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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023

Governor Livingston High School celebrated the Class of 2023 at the 63rd Commencement Ceremony on Friday, June 16th.

The Flag Salute was led by Dante Gioia, Student Council President, Class of 2023 and signed by Rebekah Knuth and Natalie Walsman. The National Anthem was performed by the GL Commencement Band and Concert Choir.

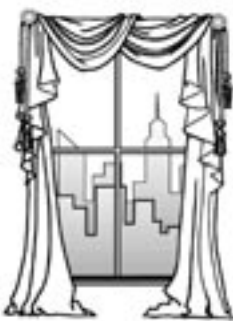
Kavya Casula, Class of 2023 President, made the Presentation of the Class Gift and the student Commencement Message was given by Waverly Lorne.

Additional remarks were given by GLHS Principal Robert B. Nixon, Jr., Superintendent of Schools Dr. Melissa Varley, and BOE President Mrs. Angela Penna.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2023!



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ARC OF UNION COUNTY RAISES \$41,000



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The Arc of Union County, a non-profit agency serving more than one-thousand adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, raised over \$41,000 at its first annual Swing Into Summer Golf Invitational on June 21st at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth.

Golfers from local and regional businesses, private individuals and other supporters enjoyed a full day of golf, breakfast, lunch and numerous prizes. Among them was a raffle for an all-expense paid luxury three-day, two-night stay at the exclusive Kiawah Island Golf Resort in South Carolina won by Ryan Frangopoulos of Macro Technology.

The event also served as a passing of the torch from The Arc of Union County's long-time Executive Director Frank Caragher, who retired at the end of June after 49 years of service to the IDD community, to his successor, Edwin Asuta, who took over in January.

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The Arc is grateful to Galloping Hill Golf Course and GAPGEM LLC Golf Event Management for their essential roles in making this event a success. We also thank our 23 sponsors without whose support this event wouldn't have been possible. They are:

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Learn more about The Arc of Union County, its programs and services, at arcunion.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. And for an early start on next year's golf event, contact Marianne Kranz at mkrantz@arcunion.org.

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(above) Retired Executive Director Frank Caragher and his successor Edwin Asuta

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Summit Old Guard

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On August 8th, Sheldon Landesman, a former

faculty member of SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University trained in hematology, oncology, and infectious disease will discuss The Early Years of AIDS: Public Health vs. Civil Liberties in Epidemic Times. Landesman will discuss lessons learned and not yet learned.

On August 15th, Davis Haas, former principal X-ray scientist at Phillips Electronic Instruments will discuss How Society Changed on January 5, 1973, with the installation of scanning devices at airports.

On August 22nd, Harold M. Heft a retired industry executive whose academic research focused on biopsychology, the philosophy of science, and pediatric autism will speak on “Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) – Disorder or Difference?” Is ASD a neurodevelopmental disorder, or a different way of being in the

world?

Winding up the month, on August 29th, AP educator Anne Soos, trained in biology at Harvard and Princeton will discuss Climate Change. Among her topics will be physical factors that determine climate, climate distinguished from weather, and carbon capture and sequestration, both natural and artificial.

Past speakers and much much more can be viewed at SummitOldGuard.org but we encourage people to drop in on our meetings which take place at the church at 10:00 a.m. every Tuesday. “Come for the Speakers. Stay for the Friends.” We look forward to meeting you.

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Raptor Trust's Rehab to Release Program

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The Artful Easel

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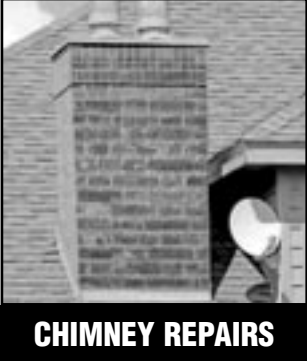
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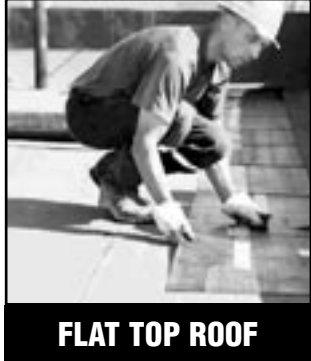
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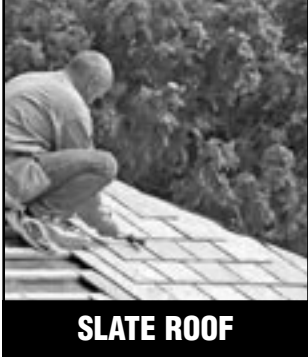
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Sheet Metal Workers' Union No. 22 serves Union, Morris, Somerset and Sussex Counties. The union members support veterans, the homeless and non-profit organizations as part of their community assistance programs. In addition, new union members, as part of their apprenticeship, provide 20 hours of community service annually over a five-year period for a total of 100 hours. For more information on the union, visit SMWIALU22.ORG.



(above) Union representative Jason Rooney and Mobile Meals Operations Manager Josephine Walsh.

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Submitted by Chrissy Kiesewetter
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Mountainside EMTs Domenico Deluca and Antonio Famiglietti were on hand for the entire evening as were police officers from each town...Cpl. William Sforza from Mountainside and Cpl. Don Maxwell from Berkeley Heights. A huge shout out to the EMTs and Police Officers!

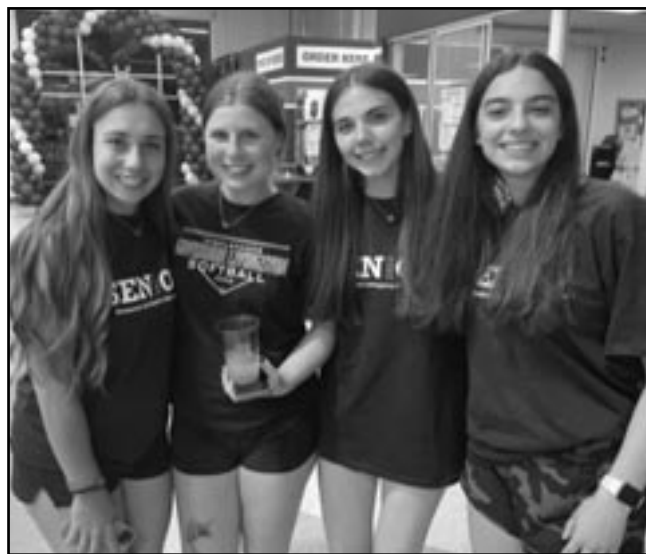
11 event volunteers traveled by bus to and from the event; without them this event wouldn't be possible. Those amazing volunteers were: Jordan Hyman, Tracey Gardner, Dana Liloia, Jill and Greg Vaidman, Virginie Delwart, Kelly Hufnagel, Iwona Gaেকে, Mark Gioioso, Janet Graham, Carolyn Klimas, and on-site

coordinators Catia Salerno, Jovan Siconolfi, and Jeanie Ruban. A team of 16 additional volunteers, led by Jennifer Doll, helped with registration and bag check in at GL before the 5 busloads of seniors departed.

A huge thank you to the Berkeley Heights Board of Education, Mr. Nixon and the GL administrators, local businesses for their generous donations (including 20 dozen donuts donated from the Berkeley Heights Dunkin Donuts located on Springfield Avenue).

Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior parents, please consider getting involved with Project Graduation in the future. Project Graduation includes many activities throughout the year including a Senior Breakfast in the fall, Prom Fashion Show in February, a Senior Picnic on the day of the prom and finally the Project Graduation event. The Project Graduation committee is also responsible for sale of the graduation lawn signs as well as the sale of the Highlander Way pavers and seat and parking spot raffles for Graduation.

If you would like to get involved please reach out to Project Graduation Coordinator, Chrissy Kiesewetter at cmkiesewetter@msn.com.



SINGLE USE PLASTICS EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

The New Jersey Clean Communities Council (NJCCC), a statewide, comprehensive, litter-abatement program, has honored Union County's Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside with its "2023 Single Use Plastics Excellence in Education Award."

NJCCC Executive Director JoAnn Gemenden presented the inaugural award to Center Director Patricia Bertsch during the recent New Jersey Sustainability in Motion Expo in Atlantic City, which attracted hundreds of attendees from across the state.

When introducing the award, Gemenden explained that New Jersey Clean Communities promotes education to change the attitudes that cause littering. With that in mind, the Excellence in Education Award was designed to honor a business, community organization, school or individual who has achieved measurable results in reducing litter through education.

Union County's Trailside Nature & Science Center, a 4,500-square-foot interactive museum in the Watchung Reservation, was bestowed with this year's honor for "fostering an awareness and appreciation of the natural world, while

bringing a creative, inclusive, and immersive approach to learning and enrichment programs," Gemenden said.

She noted one of the center's noteworthy projects was inspired during the COVID-19 pandemic, featuring creation of bottle-cap inspired artwork about plastic pollution.

This eye-catching artwork was fashioned in the shape of marine animals, each paired with educational signage to explain the harm that plastic pollution causes to the environment. These works were placed along trails in the Watchung Reservation, as an outdoor educational walk for park-goers. The initiative was so successful that the artwork has now become a traveling exhibit as various events, including the Sustainability in Motion Expo.

With a plethora of environmental programs, activities, and experiences curated for children and adults, the Trailside Nature & Science Center consistently rises to the occasion, finding interesting and effective ways to engage a wide audience.

Learn more at njclean.org and litterfreenj.org.



(above) Recycled Dolphin Artwork created by Trailside Nature & Science Center as part of plastic pollution education outreach.



(above) NJCCC Executive Director JoAnn Gemenden (L) with Patricia Bertsch, Director of Union County Trailside Nature & Science Center with Karen Inzillo and Dario Scholis of Union.

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