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FIVE NEW EAGLE SCOUTS HONORED

Scouts BSA Troop 63

Families, friends, and local dignitaries recently gathered at New Providence Presbyterian Church to honor 5 young men who earned the Boy Scouts of America's highest advancement rank: Eagle Scout. The 5 new Eagle Scouts from BSA Troop 63 are: Michael Staunton of Summit, Haitham Awad, Bauer Crooks, Gyan Ghoda, and Ivan Grandov of New Providence. Each has held various leadership positions during their scouting career. Gyan Ghoda and Michael Staunton are also members of the Order of the Arrow, the National Honor Society of Scouting. Troop 63 was chartered in 1927 and has since seen 121 of its members become Eagle Scouts.

Part of the Eagle Scout Ceremony is to invite all previous Eagle Scouts present to come on stage to congratulate those joining their ranks. Over 20 such members were on hand to do so. Mayor Al Morgan, Councilwoman Diane Bilicska, and Councilman Rob Munoz were among those in attendance as was Senior Pastor Jeff Lee who had also earned his Eagle Scout rank with Troop 63. Each new Eagle Scout also received congratulatory letters from members of the New Jersey Assembly and Senate as well as our US Senators and Congressman.

During the ceremony, Bauer Crooks and Michael Staunton were also awarded



(above) The 5 new Eagle Scouts from BSA Troop 63 are: Michael Staunton of Summit, Haitham Awad, Bauer Crooks, Gyan Ghoda, and Ivan Grandov of New Providence.

the Bronze Palm for earning additional Merit Badges beyond the Eagle requirements.

Bauer Crooks is a Junior at Seton Hall Prep, Haitham Awad and Ivan Grandov are Seniors at New Providence High School. Gyan Ghoda and Michael Staunton are Seniors at the Academy for Information Technology in Scotch Plains.

Scouts BSA Troop 63 welcomes new members. The Troop meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. during the school year at The Presbyterian Church at New Providence, 1307 Springfield Avenue. For more information, visit: troop63np.org or email scouts@troop63np.org.

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275 Woodbine Cir	4	2.1	2	\$875,000	\$1,035,000	10
124 Woodbine Cir	3	2.1	1	\$849,000	\$1,020,000	10
35 Walton Ave	6	3.0	1	\$899,000	\$999,999	10
14 Pittsford Way	4	3.1	1	\$850,000	\$999,999	10
37 Jones Dr	4	2.1	2	\$789,000	\$911,000	15
42 Princeton Dr	4	2.1	2	\$849,000	\$825,000	19
4 Murray Hill Manor	3	3.1	2	\$825,000	\$825,000	14
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15 Oxbow Dr	3	2.1	2	\$650,000	\$685,000	52
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A SPECTACULAR SUCCESS LIONS CLUB GOLF OUTING

Submitted by Linda Kale

The New Providence Lions Club 2022 Golf Fundraising event on Monday, June 6th was an outstanding success with 103 Golfers playing on a perfect spring morning at Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains NJ. Once again, Lantern Hill – Erickson Living Communities in New Providence was the Tournament Sponsor along with 17 individual resident sponsors and 10 players.

The Lions are proud to have Shackamaxon Country Club host this year's event on their private 18-Hole Championship Course was designed by Albert W. Tillinghast who is world renowned for designing Baltusrol, Bethpage Black, Winged Foot, and Quaker Ridge.

The Lions once again paid tribute to Judge Frank A. Pizzi who established the Lions efforts supporting so many New Providence organizations thru your donations and contributions to this Annual Fundraiser. This year's Foursome Champions were Dominick Collandriello, Bill Nave, James Duffy and Brian Duffy who received a Canoe Brook Foursome gift certificate for their Best Bell score of 61. Other winners were Andy Bush for the Closest-to-the-Pin and Al St.Louis for the Longest Drive.

"I'd like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Lions Club golf outing, players and sponsors we appreciate your continued support.

This year's golf committee hit it out of the park. Thank you all!" commented Gary Kapner, President.

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(above) Winning Foursome: Dominick Collandriello, Bill Nave, James Duffy, and Brian Duffy.

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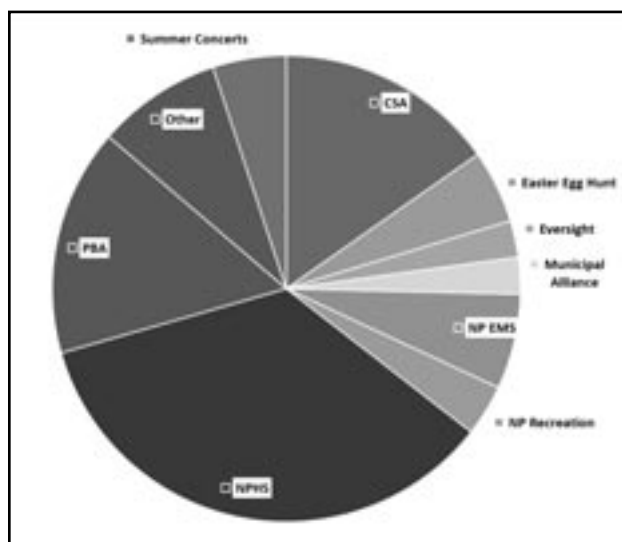


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by Tom Montrone

While the New Providence Lions pledge that “every donation received goes back into our community” it’s not just donations that the Lions utilized to support New Providence. The Lions are a “Force Multiplier”, directly supporting or holding many of our community events. You might be surprised at the depth and breadth of the



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support our community receives from the Lions. As we’ve heard from time to time, it seems as if the Lions are everywhere!

Supporting our Emergency Services – When the volunteer fire department needs a piece of equipment such as the heat detector to locate a lost child or a fire inside a wall, the Lions were there to help defray some of the cost. Our volunteer EMS needed training and evacuation equipment and the Lions contributed. We also support our local police department, helping fund PBA needs such as the “baseball cards” to help connect our youth with our police officers.

Youth and Seniors – In addition to three \$2,000 scholarships, the Lions contribute to NPHS’s Project Graduation, a program that emphasizes auto safety to high schoolers. We also hold an annual NPMS Peace Poster contest and sponsor youth recreation teams. The Lions are responsible for the audio system in the DeCorso Senior center, as well as the updated senior reading section in the library. This dedicated area of the library provides large print and audio books with comfortable reading chairs and magnifying viewers.

Events and Activities – Our Lions hold events, like the annual Easter Egg Hunt (for over 50 years!) and provide support as a “force multiplier” for many activities such as the PBA’s “Pumpkin Carving Contest”, the National Night Out, and the Holiday Tree Lighting. We not only cook and serve hot dogs at the summer concerts

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Local Charities – Local charities are also supported with direct contributions from the NP Lions. Eversight, the New Jersey Eye Bank and Camp Marcella for NJ blind children both receive contributions. We donate to Operation Bling, the Brooke Healy Foundation, Soup Kitchen 411, the Community Service Association and others. We are the chefs and kitchen and service staff for the CSA’s Pasta Dinner annual fundraiser.

The New Providence Lions are a group of men and women who enjoy giving back to our community and having a good time in the process. Our meetings, operations, dinners and holiday party are all funded by our dues or directly by members while all donations go back into serving our community.

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The graduation ceremony featured a traditional pinning ceremony that symbolizes a rite of passage into the professional world of nursing and the nurse's commitment to those they care for.

While nursing school is uniquely challenging for all who enroll, the students that made up Trinitas Regional Medical Center's School of Nursing class of 2022 faced unprecedented challenges throughout their two-and-a-half year nursing school journeys which started in January 2020 just prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. During that time the students navigated multiple challenges with resilience including transitioning between remote and in-person learning multiple times, adhering to safety protocols including smaller clinical groups, social distancing,

mandatory masking and face shields, COVID screening, weekly COVID testing and relocating on campus after Hurricane Ida flooded the Trinitas School of Nursing educational center on the Union County College Campus. Additionally, nursing students in the class of 2022 participated in vaccination efforts with supervision from faculty, administering some of the first COVID vaccines to the community.

"It is my pleasure to congratulate the Trinitas School of Nursing Class of 2022," said Gary S. Horan, FACHE, President & Chief Executive Officer, Trinitas Regional Medical Center, an RWJBarnabas Health facility. "The past two and a half years have been unexpected and unforgettable, but our nursing students rose to every challenge they were faced with. We are very proud of students as well as our faculty and staff, for doing this important work during a very challenging situation, all while keeping with the mission of Trinitas Regional Medical Center

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LEE TWINS WIN 2021-2022 NATIONAL MYIMPACT CHALLENGE

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The siblings have continued their work on Project End Loneliness ever since the beginning

of the pandemic and have distributed nearly 2,000 cards to area nursing homes in New Jersey and in Connecticut. The impetus to start this project was their recognition of the social isolation felt by so many nursing home residents. They were acutely aware of the inability of these residents to see family and friends during this time, as nursing homes were locked down for extended periods of time during the pandemic. Their knowledge of their grandparents' sense of isolation in their New Providence independent living facility, which was also locked down to visitors, made them more cognizant of the plight of similar elderly residents in nursing homes.

The Lee siblings had learned to make origami cranes from their grandmother, who is an avid origami enthusiast, and decided that this handmade item, affixed to a card which had a message of cheer and an offer to be pen pals with them, would represent an ideal token for nursing home residents. They hoped that these striking cards would serve as visual reminders to these seniors that someone was thinking of them, and available to correspond with them, if desired. They envisioned that nursing home residents could hang up the card in their rooms or display them on a night table, serving as a symbol of care and thought during a difficult time.

They have found participating in Project End Loneliness to be extremely rewarding in many ways. One of the pen pals and acquaintances they got to know was Ms. K, a former Parsippany teacher who was placed in a nursing home shortly after the beginning of the pandemic. Ms. K was initially hospitalized for a spinal cord tumor and infection, rendering her paraplegic, and remained in the nursing home for over a year. Ms. K states that the initial card she received in the nursing home, and subsequent emails and friendship that ensued, helped her to get through her darkest days in the nursing home. The Lee siblings also learned so much from Ms. K's experience; they learned what it was like to possess extreme resilience, overcoming not only a life-altering illness and its tremendous dysfunction, but also the overwhelmingly lonely and trying situation

of being in a nursing home during the height of the pandemic. In addition to Ms. K, the emails and in-person interactions they have had with people showing their gratitude for their cards and efforts has been immensely rewarding to both teens. "It's an amazing and unbelievable feeling knowing that you are helping people, making an impact on their lives," stated Justin Lee. "It's been incredibly rewarding and we want to continue to try to make a difference in people's lives," added Jessica Lee.

As a result of Project End Loneliness, the Lees have determined that they both want to continue to volunteer to help people as much as possible in the future. Justin Lee stated, "I have realized how important it is to give back to society; each of us has the ability to do something to help make our society better." His sister Jessica Lee concurred, "Everyone, from children to adults, can contribute positively to the lives of others." They both wish to see Project End Loneliness grow, both in its scope and in its locality. Recently, they were involved in making the origami crane cards in person at a nursing home in Connecticut, teaching residents how to fold the cranes, and found this experience very rewarding. They would like to see Project End Loneliness clubs form across the country and even around the globe and are taking steps to establish clubs in regions such as Illinois and Canada this summer. Their sights are limitless, as they can see this project catching on around the world. "This project is one that anyone can do. All it takes is a little effort and a desire to help others. Our goal is to Cure Loneliness... One Crane at a Time!" This is a tremendous and lofty goal, with an appropriate and fitting tagline for their initiative and mission. Further goals include launching an app which can serve as a resource for loneliness – a go to place where all can reach out for information and a sense of community via blogs and chats. It appears that these two young award-winners are well on their way to making a difference in the lives of people near and far, working hard to reduce the problem of loneliness in the elderly as well as the population at large.



(above) Twin siblings Jessica and Justin Lee, were inspired to make the origami crane cards after learning how to make the cranes from their grandmother Agnes, an origami enthusiast and New Providence nursing home

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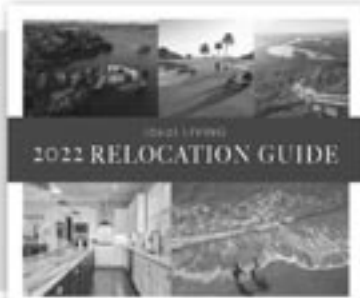
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Knit/Crochet Night (Adults)

August 1 @ 7 PM - 8:30 PM

Drop by the Conti Room. To sign up for email reminders, call the library or email rsvp@newprovidencelibrary.org.

Books & Bagels (Adults)

August 2 @ 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Come and tell us about what you've been reading. To sign up for email reminders, call or email rsvp@newprovidencelibrary.org.

"Oceans of Possibilities" Afternoon Movie (Family Friendly)

August 3 @ 2 PM

Join us for Disney's "The Little Mermaid" in the Conti Room. Drop in and cool off!

"The Creation of the NP Community Pool" with Author/Cofounder Bert Abbazia (Adults)

August 4 @ 7 PM - 8 PM

Bert Abbazia, author of "The Creation of the New Providence Community Pool," will speak. To register, call (908) 665-0311x4 or email rsvp@newprovidencelibrary.org.

Make Your Own Macrame Plant Holder (Adults)

August 6 @ 10:30 AM

Adults are invited to make a plant holder to hang up in your home. All materials will be provided. Space is limited and registration is required. To register, call (908) 665-0311x4 or email rsvp@newprovidencelibrary.org.

Batter Up - Let's Talk Baseball (All Ages)

August 8 @ 7 PM - 9 PM

You're invited to discuss teams, players and issues of the sport with other baseball enthusiasts virtually via zoom. To join the group, stop by the reference desk or email the library at rsvp@newprovidencelibrary.org.

"Belfast" Movie & Discussion (Adults)

August 9 @ 1 PM - 3:15 PM

"Belfast" will be screened in the Conti Room. This PG-13 film is in English with subtitles for the hearing impaired. Everyone is welcome to join a discussion of the movie around 2:40 PM, moderated by library staff.

"Oceans of Possibilities" Afternoon Movie (Family Friendly)

August 10 @ 2 PM

Join us for Disney's "Moana" in the Conti Room. Drop in and cool off!

Book Group (Adults)

August 11 @ 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

The book group will discuss "My Broken Language" by Quiara Alegria Hudes. To join, email rsvp@newprovidencelibrary.org.

Book Group (Adults)

August 16 @ 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

The book group will discuss "My Own Words" by Ruth Bader Ginsburg. To join the book group, stop by the reference desk or email RSVP@newprovidencelibrary.org.

"Oceans of Possibilities" Afternoon Movie (Family Friendly)

August 17 @ 2 PM

Join us for "Dolphin Tale" in the Conti Room. Drop in and cool off!

End of Summer Reading PARTY! (All Ages)

August 18 @ 2 PM - 4 PM

Come to the front lawn for crafts, games, treats and fun to celebrate summer reading. No registration required. In case of rain, a slightly modified event will be held in the Conti Room.

Knit/Crochet Night (Adults)

August 18 @ 7 PM - 8:30 PM

Drop by the Conti Room with a crochet or knitting project, and chat with the group while you work. To sign up for email reminders, call or email rsvp@newprovidencelibrary.org.

SAT & ACT Practice Exams (Teens)

August 23 & 25 @ 5:00 PM

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SAT Practice Exam

Tuesday, August 23 @ 5:00PM

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Thursday, August 25 @ 5:00PM

"Oceans of Possibilities" Afternoon Movie (Family Friendly)

August 24 @ 2 PM

Join us for "Free Willy" in the Conti Room. Drop in and cool off!

"Oceans of Possibilities" Afternoon Movie (Family Friendly)

August 31 @ 2 PM

Join us for "Dolphin Tale 2" in the Conti Room. Drop in and cool off!

KIDS FOR STORYTIME

IN-PERSON Storytimes are held outside when weather permits. In case of rain, morning outdoor storytime will be inside the Conti meeting room.

Monday Summertime Stories with Ms. Debbie

All Ages @ 2:00 PM

Bring a blanket to sit on outside on the front lawn for some fun with Ms. Debbie.

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Thursday Baby & Toddler Storytime with Ms. Anita

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