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THE SUMMIT FOUNDATION BOARD NEWS

The Summit Foundation has appointed four new members to its board and announced the retirement of four long standing trustees. Chris Bonner, Paul Formichelli, Kelli Montgomery, and Dennis White have joined the board. Julie Keenan, Sandy Bloom, Frank Macioce, and Eric LeGoff have retired from the board.

Chris Bonner received his commission in the US Army Aviation Branch as a helicopter pilot in 1994. He served in the military for over 26 years, mostly as a search and rescue pilot in the Army and Coast Guard. When he retired in 2014, he became an educator. He taught at KIPP THRIVE Academy, with Teach for America, and at KIPP's Newark Collegiate Academy, where he transitioned to campus operations. Chris is the Director of Operations at Kent Place School and was a member and president of the board for Summit Public Schools from 2016 to 2022.

Paul Formichelli is a managing director at JLL, the commercial real estate services firm. Locally, he serves on Summit's Planning Board and its Economic Development Advisory Committee. He also serves as a mentor in the Project Destined program. He previously served on the boards of Summit Junior Baseball & Softball, the College of the Holy Cross Alumni Association, and the NYC chapter of NAIOP (as well as having served as its president).

Kelli Montgomery has worked with several organizations focused on driving equity to underserved populations. She recently served as vice president of the Summit African American Action Association. She has also served as a board member of the Lady Liberty Academy charter school in Newark, where she was on the finance committee. Kelli is a supply chain director for Procter & Gamble.

Dennis White served as president and CEO of MetLife Foundation before retiring in 2021. During his 31-year career at MetLife, he also held positions in the investments department and managed the company's impact investment activities. Dennis serves as a commissioner for



(above, l-r) Kelli Montgomery, Paul Formichelli, Chris Bonner, Dennis White.

the Summit Housing Authority and as a youth advisor at Beacon Unitarian Congregation in Summit. He is also an active volunteer with Summit Warm Hearts and Friends of Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

Juile Keenan served as a trustee of The Summit Foundation for 22 years, and as president from 2019 through 2022. Julie is an independent consultant focused on strategy and change management. She also held the position of the chief operating officer of the NJ Pandemic Relief Fund. She currently serves on the Board of Visitors of Duke University's Pratt School of Engineering.

Frank Macioce served as a trustee for 11 years; during that time he served as grants co-chair and most recently as secretary. He is the chair of Overlook Medical Center's Community Advisory Board and a trustee and officer of the Summit Park Line Foundation. From 2004 to 2009, he served on Summit's Common Council as councilman at large and as council president in 2005 and 2006.

Sandy Bloom served as a trustee for 11 years; in that time, she served as nominating and governance chair, grants co-chair, and most recently as vice president. Sandy currently serves on the board of the Summit Free Public Library and has previously served on Summit's Board of Education and Zoning Board. She was a president of Temple Sinai and a founding member of the Summit Mayor's Valuing Diversity Forum.

Eric LeGoff served as a trustee for 7 years, and was a member of the board's investment committee throughout his tenure. He is co-founder, president and a director of Evermore Global Advisors, LLC, an investment management firm in Summit, NJ. Eric previously served as a trustee for the Summit Educational Foundation, as well as on the finance committee of the Summit Area YMCA.

Each year, The Summit Foundation invests \$1 million to support public programs and services in the community through foundation-directed grants, community-supported funds, scholarships, and donor-advised distributions.

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Spring Grove Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center has been named one of the nation’s “Best Nursing Homes 2022-23” by U.S. News & World Report. The 106-bed center, located at 144 Gales Drive in New Providence, provides post-hospital care, short-term rehab and long-term residential care.

“This honor is a testament to the excellent work being done by Spring Grove’s care team members and the facility’s ongoing effort to provide high-quality clinical services in a modern environment,” said Ugochi Opara, regional director of market development for Marquis Health Consulting Services, which supports Spring Grove. “The U.S. News Best Nursing Homes program provides one of our industry’s most sought-after distinctions, one that consumers and business partners alike recognize for its credibility.”

Spring Grove received its U.S. News high-performance rating for long-term care; this is the third consecutive year the facility has been recognized in at least one program category. Spring Grove recently completed a multi-million-dollar renovation, consisting of a full rebuild to accommodate the delivery of innovative care supported by advanced technology in a warm, homelike setting.

Additionally, Spring Grove’s five-star CMS rating for quality measures speaks to the facility’s commitment to its residents and community. In addition to its clinical offerings, Spring Grove is committed to serving as a healthcare resource. To



that end, the facility has established a library of physician-curated content, addressing many topics of interest; it can be found at springgroverehab.com.

This marks the 13th year U.S. News & World Report has released its Best Nursing Homes ratings. The highly respected program evaluates more than 15,000 nursing homes across the country based on care, safety, health inspections and staffing.

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Have you ever been told you are a good listener? Do you have a yearning to really make a difference? Caring Contact, a Westfield, NJ based crisis hotline, will be offering its 102nd volunteer crisis counselor training beginning March 14th through June 13th. The training will run once a week on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. and will be a combination of in-person training and via Zoom.

Participants receive 52 hours of comprehensive training by nationally certified instructors in active listening and Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training. Volunteers develop the ability to listen actively, assess the needs of someone in crisis and provide empathy and support.

"This training and volunteer opportunity is

ideal for people of varying backgrounds - retirees, empty-nesters, stay-at-home parents, and full-time professionals" said Mary Claire Givelber, Caring Contact's executive director. "Many of our listeners were looking for something meaningful to do after they retire or their children leave home. Full-time professionals also participate finding the flexible volunteer hours work well with their work obligations."

Following training new volunteer crisis counselors are supported by seasoned listeners during 24 hours of internship before they take calls on their own. Even once a volunteer is a certified listener, Caring Contact provides a range of support and training opportunities to allow them to keep honing their skills.

Anyone interested in registering for the

training should visit caringcontact.org/listener-training/ or call the Caring Contact administrative offices for more information at 908-301-1899.

Caring Contact is an award-winning, volunteer-staffed crisis hotline and listening community, providing active listening support and best-in-class training to the Central and Northern New Jersey community. More than 100 trained volunteers answered over 13,000 calls last year from people in crisis, having suicidal thoughts or simply needing someone to talk to.

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JR LEAGUE AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

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 www.jlsummit.org. Applications are due by February 28, 2023.

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 www.jlsummit.org or contact the office at 908-273-7349.

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Rich has also served in our Patrol Bureau as a supervisor from 2011 to 2022.

Detective Ryan Stanek is a 16-year veteran of the Summit Police Department. He joined our agency in 2007 after graduating from the John H. Stamler Police Academy. In 2010, Det. Stanek was assigned to the Department's Community Policing Unit before subsequently being assigned as a Detective in the Juvenile Bureau. Detective Stanek returned to the Patrol Bureau for the next 9 years until his recent assignment to the Department's Detective Bureau.



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This documentary tells the story of Tamara Lanier, an African American woman determined to force Harvard University to cede possession of daguerreotypes of her great-great-grandfather, an enslaved man named Renty. The film features attorney Benjamin Crump, author Ta-Nehisi Coates

NR. 95 minutes.

Before You Can Say Jackie Robinson:

Black Baseball in America

Wednesday, February 15, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Black professional baseball originated in the 1880s, and reached an end shortly after Jackie Robinson's entry into the Major Leagues. This program investigates that history and these great baseball players. Presented by baseball historian Larry Hogan. Poet and playwright Kevin Kane will also present his original poem "Breaking the Line with the Mudville Nine".

In-person.

Brown Bag Book Club: "We are Not Like Them" by Christine Pride

Friday, February 17, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Our lunchtime book group for adults will discuss *We Are Not Like Them* by Christine Pride. Told from alternating perspectives, an evocative and riveting novel about the lifelong bond between two women, one Black and one white, whose friendship is indelibly altered by a tragic event. In-person.

Monday at the Movies: Race

Monday, February 27, 12:30 pm & 6:30 pm

Young Jesse Owens (Stephan James) becomes a track and field sensation while attending the Ohio State University in the early 1930s and gains national recognition for breaking numerous records. After heated debates, the United States decides not to boycott the Olympics in Nazi Germany. Owens seizes the opportunity to show the world that he's the fastest man alive. PG-13. 134 minutes.

Virtual Author Talk with Sadeqa Johnson

Tuesday, February 28, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sadeqa Johnson will discuss her award-winning book *The House of Eve*. In *The House of Eve*, fifteen-year-old Ruby Pearsall is on track to becoming the first in her family to attend college. But a taboo love affair threatens to pull her back down into the poverty and desperation. This talk will be followed by a Q&A session where participants can ask questions directly with the author. In partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium and the Friends of the Summit Free Public Library. Via Zoom.

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OFFICER RIVERA SWORN IN TO SUMMIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

On Tuesday, January 3, in Council Chamber at Summit City Hall, Mayor Nora Radest swore in Officer Ian Rivera to the Summit Police Department.

After graduating from Rumson Fair Haven High School, Officer Rivera enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served five years of active duty. He served as an Infantry Squad Leader over the course of three deployments to Afghanistan and received the meritorious promotion to the NCO rank of

Sergeant prior to his honorable discharge.

Officer Rivera studied Computer Science at Brookdale Community College and graduated from the Camden County College Police Academy in 2019 as the Staff Elected Squad Leader. Prior to transferring to the Summit Police Department, Officer Rivera served with the Garwood Police Department and was assigned to the Patrol Division for the previous three years.

For more information on the Summit Police Department, please visit cityofsummit.org/police.



(above) Officer Ian Rivera was sworn into the Summit Police Department on Tuesday, January 3.

Photo by City of Summit

HOMETOWN HEROES PROGRAM NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The City of Summit is announcing that enrollment is now open for its 2023 Hometown Heroes program. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2023.

This will be the sixth year for the successful program that displays banners with the names, images, and dates of service of active military members and veterans on city streets from mid-May through mid-August.

An individual qualifies to take part in the Hometown Heroes program if they are serving or have served in any one of the following branches of the United States Armed Forces: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy. Members of the United States Merchant Marine and Women Airforce Service Pilots in World War II are also invited to apply.

Applicants must also have lived in Summit at any time in the past or present, are currently or have been employed by the City of Summit or Summit Board of Education, or are current or former volunteers in the Summit EMS, Police Auxiliary, or Volunteer Fire Division.

The program is funded through private donations with no fee to participate. Information on application requirements and how to apply is available at cityofsummit.org/hometownheroes.

Donations by check made payable to the Summit Foundation can be mailed to Summit Hometown Heroes, P.O. Box 892, Summit, NJ 07902.

For more information, email summitnjheroes@gmail.com.

CITY SOCIAL MEDIA

Our social media pages are great places to find information on the City of Summit, but not everything you need to know is found here. To get all the information issued by the city, sign up for notifications from the city website: www.cityofsummit.org/notifications.



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LOCAL AREA MASTERS SWIMMERS CELEBRATE 19TH ANNIVERSARY

A group of Masters Swimmers from Madison and the surrounding areas have had the privilege of swimming together for many years at the Madison YMCA, the Madison Community Pool, the Summit YMCA and other close by locations. Traditionally, we track monthly swim yardage on a user friendly web site. Impacted by the Pandemic in 2020 and 2021, we were excited to be officially tracking yards for the entire year, as we had in pre-pandemic days (thanks to our web site coordinator Barry Lass). So for all of 2022, the monthly ranking of yards by swimmer was published as it had been in the past.

Also, as we do every year in January, we were determined to celebrate with each other as a group again. So the Masters Yardstick Swimmers gathered recently at our 19th anniversary annual awards breakfast on January 7th- a combined live (at the Harding Township Library) and online (via Zoom) event- with strong participation (28 in person and 9 on Zoom)! Hosted by longtime swimmers Bob Nissen, Joe Donohue, and Richard Clew, the event highlighted activities of 2022 (aided by our group historian, Barbara Rushman) and brought us together in such a way that all active members could enjoy.

We began with an entertaining review of swimmers monthly comments from the "comment box" on our web site, as well as feedback from a short swimmers survey. Many of our swimmers enjoy participating in group workouts at the Walker D. Kirby Aquatics Center in its modern eight lane pool at the Madison YMCA! For further information on the pool and swim program, please contact Jon Siegel at the Madison YMCA at JSiegel@madisonymca.org

Ultimately, we moved on to the highlight of the event- our Annual Awards. Red Stars went to swimmers Bob Franks of Chatham, Bill Sullivan of Florham Park, Sandra Seddon of Chatham, Cindy Viola of Chatham, Lynda Przedpelski of

Summit, and Jennifer Bauman of Parsippany, all having achieved at least one 100,000 yard month during the year. Cindy Viola was named "Bold Performer of the Year", for demonstrating improved performance, exceptional effort and a special commitment to the swimming program. Team Competition returned, as Marcia's Meter Maniacs (led by Captain Marcia Postallian of Florham Park) bested Cande's Crushers (led by Captain Cande Olsen of Morristown). Finally, our top swimmer for 2022 was Jennifer Bauman, achieving 1,226,382 yards, or nearly 697 miles! Jennifer was awarded the Doug Clark

Championship Yardstick, named in memory of our former "Yardstick Swimmer". Combined, 61 swimmers swam more than 21 million yards!

We all had a great time, and were so happy to connect with our swimming friends once again. And we will continue our monthly yard tracking in 2023, and are convinced that our program will grow in numbers!

Adult swimmers of all levels from beginners to experts are welcome to the Masters programs. To learn more about our Yardstick Challenge, please contact Bob Nissen at bobnissen@gmail.com.



(above) Row 1 (on floor)- Deborah Fennelly, Cindy Viola; Row 2 (sitting)- Bob Nissen, Joe Donohue, Barbara Rushman, Bill Sjoval, Joe Balwierczak, Jim Sullivan, Bob Franks; Row 3 (sitting)- Bree Olivari, Nicole Sullivan, Liz Jennison, Paige Chang, Diane Dinsmore; Row 4 (standing)- Barry Lass, Bill Sullivan, Rich Clew, Yardstick Winner Jennifer Bauman, Ashley Pertsimlidis, Lynda Przedpelski, Bonnie Gannon, Matt Gann, Arnold DeGarcia; Row 5 (standing) Rick McKern, Jane Weeks

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AREA BABY CENTER DIAPER DISTRIBUTION

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On Thursday, January 5, Area Baby Center (ABC) of Summit, NJ celebrated the season of giving at its monthly diaper distribution. ABC provides necessities such as diapers, baby wipes, and toiletries to babies from 70 underserved families in our local community.

Last month, each child in the ABC program received a snowsuit and hat. The snowsuits were donated through St. Teresa of Avila's Advent Giving Tree, an annual program that provides gifts to some 80 families and 150 children in the parish community. The hats were provided by Christ Child Society of Summit's Knitting Angels, a group of women who come together with the common purpose of serving children. Blankets were made available to newborns, also from Knitting Angels. A selection of children's books was offered to participating families.

Each mom in the ABC program received a gift bag with socks, hand cream, and nail polish. These gifts were made possible by long-time

Summit resident and ABC volunteer Denise Kelly.

The mission of ABC is to ease the burden of parents caring for a baby up to two years of age and to show the support of the community. ABC distributes 5,000 to 8,500 diapers each month to families in Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Chatham, Stirling, Gillette, and Springfield.

Diaper distributions take place on the first Thursday of each month at the Fortnightly Club (214 Springfield Avenue, Summit). The next distribution will take place Thursday, March 2. Volunteers are needed for both the morning (8:45-11 a.m.) and evening (5:45-7 p.m.) sessions.

Please reach out to Cathie Westdyk (cwestdyk@comcast.net) or Margaret Strong (whelanmarg@gmail.com) if you are interested in learning more about ABC and how you can get involved.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MOVING ON

The Berkeley Heights, New Providence & Summit chapter of the League of Women Voters of New Jersey is folding effective February 15th. The current Management Team members are no longer going to be running the chapter. The membership was contacted to see if anyone else would step up. Unfortunately, no one did. Current members have been transferred to the Plainfield League, which is serving as a Union County

League as well.

We would like to thank the residents of Berkeley Heights, New Providence & Summit for their participation in our programs over the years as well as to those Candidates who participated in our Forums. If anyone needs to contact the League to run programs/forums, please email rntrinity@aol.com, or the State League at contact@lwvnj.org.

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Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless

Mikaela Santos came into our lives in the summer of 2022. In July, we received an email from Karen Gilmour, a yoga instructor with Alluem Yoga in Cranford, telling us about a young student with a desire to give back to the community, especially homeless children. She wanted to collect backpacks full of all the necessary school supplies to start the year off right. Mikaela, together with her instructor Karen, her sister Vivienne, her mother Yesica, her Aunt Natalie, and her good friend, Marielle, started a giving tree with the backpack needs of nearly 50 children in our housing programs.

A few weeks later at the beginning of the 2022 school year Mikaela passed away. Mikaela was just 11 years old. She lived most of her life in and out of hospitals because she had childhood cancer. So briefly did we know her yet how profoundly she affected us all. She left everyone she met with a sense of love and light. And it is her story we want to share with you today.

Just days after her death, her mother, sister, aunt, and friend delivered her backpack project to the Elizabeth Coalition. We were amazed at the love and care that went into creating each individual backpack. Mikaela willed her idea into being...she really made it happen!

What made Mikaela so special was her ability to transform her experiences of pain and illness into a project for others. Mikaela was asked what inclined her to helping others when she herself was going through so much. Mikaela answered, matter of fact-ly, "I might have cancer but I also have love, a home, and my family to support me. One thing does not have to do with the other."

Karen remembers Mikaela as someone who always showed up with love...to the studio...to her practice of yoga...to her friendships. "Every moment with Mikaela was a favorite one. I loved her little laugh and her sweet smile. Mikaela was a light in this world...and in my life."

Mikaela's mom, Yesica, recalls how knowing Mikaela made her a different person, "Mikaela was my first-born, she's the reason I became a



(above) Mikaela Santos

mother and then when her sister, Vivienne, was born we were complete. Knowing Mikaela makes me feel honored and proud to be her mother." Mikaela's precious spirit burns brightly in memory for those who loved her most but also for those lives she touched so briefly with her creativity, her giving, and her compassion.

The children who received a backpack wrote notes and drew pictures to thank Mikaela. Some notes make mention of an angel, which is how they choose to remember her and her supreme act of bravery in being a force for good in the world. To be so young and yet full of such a wise mind and kind heart, sharing her blessings with others, is a page from her remarkable story that we can all learn and grow from.

Thank you, Mikaela.

It is supporters like Mikaela that are so vital to our work. Donations and volunteers free us to offer premium case management to those who need it, allowing us to offer the care and focus on each client who comes through our door. Consistent, dedicated partnerships push our vision that one day, we will eliminate homelessness and equip each person with the support they need.

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MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES IN UC

Learn more about mental health resources available in Union County. Join us on February 28, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., featuring guest speaker Joyce Benz, LCSW of the Mental Health Association of New Jersey in a Zoom presentation. This is a unique opportunity to get up-to-date information on established resources and new programs, ask questions and share information with others looking to improve the quality of life for a loved one with a mental health diagnosis.

This presentation is hosted by NAMI of Union County and is open to the public. Register in advance for this Zoom meeting at namiunioncountynj.org.

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CHRISTOPHER R. "TOMMY" LANG

It is with profound sadness that I announce the passing of our dear friend, Christopher R. Lang, who left us on January 8th.

Visitors to Galloping Goose will remember Chris for his kindness, welcoming smile, and his quirky, good-natured humor. Rare was the occasion when he couldn't deliver a one-liner from his favorite movies, "Let It Ride" & "Caddyshack." He was rarely seen without his 12 string guitar. He played throughout high school and college (when he wasn't on the ice hockey rink or football field), then later with friends in his music group.

He graduated from Colgate University, earned his pilot's license and joined the Airforce where he flew missions from an aircraft carrier. When his military service was complete, he became a pilot for Eastern Airlines. Chris created a computer business in NY City, made wine and broiled filet mignon in his restaurant, Patricia Della. He enjoyed drawing and painting and the study of history, especially WWII South Pacific Theater. Chris was truly a Renaissance Man.

He will always hold a special place as my longtime companion. My heart is broken. Good night, sweet prince, may flights of angels sing thee to rest, my dear Christopher. — Diane Hale

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SHAKESPEARE'S COMEDY TWELFTH NIGHT COMING TO CDC THEATRE

"Better a witty fool, than a foolish wit.", "If music be the food of love, play on." and "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon 'em." are just a few of the familiar lines from William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night.

A talented cast is preparing to present one of the Bard's finest comedies at CDC Theatre in Cranford for seven shows running from February 10th to the 25th and is being directed by Susan Speidel. Ms., Speidel currently serves on the faculty of the Kean University Theatre Conservatory and is a lecturer for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Rutgers University. Holding a range of academic degrees, she has studied acting and directing at HB Studios in New York City and at the Globe Theater in London. She served for 20 years as Director of Education for the Tony-Award winning Paper Mill Playhouse and has directed more than 50 plays and musicals.

"A woman, disguised as a man, falls in love with her boss, only to be pursued by the woman her boss is determined to marry. Confused?", asked Ms. Speidel recently, "You're not alone, but Twelfth Night, Shakespeare's witty look at

gender confusion, invites us to put convention aside, stretch the boundaries of "acceptable" attraction, and that, in the end, love is love is love. The play is filled with relatable characters contending with mistaken identities, unrelenting desire, hilarious pranks, and unrequited love – not to mention cross-dressing, duels, and deception – all offered up with a generous dash of merriment!"

Twelfth Night combines love, confusion, mistaken identities and joyful discovery all while telling a story of fickle fortune, mourning, love and reunion. Set in the free-wheeling, mirror-ball world of the 1970s, the celebratory nature of Shakespeare's play is heightened with a series of Top-Ten hits that enhance the production and move the action forward with a disco beat. Shipwrecked twins, gender-bending romance and a bumper crop of fools, from the wise to the ridiculous, guarantee a full-blown evening's entertainment.

CDC Theatre is celebrating its 104th season in Cranford, NJ at 78 Winans Ave.

For best ticket selection and prices, visit cdctheatre.org for additional information.



SUVCW INDUCTS NEW MEMBER

The General Phil Kearny Camp #20 swore in its newest member on December 22 at the Abraham Clark house in Roselle, NJ. Senior Airman Nathan Sands was home on leave from the Air Force and was sworn in by Camp Secretary Clark McCullough.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) is a fraternal organization preserving the history of those that fought in the Civil War, including hereditary membership from a Civil War Veteran or associate membership. To learn more visit suvchw.org.

General Phil Kearny Camp #20 meets five times a year at 1 p.m. at the Abraham Clark Memorial House, located at 101 W 9th Ave, Roselle, NJ. 2023. Dates are March 18, May 6, September 9, October 28, and November 11.



(above) Camp Secretary Clark McCullough swears in Nathan Sands.

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