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SGT. OSHANDA ERB MEMORIAL PARADE GRAND MARSHALL

Borough of Fanwood

Mayor Colleen Mahr welcomed citizens, veterans, first responders and other dignitaries to Fanwood's official observance of Memorial Day held this year at the historic train station on North Avenue.

Bright sun shone on the gathering of about 150 people who came to remember those lost in war and pay tribute to those serving today.

The keynote speaker was Air Force First Sgt. Oshanda Erb of Fanwood, the Grand Marshall of the Memorial Day parade. Her speech paid tribute to service men and women, living and deceased, whose sacrifices have made freedom possible for Americans. Sgt. Erb is active in local veteran affairs and is a frequent volunteer at American Legion Post 209 in Scotch Plains.

Among those present were about a dozen active duty or retired servicemen including Joe Schott of Fanwood, a World War II veteran, who celebrated his 101st birthday this year.

Memorial wreaths were laid in a grassy area opposite the train station by VFW Post 10122, American Legion Post 209, the Fanwood Police Department, Fanwood Fire Department and Fanwood Rescue Squad, all of whom were represented in numbers.



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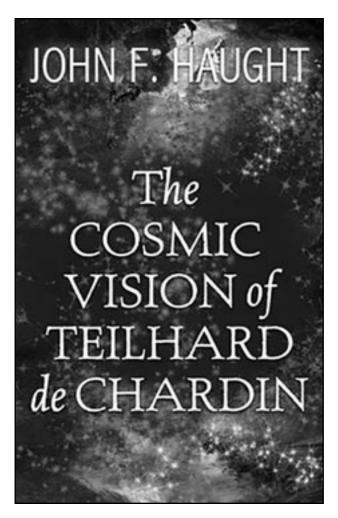
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Our book is The Cosmic Vision of Teilhard de Chardin by John F. Haught. Each chapter explores a different topic—including the cosmos, spirituality, suffering, thought, God, and life—and how each topic has developed the author's own theology. In particular, the book focuses on the cosmic future and the implications of Teilhard's thought for this century and beyond.

We will gather on Tuesday evenings over Zoom beginning July 25, 2023, from 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. We will finish the Tuesday evening sessions... when we finish. Since we are dealing with the universe it seems we have all the time in the world!

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Spirituality Seminar Series is lead by Father Robert Kunze. All are welcome to join in. There is no fee to participate. You will need to purchase the book, it is available on Amazon.

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\$24,000 IN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League awarded a total of \$24,000 in student scholarships to nine deserving high school seniors at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Scholarship Awards Night on May 31, 2023

Students were selected for the scholarship awards based on a combination of their academic records and service to the community. Recipients and the schools they will be attending in the fall are Minahal Azhar (Rutgers University); Weston Fischer (Gettysburg College); Alisa Lamastra (Seton Hall University); Stephanie Muenzen (Rutgers University); Jessica Navarro (Yale University); Natasha Vega (Case Western University); Isabella Calamusa (University of Miami); Jordana Reisberg (University of Wisconsin); and Olivia Stahley (Scranton University).

The scholarships were part of a total \$60,000 in contributions by the Service League to Union County community organizations in 2023. That brings the Service League's giving to more than \$1.5 million during the 50 years that it has been in existence. Proceeds come from operation of the Thrift Shop at 1741 East Second Street - a staple in downtown Scotch Plains offering 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

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League no longer need or want, giving these goods a varded a total of \$24,000 in student second chance at a useful life.

Congratulations to all of the scholarship winners and to everyone in the community who donates and/or purchases merchandise at the Thrift Shop, thus allowing the Service League to serve its mission to "Help Us Help Others."

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 on Facebook.



(above) Recipients of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League 2023 scholarships were all smiles after accepting their awards at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Scholarship

Awards Night on May 31.

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(above) Councilwomen Trisha Walsh, Erin McElroy Barker and Kathy Mitchell



(above) Mayor Colleen Mahr with Mary Wroblewski, age 99, and her daughter Bernadette Hoyer

FANWOOD LADIES NIGHT

excitement and shoppers for the tenth consecutive year on Thursday, June 1st, 2023. Local merchants and vendors from around the area set up shop in and around the South Avenue plaza between Fanwood Crossing I and II. There were free food and wine samples and a tricky tray

Ladies Night filled downtown Fanwood with auction and raffle featured prizes donated by local businesses. Comedian and impresario Marklyn "MisterDirect" Johnson was the emcee for the evening.

> Ladies Night is organized by the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce and the Borough of Fanwood.

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(above) Emcee Marklyn "MisterDirect" Johnson



(above) Three ladies looking happy while shopping on South Avenue





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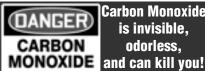
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SUMMER FAN JAM - JULY 9TH

The GWACC Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to unveil the highly anticipated Fanwood 6th annual Summer Fan Jam, the ultimate celebration of music, arts, and community spirit! Mark your calendars for this sensational event taking place in the heart of Fanwood in LaGrande Park on July 9th from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Get ready for an unforgettable day filled with sensational performances, engaging activities, and so much more! This year the Presenting Fan Jam Sponsor is the Family Investors Company, and the Official Sponsor is Dentalcare Associates. GWACC would like to thank all the sponsors of Fan Jam for making the event possible.

A combination of a classic car show and a Kids Zone ensures there's something for everyone to enjoy. The Classic Car Show brought to you by Hot Rod Mike will be a highlight for car enthusiasts and those who appreciate vintage automobiles. You can expect to see a wide range of classic cars on display, including wellpreserved models from different eras. The show might feature various categories, such as muscle cars, hot rods, vintage imports, and more. Attendees will have the opportunity to admire these beautiful vehicles, learn about their history, and engage in conversations with passionate car owners. The Kids Zone is an area specifically designed to entertain and engage children. It typically includes a variety of activities, games, and attractions suitable for kids of different ages. The exact offerings may vary, but you can anticipate things like inflatable bouncy castles, face painting, arts and crafts stations and carnival-style games. The Kids Zone aims to create a fun and safe environment where children can have a great time while their families explore

Alongside the Car Show and Kids Zone, the Fan Jam features live entertainment to keep the festive atmosphere alive. This includes live music performances by professional bands all day long on the main stage. At 12 noon, Macho Men (Classic & Punk Rock) will start the day; followed by Higher Ground (Oldies, Goodies and Old Rock). At 2 pm, The Funktion Band (Soul, Fund and Pop) is returning to Fan Jam once again but popular demand. At 3:30 pm, Christina & the Gents (Rock, Pop and Metal Hits) will perform and then at 5:30, Radio Petty (an awesome tribute to Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers!) will close out a full day of fine entertainment. Bring your

experience for attendees.

the rest of the event.

Fanwood Summer Fan Jam will offer a variety

lawn chairs and blankets and sit back and enjoy

the music. The entertainment aims to provide a

lively backdrop and enhance the overall

of food and refreshment options. You can expect to find food vendors and food trucks serving a range of cuisines, including classic festival fare like hot dogs, burgers, pizza, ice cream, and other tasty treats. Cousins Main Lobster is expected to attend. There will also be a Sheelen's Crossing Beer and Wine Garden offering refreshing adult drinks to quench your thirst while you enjoy the music from the stage.

Once again, our thanks to Aimee Nuzzo, GWACC Board member and Fanwood Resident for her leadership in managing this wonderful event from its inception in 2017.

There is Free Parking available at the South Side lot of the Fanwood train station. Please note that pets, skateboarding and roller blading are prohibited in the festival area. For further information, please contact the GWACC, 908-233-3021, or visit the website www.gwaccnj.com and look for Street Fairs.







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(above) Andrew Bartley & Daniela Sellinger



(above) Jacob Jones & Daniela Sellinger



(above) Gianna Tucker & Daniela Sellinger



(above) Jacob Gianna Andrew



(above) Stephanie Muenzen & Angelo Ucciferri

SCOTCH PLAINS FANWOOD UNICO 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS

Submitted by Angelo Ucciferri

recently awarded its annual memorial scholarship to four exceptional local students: Andrew Bartley, Jacob Jones, Stephanie Muenzen, and Gianna Tucker. These esteemed scholarships, valued at \$2,500 each, are available to high school seniors of Italian descent who have plans to pursue post-secondary education at 2 or 4-year colleges, as well as vocational, technical, or trade schools. The scholarship winners were selected based on a combination of academic excellence. active participation in extracurricular activities, and civic engagement.

Scotch Plains Fanwood UNICO is committed The Scotch Plains Fanwood UNICO chapter to supporting local students in realizing their talents and aspirations through educational pursuits. For nearly five decades since the establishment of the chapter, over a quarter of a million dollars in scholarships have been awarded.

> To learn more about becoming a UNICO member and to obtain additional information, please contact the chapter at unicospf.org or spfunico@gmail.com. By becoming a part of Scotch Plains Fanwood UNICO, you can actively contribute to making a difference in the lives of students within the community.





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Kathleen Czarnecki, Kenilworth Library

When was the last time you walked into a library and saw a room filled with fiber artists spinning roving into yarn? Well... if you visit the Kenilworth Public Library the last Tuesday of each month that's exactly what you will see.

Fiber enthusiasts gathered from around New Jersey to take part in the library's newest program "Spin A Yarn". Participants brought spinning wheels, roving, spindles and enjoyed time crafting wool into yarn.

There aren't many places to go to gather as a group to enjoy this hobby, so staff at the Kenilworth Public Library decided to try to bring people together. The inaugural session was held in June and was a big success.

The most important part of this group is the gathering of a community of crafters who enjoy the same unique hobby, to share their knowledge about the craft's techniques, and even the business end of it, with one another.

There are larger plans in store for this group. The future will hold a "fiber-tasting" session, where participants can learn about different types spinning fibers. We hope to offer hands-on technique workshops as well.

This program is free for adults. All are welcome. No registration is required. You don't need any experience to join us, we are happy to help show you how to spin fiber into yarn.

We meet the last Tuesday of each month, from 5 - 7:45 p.m.

Visit our website at kenilworthlibrary.org to view additional programs and services.

The Kenilworth Public Library is located at 548 Boulevard, Kenilworth, NJ. Our phone number is (908) 276-2451.

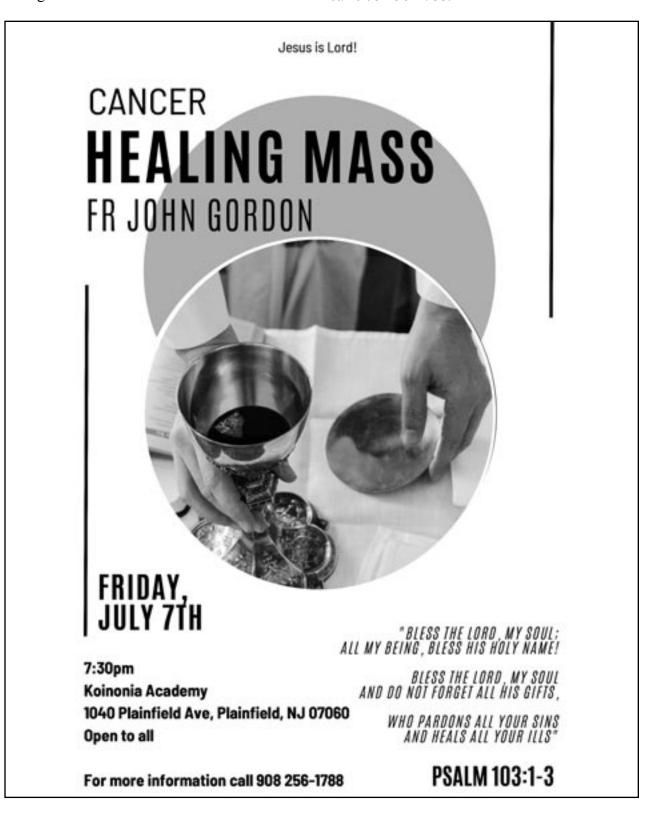


(above) Claudine is a Summit resident. She teaches sewing classes at Fabricland in Green Brook.

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COLLEGE CLUB ELECTS 2023-24 CLUB OFFICERS

The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains elected officers for the 2023-24 club year at the Annual Meeting on May 22nd. The newly elected officers are:

Co-Presidents, Jean Naugle and Joan Skubish, Vice President, Laurie Chichester, Treasurer, Joanne Sheffield, Co-Recording Secretaries, Patricia Aiere and Barbara Catterall, Corresponding Secretary, Mary Cappio and Co-Directors, Tish Isack and Dorothy Lusk.

During the meeting, Co-Presidents, Jean Naugle and Joan Skubish, reviewed the successful fundraisers, community service projects and social events of the past year while thanking and applauding the untiring efforts and commitment of the club's 41 active members.

The mission of the College Club continues to be to empower young women through education by providing scholarships. Without skipping a beat, the newly elected officers and committee chairs will begin planning fundraisers, programs for monthly meetings, community service projects and social events for the College Club's 91st year.

New members are welcome to join the College Club in serving the local communities and helping the College Club continue its mission. Membership information and further inquiries about the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains can be obtained by sending an email request to fspcollegeclub.org.







(above) New Officers of the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains

Courtesy photo

40TH ANNUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Fanwood and Scotch Plains police officers young men and women with intellectual participated in the 2023 Law Enforcement Torch Run, the statewide fundraiser for the New Jersey Special Olympics.

It's the 40th anniversary of the event which benefits those with special needs with inclusive athletic programs, support and competition in the Special Olympics. Known as Guardians of the Flame, law enforcement agencies nationwide participate to raise millions of dollars to allow

disabilities to participate free of charge.

Running for Fanwood was Lt. Dan Kranz. He was joined by Scotch Plains officers Gerard Rites, Vincent Conti, Michael Baltazar, Joseph Kostecki, Krysti Janusz, Damian Serafin and Charles Tripet. They mustered at the 7-11 on South Avenue to take the symbolic "torch" from the Westfield Police, then ran through downtown Fanwood into Scotch Plains.

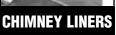


(above, l-r) Gerard Rites SPPD, Vincent Conti SPPD, Daniel Kranz FPD, Michael Baltazar SPPD, Joseph Kostecki SPPD, Krysti Janusz SPPD, Damian Serafin SPPD, Charles Tripet *SPPD*.







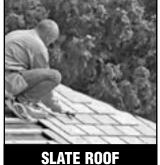




















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SUMMER MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

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- July 5 Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (1989)
- July 11 Frozen (2013)
- July 18 Yesterday (2019) PG-13
- July 25 DC League of Super Pets (2022)
- Aug 1 The Super Mario Bros. (2023)
- Aug 8 Sonic the Hedgehog 2 (2022)
- Aug 15 Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (2022)

All movies will be shown in La Grande Park on Tuesday evenings, except for the movie on July 5, which is on a Wednesday. Rain dates are the following evening. The movies begin at dusk, which is around 8:30 p.m. earlier in the summer, and closer to 8 p.m. later in the summer. The best way to enjoy watching the movies is to bring low beach chairs or a blanket to sit on.

Please check fanwoodrecreation.org/ for more details about the movie series.

MESSAGE TO ENTIRE FANWOOD COMMUNITY:

The Fanwood Police Department has seen an increase in cases involving criminal mischief, vandalism, and property damage at the Fanwood Nature Center, LaGrande Park, and Forest Road Park. Most of these incidents occur shortly after schools get out. The money that it takes to fix these damages comes from the tax dollars of Fanwood residents and should be spent elsewhere to better our community.

I want to make this next statement very clear. Our public spaces are for everyone to enjoy. By breaking a building window, adding graffiti to a wall, destroying a public bathroom, etc, you are making these cherished parts of town unusable. Our Public Works Department has done a fantastic job at fixing these damages, but the time and money that it takes is extensive.

This Department has zero-tolerance for these crimes, and anyone found to be participating in vandalism and property damage will be held fully accountable, both criminally and financially. We strongly urge parents to speak with their children about the possible repercussions of engaging in this behavior. We also urge anyone noticing criminal behavior happening at any location in the Borough to contact the Fanwood Police Department immediately. Police will be performing increased checks of all Boroughowned properties, and additional surveillance measures are being put into effect immediately.

I wish this letter wasn't necessary, but the goal is to ensure that Borough property remains a friendly and safe environment for everyone.

Lieutenant Daniel Kranz

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Each week, guests will participate in vocal and physical warm-ups and work on songs with the chorus. The chorus sings a variety of music, including old-fashioned love songs, Broadway, Disney, Beatles, and more.

For more info, or to register for the free "Big Summer Sing," visit hickorytreechorus.org, email info@hickorytreechorus.org or call 908-377-1399.





FANWOOD FAMILY GIVES BACK TO THE LIBRARY

Borough of Fanwood

The new Fanwood Memorial Library Foundation received its first donation in memory of a resident who lived across the street from the former library and spent hours there reading.

The family of Carlo Bravo, who died one year ago on May 24th, the day after his 56th birthday. donated \$20 thousand to the nascent foundation. Gino Bravo, Carlo's brother, presented the check to members of the Library Foundation, Friends of the Fanwood Library and the library Board of Trustees at the current temporary library location in the historic train station on North Avenue. The money, along with other funds to be raised by the foundation, will benefit the new library currently under construction at North Avenue and Tillotson Road. Pictured with Gino is his wife Michele and father Gabriele.

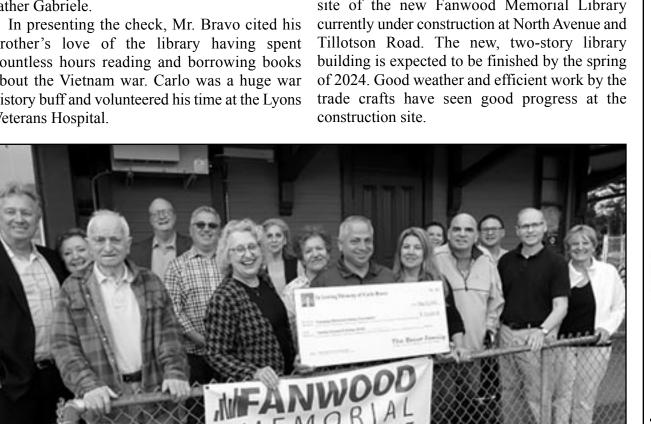
brother's love of the library having spent countless hours reading and borrowing books about the Vietnam war. Carlo was a huge war history buff and volunteered his time at the Lyons Veterans Hospital.

"We are so very grateful for this donation and to the Bravo family's commitment to our new library," said Dan Weiss, Library Director. "The library will be commemorating the Bravo family's donation by naming its new business center the Carlo Bravo Business Center,"

"The story of Carlo and the Bravo family is a true Fanwood story," remarked Mayor Colleen Mahr. "I thank them for their generous donation and look forward to inaugurating the new library and business center in Carlo's name."

Also present at the event was Borough Council President Jeff Banks and Neil Schembre, secretary of the Fanwood Foundation, which has temporary custody of the donation until the library foundation's charter is finalized.

Meanwhile, the first steel was erected at the site of the new Fanwood Memorial Library

















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