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ROTARY CLUBS JOINS FORCES TO HELP HOMELESS VETS

Dr. D. Michael Hart, a member of the Rotary Club of Westfield, spoke to the Rotary Club of Madison recently about a coalition of Rotary clubs which are helping homeless veterans living at Lyons VA Hospital.

It is estimated that 22 Veterans commit suicide every day. Many veterans are suffering from PTSD, alcoholism, or drug addiction, have no family, and are unable to hold a job, and some end up homeless.

Military veterans put their lives and health on the line to protect our freedom. Rotarians feel that it our responsibility to help them live a decent life, with respect, and to give them support and hope. More than that-- the goal is to clean them up, eliminate their addiction, offer counseling, polish up their resume, and help them become a productive member of society again.

Lyons VA Hospital in Bernard's Township, NJ accepts homeless veterans. Lyons gives them a bed and meals and some clothing, but not everything they need. The VA system offers counseling and career advice. The veterans stay at the hospital a few months, and once stable, they are moved to a more permanent facility, such as Valley Brook Village. Currently 44 homeless veterans are living at Lyons VA Hospital, and 120 veterans are living at Valley Brook Village. Both facilities were built by the Federal Veterans Administration. The Hospital is administered by the VA, and Valley Brook is administered by an independent private company.

The four Rotary Clubs cooperating in the program are: The Rotary Clubs of Hillsborough, Morristown, Somerset Hills, and Westfield. These four New Jersey Rotary Clubs together with General Needs, Inc. delivered needed winter clothing to 164 veterans living at Lyons VA Hospital and nearby Valley Brook Village on



(above, l-r) Assistant Governor Hal Moeller; Speaker and Past District Governor Dr. D. Michael Hart; Past President Jeannie Tsukamoto; Past District Governor Jim Allison.

Saturday, December 3, 2022. General Needs distributed boots and socks, the Rotary clubs provided additional funds to purchase winter coats, hats, gloves, and scarves. This coalition does a distribution almost every month.

General Needs is an organization dedicated to supporting veterans to help prevent suicides. The Rotary clubs raise funds to supplement the items being provided by General Needs, Inc.

The Rotary Club of Westfield meets the first three Tuesdays of each month for lunch at noon, at Limani Seafood Grill on North Ave. Guests are always welcome. For information check out the website westfieldrotary.com or contact club secretary Dr. D. Michael Hart by email at drmhart@yahoo.com

INTERESTED IN ROTARY?

The Madison Rotary has two in person weekly meetings on Thursdays 7:45-8:30 a.m. at the Madison Area YMCA and on Thursdays, 12:00-1:30 p.m. at Firehouse Pizza on Central Avenue, Madison. For more information visit madisonrotarynj.org.

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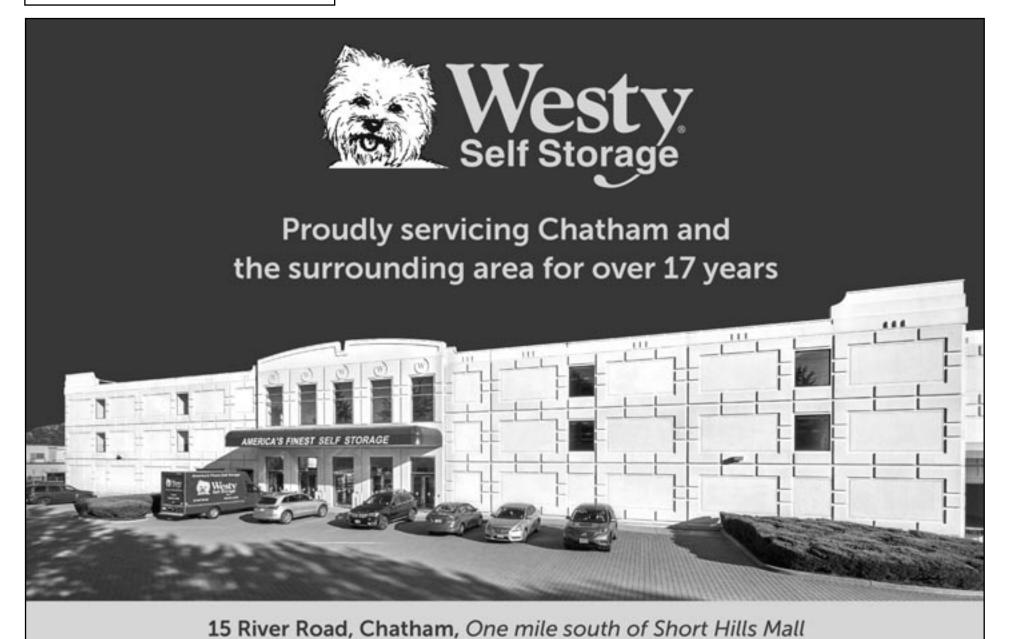
funds towards the purchase of an AED for Boy Scout Troop 25.

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The Thrift Shop is looking for Community minded volunteers to help staff the store. Anyone wanting further information or may be interested in becoming a volunteer is encouraged to drop by the shop or call 973-377-2450 during business hours above.





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AMBULANCE CORPS 2022 YEAR END REPORT

The year 2022 presented the Madison Volunteer Ambulance Corps with a number of significant challenges, not the least of which continues to be the critical need for additional members. Changes in the way the world works and the impact on several members' employment or education have hit us very hard. However, MVAC continues its longtime tradition of providing essential emergency medical services each and every day.

Here is the Madison Volunteer Ambulance Corps 2022 Report to the Community: In 2022 MVAC's crews responded to 1180 calls for assistance. Requests for help continued to run the gamut ranging from difficulty breathing, vehicle accidents, inebriation, narcotics or medication over dose, falls, abortion aftereffects, burns, lift assists, mental health crises, lacerations, heart attacks and more.

If you wish to learn more about becoming a MVAC member, please call 973-822-2229 or log onto to Facebook@madisonambulance or Instagram@madisonems. We need you as much as you may need us some day!

SUMMIT REPAIR CAFÉ – MARCH 25



Photo by SMS Productions/Craig Michell

2023 marks Summit Repair Cafe's fifth year of hosting repair events. Each event has diverted an average of 480 pounds of beloved but broken items from entering the landfill.

On March 25 your beloved but broken items have the opportunity to be repaired at Summit's Repair Cafe from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Christ Church, 561 Springfield Avenue. The last items accepted for repair will be at 2:30 p.m.

Repair services available at this event will include sewing/textiles, lamps, computers, clocks, woodworking, knife sharpening and bicycles. To allow all patrons to have the opportunity for repair, repairs are limited to 2 total items per person.

Replacement parts for lamps and clocks will be available for an at-cost fee. Please only bring items that you can carry into our event unaided. No appointment is necessary!

Summit Repair Cafe events are co-sponsored by the Summit Area Green Faith Circle and Repair Cafe Garden State. Visit repaircafegs.org for the full schedule of all upcoming Repair Cafe events in New Jersey.

Repair volunteers are needed for March 25 in Summit and future events. If you would like to help, please contact us via email: summit@repaircafegs.org.





COLLEEN HAS A RESTORED FAMILY HEIRLOOM - HER OWL

memories of a particular owl artwork that hung in her home as a child. With age, the frame and support backing had become weak and frail. Colleen couldn't display it any longer. She had a gut-wrenching decision to make about the fate of the owl artwork. But like fashion, home décor trends tend to go in and out of style. Things we may have considered outdated a few years ago have made their way back into the spotlight. Well, that was the case with Colleen's owl. It was back in vogue. So, she decided to have it repaired and brought it to SAGE Restoration Workshop.

The workshop volunteers were able to reconstruct the original frame and put a new backing on it. The owl is now sturdy again. Renewed with vigor for many more years of appreciation.

"Thank you to the team at the SAGE workshop," said Colleen. She added, "It was a pleasure to work with them and I am happy to support our seniors." Today the owl, representing wisdom and knowledge, hangs again in her home.

ABOUT RESTORATION WORKSHOP

Since 1961, the SAGE Eldercare Workshop has offered the public fine-quality furniture repair. The volunteers will consider repairing any piece of furniture that can be carried into the workshop. The Workshop has a reputation throughout Union County and beyond for its fine

artisans are all highly trained volunteers. Proceeds from the Workshop benefit SAGE programming. Prices are reasonable and depend upon the condition of the chair or furniture item and the materials required in the restoration process.

The Workshop started out over fifty years ago as a place for older men who no longer had access to a home workshop. Dozens of women have worked in the historically male enclave. Most volunteers are former professionals including investment bankers, college professors, physicians, and scientists. Over the years, they have taught each other caning, rushing and a myriad of other techniques needed to fix the aging furniture brought to them for restoration.

The Workshop is in the basement of the SAGE building at 290 Broad Street, Summit and is easily accessible. Shop hours are Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. For more information about the service or to schedule an appointment to bring in furniture, call 908-598-5531.

ABOUT SAGE ELDERCARE

For 68 years, SAGE's mission has been to help older adults remain living in their own homes. Their team provides referrals, caregiver support groups and free and confidential Medicare counseling. And as the unique challenges of older adults and caregivers evolve, educational

Colleen McKenna of Summit has fond reweaving of caned and rushed chairs. Our programming is available every step of the way to keep you informed of best practices. Learn more at www.sageeldercare.org. Follow us at @SAGEeldercare.



(above) Colleen McKenna of Summit with her family heirloom owl frame.

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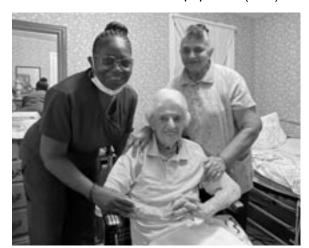
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(above) Peggy Oakes, long-time volunteer on the Friends of the Madison Library Board, will be honored at its Annual Benefit to be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Grace Episcopal Church, Madison.

Photo by M. Mullin

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

39 Keep St, Madison, NJ 07940 (973)377-0722 Mon - Wed: 10 AM-9 PM; Thur, Fri: 10 AM-6 PM; Sat: 10 AM-5 PM; Sun: 1 PM-5 PM

All lecture programs are online via Zoom. You will receive Zoom instructions and online meeting information in your registration confirmation email in addition to a reminder email prior to the date of the program. Please register at: madisonnilibrary.org

How To Send Your Kids to College Without Going Broke

Wednesday, March 8th @7pm Join Jodi Bloom, college funding expert and founder of Cornerstone College Solutions, as she helps families with children of any age figure out how to pay for college without jeopardizing retirement.

Owls of New Jersey

Tuesday, March 14th @ 7pm Join the Morris County Park Commission and discover the amazing adaptations of New Jersey's owls using feathers, taxidermy mounts, and other artifacts. Learn which species call NJ home and what makes them unique.

When Women Lost the Vote Tuesday, March 21st @ 7pm

Learn the little-known history of the nation's first women voters and examine the political conflicts that led to their voting rights being stripped away in 1807. This experience includes a virtual peek at the Museum's online exhibition. Thisevent is presented by the Museum of the American Revolution.

THE FRIENDS ANNUAL **BENEFIT HONORS PEGGY OAKES**

(The Friends), a nonprofit organization, will honor Madison resident Peggy Oakes, long-time volunteer on the Friends of the Madison Library Board, at its Annual Benefit to be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Grace Episcopal Church, Madison. Ms. Oakes is fondly remembered by many families for her years as Director of the Madison Cooperative Nursery School. Her leadership and dedication as a volunteer were also demonstrated in multiple local organizations where she has held numerous board positions.

During her many years as Library Director, Nancy Adamczyk remembers her "delight in working with Peggy, who joined the Board in 1996 and served in several Board positions during my tenure." She remembers Peggy being "so helpful in all aspects of the Friends' activities – setting up the Bottle Hill Day booth, planting the library courtyard flower pots, organizing volunteers to complete mailings and to assist at Touch a Truck events."

All are invited to attend the April 22nd Annual

The Friends of the Madison Public Library Benefit at Grace Church located at 4 Madison Avenue. Wine, beer, and a variety of delicious hors d'oeuvres catered by the Thursday Morning Club will be served.

> Invitations are being sent to library donors and are also available at the library's front desk. Reservations are \$75 per person. Checks should be made payable to Friends of the Madison Public Library and mailed to 39 Keep Street, Madison, NJ 07940, along with the RSVP card. Admission can also be purchased online at friendsmadisonnilibrary.org.

> Proceeds from this event are used to support many special library programs and events for children, teens, and adults and to expand streaming services and book and media collections. The Friends fund special programs, including the library's popular Museum Pass Program with a new digital format and sponsor the "Minicourses at Madison," a continuing adult education program.

> For more information about the 2023 Benefit or the Friends of the Madison Public Library, please visit friendsmadisonnilibrary.org.

AMERICAN LEGION CORNED BEEF DINNER MAR 12

The ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit show support for the volunteer and financial #43 have completed plans for their Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner held annually for close to 60 years.

The Auxiliary will serve a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner and Corned Beef Sandwiches on Sunday, March 12 from 1-5 p.m. at the Madison-Florham American Legion Post #43, 20 Ridgedale Avenue in Florham Park.

For a complete dinner including "home baked" Irish Soda Bread and dessert a donation of \$15 is suggested. Also available, will be a Corned Beef Sandwich at a suggested donation of \$10. Take out will be available as well.

Unit President Fran Derin of Florham Park invites all residents of the area to join Auxiliary members for dinner on Sunday, March 12 to

support they provide in the area to our veterans in need.

The annual fundraiser has also made it possible over the years to sponsor the following in our local communities: local high school girls to Girls State, an annual leadership development program; provide gifts and monetary assistance to the Valerie Fund that provides support and assistance to children with cancer; Family Promise providing help for the homeless in Morris County; Special Olympics and supporting college scholarships at various levels of the organization for children grandchildren of veterans.

The ladies of Unit #43 look forward to seeing many of their neighbors there.



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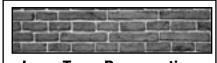
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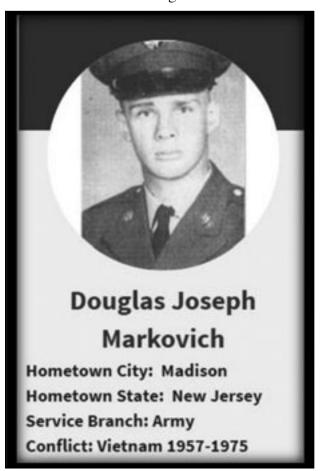


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TRIBUTE TO MORRIS COUNTY VIETNAM VETS

Historical Online Project Dedicated on National Vietnam War Veterans Day

"Welcome Home: Morris County's Vietnam Vets," an online collection of data, photographs and facts about the Morris County men and women who served in the Vietnam War, was launched through the official Morris County website on March 29, 2022 in honor of National Vietnam War Veterans Day. The day observes when the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam on March 29, 1973.

The project is a collection of names, service narratives, historical information and photographs compiled by the county Office of Planning and Preservation, and it remains a work-in-progress. It is a chapter in a series of online projects known as the Morris County Veterans Compendium, in which the Office of Planning and Preservation has documented the military service of Morris County residents throughout history.

"The Morris County Veterans Compendium was inspired by a WWII veteran in 2009, who expressed that history would forget veterans' service. In order to allay that concern, Morris County works to list veterans in all conflicts," said Jan Williams, a cultural and historic resources specialist with the county.

Prior to U.S. military involvement in Afghanistan, the Vietnam War was the longest conflict in American military history and became the focus of a social and political divide in the nation that never fully healed. Returning military service members were often left unheralded and mistreated, an experience the nation and veterans continue to reckon with to this day.

"In communicating with Vietnam veterans, I was surprised to learn from several that our American soldiers were busy 'winning hearts and minds' in Vietnam, long before we became aware of the phrase. They cared for orphans, villagers, and worked tirelessly to leave Vietnam a better place. Although the veterans mentioned a lingering bitterness about the way they were treated upon return, they choose to focus on the honorable service they rendered during Nam," said Williams.

The public is urged to continue reviewing the



downloadable Vietnam collection to offer updates, additions and particularly photographs that will enhance the experience of those, particularly veterans, who view the webpage. Veterans also are encouraged to add tributes to the buddies they lost. Visit: morriscountynj.gov/Morris-County-

News/Tribute-to-Vietnam-Veterans-Launched-by -Morris-County

Information may be forwarded to Jan Williams at jwilliams@co.morris.nj.us.

The Office of Planning and Preservation has reached out to the public in the past to build webpages memorializing Morris County residents who served in the nation's armed forces during other eras. An accounting of Civil War men of color affiliated with Morris County was initially launched in 2018, and the office continues to update its list of more than 3,000 residents who were part of The Greatest Generation – Morris County in WWII.

A page dedicated to veterans of the Spanish-American War and Philippine War was launched in 2021.

For the Vietnam page, a Vietnam veteran who was born in Morris County or has been a resident of the county for ten years is welcome to be recognized by submitting his or her information. The families of Vietnam vets who have passed on also may submit their information.

If a veteran has retired out of state, they qualify for listing, too.

The type of information needed for the project includes the names of the Vietnam veterans, their Morris County municipality, their service branch, battles or incidents participated in, and awards or citations issued. Of course, photographs are always appreciated.





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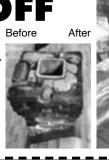
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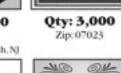




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Mark your calendars for Millburn-Short Hills' first ever "Restaurant Week." The event will take place from Monday, March 20 through Sunday, March 26, 2023 throughout our five commercial districts including the beautiful Downtown. Millburn and Short Hills boast over 40 restaurants in over 20 culinary categories and we encourage participants to enjoy unique features and prix fixe meals as well as custom wine pairings from local shops at BYOB restaurants and special baked goods and desserts from some of the best spots in Essex County.

Restaurant Week is organized and presented by Explore Millburn-Short Hills - the Special Improvement District for Millburn Township. Explore has partnered with Opportunity Project, a Millburn-based non-profit which provides programs and services for individuals with brain injuries, including work adjustment, training and supported employment services. Participating restaurants will raise money for the nonprofit and some will also offer Opportunity Project members (survivors of brain injury) opportunities to work in their establishments.

Leaders in the local restaurant community have committed to the event with additional restaurants signing up daily. Ehren Ryan, owner and chef at Common Lot, said, "I am honored to be participating in the first annual Restaurant Week. It's a great opportunity to showcase a growing restaurant scene in and around town. To find hidden gems that you might not know of or show support for your regular restaurant. We have such a fantastic variety of places." Moonshine Modern Supper Club, Millburn Standard, Basilico, Splurge Bakery, Saigon Cafe, Boxcar Bar & Grill, the Millburn Deli, Liv Breads and Unwined Boutique are just a sampling of the restaurants, bakeries and wine shops that are participating. Various meal options will be lunch, dinner, Saturday Family Brunch and Sunday Brunch. Menus will become available as they are completed. Vegetarian, vegan, kosher and gluten free options will be notated in each profile as well as whether the restaurant is BYOB.

March is Brain Injury Awareness month and it could not be more fitting than to partner with this organization which trains and reintroduces people back into the workforce after they have suffered a brain injury and are on the road to recovery. Opportunity Project has brought Bank of America Private Bank and Newark Beth Israel Medical Center as additional sponsors of Restaurant Week.

To learn more about Millburn-Short Hills Restaurant Week, visit exploremillburnshorthills.org/ about-restaurant-week/

Ouestions?

Email marketing@exploremillburnshorthill.org.

For updates follow Explore on Instagram and Facebook

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To learn more about Opportunity Project,

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www.opportunityproject.org

"Explore" is an independent 501c3 non-profit organization that serves as the Special Improvement District (SID) for the town. Established by the Township Committee in August 2020, the SID encompasses five distinct commercial areas and serves nearly 500 businesses.

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Amanda Dean

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