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SIXTEENTH ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE



(above, l-r) Rabbi Avi Friedman of Congregation Ohr Shalom/Summit Jewish Community Center; Rev. Daniel Gunn of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, New Providence; Rabbi Shira Gluck of Temple Sinai, Summit; Rev. Matthew Dooley of Little Flower Roman Catholic Church, Berkeley Heights; Rev. Victor Franco of New Providence United Methodist Church, Rev. Jane McCready of Faith Lutheran Church, New Providence; and Mayor Al Morgan of New Providence.

The sixteenth annual New Providence-Berkeley Heights Interfaith Thanksgiving Service occurred on Monday evening, November 21, 2022, at Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence.

The participating worship communities were the Congregation Ohr Shalom-Summit Jewish Community Center, Faith Lutheran Church, Church of the Little Flower (Roman Catholic), New Providence United Methodist Church, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, and Summit's Temple Sinai.

The service began with a welcome by Rev. Jane McCready, pastor of Faith Lutheran, which was followed by a greeting from Mayor Al Morgan of New Providence.

The Thanksgiving homily was offered by Rabbi Avi Friedman of Congregation Ohr Shalom/Summit Jewish Community Center.

The liturgy of the service consisted of prayers and readings led by each of the interfaith clergy. The music featured an interfaith choir, led by Shea Velloso, Minister of Music at Faith Lutheran. Three hymns were sung by the congregation.

Regarding the offering, the canned goods were given to the StarFish Interfaith Food Pantry in Plainfield, which is supported by an ecumenical group of religious organizations. Financial gifts were given to the Community Hope for Veterans, a program that serves our veterans at Lyons Hospital and is supported by the Islamic Society of Basking Ridge.

An open letter from the New Providence-Berkeley Heights Interfaith Clergy to the Community was included in the program of the service and was distributed to all.

SOME OF THE WORDS FOLLOW:

"Let There Be More Love, Deeper Understanding and Greater Gratitude for the Blessing of Diversity in Our Community."

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The Junior League of Summit (JLS) is now accepting nominations for its Jean Hudson Gano Award program for 2023. This award recognizes special volunteer achievement by either an individual or a nonprofit organization. It is given in memory of and in tribute to Jean Hudson Gano, a JLS member who died of breast cancer in May of 1997. Jean's exemplary and extraordinary commitment to voluntarism, community service, and particularly to issues regarding women and children, was an inspiration to all those who were touched by her efforts.

Nominees from the communities of Berkeley Heights, Chatham, New Providence, and Summit are eligible for the award. Individual nominees should be of high school age or above whose dedication and excellence in leadership has served their community through their volunteer efforts, either within the preceding year or as a long-term, on-going commitment. Organizations nominated should be those that benefit women

and/or children within the past year and must supply verification of 501c3 status.

The award recipient will be honored at a future event, and the recipient's name will be displayed on a plaque at the JLS Thrift Shop. Recipients will receive a \$500 monetary award made possible by a generous gift given by Jean's father, Mr. William Hudson.

For more information, and to access the application, please visit jlsummit.org. Applications are due by February 28, 2023.

The Junior League of Summit, Inc. is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. For more information about the Junior League of Summit or to inquire about becoming a member, please visit the website at jlsummit.org or contact the office at 908-273-7349. T

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(above) Jessica and Cheryl Bock, the latter has chaired the New Providence Fall Food Drive for 20+ years. Jessica, Cheryl's daughter, has assisted in many years.

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\$32,700 OF FOOD COLLECTED FOR THE NEEDY

On Saturday, November 19, over eighty-five members of Faith Lutheran Church and the New Providence community gathered at Faith to sort and pack into boxes an estimated \$32,700 of canned and packaged food designated for the needy.

The food had been collected from New Providence residences by Boy Scout Troops 1 and 63 and Cub Scout Packs 99, 263 and 363. The prior Saturday, the scouts had left empty bags at the residences with requests to contribute food for pickup on November 19.



(above) Chris Melhuish packs the food.

The eighty-five volunteers prepared over one hundred forty boxes of food for twenty-five families who live in New Providence. The boxes were distributed to the local residents by the New Providence Community Service Association, under the direction of Nancy Valerio. The Community Service Association added turkeys and pies to the boxes.

More than two hundred additional boxes were packed in a truck and delivered on Saturday, November 26 by Faith to StarFish Pantry, a combined Jewish/Christian organization in Plainfield. The delivery was coordinated by Chris Melhuish and seventeen other volunteers from Faith. StarFish Pantry provides emergency aid to about 9,000 people in the Plainfield area, two-thirds of whom are children. While the resources of the Pantry were almost depleted, the new food will meet the needs of the Pantry throughout the winter and early spring.

Summit resident Cheryl Bock, a parishioner of Faith Lutheran Church, was the chairperson of the Fall Food Drive. For more than twenty years, Ms. Bock has fulfilled this significant responsibility.

The pastor of Faith is Rev. Jane McCready. For more information about the food collection and other outreach programs of Faith, one may call the church office at 908-464-5177 or e-mail the church at Family.Faith@verizon.net. The web site is famfaith.org.

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(above) Some of the gifts at the altar of Faith. The confirmation classes, grades 6 through 8, beautifully packaged the gifts, which included a candy cane and card.

FREE “QPR” SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

The New Providence Mental Health Advocacy & Education Committee along with The Mental Health Association of NJ are conducting Free QPR Gateway Training for our community youth leaders and coaches that serve our youth. Educate yourself and give back to your community while earning a professional certification.

WHAT DOES QPR STAND FOR?

Just like CPR, QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) is an emergency response to someone in crisis. These are three steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. Sponsored by the New Providence Mental Health Advocacy & Education Committee (NP MHAE) in partnership with the Mental Health Association of New Jersey, this free training is available to all NP citizens.

KEY COMPONENTS OF TRAINING:

- How to Question, Persuade, and Refer someone who may be suicidal
- How to get help for yourself or learn more about preventing suicide
- The common causes of suicidal behavior
- The warning signs of suicide
- How to get help for someone in crisis

WHO SHOULD GET QPR TRAINING?

- Parents, coaches, youth leaders, any citizen

REGISTER

Signup for January 10, 2023, or join the waitlist for future training sessions via signupgenius.com/go/10c084da4aa2ba5fd0-newprovidence

For more information visit qprinstitute.com to learn more about the training. Follow NP MHAE on Facebook and Instagram or email npmhae@gmail.com

FAITH LUTHERAN PROVIDES GIFTS TO PERSONS IN NEED

Following its annual tradition, Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence, through its Christmas Sharing Tree, has contributed gifts to persons served by social service agencies in the community and St. Stephan's Grace Community Church in Newark. Each of the recipients was given a choice between two gifts of warmth, a hooded sweatshirt and a plush throw blanket.

Organizations to whom Faith donated were the following: The ARC of Union County, which provides resources to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families to ensure that the persons realize full and productive lives, the Possum Way Group Home in New Providence is part of ARC; Cheshire Home, which provides residential specialized

care facilities for disabled adults; New Providence Community Service Association, which offers financial assistance to New Providence citizens in their time of need; and St. Stephan's Grace Community Church, which is a diverse and multicultural Lutheran church in the Ironbound Section of Newark. For many years, members of Faith have tutored children there. The children will be receiving the gifts.

Joanne and Ed Berryman of Madison chair and manage this ministry for Faith Lutheran. Kim Delatour of Berkeley Heights helped with the St. Stephan's portion.

The pastor of Faith is Rev. Jane McCready. Faith is located at 524 South Street. Its website is famfaith.org and its phone number is 908-464-5177.

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The Senior Center of the Chathams is committed to offering its programs and services to a wide range of people and draws members from six counties and 70 towns, including Chatham, Madison, Berkeley Heights, New Providence, Florham Park, and Summit to name

a few. All are welcome at the Senior Center of the Chathams. There is no membership fee to join. Many programs are offered free of charge, while others involve only a minimal fee thanks to individual donations, fundraising events, and grants. The Center is open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For more information about the Senior Center of the Chathams, call 973-635-4565 or visit chathamseiorcenter.org.

CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS

The Senior Center of the Chathams hosted Holiday Parties on two days - December 2 and December 9. Lunch was served, including deserts and mocktails – eggnog and holiday punch. A Holiday Concert was performed by entertainer Bob Marino who is known for ‘Singing Italian and more’.



(above) Senior Center of the Chathams, employees, volunteers, and sponsors of the event.

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HOLIDAY FESTIVAL FEATURING THE CHRISTMAS WALK

Santa came to town during the annual New Providence Christmas Walk. Held on Friday, November 25, the family-friendly event featured Santa in a parade thru the downtown led by the New Providence High School Marching Band. The grand finale was a fireworks display.



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recognized.

The artwork hung in the Lincoln Conference Room includes images of the Borough of New Providence. The artwork hung in the Lobby of Borough Hall is a collection of visual art pieces utilizing a variety of techniques. The district's goal of personalized learning has empowered students to create artwork of their own direction. The guidance of their teachers who instruct the

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LOCAL WOMEN'S GROUPS TO SCREEN RUBY BRIDGES

In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, two local organizations will screen the film Ruby Bridges at the New Providence Library on Sunday, January 15. The screening is at 2:00, there is no admission charge, and the public is welcome. The library is located at 377 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence.

The Summit College Club, a branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), and the League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence, and Summit are the sponsoring organizations.

Ruby Bridges is the story of the 6-year-old child who desegregated the New Orleans public school system in 1960. On her first day in first grade, half a dozen years after the landmark Supreme Court decision Brown v. Board of Education had been decided, Ruby braved a crowd hurling hatred, insults, and death threats. Accompanied by federal marshals and her mother, Ruby succeeded in entering the all-white school, but she was to remain the only child in her class for the entire year.

The movie, which stars Chaz Monet as the

young Ruby, attempts to be a realistic rendering of the events that happened to the civil rights activist family and child.

Immediately after the screening, Hedy Tukey of the Summit College Club and Jean Crichton of the League of Women Voters will lead a discussion of the film.

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Submitted by Sangeeta Prasad Benbow, President Friends of the Library

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Using carefully selected backing tracks, and researching classic 20th-century tunes, they bring an innovative and refreshing flash from the past. Upbeat, tight harmonies will have you humming along and sometimes dancing as they deliver their timeless and fun Cover Girls songs.

The Friends of the Library sponsored a free family concert on Sunday, December 11 at the New Providence Memorial Library for a Holiday show, where concertgoers heard their Cover Girls' classics along with the holiday songs you know and love.

Please contact the library at 908-665-0311, or visit our website at newprovidencelibrary.org to learn more about activities, and to find out how to become a member of the Friends. We welcome new volunteers. Stop by the library to get books (of course!) and watch a movie, get a

museum pass, attend a concert, or see the latest artwork. Our programming includes arts & crafts events and projects, author events, book clubs, computer language courses, and the yearly Craft Fair - all of which are supported or sponsored by the Friends.

Additionally, brand-new artwork has been installed in the Conti Room, Reading Area, and glass cabinet. Stay tuned for details and stop by to view the work! Check the library's website to see what movies are playing this month, and stop in to borrow Museum passes (just like you'd check out a book).

The Friends of the New Providence Memorial Library is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to raise awareness and funds, as well as advocate for, the New Providence Memorial Library. The Friends organize free music concerts, support the library's Museum Pass program, purchase movie licenses, and fund special events and programming for all ages.

The Friends curate the art spaces in the library, and we encourage area artists and crafters to inquire about exhibiting their work at npmclcurator@gmail.com, or to fill out our online application form. You may also email us at FriendsoftheNPLibrary@gmail.com.



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REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS VIA EMAIL.

Drop-In Play Tuesdays (Kids)

Dec 27 at 11:15 a.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Bring the kids to drop in and play in the Coddington room after storytime.

Author Storytime

December 27 at 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

"Anna, Elsa and the Enchanting Holiday"

Local author Meredith Rusu will read from her new Disney Frozen holiday book.

Read to A Dog (1st - 4th graders)

December 27 at 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Are you a new or developing reader? Practice your skills by reading to a therapy dog. To register for your 15 minute slot, please email NPMLChildrens@gmail.com Register early!

Holiday Movies (all ages)

December 28 at 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy Disney's Frozen and another shorter film in the Conti Room.

New Year's Holiday Craft (Children)

December 29 at 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

and 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Stop by the Coddington Room to create some noise for the New Year!

"Hello Bookstore" Documentary (Adults)

December 29 at 2 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

In the shadow of the pandemic, a small town rallies to protect a beloved local bookstore. Documentary film will be in the Conti Room.

Books & Bagels (Adults)

January 3 at 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join us for bagels & a book group with no assigned reading! call the library or email RSVP@newprovidencelibrary.org.

Drop-In Play Tuesdays (Kids)

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

at 11:15 a.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Bring the kids to drop in and play in the Coddington room after storytime.

Math Club (Teens)

January 6, 13, 20, 27 at 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Hone your problem-solving skills while meeting with others. Run by NP Teens, open to students in 6-12th grades. Email

NPMLTeens@gmail.com to register.

CRAFTERDAY (Children)

January 7, 21st at 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Use the materials and instructions that have been left out on the tables.

Basics of At-Home 3D Printing

(Adults and Teens)

January 7 at 2 p.m.- 3 p.m.

New Providence resident Cameron Corey will demonstrate the basics of at-home 3D printing.

NP Chess Club (Kids, Teens & Adults)

January 9, 23, 30

Every Monday night from 5:30-7:30.

Instructional Lectures on Jan 9 and Jan 23 from 4:30-5:30 in the Conti Room. Register at least 1 day in advance online at npchessclub.org.

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

January 9 at 7 p.m.- 9 p.m.

You're invited to discuss issues of the sport with other baseball enthusiasts.

Monthly Movie (Adults)

January 10 at 1 p.m.

"Top Gun: Maverick" will be screened.

Book Group (Adults)

January 12 at 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

"A Woman is No Man" by Etaf Rum.

Intermediate Python (Adults & Teens)

January 14, 21, 28 from 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Research engineer Mojtaba Komeili teaches an intermediate-level Python course.

"Ruby Bridges" Film & Discussion (Adults & Teens)

January 15 at 2 p.m.

The League of Women Voters and the Summit College Club co-sponsor this free screening of "Ruby Bridges" to celebrate MLK King Jr. Day.

Book Group (Adults)

January 17 at 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

"The Rosie Project" by Graeme Simsion.

Mid-Term Exam Tutoring (Teens & Volunteers)

January 17, 18, 19 at 3 p.m.

Calling all HS and Adult Tutors! Please volunteer your time by offering free tutoring for MS & HS students preparing for midterm exams at the NP Library.

Remembering NPML in the 1950s and 1960s (Adults)

January 18 at 2 p.m.

The library is hosting a conversation with longtime library patrons, moderated by reference librarian Ellen Malosh, to preserve the library's oral history. Please call 908-665-0311 x4 to join.

Knit/Crochet Night (Adults & Teens)

January 19 at 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Drop by the Conti Room with a crochet or knitting project, and chat with this friendly group as you work. No registration required. To sign up for an email reminder, please call the library or email

rsvp@newprovidencelibrary.org.

NPMS Jazz Choir Concert (All Ages)

January 22 at 3 p.m.

The NPMS Jazz Choir performs challenging vocal jazz and a cappella repertoire from a variety of styles and eras under the direction of Mrs. Pamela van Nostrand.

Cookbook Club (Adults)

January 24 at 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

This month we will discuss holiday mishaps, your favorite cooking appliances and healthy recipes. Bring a cookbook or recipe that you like to share with the group. To join, stop by the reference desk or email

RSVP@newprovidencelibrary.org.

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Basic Principles of Ayurveda (Adults)

January 25 at 11 a.m.

Learn about the basic principles of ayurveda, an alternative form of medicine that is traditional in India, and its implications for your daily life.

Teen Book Talk (Teens)

January 31 at 5 p.m.

Come to the library for an informal book chat about whatever you're reading, have read, or want to read! Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to come together to talk books and get some ideas for future reads. No assigned reading – just come to chat about books! Register via email or just show up: NPMLTeens@gmail.com.

5th Annual Community Read:

Around the World in 80 Days (All Ages)

Feb 1 - Apr 21

Join in the fun as the NP Library celebrates the 150th Anniversary of Jules Verne's AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS!! Don't miss out -- travel with us right here at the Library!

Adult Craft - Book Page Hearts (Adults)

February 1 at 11 a.m.

For Valentine's Day, make your own 3D heart ornaments using strips cut from the pages of damaged books, a stapler, red paint, hot glue, and baker's twine. Will be held in the Conti Room and registration is required. Email RSVP@newprovidencelibrary.org to register.

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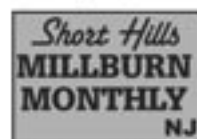
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P.E.O. PROGRAM FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

Submitted by Cherie Parker

Stacey Maisch, from the New Providence Memorial Library, was awarded a Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) Program for Continuing Education Grant from the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She was sponsored by P.E.O. Chapter AS of Westfield, NJ.

The P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education was established in 1973 to provide need-based grants to women in the U.S. and Canada whose education has been interrupted and who find it necessary to return to school to complete a degree or certification that will improve their marketable skills for employment to support themselves and/or families. Chapter AS has been a part of the Westfield community since it was organized in 1981.

Stacey is completing her Masters of Library Science (MLS) degree from PennWest University. She has been working at the New Providence Memorial Library for five years in a part-time role as Teen Services and PR Coordinator, utilizing her background as a High School English Teacher, Systems Analyst and Freelance Writer. Completion of her MLS degree in 2023 will enable Stacey to pursue her goal of serving the New Providence community as a fully-certified Librarian. Stacey is extremely grateful to the sisters of the AS

Chapter of P.E.O. for this continuing education grant.

P.E.O. has been celebrating women helping women reach for the stars for more than 150 years. Since its inception in 1869, the nonprofit organization has helped more than 119,000 women pursue educational goals by providing over \$398 million in grants, scholarships, awards and loans. The Sisterhood also owns and supports Cottey College. Through membership, the P.E.O. Sisterhood has brought together more than half a million women in the United States and Canada who are passionate about helping women advance through education while supporting and motivating them. In addition to educational philanthropies, the P.E.O. Sisterhood provides a framework of support and community for all members.

What started with a bond of friendship among seven women in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, is now one of the oldest women's organizations in North America with close to 5,800 chapters.

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