibles, dish and kitchen ware, small furniture, art and many more treasures from "Granny's Attic".

Delicious homemade baked goods will be available for sale too. Come enjoy and find a treasure or two to take home. There is a little something for everyone. The church is located on the circle at 223 Hickory Tavern Rd in the Meyersville section of Long Hill Township. For more information, call 908 647-0390.

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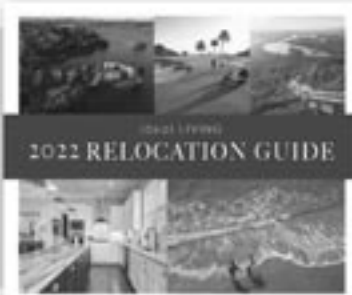
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