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MENS' CLUB HOLDS RECORD SETTING BOXING FUNDRAISER

After a 3-year hiatus due to COVID, the College Men's Club of Westfield (CMC) held a record-setting "Friday Night at the Fights" fundraiser to benefit the CMC Scholarship Fund. On Friday, February 10th, a sold-out crowd of more than 260 attendees assembled at the Kenilworth Veterans Center to watch 11 amateur bouts refereed by officials of the NJ Association of USA Boxing. The evening generated gross proceeds of more than \$63,000 for the club's scholarship fund from ticket sales, a 50/50 raffle, a live auction, and sponsorships by two local businesses. These results vastly exceeded all previous years' totals.

CMC President Dave Germond noted that, "the CMC is thrilled to see return of this long-standing fan favorite event, which has traditionally been a critical element of our annual fundraising". Germond further highlighted that "the CMC is extremely grateful to our Platinum Sponsor, Ray Catena Mercedes Benz of Union and our Gold Sponsor, Rumble Boxing of Westfield for their generous support."

Also in attendance was Gerry Cooney, professional boxing legend, multiple-time Heavyweight contender, and Fanwood resident who donated for auction a boxing glove autographed by himself and former world Heavyweight champion Larry Holmes. The signed glove raised \$2,300 during the live auction. The CMC also announced it will be donating to New Jersey Give a Kid a Dream, an organization led by NJ Boxing Hall of Famer, Jackie Atkins which provides school support, counseling and nutrition for kids in economically challenged communities "We are thrilled to expand our partnership with Jackie Atkins. We have been working together for almost 15 years and our collaboration is a force for good across the community" remarked Shawn Hanna, CMC Boxing Chair and past President.

Some highlights from the 11 bouts held that evening include in the 114-lb weight class, ranked #2 nationally Jessica Herrera of True Warriors Boxing prevailed over challenger Yasmin Lopez in a three-round decision. Later in the evening, Jean-Pierre Valencia brought the crowd to its feet with a fusillade of body blows to score a riveting decision over former Golden Gloves champion Abedallah Eliawiah in the 165-lb weight class. "Our Boxing Night is always highly anticipated among our donors, we are thrilled to simultaneously support our scholarship fund and also provide a platform for these young boxers to showcase their skill and hard work, and take their boxing careers to the next-level." Germond continued.

The College Men's Club of Westfield was founded in 1922



(above) Shawn Hanna, CMC Boxing Chair, boxing glove auction winner, and boxing legend Gerry Cooney

and over the past century has helped hundreds of Westfield young men by providing college tuition assistance and funding standardized test preparatory courses. Since its founding, the CMC has raised and distributed over \$1.3 million in higher education assistance to young men of the Westfield community. In 2022 the CMC awarded \$61,500 in four-year scholarships and one time grants to Westfield High School graduating seniors.

Scholarship applications are currently available online at the CMC's website and are evaluated by a committee of CMC Trustees in late Spring. This year's application deadline is May 15th. Funds for scholarships come from fund raising events like the annual Boxing Night, donations, membership dues, endowment investment income, and legacy bequests.

To learn more about the College Men's Club of Westfield, please go to cmcwestfield.org.

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For more information on the Miller Cory House Museum/Westfield Historical Society and their events, visit millercoryhouse.com or westfieldhistoricalsociety.org and, like us on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram.



(above) Learn about Life in Lenapehoking: A Peek into Lenape Life Before the Arrival of the Colonists, March 5, 2023 from 2-4 p.m. at the Miller-Cory House Museum.

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RED RIBBON WEEK PALOOZA CONTEST

Over 150 students from Westfield submitted posters, poetry, and PSAs for this year's annual Red Ribbon Week Palooza contest. Jefferson 4th grader Sydney Lupkin, and Westfield High School 12th grader Cole Epstein, were among the finalists.

Organized by the WHS Dream Team and

Westfield Municipal Alliance, with the support of the Albert Anthony Kayal Foundation and the Matthew Thomas Toriello Memorial Fund, the annual contest is open to all students in Westfield. They were asked to submit an entry depicting the theme: "Westfield, We Have Better Things to Do: Healthy Choices, Everyday Choices."

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(above) Student contestants with Club Advisor, Ms. Hauser, and sponsors from the Kayal Foundation and Toriello families.

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Westfield Public Schools

In recognition of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, students in the Westfield Public School District participated in a series of impactful classroom and schoolwide experiences that provided meaningful context to the school district's Holocaust and Genocide curriculum.

During a visit via a remote live feed to 7th grade social studies classes at Edison Intermediate School on January 30, Holocaust survivor Eva Safier Wiener - who was 10 months old when she and her parents escaped Nazi Germany - recounted her family's harrowing journey.

The Safiers were among 900 Jewish passengers to board the M.S. St. Louis, a German transatlantic liner docked in Hamburg and bound for Cuba in May 1939. Denied permission to dock in Cuba, the United States, and Canada, the ship's captain vowed not to return his Jewish passengers to Germany, instead finding four countries - Holland, Belgium, France, and England - who were willing to divide up the passenger manifest and welcome the asylum seekers. Despite having relatives in the Netherlands, Wiener said her father chose to put his family on the list for England "to get as far away from Adolf Hitler as possible." The family eventually settled in the United States after World War II.

Many of the passengers who went to the other three countries, Wiener said, were eventually sent to concentration camps as the Nazis continued to invade their neighbors.

"When you see someone in the next 24-hours, I want each of you to repeat the story you hear



(above) Students at Edison Intermediate School received a virtual visit from Holocaust survivor Eva Wiener, who shared the harrowing story of her family's escape from Nazi Germany in 1939.

Photo by Westfield Public Schools

today," Wiener told the 7th graders, whose virtual visit was arranged in coordination with the Holocaust Council of Greater MetroWest New Jersey. "You will become the voice of the survivors."

As part of a Historical Fiction unit, 5th graders read "Number the Stars" by Lois Lowry, a historical fiction novel that follows a friendship between a Jewish girl and a Christian girl in Copenhagen and their journey to freedom during World War II.

Eighth grade students experienced a two-week interdisciplinary unit titled "The Holocaust: What Hate Can Do." The unit was held simultaneously in language arts and social studies classes.

"The theme 'why we remember' was common across all of these experiences," says K-12 Supervisor of Social Studies Andrea Brennan. "Reading novels, listening to survivor stories, and experiencing dramatic performances helped

students learn and understand the varied experiences people had during the Holocaust."

At Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate Schools, students in each grade level also attended a special assembly from the Seattle, Washington-based company "Living Voices," which combines live performances, archival film and sound, and discussion. Through the accomplished storytelling of a solo performer, the students listened to "Through the Eyes of a Friend" which is told from the viewpoint of a fictional "best friend" of Anne Frank.

Superintendent Dr. Raymond González thanked Mrs. Wiener and all who shared these special learning experiences with the students.

"The opportunity to provide real-life context to our Holocaust curriculum is invaluable," says González. "We hope our students come away from these lessons with a renewed determination to always speak out against hate."

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DEIRDRE GELINNE ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Westfield United Fund

The Westfield United Fund recently announced that Executive Director Deirdre Gelinne plans to retire from the community nonprofit organization in July after more than a decade of distinguished leadership and dedicated service.

Gelinne was appointed Executive Director in February 2012 succeeding Linda Maggio who led the organization for 38 years. Gelinne moved to Westfield in 1993 to raise her family along with husband Dave following a career in banking. She was recruited by former Board Trustee Wendy Cozzi as a volunteer for the annual WUF

donor telethon and later applied for the open Executive Director position. Under Gelinne’s leadership over the last decade, the Fund has succeeded in raising more than \$6 million including proceeds raised to date in the 2022-2023 campaign.

“These past 11 years have been truly rewarding for me and I am grateful to the many residents of Westfield for their generosity in supporting our work year after year,” said Gelinne. “We continue to adapt to the changing needs of our community through our support of longstanding agency partners like the Westfield Y along with newer agencies like Imagine and Moms Helping Moms.”

Gelinne has a distinguished record of volunteer service in the community with a broad range of organizations including Friends of Mindowaskin Park, the College Women’s Club of Westfield, the pedestrian safety group BRAKES. She also served on the PTO Boards of both Wilson Elementary and Roosevelt Middle School.

Currently, Gelinne is serving in her fifth year as Co-Chair of Lifelong Westfield, a group working to improve the lives of seniors in the community.

“Deirdre has served as the face of the Westfield United Fund to our community for more than a decade and we are indebted to her for the time, energy and unwavering commitment she has dedicated to leading our organization,” said Paul Fitzhenry, President of the Board of Trustees.

The Fund has formed a search committee to consider candidates to succeed Gelinne as Executive Director. A position description will be posted for people interested in learning more about the role. For more information, contact Gelinne at dgelinne@westfieldunitedfund.org

The Westfield United Fund is an independent, grassroots organization that has played a vital role in strengthening the local community for more than 80 years by directly funding agencies that provide essential services to the most vulnerable members of our community.



(above) Executive Director Deirdre Gelinne plans to retire from The Westfield United Fund in July after more than a decade of distinguished leadership and dedicated service.

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STUDENT MUSICIANS PERFORM WITH ALL-STATE BAND

Westfield Public Schools

All four of the Westfield High School student musicians who qualified for Region Band in January also were awarded spots in All-State Band. They are:

- Nolan Daly, 11th grade, Trumpet, All-State Symphonic Band
- Charlie Hu, 11th grade, Oboe, All-State Wind Ensemble
- Liliana Lincoln, 9th grade, Bb Clarinet, All-State Symphonic Band
- Sarah Lincoln, 11th grade, Contrabass Clarinet, All-State Wind Ensemble

“Recently, the State made available digital copies of the All-State programs back to the first year it was held in 1937,” says Band Director Christopher Vitale who, with Co-Band Director

Trevor Sindorf, did some tallying out of curiosity. “We discovered that these 4 students are the 86th, 87th, 88th, and 89th students in WHS history to make the New Jersey All-State Band, which

highlights how difficult it is to get to that point.” The four student musicians performed at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark on Sunday, February 26.



(above, l-r) Westfield High School student musicians Charlie Hu, Nolan Daly, Sarah Lincoln, and Liliana Lincoln performed with the New Jersey All-State Band in February.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 15

College Woman's Club of Westfield
 The College Woman's Club of Westfield annually awards up to \$10,000 in individual scholarships to young women from Westfield on the basis of academics, leadership and financial need. The 2023 scholarship application is currently available at cwclubwestfield.org and through the Westfield High School guidance department.

This year will mark the 98th year that the College Woman's Club has awarded grants and scholarships at its annual meeting in May. Any young woman from Westfield who is pursuing higher education at an accredited 4-year institution is eligible. Westfield students attending private, parochial or county schools are also invited to apply. To be considered, applications and supporting materials must be

received in the WHS Guidance Department by Wednesday, March 15.

In the words of one recent recipient: "Thank you so very much, on behalf of myself and my mother, as you are helping us both. I am truly honored to be recognized by women I admire and strive to be like – strong, smart, caring and working to make a difference in this community and beyond."

Founded in 1917, the College Woman's Club is a multigenerational community organization dedicated to lifelong learning and supporting higher education for women. Membership is open to all area women with a college degree and a desire to help future generations attain that goal. For additional information on scholarship or membership, please visit cwclubwestfield.org or contact cwc.westfield@gmail.com.

FOOD GIFT CARDS DONATED TO MOBILE MEALS OF WESTFIELD

"Thank you on behalf of our Mobile Meals clients," said Josephine Walsh, Operations Manager of Mobile Meals of Westfield, in accepting food gift cards from Optimist Club and Rotary Club both of Westfield. Mobile Meals of Westfield is a non-profit organization that provides prepared meals for those individuals unable to provide meals for themselves. Mobile Meals serves the communities of Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains, and Westfield.

The Optimist Club of Westfield food distribution program has been an annual community service project for the past 32 years. This project is made possible through the generosity and funding from the Optimist and Rotary clubs and contributions from members, friends, and local organizations. The food gift cards were presented by Darielle Walsh and Tony LaPorta, Presidents of Optimist and Rotary Clubs respectively.

For more information on volunteer

opportunities and food services or for those wishing to donate, visit the Mobile Meals website at mobilemealsofwestfield.org or call 908-233-6146.



(above, l-r) Pictured are Tony LaPorta, Rotary Club President; Josephine Walsh, Mobile Meals Operations Manager; and Darielle Walsh, Optimist Club

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If Knee Surgery Sounds Scary, It Should

Have you have been told you are facing knee replacement surgery? Have you been told about all the downsides you could be facing? First and foremost, there are NO guarantees that knee replacement surgery will be the answer to your pain, but let's look further:

- Surgery is costly, regardless of the percentage of services covered by insurance.
- Surgery requires lost time from work and typically requires a regimen of rehabilitation and medications.
- With surgery, there is always a risk for unwelcomed complications. And you could be back to where you started, or worse.
- Medications will be required for relief from surgery and you have been down that road before. Addictions to these pain medications can cause potential side effects, something you do not want to experience.
- Rehabilitation can take years.

Consider This Alternative To Surgery

Northeast Spine & Wellness Center offers you a real opportunity and a painless way to say goodbye to your knee pain without any surgery. Here are just a few of the important benefits you should consider?

- Diagnostic fluoroscopy accurately targets the pain, unlike blind injections.
- Guided fluoroscopic injections are virtually pain free, unlike blind injections.
- No lost time from work or family.
- No expensive or time consuming rehabilitation.
- No potentially addictive prescription medications.
- Recovery time is almost instant, not months or years.

How Does This New Treatment Work?

Relief begins almost as fast as it takes to pronounce the treatment. It's called Viscosupplementation Therapy. To begin with, it starts with **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** investing in the use of diagnostic fluoroscopy. This enables them to target the exact location of your knee pain with pinpoint accuracy. What follows is a simple injection that causes little to no pain, especially when compared to what you may be living with daily. That explains what you will see on the surface of this revolutionary treatment. What's taking place below the surface is how and where the natural healing process takes place. The injection of a Hyaluronic acid called Hyalgan. This gel-like substance was approved by the FDA in 1996. Hyalgan is a natural substance that mimics the synovial fluid that is already produced by your body in your joints. Osteoarthritis sufferers in particular see a reduction in this much needed synovial fluid in their knee joints. Without that cushioning layer of protection, the cartilage in your knee can begin to wear away leading to the rubbing of bone on bone. Through Viscosupplementation Therapy, this natural substance immediately goes to work reducing the swelling and inflammation in the joint and adding a coating layer of protection. Think about Dorothy taking the oil can to The Tin Man. You'll begin to feel that same kind of relief and quite possibly feel like you're ready for a dance down the yellow brick road to recovery yourself. And with a success rate of over 85% in alleviating pain associated with osteoarthritis, it's easy to see why this treatment is so readily covered by Medicare and by most major insurance providers. Diagnostic fluoroscopy to target the pain, Viscosupplementation Therapy to relieve the pain. Simple, fast and no surgery!

Do you Suffer from any of these Symptoms?

There are a number of reasons why you developed Osteoarthritis pain. It can develop with age or because of heredity. It could be from repetitive stress from a job or some glory days in athletics. Of course your concern is with the symptoms you face daily and how to make them end, hopefully without surgery or the use of potentially addictive medications. **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** understands the symptoms you have been living with and can help. If you have any of the symptoms below, please call us today. Relief is a phone call away.

- **Pain** - Whether it's a sharp aching or maybe a burning sensation, the pain can range from irritating to debilitating.
- **Swelling** - This can cause tenderness and soreness to the entire knee area, making walking or going up and down stairs painful, getting in and out of bed or bathtubs difficult and dangerous just name a few activities affected by swelling.
- **Stiffness** - Getting up out of bed or after sitting for a period of time gets more and more difficult. This loss of mobility can be more than a hindrance. It can be dangerous if you need to move quickly.
- **Loss of muscle strength** - This can lead to balance issues and the strong possibility of falling.
- **Joint deformity** - Not just unsightly, but painful as well.
- **Creaking Joints** - Can be painful and a sign of more discomfort to come.
- **Sleepless nights** - Losing sleep over your suffering is not just irritating, but potentially dangerous because of so many other health concerns that can be affected by loss of sound sleep.

Let Me Show You Targeted Relief From Your Knee Pain

Every day, I see patients suffering from knee pain due to arthritis, osteoarthritis, sports injuries or other conditions. Many have been told that they are in need of knee replacement surgery. Other patients say they have been prescribed various prescription medications to deal with the pain.

Something else I see almost every day, are patients that have tried viscosupplementation knee injections elsewhere and found it to be a painful and ineffective experience because the injections were not administered using fluoroscopic guidance. Instead of using the incredibly accurate diagnostic fluoroscopy we use at **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** these patients experienced a blind injection technique, which can be as inaccurate as playing pin the tail on the donkey.

Once I am able to explain to my patients about the pin point accuracy of using diagnostic fluoroscopy and the amazing results viscosupplementation can provide, they are thrilled to get started. They are even more thrilled when they feel the relief. Please contact **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** today to schedule your RISK FREE consultation.

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SPRING EVENTS

Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library

Come out and enjoy all the events and programs sponsored by the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library this Spring. March starts off with something new, a Puzzle Sale. Donate your jigsaw puzzles for all ages on March 3rd, 4th & 5th. Shop for puzzles at great prices on March 8th and 9th. It's the perfect way to liven up your family game night. On Saturday mornings, young children continue the fun with Anthony Salazar the Magician on March 11 and Mad Science Fire and Ice on March 19. Arriving early is recommended as there are limited spots for these free programs.

"Tell Me Everything" Book Discussion

March 15, 2:00 p.m.

On March 15 the Friends will sponsor a variety of programs. For those that enjoy an insightful weekday book discussion, we welcome you to attend 'Tell Me Everything' by Erika Kraus.

This talk starts at 2:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room. In the late afternoon, opera fans will take a trip to the New York Metropolitan Opera to see a performance of La Traviata (Verdi).

This is the 5th opera the group has seen this season. Tickets are available for this show and

the two remaining operas of the season by contacting Ulf Dolling at uhdoll@aol.com. In the evening, the 14th Annual Hale Speaker

Series will kick off with a talk by Allen McGinley, the Director of the Westfield Memorial Library, titled "Re-Inventing our Library for the 21st Century." Come learn about Allen's vision for moving beyond the traditional stereotypes of public libraries' services and facilities. This event is open to the public and pre-registration for this free talk is required.

Register online at wmlnj.org or call 908-789-4090 ext. 0.

Annual Spring Book Sale

April 26th to 29th

In April, the 48th Annual Spring Book sale will be held at the library. It's a great time to update and refresh your book collection at great prices.

Many volunteers are welcome to help at the sale with a variety of hours and jobs to fill there is something for everyone who wants to help out.

All proceeds from the sale go directly towards funding Friends sponsored programs at the library.

For information on all of the Friends programs or to become a member, please visit our website at fwmlnj.org, like us on Facebook at Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library and follow us on Instagram at [friendswmlibrarynj](https://www.instagram.com/friendswmlibrarynj).

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Summer Camps

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39TH ANNUAL QUILT SHOW - MARCH 25

Harvest Quilters of Central NJ will present their 39th annual quilt show on Saturday, March 25, 2023. Sharing the Quilts XXXIX will be held at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains NJ from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adult admission is \$8 and \$3 for children under twelve.

As always, giving back will be at the heart of the show, with local charities benefiting from the sale of fabric and drawings for a quilt and fabric basket. A special display will feature several of the over 300 colorful pillowcases and lap quilts made by members and donated to a children's hospital under the umbrella of Ryan's Case for Smiles.

At 11 a.m., nationally recognized quilt book author Karen Gloeggler of Rahway will speak on "The Secrets to Preventing Unfinished Projects." The award-winning quilter is the author of "Jane Austen's Quilts Inspired by Her Novels" (available for purchase at the show) and "Crazy, Luscious Quilting" due out by the end of the year.

Diane Fleming of Westfield will be honored as 2023 featured quilter. Known for creating one-

of-a-kind king-sized works of her own design, Fleming's 13-year journey as a quilter will be explored through 20 spectacular themed quilts. "My interests in art history and watercolor painting influence my fabric and design choices," said the avid gardener and mother of three grown sons, who will also display examples of her painting and needlework.

Linda Blauvelt, artist-in-residence, will exhibit original oil paintings. A quilter for many years, she has branched out into this second art form, recently displaying her work at the Westfield Public Library.

A memorial tribute will be on display for Peg Foy, coverlet expert and prolific miniature quilter. Late Harvest Quilters founder Ann Eelman will also be remembered.

In addition to viewing a full array of modern, traditional bed-sized, art and wall hanging quilts, attendees can participate in viewer's choice awards, kid's scavenger hunt, vendor area and a tearoom for snacks or lunch.

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The Miller Cory House Museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, NJ. Call the museum at 908-232-1776 or email millercoreymuseum@gmail.com for more information.

Since 1968, the 501(c)(3) non-profit Miller Cory House Museum/Westfield Historical Society has worked to preserve, interpret and encourage interest in history, Westfield, and its residents through educational efforts and community outreach programs.

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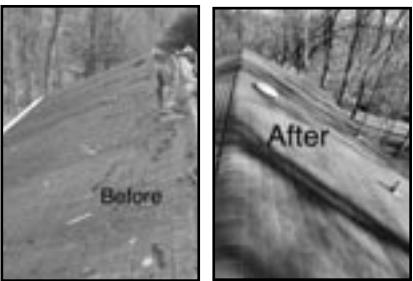


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LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

Westfield Memorial Library

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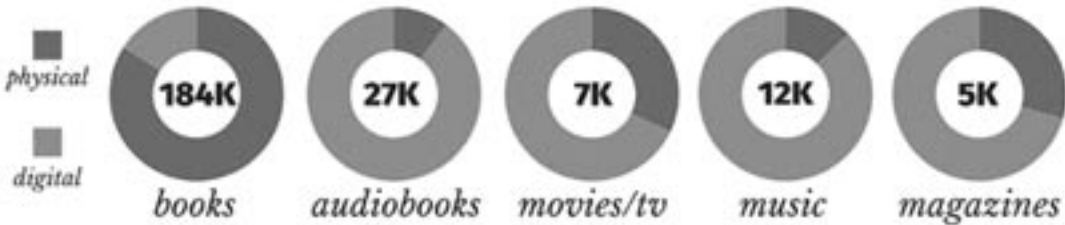
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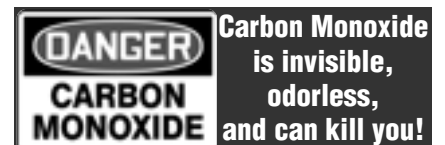
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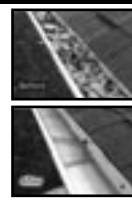
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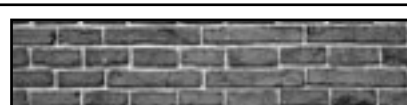
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appreciation of the town's rich historic and architectural heritage. Schools, houses of worship, commercial buildings and residences were among the many properties that families could choose to build using over 100,000 LEGO bricks provided by architect Stephen Schwartz of Building Blocks Workshop. At the conclusion, the models were placed on a giant floor map of the town.



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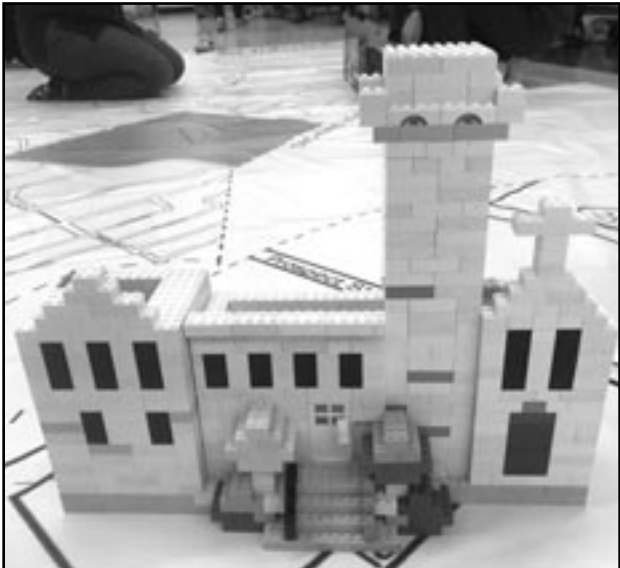
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TAMAQUES ELEMENTARY HOSTS FIRST ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

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It was a feast for the senses as students and their families celebrated the 1st Annual Multicultural Festival at Tamaques Elementary School.

“To Egypt we go,” said one student to another as they strolled through the colorful and aromatic display set up in the school’s multipurpose room. With 16 countries represented, there was much to learn about different cultures and traditions.

“The best part of the evening was not only witnessing how many different cultures exist in our community, but also the enthusiasm and effort demonstrated by all of the hosts,” says PTO co-president Gillian Kost who organized the well-attended event with fellow co-president Sarah Giannantonio and a team of parent volunteers. “The pride brimming from each table was palpable and created an energy in our gym that I have never experienced at Tamaques.”

Kost says the event prompted many students whose families did not host a table “to inquire about their own cultures and heritages while learning about others in an immersive, colorful, and delicious way.”

“It was a learning experience for many of the adults, too,” Kost adds. “We brushed up on our geography and gained some historical knowledge along the way from various host families.”

The organizers estimate that about 75-100 families braved the rainy weekday evening to attend the festival, which included a “passport” for students to collect passport stamps for each country they visited.

“We suggested participants include educational information, such as a trifold that would display fun facts, including landmarks, cultural motifs, flags, and native language,” says Giannantonio who adds that country hosts also were invited to include interactive components such as crafts, games, food, and music. “We encouraged participants to be creative and have fun and they really went above and beyond to provide a full sensory experience of culture.”

“I am very proud of our Tamaques community,” says principal David Duelks who thanked the country hosts and PTO for their hard work, creativity, and enthusiasm. “The turnout was amazing and it was wonderful to see everyone happy and genuinely appreciating one another.”

Countries represented at the Tamaques Multicultural Festival were Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Ecuador, Egypt, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Macedonia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, South Korea, and Ukraine.

“I love the food,” said one 5th grader while chewing, when asked what he liked best about the festival.

Another 5th grader expressed appreciation for the many countries represented. “It’s important to get to know different cultures,” he noted.

Washington Elementary School and the PTO held their first Multicultural Festival last year, with discussions taking place at all of the elementary schools about implementing this tradition going forward.



(above) Students and their families celebrated the 1st Annual Multicultural Festival at Tamaques Elementary School, with 16 countries represented at the colorful and aromatic cultural event.

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Mobile Meals of Westfield is a non-profit organization which provides prepared meals for those individuals unable to provide meals for themselves. Mobile Meals serves the communities of Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield.

For more information on meal deliveries volunteer opportunities, food services or those wishing to donate can visit the Mobile Meals website at mobilemealsofwestfield.org or call 908-233-6146.

Rake & Hoe Garden Club is a non-profit organization that promotes gardening, floral design and community service. For more information, visit rakeandhoe.org.



(above, l-r) Front Row: Jeanie Pelikan, Betty Clark, Joyce Mullen, Lena Pietsinovski, Kay Cross, Jane Christiani and Betty Gulino. Back Row: Richard Pelikan, Donna Sevchuk, Regina Kelly, Sharon Siraga and Sue Feldman.

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On February 7, twelve members of the Community Projects Committee of Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield met at the First Baptist Church of Westfield where Mobile Meals originates and made 55 small floral arrangements to accompany the meals delivered that day.

The club supplies the flowers and prepares the arrangements in laundry detergent caps. These cheerful multicolored floral arrangements were decorated with red and pink paper hearts. The club preforms this service in Spring, Fall and Winter and is much appreciated by the clients who look forward to receiving these colorful arrangements. One recipient wrote that the flowers made her smile and forget about the rough day she was having.

Club members also made 5 spectacular floral arrangements designed by Kay Cross. These

center pieces were delivered to Complete Care, Westfield and placed at the nurses' stations for all to enjoy. The event was coordinated by Kris Luka and Sharon Shiraga.

The next day the Rake & Hoe Juniors attended their regular monthly meeting and made 25 Valentine Day floral arrangements for the residents of the Adroit Care Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Rahway NJ.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club is affiliated with the Garden Club of New Jersey and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. The club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 12:00 pm at the Scotch Hills Country Club. Membership is open to residents of Westfield and surrounding towns. For more information, call Sharon Shiraga (908) 228 2865 or visit the club's website, (rakeandhoe.org) or Facebook page.

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(above, l-r) Juniors Holding Floral Arrangements - Back row: Arabella Morabito, Anna Athungal; Front row: Cassidy Johnston, Peyton Johnston, Emma Blazousky, Grace Yu.

SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

The First Congregational Church of Westfield Board of Outreach Ministries is currently seeking nominations for the annual Marc Wesley Hardy Human Rights Award for 2023. Candidates for this scholarship must be young adults between the ages of 16-22, living in Westfield or the greater Union County area, who have distinguished themselves in the area of human rights. The selected individual will have demonstrated the following:

openness and friendliness to persons of all races, creeds and nationalities; involvement and leadership in organizations and activities committed to improving human relations; extraordinary personal dignity;

the willingness to risk for what he or she believes is right; absolute acceptance of others; respect for diversity;

great personal integrity; deep caring and willingness to listen; the strength and ability to lead by example.

The award is named in honor of Marc Wesley Hardy, a talented and promising student and a member of First Congregational Church of Westfield, who was tragically killed in a car accident in 1990 shortly before his graduation from Westfield High School. Marc was a national merit scholar, a gifted singer and actor, and was exceptionally active in the preservation of human rights. Because of his dedication and commitment to social justice, this award was established in his memory.

Nominees for the award may be either self-nominated or nominated by a teacher, school official, or another individual not in the

nominee's immediate family, who is familiar with the nominee's background and qualities that exemplify Marc Hardy's commitment to human rights. To nominate an individual for the Award, original documents of the following must be submitted:

For full information, please visit: fccofwestfield.org/marc-hardy-human-rights-award. The deadline for submitting nominations is April 21, 2023. The award will be presented later this spring.



(above) Marc Wesley Hardy

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CMC OF WESTFIELD SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

Submitted by Barry H. Jaruzelski

The College Men's Club of Westfield (CMC) held its annual holiday reception at Echo Lake Country Club to honor its current four-year scholarship recipients on December 22nd. Also in attendance were the scholar's families, members of the CMC, and the CMC Board of Trustees.

During this final event of the CMC's 100th anniversary year, all the scholarship winners from WHS classes of 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 were introduced by Ryan Clark, CMC Scholarship Committee Chair and presented with their Spring Semester scholarship checks. Each of the students in attendance shared updates on their academic and career progress with the group. Dave Germond, CMC President, stated that "the holiday reception is the capstone of each year for the CMC as we get to learn about our 12 scholars' latest achievements."

The College Men's Club of Westfield was

founded in 1922 and over the past century has helped hundreds of Westfield young men by providing college tuition assistance and funding standardized test preparatory courses. Since its founding, the CMC has raised and distributed over \$1.2 million in higher education assistance to young men of the Westfield community. In 2022 the CMC awarded a total of \$61,500 in four-year scholarships and one-time grants.

Scholarship applications are available through local high school guidance departments in February of each year and are evaluated by a committee of CMC Trustees each Spring. Funds for scholarships come from fund raising events, donations, membership dues, endowment investment income, and legacy bequests. The CMC's next event is the return of the annual Boxing Night at 6:30 pm on February 10th to be held at the Kenilworth Veteran's Center.

To learn more about the College Men's Club of Westfield, please go to cmcwestfield.org.



(above) College Men's Club of Westfield held its annual holiday reception at Echo Lake Country Club. Front row, from left to right: CMC Scholarship Chair Ryan Clark, Zack Fischer, Jack Gerris, and CMC President Dave Germond. In the back row, from left to right: Sean Marner, Matt Meixner, Andrew Principato, Emmett Smith, Pierce Kelly, and Kevin Warren

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