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ROTARY CLUB DELIVERS DICTIONARIES TO STUDENTS

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club celebrates "Dictionary Day" annually by visiting the local elementary schools and distributing free dictionaries to every third grader. Rotarians enjoyed interacting with the students and talked about how to use the dictionary and other useful information in the dictionary such as the states, presidents, and the longest word. Students participated by looking up words and discussing their meanings, spelling, and pronunciation. In an age of technology, it was wonderful to

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club celebrates see the smiles and enthusiasm of the students when they Dictionary Day" annually by visiting the local elementary received the dictionary!

The students also learned about Rotary and the work they do both locally and internationally. If you'd like to learn more about the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary club, go to fsprotary.org or visit their Facebook page: Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club. The club meets on Wednesdays at noon at the Stage House Restaurant. On the last Wednesday of the month, the club meets at Darby Road at 6:30 p.m.



(above) 3rd Graders at Evergreen School were excited to receive their dictionaries!

Courtesy photo

WELLNESS RESOURCE FAIR - MAY 20

As part of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign, the public is invited to a free program, known as Project BrOKen, that features dance, art and a resource fair to benefit individuals impacted by mental illness, addiction and disabilities.

The event begins on May 20 at 11 a.m. with a Resource Fair and Expressive Art Exhibit. At noon, there will be a dance performance depicting mental health, addiction, and disabilities. The event will be held at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, 667 Westfield Road. It is being run in partnership with iDance Ministry, led by Maria Daniel.

The two-hour event is free but registration is highly recommended via: eventbrite.com

"I would like to express my deepest appreciation to iDance Ministry, and, specifically, Maria Daniel, for all her hard work in putting together what will be a tremendous program," said Mayor Josh Losardo. "Please join me at this special event, which is a key component of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign for this spring."

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Relay For Life of Scotch Plains will be on THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GET INVOLVED. May 12th from 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. at Scotch Plains-Fanwood Highschool.

Relay For Life is a volunteer-led experience that unites communities across the world to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer, and raise funds to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families through advocacy, research, and patient support, to ensure everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer.

The Relay for Life of Scotch Plains raised more than \$50,000 for the American Cancer Society's mission in 2022. We are aiming to raise the same if not more this year!

Since 1985, Relay For Life has raised \$6.8 billion, allowing the American Cancer Society to invest \$3.1 billion in cancer research, contributing to 3.5 million fewer cancer deaths. Dollars raised each year by over 250,000 Relay participants across the country help support the American Cancer Society's mission in countless ways – providing education and advocating for the needs of cancer patients and their families and providing essential services throughout their cancer journey.





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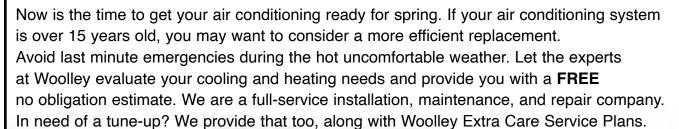
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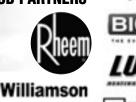
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GALINA MULLER APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SAGE ELDERCARE

The Board of Trustees at SAGE Eldercare, Summit-based nonprofit provider of programs and services to the elderly, their families, and caregivers, has appointed Galina Muller, most recently Director of Finance & Administration, as Executive Director, effective February 9,

Since 1954, SAGE Eldercare has provided a wide array of information, support, and services designed to help individuals lead the most independent and active lives possible. From helping with errands, to exercise classes, community programs, care planning, meals delivery, adult medical daycare and home health care, SAGE's mission is to help older adults remain independent in their own homes.

Muller joined SAGE in 2007 as Finance Director, to supervise all accounting activities and maintain financial records. During the pandemic, Muller was promoted to Director of Finance and Administration, interim for the vacant Executive Director position, and took on addressing organizational effectiveness. She restructured SAGE's business model by identifying best practices, consolidating its two clinical care programs, HomeCare and Spend-A-Day, to improve quality of care, and reducing costs to allow the organization to deliver on its mission for many years to come. As Executive

Director, Muller will oversee the overall operations and the fundraising component of SAGE Eldercare.

Muller earned a master's degree in accounting from Fairleigh Dickinson University and a bachelor in economics, accounting, and finance from New Bulgarian University. Prior to joining SAGE, she held various positions of increasing responsibility at Robert Saunders CPA in Westfield, Island Auto Rental Group, and Glory School of Foreign Languages.

"I am pleased to announce Galina Muller has accepted the responsibilities of Executive Director for SAGE. Her knowledge of SAGE and tenure with the organization contributes to keeping it constant and thriving for our community. Galina is committed to the mission of SAGE and the clients we serve," said Leslie Hardin, President of SAGE Eldercare's Board of Trustees.

"In my role as Executive Director of SAGE, I look forward to helping the organization grow and evolve to meet the increasing needs of older adults in our area and continuing on our mission to help seniors age at home where they want to." said Muller.

For more information regarding SAGE Eldercare, call 908.273.5550 or visit www.sageeldercare.org.

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SERVICE LEAGUE 50 YEARS OF SERVICE, \$1.5 MILLION IN DONATIONS

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League is celebrating 50 years of service in 2023, marked by a week-long celebration kicking off on Saturday, May 6, at 10 a.m.



(above) The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League, operators of the Thrift Shop in Scotch Plains, celebrate 50 Years of Service.



That's when Scotch Plains Mayor Joshua financially Losardo, Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr and other local officials will join members of the Service League at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League Thrift Shop, 1741 East Second Street, Scotch Plains. Resolutions will be presented, refreshments will be served and recognition given to the non-profit, all-volunteer Service League for their community contributions during the past 50 years.

From inception in 1973, the League has donated more than \$1.5 million in grants to Union County organizations and in student scholarships, including \$60,000 in donations this year alone. Proceeds come from the operation of the Thrift Shop, a staple in downtown Scotch Plains that offers good quality, reasonably priced merchandise to customers. All goods sold at the store come strictly from very generous donors who provide the shop with new or gently used items that they no longer need or want.

The Saturday ceremony will be followed by events throughout the week, including a raffle basket, small bags of candy as giveaways to store patrons, and a Vera Bradley handbag event starting Tuesday, May 9. All members of the public are invited to attend the Saturday May 6 event and to support the Service League mission to "Help Us Help Others."

Looking ahead, the Service League's goal for the next 50 years is to continue to contribute

worthwhile to organizations and to local high school and college students. Allowing it to reach that goal are the dedicated efforts of more than 35 Service League volunteers who selflessly donate their time to keep the shop in continuous operation and to ensure a very successful re-sale rate at the store.

The Thrift Shop provides benefits for donors who have a clean, convenient place to drop off their goods; for shoppers who can take advantage of very modest prices; and for the environment, by giving slightly used merchandise a second chance at a useful life rather than being relegated to landfills. The store offers a wide variety of regularly replenished clothing in sizes from infants to plus-size adults; shoes; all types of accessories from scarves to handbags; jewelry; bric-a-brac; housewares; framed art; collectibles; linens; dolls, toys, games, puzzles, books and DVDs.

Items for donation can be dropped off at the Thrift Shop any time during regular store hours: Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

To learn more about the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League, the types of donations accepted and volunteer opportunities, please call the store at 908-322-5420.

You can also visit the Scotch Plains Thrift Shop web site scotchplainsthriftshop.weebly.com or our Facebook page.



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SOS ~ SAVE OUR SEAL! A MESSAGE FROM THE U.C. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

War is hell. Unfortunately, that powerful in the war. expression is just as accurate today in Ukraine, for example, as it was in Elizabethtown in 1780. In both cases, civilians suffered, and are suffering, along with soldiers.

Heroic sculptures and statues of beribboned generals on horseback are noble and inspiring, to be sure. On the other hand, however, there is the World War II Katyn Memorial in Jersey City, showing the horror of war as it depicts the brutal massacre Russians committed on Polish soldiers graphically showing a bound and gagged Polish soldier impaled through his back by a bayonetted rifle. At its base, a Polish woman cradles a starving child, representing the Polish citizens who were deported to Siberia. Are we to take down such monuments because the horror they depict offends us, or should they remain, conveying their timeless message to us: "Never forget, and Never again!"

Yes, war is hell. And it was so in 1780 as local patriots fought for independence against the often cruel and brutal British and Hessian troops.

One of the most infamous events of that struggle was the horrible murder of Mrs. Hannah Caldwell, the wife of the famous Rev. James Caldwell ("the fighting Parson"), on June 7, 1780 in Connecticut Farms, now Union. It seems that ongoing discussions concerning the changing of the County Seal depicting Mrs. Caldwell's murder by a British soldier apparently have finally come to light recently.

This tragic event has been depicted on our County Seal for over 100 years. In 1923, the Union County Historical Society proposed and supported the official adoption of the Seal, which had previously been used unofficially for decades. It was formally ratified by the Board of Freeholders at that time. The Society has been proud of its role in the adoption of the Seal a hundred years ago, and strongly opposes current efforts to change it.

Some now object to the Seal's depiction of a violent and senseless act against a woman and mother of nine young children. But it really happened! Are we to ignore it? Those were dangerous times in this area and few were spared from the death, destruction, and suffering that

Indeed, Hannah Caldwell's death became a rallying cry to the despondent, tired, and outnumbered American troops who were inspired to fight on at the Battle of Springfield, the turning point of the Revolution in the North, just two weeks after her death.

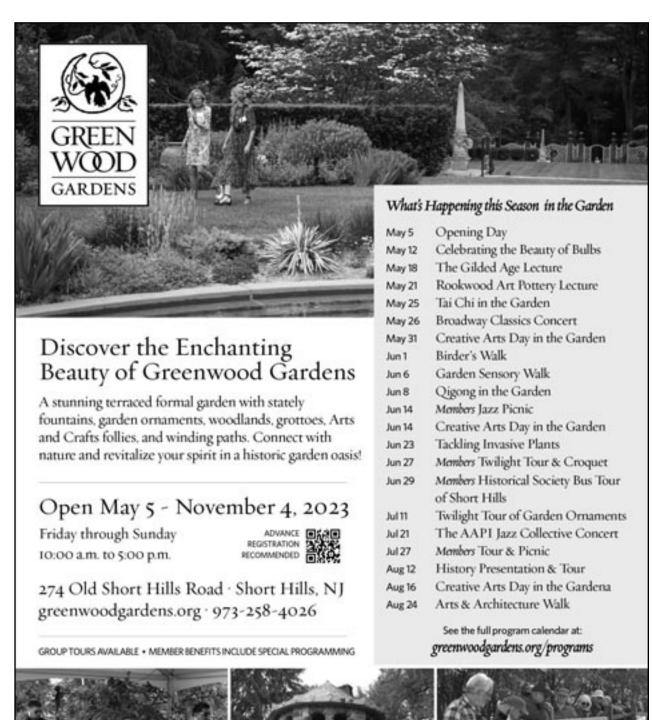
Whether she was inside the house or outside when she was murdered is immaterial to the Seal's message. Showing her outside the house simply makes the event more visible. Similar artistic license is often employed in depicting important events in history. For example, the iconic and dramatic 1851 Emanuel Leutz painting of Washington's 1776 Christmas night crossing of the Delaware near Trenton is inaccurate in every way except one: its heroic portrayal of a courageous and brilliant military operation, which led to an important turning point

History is not always convenient; it has more than its share of suffering and evil, as the Union County Seal demonstrates. And isn't that in fact the meaning and message of the Seal, that democracy and freedom often demand sacrifice. It is a reminder of the terrible price paid by the brave men and women during those difficult times. Any redesign of our iconic and unique Seal would dishonor and diminish the memory of Hannah Caldwell and so many others who sacrificed all in the long and difficult struggle for independence.

Indeed, after the war, Washington acknowledged that no place had suffered greater deprivation and destruction than Elizabethtown and its environs. Our Seal reminds us of that. Let

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CARRIAGE HOUSE PERFORMANCE SERIES

On May 13th the concert series at Fanwood's Carriage House will continue with Cold Weather Company who will present its combination of vocal harmonies, sweeping instrumental arrangements and emotive lyrics. This Central Jersey trio has repeatedly been named a "band you need to hear" by NJ.com. Sharing the bill will be Shira, a New York-based singersongwriter and ukelele stylist who describes her sound as "fairy-folk."

The powerful voice and equally powerful songs of Danielia Cotton will fill the listening room on June 10. Drawing from genres including rock, soul, gospel and country, with lyrics both deeply personal and broadly relevant, Cotton captivates her audiences with the passion and intensity of her performances.

All shows start at 7 p.m. at the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center (a.k.a. the Carriage House), on Watson Road alongside Fanwood Borough Hall. The series is presented by Mayor Colleen Mahr and the Fanwood Borough Council, with support from the Union County Board of Commissioners' HEART grant program and the donations of attendees. The suggested donation for admission is \$15, or \$10 for students and seniors, cash at the door.

Looking ahead, the series will continue in the fall with concerts on Sept. 9, Oct. 14 and Nov. 4. The September show will bring Toronto's Shawna Caspi back to the Fanwood stage, along with Harrisburg native Meaghan Farrell. Nashville-based Kate Klim and Fanwood's own Golden Dimes will share the bill in October. The November lineup will be announced soon.

For more information, visit fanwoodperformanceseries.org or find Fanwood Performance Series on Facebook.



(above) On May 13th Cold Weather Company will perform at Fanwood's Carriage House.

Courtesy photo

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MUNICIPAL NOISE ORDINANCE REMINDER

of blossoming trees, tweeting birds and, of course, leaf blowers.

Township officials are reminding residents and professional landscapers of the municipal noise ordinance, ensuring that leaf blowers and other loud landscaping tools are only used during specific hours, as well as with mufflers or another sound reduction device.

Under the ordinance, homeowners and tenants are permitted to use power tools and yard maintenance equipment from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In addition, professional landscapers and other commercial entities are permitted to work from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends or federal holidays. The municipal

Springtime in Scotch Plains brings the return ordinance also addresses construction and demolition, which can begin at 7 a.m. weekdays, through 6 p.m., as well as 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends and federal holidays.

> "We recognize that landscaping work is a common necessity in our suburban community," said Mayor Josh Losardo. "This ordinance is designed to strike the careful balance of giving our residents some quiet time in the morning and evening, while also ensuring that landscaping work can be completed with an ample amount of work time each day."

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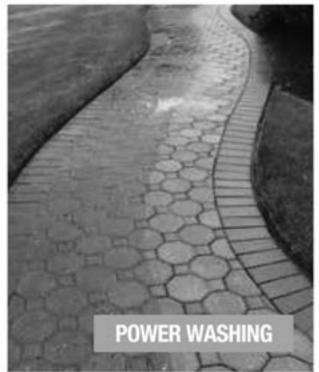
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During a recent council meeting of the Township of Scotch Plains, Mayor Joshua Losardo, presented the College Club of F-SP with a resolution which read in part: "The Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains extend their sincerest congratulations to the College Club Members and we acknowledge and praise the club's 90 years of service to our community".

The first meeting of the College Club of F-SP was held on March 13, 1933 with twelve members in attendance. For the past ninety years the College Club has continued to keep the original objectives of the club to empower young women through education by establishing a scholarship fund through fundraising to provide scholarships for local young women and to be a source of social interaction and

fellowship for its members.

In 1936 the club awarded its first scholarship for \$200. The first time the club awarded more than one scholarship was in 1949 when two \$300 scholarships were awarded. This past year, the College Club awarded \$30,500 to twelve young women for the 2022-2023 academic year. To date, the College Club has awarded approximately \$750,000.00 to approximately 574 local young women.

Fundraising for the Scholarship Fund has been crucial to the College Club members since its inception. One of the early fundraisers was ticket sales for two benefit performances of the Plainfield Players. The tickets sold for forty cents and the club was able to keep ten cents from each ticket sold. The sale of 85 tickets added \$8.50 toward a scholarship! Currently the two major fundraisers of the College Club are

the annual Spring Luncheon and the annual sales of the Community Date Calendar. The Spring Luncheon fundraiser has evolved from a fashion show/bridge event that was first held in 1936 and raised \$123.50 for scholarships. The Community Date Calendar was initiated in 1963 and by 1965 the calendar netted a profit of \$775 and became a permanent project of the College Club. Community Outreach projects and interest groups for members to enjoy have been a part of the College Club since its beginning.

The College Club holds monthly meetings that include informative and entertaining programs that are free and open to the public.

Additional information about the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains can be obtained by sending an inquiry to:

collegeclub.fsp@gmail.com



(above) Scotch Plains Mayor, Joshus Losardo, presented a resolution from the Township to Jean Naugle and Joan Skubish, co-Presidents of the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains, congratulating and thanking the club for 90 years of service to the community.

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\square Have a fruit or veggie with each meal	☐ Perform 15 Broad Jumps
\square Have nuts instead of chips as a snack	☐ Sprint for 50 yards
☐ Have a source of protein in each meal	☐ Perform single leg jumps
☐ Take a multivitamin	☐ Perform High Knee Marches
\square Limit sweets to only one serving	Build Confidence
Get stronger	☐ Do something outside of your comfort zone
☐ Perform 50 bodyweight squats	☐ Read a book
☐ Perform 50 pushups	☐ Practice or spend time on your hobbies
☐ Perform a plank for 60 seconds 3 times	☐ Learn a new skill
☐ Perform 25 vertical jumps	☐ Work towards a new Goal
☐ Get at least 8 hours of sleep a night	Be More Active
Be Happier	☐ Walk during TV show commercials
☐ Get at least 30 minutes of exercise	☐ Schedule exercise time
\square Do a morning routine that you enjoy	☐ Whenever you see a commercial
\square Write 5 things that you are grateful for	for a car company, perform 10 squats
☐ Adopt a Growth Mindset	\square Find a buddy, and exercise with them
\square Listen to music whenever you can	☐ Try a new method of exercise every week
	(i.e. biking, running, lifting weights, etc.)

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Registration for Our Summer Program Is Now Open But Only 17 Spaces Remain

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Attention Parents of Kids Ages 6-18

UPDATE: THE GRIT ATHLETE SUMMER PROGRAM HAS ONLY 17 SPACES REMAINING

We'll have your kids stronger, faster, and more confident...guaranteed.

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- They will get stronger which means when they show up to their sport they'll be able to perform better than ever.
- They will run faster and jump higher so they can show up to their next season and people will start asking what the heck have they been doing.
- They'll become more coordinated and improve agility which means they'll pick up new skills their coaches teach them faster.
- Your children will start to eat better because we'll be educating them daily on what's good and what they should avoid ...don't be surprised if they start asking you to buy more vegetables.
- Confidence will skyrocket. When kids get stronger, faster and more fit...their confidence will rise...so will their self-esteem which means their performance in every aspect of life will get better.
- Their mindset will improve. We're going equip your child with very specific mindset skills that'll help them learn how to transform how they think about mistakes and failures.

HAPPY PARENTS TALKING ABOUT THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL TRANSFORMATION OF THEIR KIDS...

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 - Jen O'Brien, Grit Athlete Parent
- "My son is more disciplined and confident in himself"
 - Steve Hughes, Grit Athlete Parent
- "I have watched my children become more confident and vocal."
 - Christine Stramandinoli, Grit Athlete Parent
- "His confidence has shot up in the last few months...and has carried forward to the way he approaches other activities like sports and schoolwork. My son is now making his bed daily and exercising every day."

- Catherine Solfaro, Grit Athlete Parent

GET MORE INFORMATION (STARTS JUNE 19TH)







Warning: The summer session is the most popular session of the year and always sells out before it starts. We strongly encourage you to scan the QR code today and enter your information to make sure your child doesn't get locked out of the summer session.

PIKTORS METAMORPHOSIS AT THE SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ

The Salem Roadhouse Café presents the ABOUT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ Piktors Metamorphosis. Saturday, May 20, 2023. The doors open at 7:15 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$20 and includes show, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, and dessert. The venue is located in the basement of Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities.

Piktor's Metamorphosis takes you on a journey back to the incendiary sounds of the Jazz/Rock fusion era injecting their improvisational craft. The Jazz/Rock/Fusion heyday of experimental creativity has inspired it's fans and other great musicians alike to push music further to its limits. This exciting music is challenging to execute, understandably a reason why many have not approached it. That is until now. Whether it's exciting tributes or their ambitious original pieces this ensemble delivers with passion and warmth.

Piktors overall sound departs from just another stage show to a level of cerebral and tonal excitement that comes with Fusion rock/jazz. They are masters at what they do, and they continue the traditions of modern fusion started by the likes of Mile Davis, Weather Report and Pat Methany, just to name a few.

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





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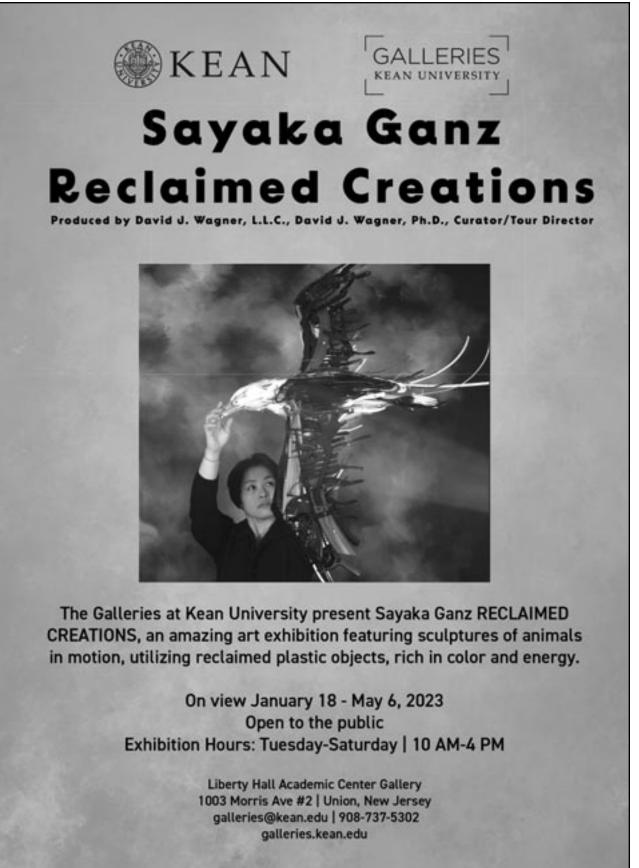
HOME MOVIES

It's not "church music." It's music music. Folks who've come to the Salem Roadhouse Café know that it's a clean, safe place for people who enjoy listening to live music — in a world otherwise filled with clubs and bars. The Roadhouse has always offered its stage to local and independent mainstream musicians. Jazz, rock, folk, and other groups have performed. What's the common thread? They're all great musicians playing the kind of music people like to hear. There's no message, just music.

The Roadhouse started in 2008 by members of Townley Presbyterian Church with a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth. Hey — that's why we're located where we are, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a nonprofit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities. That's its social mission.

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

The Salem Roadhouse Café has raised funds for many carefully chosen charities. They include: The Presbytery of Elizabeth E-port Center, Center For Hope Hospice, Community Food Bank, Monarch Housing, Angel Paws Animal Rescue, National MS Society, Haiti Disaster Relief, Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief, The Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program, Making It Possible To End Homelessness, Camp Johnsonburg, The Music Institute, and others. Thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.





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WESTFIELD CHAMBER HOSTS ANNUAL SPRING FLING — MAY 7TH

Chamber of Commerce's Spring Fling in downtown Westfield. The event this year will be held once again on Central Avenue running from E. Broad to North Avenue and will include the parking lot across from the Post Office as well as the section of Lenox Avenue on Sunday, the 7th of May, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. (rain or shine). A fun filled day for all ages, the event will have many diverse food vendors as well as

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Kids Zone with rides and a multitude of fun activities to engage the young patrons for the entire day. And there will be a beer and wine café, curtesy of The Crossroads. It is expected that entertainment will be provided by Valencia Music and the New Jersey Workshop of the Arts. Be sure to arrive early and stay for the day. Admission is free.

Central Avenue will be closed to traffic beginning at 6 a.m. from North Avenue to E. Broad Street. Downtown residents on Central Avenue and Lenox are reminded to park in municipal lots, out of the Spring Fling area.

Please note, pets, skateboarding, bike riding and roller blading are prohibited in the Spring Fling area. This rule is for the safety of attendees of all ages. Spring Fling attendees are also encouraged to park in the South Avenue train station parking lot. This will provide the closest parking to the activity area, with easy access to North Avenue through the convenient underpass at the Westfield Train Station. For further information, please contact the GWACC, 908-233-3021, or visit the website www.gwaccnj.com and look for Street Fairs.

GREATER WESTFIELD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GWACC)

For over 75 years, the GWACC has been connecting commerce and community. The GWACC promotes the economic prosperity of NJ 07090.

It is time for the 28th Annual GWACC many merchandise vendors. There will be a businesses primarily in Clark, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield. It is the largest association of businesses and nonprofits in our area. Members include business owners, professionals, managers and operators. Membership cultivates the opportunity to build relationships, partner, make referrals, increase business, attend networking session that support the community.

> The GWACC hosts five festivals each year, an inaugural Rock the Block in Clark, Spring Fling and FestiFall in Downtown Westfield and Garwood Rocks and one is Summer FanJam in LaGrande Park in Fanwood, both with a classic car show and stage entertainment. The GWACC monthly networking events — one in the early morning and one directly after work — serve as an opportunity for current members to network with each other regularly and for prospective members to come and see what we're all about. In addition, the Professional Women in Business Committee. The Young Professionals and the Health and Wellness Alliance organize networking events specifically tailored to those industries and associations.

> For more information about the GWACC, visit www.gwaccnj.com. You can also call the office at 908-233-3021 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Our office is located at 212 Lenox Avenue, Westfield,



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Northeast Spine & Wellness Center uses diagnostic fluoroscopy to make sure the area that needs treated is the exact area where the injection goes. This is the most advanced method of delivering this pain relieving treatment with 95% accuracy to give you the results you're looking for. The use of Fluoroscopy guided injections sets Northeast Spine & Wellness Center apart. The end result is you living pain free from your chronic knee pain. You can avoid the lengthy and painful road of knee replacement surgery. You can avoid the endless trial and error assortment of potentially addictive prescription medications. This treatment, using fluoroscopy guided injections has seen a success rate of above 85% in those suffering from knee pain related to osteoarthritis, and that includes people with bone on bone involvement. You've suffered from chronic knee pain long enough. Call Northeast Spine & Wellness Center now for a RISK FREE consultation.



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 fluoros-

copy 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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Here's what our patients have to say

"I'm dancing without pain. I can move with no problem whatwoever. I can go up and down steps with no pain." - Patricia G.

"Over 85% relief for the first time in 15 years, suffering with knee pain. My life is getting back to normal." - Perry O.

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IN THE HEIGHTS AT CDC THEATER MAY 5-20

Before Hamilton was In The Heights and it's coming to CDC Theatre in Cranford.

The final production of CDC Theatre's 104th season, In the Heights, is set to run weekends from May 5 to May 20. Lin Manuel Miranda's first Broadway show burst onto the stage in 2008. The show was nominated for thirteen Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Book and Score, as well as for Direction and Choreography. Of those thirteen nominations, it won four awards, including Best Musical, Original Score, Choreography and Orchestration.

The musical tells the story of three days in the vibrant community in Manhattan's Washington Heights — a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open, and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music. It's a community on the brink of change, full of hopes, dreams and pressures; where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you, and which ones you leave behind.

"We are excited to at last be able to produce this show. Circumstances and pandemic restrictions caused it to have been postponed, but we were committed to having the chance to present it." said Joe Leo, the show Producer. "Once we were able to add it to this season, we had one of the biggest audition turnouts ever at the theatre and have assembled a wonderful cast from throughout the state!"

The music of In The Heights takes its cues from the diverse Latin community it represents, infusing hip-hop, salsa, merengue and soul music into the score with lyrics about life, love, community and the American dream. There are eight shows, including two matinees. For best ticket prices and selections visit cdctheatre.org.



SHINING STARS TO PERFORM MAY 13TH

The Shining Stars, now in their 11th year, will take the main stage at the Union County Performing Arts Center for their "World Tour" on Saturday May 13th for a 7 p.m. show.

The talented cast of special needs performers will highlight the hits from groups and artists from all around the globe, including The Beatles and One Direction (England), Bruce Springsteen (USA), Abba (Sweden), Irish dancing, and so much more. The show will feature 30 special needs individuals and their "buddies" from local high schools, who serve as mentors during rehearsals.

"Our cast has been working hard for their 2023 debut," noted Shining Stars Network Cofounder and Show Director Sally Curci. "The acts are going to be amazing and we invite everyone to join us for another exciting and fun night."

Tickets are now on sale at UCPAC.org.

Also, on Saturday, August 5th, history will be made when the Shining Stars make their Paper Mill Playhouse main stage debut. Tickets for "The Greatest Show" — which will feature songs from Broadway and movies — are on sale now at PaperMill.org.

The Camp Shine Summer Workshop will take place from August 14th-25th (go to ShiningStarsNetwork.org to register) and they will cap off the year with their annual "Christmas Spectacular" in December.

"Shining Stars is all about being inclusive and giving our performers a chance to shine on stage while creating lasting memories," said Sally Curci. "These opportunities build all-important selfesteem and self-confidence. Along the way our cast members and their high school buddies create bonds and friendships that they'll always remember."

For more information on the organization or upcoming events, please visit ShiningStarsNetwork.org.

MR. CHICKEN SALAD VISITS COLES SCHOOL

Scotch Plains - Fanwood Public Schools

Coles students and staff were treated to a visit from author and illustrator Mike Ciccotello (aka: Mr. Mike or Mr. Chicken Salad) in March. Mr. Mike shared his experience becoming an author and illustrator, including positive and motivating messages like, "I am unique and so is my art." He also encouraged children to never give up and to practice a little bit every day at something they want to be good at because they can only get better, not worse. Mr. Mike read from some of his

books including Beach Toys vs School Supplies, Twins and Treemendous. He then led students through a step-by-step drawing lesson where they learned to draw characters from his books. He also had time to answer questions from students and had lunch with a group of 4th graders. Coles students enjoyed having Mr. Mike Ciccotello at school with them. Thank you to the Coles staff, media specialist Mrs. Giannacio, and the PTA for making this author visit happen!





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THE HAROLD HILL COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

Contributing Author: Susan Baldani, a life member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad.

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together to provide three scholarships (\$2,500, \$1,500, and \$1,000) to be awarded to an active member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad based on activity, attendance, LOSAP (Length of Service Award Program) and overall dedication. A committee chosen by the benefactors will determine the recipients.

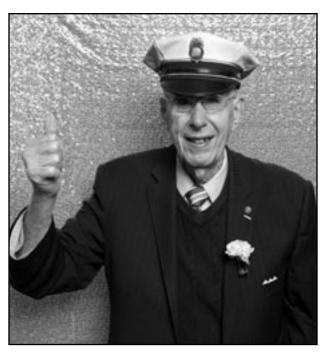
The scholarship was named in honor of Harold Hill, Jr.'s decades of service to the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad. Harold, a Scotch Plains native, proud U.S. Marine, and former township police officer, followed in the footsteps of his father, Harold Hill, Sr., a founding member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, by joining the organization in 1958. Now, 65 years later, he is still serving the township and its people. Harold has held every officer position, serving as Captain, President, Vice President, and Lieutenant, and was also the Treasurer for over 30 years.

Applicants for this scholarship shall meet the following requirements:

- 1. Holds one of the following: a high school diploma, earned general equivalency diploma, or high school equivalency diploma (or is scheduled to do so by June 30, 2023)
- 2. Is enrolled in an accredited institution of postsecondary education (college or technical school)

- 3. Possesses current EMT and CPR certifications
- Several anonymous benefactors have come 4. Is a member in good standing of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad

For more information about becoming a member or to make a donation, go to ScotchPlainsRescueSquad.com, email scotchplainsrescuesquad@gmail.com or call (908) 322-2103 any weeknight between 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.



(above) Harold Hill, Jr.

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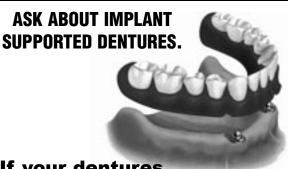


CAR NUTZ RETURNS FOR 19TH SEASON

Starting May 3rd, the Car Nutz Car Club will be returning to Wednesday nights at the Scotchwood Diner. Start time is 5:30 p.m. and we stay till dusk. We have Cruise Night Winner tee shirts to award, along with door prizes and an attendance award. The diner has great meals with 10% off to car owners. It's our 19th season, come out and have a great time with us! Call Dan for more info 908-616-3574.



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Bring Your Own Book

Monday, May 1, 10am

An informal virtual discussion of what participants have recently read and enjoyed. Registration is required.

Hypertension Clinic

Friday, May 5, 10am to Noon Inside the Library with a public health nurse from Union County.

Balance Awareness with Yasmin Ofek Fridays at 10am

A gentle but effective approach to moving confidently throughout the lifespan. Registration is required for this virtual class.

Reduce Food Waste

Thursday, May 11, 1:30pm

Learn how important and simple it can be to Reduce Food Waste for a Sustainable Future with Dr. Sara Elnakib of Rutgers University. Registration is required for this virtual program.

Guided Meditation

Thursday, May 11, 7pm A virtual program with Barbara Brown. Registration is required.

Friends of the Library Meeting & Election

Monday, May 15, 7pm

Nominations can be submitted via email to spplfriends1@gmail.com

Afternoon Book Club

Tuesday, May 16, 1pm

Will meet inside the Library to discuss Anxious People by Fredrik Backman.

Evening Book Club

Thursday, May 18, 7pm

Will meet outside the Library (weather permitting) to discuss The Violin Conspiracy by Brendan Slocum. If the weather is bad, the discussion will take place on Zoom.

Drop In Crafting

Tuesday, May 23, 1-2:30pm Bring your current work-in-progress to the Library to work alongside other crafters.

Senior Book Chat

Wednesday, May 24, 2pm

An informal book discussion at Brookside Park. Register through Community Pass with the Scotch Plains Recreation Department.

More information about library news and events can be found at scotlib.org.



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AUTHOR TO SPEAK - MAY 23RD

The Historical Society of Scotch Plains And Fanwood

History and Civil War buffs won't want to miss this month's meeting of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Historical Society, when local author William McClintock Jr. will present a fascinating educational program on his greatgreat-grandfather, Commodore Reigart Bolivar Lowry, a member of the first graduating class of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis and a career naval officer who served in the U.S. Navy from 1840-1880.

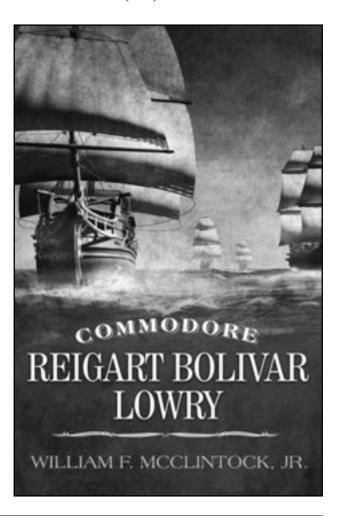
The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23rd, at the Shady Rest Country Club, 820 Jerusalem Rd. (at the corner of Plainfield Avenue) in Scotch Plains.

McClintock's presentation, based on his 2021 book, Commodore Reigart Bolivar Lowry, will explore Lowry's storied career, beginning when he joined the Navy at age 14, and including his active role in many key naval operations of the time. Lowry was on a ship off Fort Sumter when the first shots of the Civil War were fired. He fought in the Mexican-American War and accompanied Commodore Matthew C. Perry when he opened Japan to American trade in 1854. Based on family letters and other documents, McClintock's thoroughly researched biography goes beyond Lowry's life to examine the Navy in which he served and the politics and corruption that Lowry and his fellow naval officers encountered as they sought to prevent a captain with less seniority from being promoted ahead of them.

A resident of Scotch Plains since 1981, the author earned a bachelor's degree in history from Oberlin College, where he began his research on Commodore Lowry and the Navy. He went on to complete a master's degree in American history from New York University. Mr. McClintock previously served as township mayor and councilman, and is active in the Rotary Club, notably with the Frazee house Restoration Project. Career highlights include serving as an officer at Bankers Trust Company and as Chief Financial Officer at Corporate Annual Reports. In 1993, he formed William McClintock Associates. Commodore Reigart Bolivar Lowry is his first book.

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If you have questions please contact Emmanuel Cancer Foundation via email: mgiblin@emmanuelcancer.org



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ST. JOSEPH SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER BREAKS GROUND ON NEW FACILITIES

More than 100 supporters, partners and community leaders gathered at St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth on April 5 to celebrate the start of construction on the agency's new facilities, which will make it possible for the organization to expand and improve services to residents in need in Elizabeth and to achieve its vision of dignity for all. St. Joseph's is one of the largest social service agencies in Elizabeth and Union County, providing residents with food, household items, prescription clothing, assistance, health screenings, mental health counseling, job training and case management.

There are four components to the new facilities plan. The first is to build a food pantry. This new building will give St. Joseph's a dedicated space, a larger space, and a more functional space to operate its food pantry. Perhaps most importantly, the new building will allow the organization to offer a better food pantry model - an individual choice food pantry. With this model, clients will come at an appointed time and will be able to choose their food. The second project is to construct a clothing and household goods distribution center. Clothing and home goods will be displayed in different sections much like one would find in a retail store. The third project is to renovate the former parish hall and church building on campus to expand and enhance the many support services offered by the agency. The fourth project is to reconfigure and repave the parking lot.

Bernadette Murphy, Executive Director, remarked that the overarching goal of the plan is to "serve our sisters and brothers in need with dignity." At the Groundbreaking Event, she introduced the agency's new logo and tagline, "Connecting Communities - Nourishing Each Other." To fulfill its mission, the agency relies on 6,000 volunteers who come from schools, community groups, businesses, churches and other houses of worship in five counties in New Jersey. "In addition to serving the hungry, St. Joseph's is also a place that feeds the hunger to serve," stated Murphy. The volunteer program welcomes people of all ages, faiths, abilities and economic circumstances to provide hope and hospitality to their neighbors.

foundations, businesses, community groups and individuals in Union County and surrounding

Westfield Foundation, The Harold B. and Dorothy A. Snyder Foundation, The Mushett Family Foundation, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Elizabethtown Healthcare Foundation, Robert and Marion Schamann Brozowski Foundation, Columbia Bank, The Hyde and Watson Foundation, E. J. Grassmann Trust, The Tepper Foundation, Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery and several individual donors.

Harold "Kess" Kessler, Past Board President and the leader of the capital improvement plan,

communities. Lead donors included The noted that "construction work will be completed in four phases over the next two years. In the first phase, the new food pantry and clothing distribution center will be built and outfitted and the driveway will be reconfigured and repaved." Kessler stated that the construction work has been planned to ensure that services to the community will not be interrupted. "We are excited to begin a new chapter in St. Joseph's service to the community" noted Murphy.

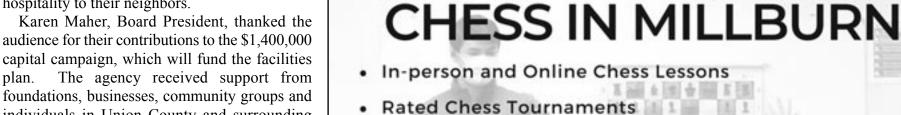
To learn more about St. Joseph's please visit sjeliz.org.



(above r-l) Debbie Durand and Teresa LaStella, organizers for the groundbreaking event, greet guests at the Welcome Table.

(above, l-r) Sister Jacinta Fernandes, Founder and former Executive Director of St. Joseph's for 32 years, places soil in a planter in which a tree will be grown along with Julissa Campos, Vice President of the Board of Trustees.

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FANWOOD FIRST RESPONDERS CELEBRATE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF RESIDENT JEAN TRUMPP

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The convoy arrived on Arlene Court with lights and sirens at full blast. Responders then were invited into the home to wish her a happy birthday in person.

Mrs. Trump and her family were among the first homeowners on Arlene Court in the mid

Fanwood's police, fire and EMS responders 1950s. Much of the neighborhood was still under construction at the time. Her husband, Ted, was a former mayor of Fanwood and her son David, who now cares for her, is a former councilman and was active in the Lion's Club for many years. Another son, Ted, lives in Atlantic City.

> Thanks to the Fanwood Police Department, Fire Department and Rescue Squad for bringing the noise to Jean and wishing her a happy birthday!



(above) Mrs. Trumpp, seated, son David behind her and members of Fanwood PD,FD and Rescue Squad

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VANDALS CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Submitted by Dr. D. Michael Hart

The "Pool House Gang" were caught red handed vandalizing a building at Boy Scout Camp Wheeler, in Byram Township, NJ. They are seen here in a "line up" against the wall.

They claim that they were doing repairs and renovations to an old decrepit building at the Boy Scout Camp. But they were seen removing valuable lumber, sinks, toilets, shower heads, and construction materials from the building.

volunteers, including many retired professionals, who volunteer every week all year round at the Boy Scout camps for Patriot's Path Council in northern New Jersey. These guys pictured have come up every Wednesday and Thursday for several months to renovate the Pool House and other buildings. This group includes retired engineers, an electrician, computer experts, small business owners, and corporate executives.

The Pool House building was built in Just kidding. This is a group of dedicated 1971. The roof was still good, but the wooden

walls were completely rotted, and the roof was sagging perilously. They needed to prop up the roof and replace the boards one by one. Eventually the building will have two bathrooms, two common showers and 8 individual changing rooms on each of two sides. There is a full sized swimming pool behind the building, so all of the chlorination, pumping mechanisms and electrical service are also located inside the building.

The "Flintlocks BSA, Inc." a 501c3 corporation, is a group of retired scouters who volunteer at the camps every week, all year round, to help the council. They do most of the repairs and maintenance for the three Council camps, but also build new structures, such as cabins, waterfront structures, picnic tables and tent platforms. In 2018 they secured funding and built the STEM Lab at Allamuchy. Second, they make the craft kits for birdhouses, bird feeders, stools, handy boxes, racing sailboats, etc., which are sold through the Scout Shops. Third, Flintlocks volunteer to help run the many Council programs. Three quarters of the Flintlocks have received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest National award a volunteer may receive. The Facebook Page is "Flintlocks" For more information please contact Secretary Dr. Michael Hart drmhart@yahoo.com.



(above) The Pool House under construction; George, Tom and Barry making knee walls for the building.



(above, l-r) "Line Up": Al Thomas, Randy Johnson, Frank Wallace, Dave Greene, George Van Dyke, Barry Bird, and Tom Mollitor.

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