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The Scotch Plains Junior Police Academy, Class #11, ran from June 27th Through July 8th, 2022.

The academy began every day with physical training and drill marching exercises.

Cadets then attended a class to investigate and solve a crime. Each day they received new clues, in person interviews, and updates, until they solved the crime on the last day.

There was a lunch period after the investigation class, followed by a daily afternoon demonstration and/or lecture

which included: Scotch Plains Fire Department Extrication, Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, NJSP Northstar Helicopter, Union County Bomb Squad, Union County S.W.A.T. Team, Union County Sheriff K-9, High Risk Motor Vehicle Stops, Drug Abuse Resistance Education Lecture, and NJSP Internet & Social Media Safety.

Sergeant J. Brown of the Scotch Plains Police Department stated "It was 2 weeks of physical activities, lessons, lectures, and demos. It was a great year, and I am expecting 2023 Class # 12 to be even better."



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ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AT SHADY REST COUNTRY CLUB

Borough of Fanwood

The annual Juneteenth celebration sponsored by the Township of Scotch Plains, the Borough of Fanwood and Social Justice Matters was held at the Shady Rest Golf and Country Club with a brisk wind and a lot of excitement.

Opening ceremonies featured a reading of the meaning of Juneteenth by the president and vice president of the Black Student Union at SPF High and a moving rendition of "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Officials of Fanwood and Scotch Plains spoke, as did Assemblywoman Linda Carter and School Superintendent Dr. Joan Mast.

Local families brought folding chairs and enjoyed the music and the vendors. Later, there was food, live entertainment by Amani and a martial arts demonstration.



(above) Delta Sigma Theta sorority, a public service group

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(above) Black Student Union leaders read the history of Juneteenth



(above) The Augustine family

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GENE JANNOTTI RECEIVES NJBIZ ICON HONOR

Gene Jannotti, CEO of GWACC (Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce), received the NJBIZ ICON Honor Award during a breakfast held on June 28, 2022, at The Palace at Somerset Park. This award recognizes New Jersey business leaders over the age of 60 for their notable success and demonstration of strong leadership both within and outside of their chosen field.

Gene graduated Cum Laude from Siena College in Loudonville, NY and was elected to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. He received a Teaching Fellowship to St. John's University obtaining a master's degree in Mathematics. Following a military service as an officer in the US Army Reserves, Gene began a career at New York Telephone (NYT) Company in the fledgling computer department as a programmer assistant, ending his career there as a Division Manager. NYT selected Gene to attend the Master's Degree Program for Executives at Columbia University where he graduated with an M.S. in Business Policy. Upon retirement, he joined Bell Atlantic Yellow Pages as Vice President and Chief Information Officer. With the merger of Bell Atlantic and NYNEX, Gene left the Bell System to join Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC), an international outsourcing and consulting firm, as a Director of Operations. Gene managed the outsourced IT department of General Dynamics; performed transformation services for companies such as Nortel, Motorola, and the NSA. He then moved to the CSC consulting division and worked for several Fortune 500 companies managing large IT projects for them. He spent one year in Asia working for AIA, at the time when they were the Asian insurance subsidiary of AIG, and for Manulife Insurance, operating as John Hancock in the United States. His wide range of program and project management skills and experience gave him the opportunity to work for many diversified corporate clients. His projects were valued at several million dollars.

Upon retiring from CSC, Gene joined GWACC, the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce in 2014. He raised the membership



(above) Gene Jannotti

level from 260 business members to approximately 500 now. The Chamber started a 501c3 Foundation with the purpose of providing scholarships to high school students in the five towns served by GWACC, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield and to also provide grants to non-profit GWACC organizations.

Courtesy photo

In 2016, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Patriots Council of the Boy Scouts. Gene is a past member of the Trinitas Medical Center Foundation Board, a past President and current member of the Board of Trustees of the Union County Performing Arts Center and currently on the Board of the Union County College Foundation. He is also Vice President of the World County and Line DanceSport Federation and had competed Internationally in line dance competitions. Gene enjoys dance, world travel, golf, music and reading James Patterson novels, his high school friend.

ABOUT THE GWACC

Established almost 75 years ago, the GWACC is the primary business organization in Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, and Westfield. The chamber promotes local business opportunities, economic development, and community growth. The GWACC includes 500 member businesses and nonprofit organizations.

For more information, go to GWACCNJ.com or contact Gene at the GWACC office, 908-233-3021, or email him at gene@gwaccnj.com

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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.

In 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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STUDENT CHAMPIONS RECOGNIZED

Borough of Fanwood

During a Fanwood Council meeting held on July 20, 2022, the Fanwood Borough Council and

Mayor Colleen Mahr recognized the Scotch Plains Fanwood High School lacrosse, girls Track & Field, and men's Volleyball teams, for

high achievements during the past school year. Team members received certificates and posed for pictures with the Mayor.

Photos by Tom Kranz



(above) Track and Field coach Jeff Kogel spoke of the team's three state championships in both indoor and outdoor events.

(above) Men's Volleyball coach Brock Hor had praise for what he termed the best season the team had in recent memory including their first ever state championship.



(above) Lacrosse coach Nick Miceli spoke in praise of the team's state championship and individual achievements of many players.



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Borough of Fanwood

A perfect summer day greeted thousands of revelers attending the annual FanJam live music festival in Fanwood's LaGrande Park on Sunday, July 10, 2022.

Featured bands provided music for all generations—Elvis impersonator Jim Barone, rock cover band Mushroom, funk and soul band Funktion Band and Eagles tribute band Winslow. All appeared on the stage under shade trees just off the main ballfield at LaGrande. Master of ceremonies was local comedian and impresario Marklyn "MisterDirect" Johnson.

Just a stone's throw away was a beer garden sponsored by Sheelen's Crossing bistro and a midway featuring local and regional vendors, games, face-painting, rides and a collection of

food trucks which has grown over the years. And behind the bandstand was a vintage car show that wrapped around three sides of the park including regional car clubs and their beautiful vehicles.

The FanJam is a production of the Borough of Fanwood and the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce with a lengthy list of business sponsors including the event's Official Sponsor, Family Investors Company, as well as Fanwood Pharmacy, The Soho at Fanwood Station, Sheelen's Crossing and the Presenting Sponsor, Dentalcare Associates.

Supporting the event was the Fanwood Police Department, Fire Department and Rescue Squad, along with the Fanwood Department of Public Works.



(above) Emcee Marklyn Johnson and event coordinator Aimee Nuzzo



(above) Event sponsor, Dental Care Associates



(above) Addison, 3, from Scotch Plains gets a temporary tattoo



(above) Audra, 4, from Scotch Plains, with her dad



(above) Elvis impersonator Jim Barone



(above) Fanwood Rescue Squad with Bruce and Melissa Padulsky of Little Hearts, Big World Safety instruction

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Our Adult Summer Reading theme is Oceans of Possibilities, with events and activities for all ages.

Bagels and Books

Monday, August 1, 10am

An informal discussion of what participants have recently read and enjoyed. This discussion will take place outside the Library, weather permitting.

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Thursday, August 4, 6pm

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Balance Awareness with Yasmin Ofek

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Hypertension Clinic

Friday, August 5, 10am to Noon

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Pirate Queens

Monday, August 8, 7pm

A virtual visit with pirate scholar Dr. Rebecca Simon to learn more about the infamous Anne Bonny and Mary Read.

Night Sky, with astrono-educator Bob Reichman

Wednesday, August 10, 8pm

After a brief indoor presentation about NASA's ocean-monitoring satellites, we'll move outside to observe the sky. Registration is not required; cloud date Thursday, August 11.

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COLLEGE CLUB OF F-SP ELECTS OFFICERS

WALK TO END LUPUS NOW SET FOR SEPT. 11

The Lupus Foundation of America, New Jersey Chapter, invites you to our 30th Annual Walk To End Lupus Now. Join us at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at Nomahegan Park in Cranford, NJ as we walk for a cure and to assist people suffering from lupus. Form a team, or walk as an individual, to raise money. To register or donate visit: givebutter.com/FNpmmK or text 53-555 and type in: WALKLUPUS22. For more information, please call 973-379-3226.



FREE STATE PARK ADMISSION ALL SUMMER LONG

NJ State Park Service

Starting Memorial Day weekend, entry to all New Jersey State Parks, forests, and recreation areas will be free of charge this summer. Park entrance fees will be waived for all visitors, regardless of residency. Anyone who already purchased a 2022 annual State Park Pass will automatically receive a full refund.

Other individual park fees remain in place, such as camping, interpretive programs, and mobile sport fishing permits.

Discovery State of New Jersey Parks: nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/

The members of the College Club of Fanwood Scotch Plains completed another year of serving the communities by electing the executive board officers for 2022-23 on June 23rd.

The new slate of officers are: Jean Naugle and Joan Skubish, Co-Presidents; Ellen Harrison, Vice-President; Liz Murad, Recording Secretary; Kathy Egenton, Corresponding Secretary; Joanne Sheffield, Treasurer and Tish Isack and Dorothy Lusk, Co-Directors

The College Club holds monthly meetings for members that include interesting and entertaining programs that are open to the public. Members participate in monthly community outreach projects and invite members of the communities to support fundraisers that will enable the College Club to continue to empower women through education by awarding scholarships. This past May, \$30,500 was awarded to five college students and six graduating high school seniors which included an academic excellence award to the top female student.

The College Club also offers its members interest groups that provide socializing, fun, and

learning opportunities.

Without skipping a beat, members have begun working on the 59th edition of the well-known and well-received Community Calendar for 2022-23 which will be available at the end of August. Community Calendar sales support scholarships.

The current ongoing fundraiser is a Shop Rite gift card raffle. The first prize is a \$500 Shop Rite Gift Card and the second prize is a \$250 Shop Rite Gift Card. Prizes have been generously donated by The Cloverleaf Farm which produces The Farmer Hen's eggs. The donation makes it possible for all proceeds from the ticket sales to be designated for the club's scholarship fund. Tickets are \$5 each and only 750 are available. The drawings will be held at Brookside Park, Scotch Plains, on October 9th. Winners need not be present. Tickets can be obtained by contacting Dorothy Lusk at dorothyculleylusk@gmail.com or call 908-230-4917.

Membership inquiries can be directed to the College Club of Fanwood Scotch Plains by mail: PO Box 32, Fanwood, NJ 07023 or email at: Collegeclub.fsp@gmail.com



(above, l-r) Ready to lead the College Club of F-SP into the club's 89th year of service to the community are newly elected officers: Co-Directors Dorothy Lusk and Tish Isack, Vice-president, Ellen Harrison, Co-Presidents Jean Naugle and Joan Skubish, Corresponding Secretary Kathy Egenton Recording Secretary, Liz Murad and Treasurer Joanne Sheffield.

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DESCENDANTS OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS LEARN HOW TO PRESENT THEIR STORIES

Congregation Beth Israel

On Monday, June 27, the Second/Third Generation Holocaust Survivors Group held their summer meeting at Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains and welcomed Ilyse Muser Shainbrown, Director of Holocaust Education and Newark Initiatives at Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest, as guest speaker.

Ilyse addressed the fact that there are now so few Holocaust survivors capable of telling their stories that there is a need for the second and third generations to continue their families' legacies. Ilyse also explained the Jewish Federation's process for choosing and recommending speakers to present at local schools. Ilyse offered one-on-one training sessions to help members of the

group create presentations about their parents' and grandparents' Holocaust experiences.

"Our group learned a great deal from Ilyse," said Rita Geller, co-chair of the Second/Third Generation Holocaust Survivors Group. "We are hopeful that many of our members will take advantage of her offer to train us as presenters so that we can fulfill the important obligation of keeping the memory of the Holocaust alive."

The Second/Third Generation Holocaust Survivors Group was created at Congregation Beth Israel but also includes participants from area synagogues and the community. This support group plans events to educate the public about the Holocaust and to honor and remember those who suffered and perished.



(above) Ilyse Muser Shainbrown (second from left), with Second/Third Generation Holocaust Survivors Group co-chairs Claire Bornstein, Rita Geller, and Faye Bodenstein.

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FORMER FANWOOD COUNCILMAN JOE HIGGINS DIES

Borough of Fanwood



Mayor Colleen Mahr and the Fanwood Borough Council expressed their condolences on the passing of Joseph Higgins, a former member of the Fanwood Council who

coached baseball alongside his son at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. Mr. Higgins died on July 1st at age 75 at his home in Woodbridge, NJ.

Joe was a military veteran, minor league baseball player and a 25-year employee of New Jersey Transit.

While on the Council from 2005-2007, Joe served as Chair of the Recreation and Community Services Committee; as Council Liaison to the Land Use and Historic Preservation and Shade Tree Commissions; as Council Liaison to the Planning Board; and as Fire Commissioner. In addition to serving on the Fanwood Council, he was a volunteer assistant baseball coach at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School from 2010-2019 alongside his son Joseph, Jr. who is still the baseball coach there. In the early 90s he was inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame.

AMANI TO PERFORM AT NORTHERN NEW JERSEY'S MOST INTIMATE COFFEEHOUSE

The Salem Roadhouse Café presents Amani, Saturday, August, 13 2022. The doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Amani means “peace” in Swahili. The group was formed to share the concept of peace through music.

The core veteran musicians are frontmen Stephan Fuller on vocals, and Marty Eigen on woodwinds. Amani is a collective with connections to dozens of talented musicians who perform alongside them regularly.

Amani performs hits from a variety of genres including: The American Songbook, Folk, Blues, Gospel, R&B, Jazz, Bossa Nova and Broadway.

Amani brings the sounds of the Caribbean to the Salem Roadhouse Cafe! Featuring hits by Harry Bellafonte, Jimmy Buffett, Bob Marley, Sunny Rollins and more, this joyful presentation will have you singing and dancing in the aisles. Amani features: Stephen Fuller, a dynamic bass/baritone singer; Marty Eigen, tenor and baritone sax; Domo, a steel drums, piano and vocalist virtuoso who will also excite the audience with a dance; Alex Gressel, Bass; Larry Greenburg piano; Gordon Lane, drums, along with Oloye Karade, percussionist.

As always, the Salem Roadhouse Café is live, intimate, up front, and personal. All ages are welcome.

Salem Roadhouse Café is located at 829 Salem Rd., Union, NJ. Doors open 7:30 p.m. Show starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$20, and includes show, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, and dessert.

ABOUT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ

It’s not “church music.” It’s music music.

Folks who’ve come to the Salem Roadhouse Café know that it’s a clean, safe place for people who enjoy listening to live music — in a world otherwise filled with clubs and bars. The Roadhouse has always offered its stage to local and independent mainstream musicians. Jazz, rock, folk, and other groups have performed. What’s the common thread? They’re all great musicians playing the kind of music people like to hear. There’s no message, just music.

The Roadhouse started in 2008 by members of Townley Presbyterian Church with a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth. Hey — that’s why we’re located where we are. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities. That’s its social mission.

But the many musicians who’ve played the Salem Roadhouse Café see it as a solid performance venue. They love it because of its special intimacy and great audiences. They say people here “really listen.” Ask any of the musicians you meet here — they love to play the Roadhouse, and they want to come back often.

Community Involvement

The Salem Roadhouse Café has raised funds for many carefully chosen charities. They include: The Presbytery of Elizabeth E-port Center, Center For Hope Hospice, Community Food Bank, Monarch Housing, Angel Paws Animal Rescue, National MS Society, Haiti Disaster Relief, Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief, The Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Programs, Making It Possible To End Homelessness, Camp Johnsonburg, The Music Institute, Ukraine disaster relief, and others. Thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities. The Salem Roadhouse Café, together with Townley Presbyterian Church, has begun a series of free outdoor concerts to help various urgent charitable causes. More are planned.

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GOLD STAR FAMILY STREET DEDICATION

Submitted by Capt Jose Vergara and C/TSgt Shristhi Sharma, Civil Air Patrol

On July 1st, the Scotch Plains Veterans Advisory Board, Scotch Plains Major Joshua Losardo, the American Legion, and Civil Air Patrol participated in the Fallen Hero Gold Star Family Street Dedication.

The ceremony honored Sgt. Herbert Terry, who made the ultimate sacrifice (his life) during World War I.

The afternoon commenced with honorary words about Sgt Terry. Four cadets, C/Lt Col Pinto, C/CMSgt Thoguru, C/TSgt Sharma, and

C/SSgt Kulkarni from the Civil Air Patrol represented the "Bud" Jackson Squadron through the Color Guard detail. As the colors were presented, two more members from the squadron, C/2nd Lt Rana and SM V. Vergara sang a harmonized National Anthem.

Rifle detail from the American Legion shot volleys to honor Sgt Terry and his family, who have lived in Scotch Plains since the American Revolution. Finally, the street received a new name in dedication to this Fallen Hero.



(above) Retired Marine Col. Kon Zoganas read the dedication proclamation. Under the tent were Pete Terry, Kurt Terry, and their respective wives and friends.

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HOW TO JOIN THE CADET PROGRAM

CAP also has a "Cadet Program" designed for youth who want to serve the community. The cadet program challenges the youth to excel in leadership, character, physical training, and

discipline. Also, the cadet program provides education in: aerospace, STEM education, military traditions, emergency service, educational camps, orientation flights, and many more activities. Students 12 to 18 years old can join CAP with the understanding to follow Air Force-style traditions and discipline and provide community service. The Cadet Program meets every Tuesday from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at JP Stevens High School, Edison. In addition, adults can join CAP to serve the public and mentor the cadets. Adults could take training and duties to support the Air Force-Auxiliary.

For more information about the Civil Air Patrol contact Capt Jose Vergara via email jose.vergara@njwg.cap.gov, or GoCivilAirPatrol.com.

SOPHIA GALLO SELECTED FOR INTERNSHIP



Courtesy photo

(above) Sophia Gallo

Sophia Gallo, a student from Scotch Plains Fanwood High School, has been selected for the prestigious Student Enhancement in Earth and Space Science (SEES) summer internship to be held at The University of Texas at Austin's Center for Space Research.

Sophia will work with scientists and engineers to conduct authentic research from data received from NASA's earth observing satellites as well as designing Mars habitats, Lunar Exploration, and analysis of images from the International Space Station.

This nationally competitive program is sponsored by NASA's Texas Space Grant Consortium in collaboration with The University of Texas Center for Space Research and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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Scotch Plains Police Department

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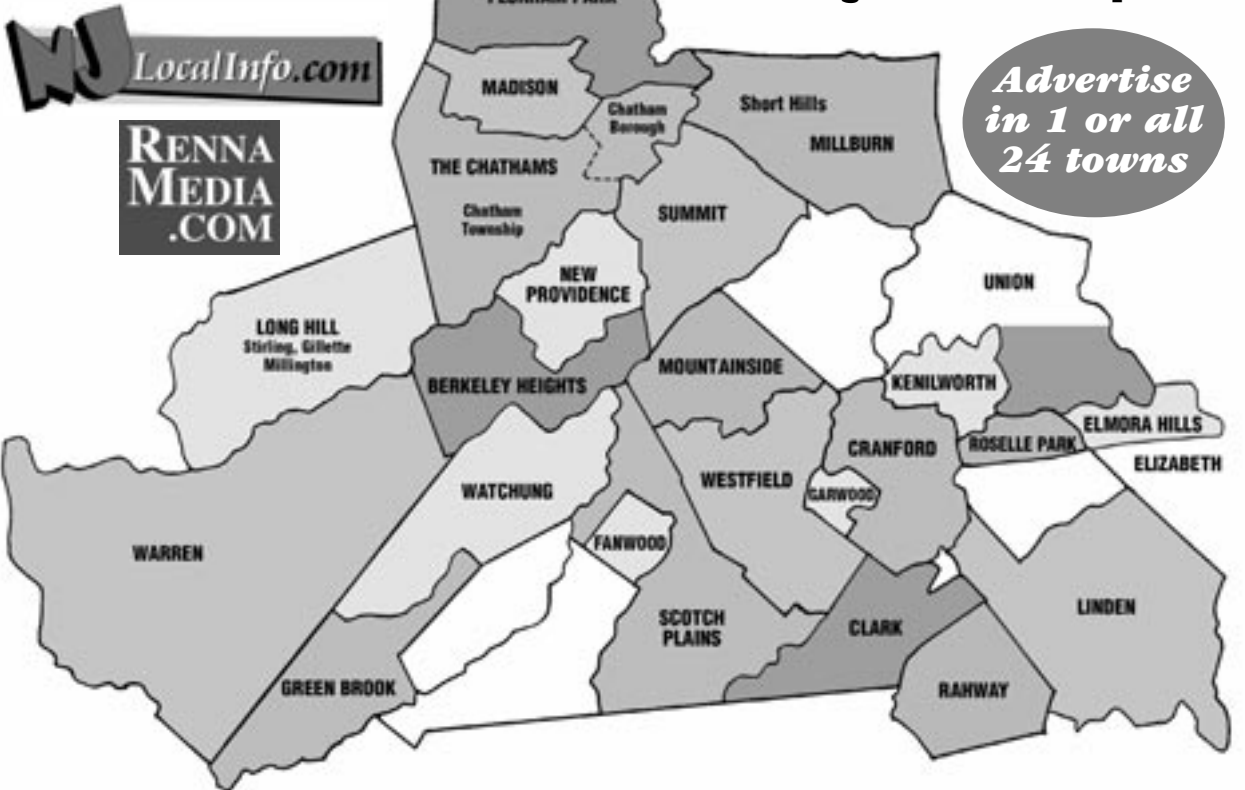
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GIRL SCOUTS HOSTS PUPPY PALOOZA

Submitted by Naima Jagdish

On June 18, 2022 my Girl Scout Troop 40782 of Scotch Plains-Fanwood hosted an event. This event was an activity for our Bronze in Girls Scout, the highest award that Junior Girl Scouts can earn. We have worked on this award since October, 2021. This event has taken a lot of work and effort. The event was very successful and we were very happy that all of our work had paid off.

This event was called "Puppy Palooza". We invited many of our Scotch Plains and Fanwood neighbors and their furry little pets to come to our event which included a dog obstacle course, photo booth and the sale of our homemade items. This event was to support our local shelter, the Plainfield Area Humane Society. We collected many donations in the form of money and items

such as laundry detergent, paper towels, bleach and so much more. We made toys, accessories, and treats to sell at our event. All the money was donated to the shelter.

The purpose of this event was not only to collect donations for the shelter, but it was also to inform pet owners about how to properly take care of their dogs. We made brochures that we passed out in the event. We had a meeting with some of the people at the shelter. All the information that they told us like, how important it is to microchip your dog and how the shelters can provide food for pets if you can't afford what your pet needs. We put this information about how to properly take care of your pet in a brochure.

We had many impacts and improvements on

and in the community because of this event. Some impacts we had on the community was our event itself. The event provided exercise for the pets and was fun and entertaining for the pets. The obstacle course and just interacting with other dogs was a lot of fun for the dogs. The dogs would get rewarded with homemade treats after completing an obstacle. We decided to do an obstacle course because the vet at the shelter talked to us about how many pet owners did not give their pets enough exercise and interaction with other pets. Another impact we had on the community was, we informed people about caring for pets and the shelter services. The final Impact we had on the community was we brought our community together. We saw very generous donations from our community, we raised \$346 for the shelter and 6 boxes of supplies for the shelter which really helped the animals. All this money will be used for making improvements to the shelter.

This event has taught me and my troop so much. I learned about how to properly take care of a dog properly. I also learned about all the important work the shelters do. I learned about how they take care of the shelter pets and all of the things that they provide for pet owners. I learned about what they need and what the shelter provides. I also learned how to make homemade dog treats, toys and accessories for dogs and cats. The final thing I learned was organize and run an event, including all of the time and attention to details.

Planning the event took many hours of work, carefully creating the flyers, brochures, treats and activities. All the troop girls and our troop leaders worked together to make this a memorable event and helped us to earn our Bronze Award!



(above) Girl Scout Troop 40782 of Scotch Plains-Fanwood hosted a Puppy Palooza event to help them earn the Girl Scout Bronze Award.

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