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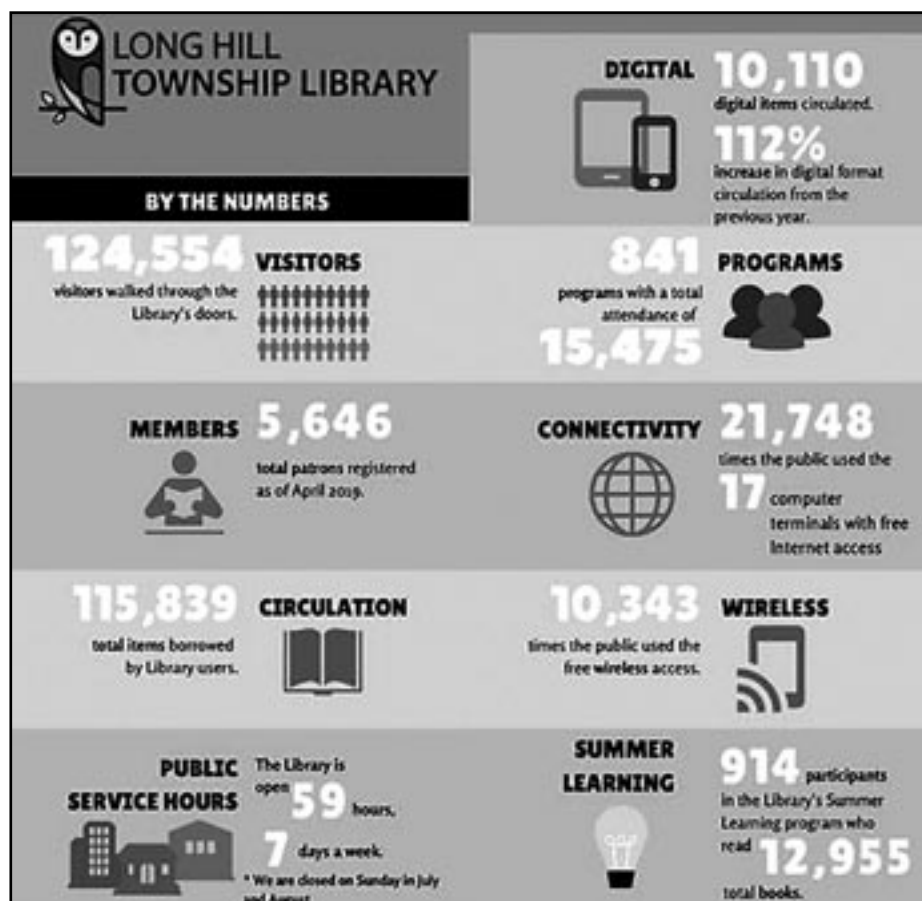
The Foundation of the Long Hill Township Public Library is delighted to announce the completion of their 2022 annual appeal, meeting their goal and raising more than \$25,000 in donations from local residents and businesses.

The Long Hill Library is a vital hub for our community, where people of all ages can read, learn, and play. In addition to the library's book clubs, summer reading programs, author talks, movies and art classes, the library also brings our community together for fun inclusive events. Have you played a game with your neighbor at a library Board Game Night or "roasted" smores at a library Camp Out? Maybe you've created a mini- masterpiece for the library's Mini Art Show. Look for more community events to come in the second half of the year.

Albie Ashbrook, Assistant Director of the Long Hill Township Public Library, said "We love being a part of this community. We are thrilled to welcome Gillette School students to the library for library card registration events. Their love of learning is contagious. We love seeing them come back to work on our monthly scavenger hunts inside the building or read our outside story walk. We are inspired by our English learners and their commitment to life-long learning. We have students from China, Hong Kong, Korea, Iran, Ukraine, El Salvador and Columbia! We love welcoming residents to our arts classes including those taught by the Gates Avenue Knitters, local art teachers of Blue Duck Art Studio, and by local flower arranger, Brenda Liberti. We couldn't offer all the programs and services we provide to the community without the financial support of the Library Foundation."

At the conclusion of this year's appeal, with the generous support of the community, the Foundation donated over \$6,000 to support library programs and services. The remaining funds raised will be used to grow the endowment fund, which was established in 2015 to help ensure the viability and sustainability of the library for years to come.

"The library foundation wishes to express our deepest thanks to those who contributed this year in support of the library today and in the future," said Library Foundation Board President, Lisa Hoffmann. A complete list of donors can be found at [fflhtpl.org](http://fflhtpl.org).



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## SEE THE GOOD IN PEOPLE

*Submitted by Peter DeSarno*

Perhaps it is because I see today due to the generous life changing gifts of two donated corneas, I tend to become very reflective when I collect the donated glasses that are received in the Lions drop box.



*(above) The New Providence Lions Club Eyeglass collection site is in front of the New Providence Library which is located at 377 Elkwood Ave. When collected, these glasses are sorted and sterilized and are then donated to a charity and/or medical organizations that provides free eye exams and eyeglasses to needy people in the countries they serve.*

When I sort the glasses and package them to be sent into the Lions Processing Center, I am reminded of the good in people who are eager to help. I look at all the glasses that were once worn on the faces of members of our community which form a beautiful mosaic representing so many different shapes, sizes, colors, glasses for the old and young....and think that this is beautiful on many levels. I then think about the people who will experience that magical moment I had when sight is restored.

The New Providence Lions Club Eyeglass collection site is in front of the New Providence Library which is located at 377 Elkwood Ave. Since January 2022 we have collected 2,165 pairs of glasses.



*(above) Mosaic of some of the 2,165 pairs of glasses collected to date.*

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The following businesses and community organizations have been very generous. Please support them whenever possible.

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Home or property owners in Long Hill can apply to purchase up to two deciduous shade trees for \$225 each through a challenge grant offered through the Shade Tree Commission. The \$225 level includes a variety of flowering and shade tree species. Other species may be available upon request and at a higher amount.

Through the program, property owners may purchase a tree for about half the retail value, with the Township paying the balance with the grant. Installation is free and arranged by the township, resulting in substantial savings for property owners.

Business owners are also encouraged to apply, particularly those along the Valley Road corridor. All trees must be located so they can be seen from the street.

“We have seen the hazards of planting too many trees of one species such as the ash tree.” said Shade Tree Commission Chair Susan Jeans. “This year therefore, we are expanding our species list to include some new and exciting choices such as the Swamp White Oak, October Glory Maple and the Eastern Redbud.”

Eastern “The Swamp White Oak is a great choice for a shade or street tree, with the ability to grow at a moderate pace and live more than 300 years. It’s the kind of tree you plant for not only your enjoyment but for the benefit of

generations to come.”Arbor Day Foundation

Eastern Redbud “Rosy pink flowers appear in April. Reddish-purple leaves change to dark green, then to yellow. Forms a spreading, graceful crown. Full sun or light shade. Partial shade preferred in windy, dry areas.” Arbor Day Foundation

Those interested in participating must complete an application available on the township website at [longhillnj.gov/forms/Challenge-grant-program-application.pdf](http://longhillnj.gov/forms/Challenge-grant-program-application.pdf) This application should be accompanied by a check for \$225 per tree with a two tree limit and mailed to Township of Long Hill 915 Valley Road Gillette, NJ 07933

Applications are due by Friday September 22, 2023. Only 20 applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Trees will be planted mid-to-late October. A Shade Tree Commission representative will contact the property owner to approve the location of the tree(s) on the property and to select the variety of tree that would be the best fit for the location.

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## DRIVE FOR AUTISM FOUNDATION

The Drive for Autism Foundation is pleased to announce that its annual golf event, Drive for Autism XXII will be held at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, NJ on September 18, 2023.

The Drive for Autism Golf Outing which has been held since 2002 has raised and distributed over \$851,000 to local school programs. Previous beneficiaries of grants were Morris Union Jointure Commission (New Providence, NJ), Salt Brook School (New Providence, NJ), AW Roberts School (New Providence, NJ), Union County Educational Services Foundation/Crossroads School (Westfield, NJ), Educational Partnership for Instructing Children, Paramus, NJ, Eden II/Genesis Programs (Staten Island, NY), Spectrum360 formally The Children's Institute (Verona, NJ), ECLC (Chatham, NJ) and Seton Foundation for Learning (Staten Island, N.Y).

Grant recipients use money to fund health and fitness programs, social skills programs, educational curriculum and teacher training, a van for community trips and transportation to job training centers, laptop computers, computer touch screens, iPads, video projectors and

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## MORRIS COUNTY 9/11 CEREMONY

The Morris County Board of County Commissioners will observe the 22nd Anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on our nation with a Remembrance Service and Candlelight Vigil starting at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 10, 2023.

The Remembrance Service will be held at the Morris County September 11th Memorial on West Hanover Avenue in Parsippany-Troy Hills.

Our September 11th Memorial honors all who were killed that terrible day in New York, Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon, but also includes a special emphasis on the 64 individuals from Morris County who lost their lives. We invite you to lead a procession with firefighters, law enforcement officers, first responders and other dignitaries that will kick off our annual ceremony.

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The golf event is the main fundraising function for the foundation. Single golfers and foursomes are welcome as well as, product donations and corporate sponsorships. To register online please go to [birdease.com/DriveforAutismXXII](http://birdease.com/DriveforAutismXXII)

**ABOUT DRIVE FOR AUTISM FOUNDATION:**

Based in New Providence, New Jersey, The Drive for Autism Foundation (EIN#20-1760417), is a 501(3)(c) tax exempt public charity that was created in the Spring of 2002 for the sole purpose of raising and distributing funds for educational facilities specializing in students with autism.

**DRIVE FOR AUTISM GOLF OUTING 2023**

The Drive for Autism XXII is scheduled for Monday Sept 18, 2023 at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, New Jersey. The event consists of a morning round of golf followed by a barbeque. Special events include golf contests, raffles and a silent auction of sports memorabilia, game tickets and golf trips.

To register or for additional information please visit [www.birdease.com/DriveForAutismXXII](http://www.birdease.com/DriveForAutismXXII), call 908-451-8033 or email [driveforautism@comcast.net](mailto:driveforautism@comcast.net).

## FLEA MARKET SEPT. 30

The Gillette Chapel will be holding it's fall flea market and bake sale fundraiser on September 30, 2023, at the church at the corner of Lackawanna Blvd and Summit Ave in Gillette. The event is indoor from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. rain or shine. There are 2 floors of all types of items to browse. Proceeds of the sale benefit missions, charitable organizations and help support children in the Dominican Republic through Handfuls of Hope. The church can be contacted at 908-647-2573 or at [gillettecommchapel@gmail.com](mailto:gillettecommchapel@gmail.com).

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But that's not how it went. Joe Montana had to hire a quarterback coach to help his son be a better football player. Here's possibly the greatest NFL QB of all time, needing to hire someone else to help his son. It was not that Joe Montana was not equipped for the job...it was that his son needed a second voice to help him get to the next level.

Many parents who have much less knowledge, experience, and skills than Joe Montana are in the same boat in regards to helping their kids get stronger, faster, and more confident.

Most parents we've come across want their kids to eat healthier, be more active, and have a stronger mindset. But many have told us they need help.

Even with the constant reminders of telling their kids to eat more vegetables, get outside instead of watching TV, practice their sport more, get to bed earlier...they find that sometimes the message falls on deaf ears...and some backup would be helpful toward their vision of helping their kid be the best they can be.

Parents have told us that having us (the Grit Athlete Performance Coaches) as a second voice to help reinforce the habits they want for their kids...is changing the game.

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And after they come through our program, parents tell how it's turbocharging their parenting. Here are some real-life examples that have been reported...

Before, parents struggled with getting kids to eat vegetables...now their kids are asking for more.

Before, parents struggled with getting their kids to get enough sleep...now their kids are getting to bed earlier on their own.

Before, parents struggled with getting their kids to watch less TV or play video games...now they are limiting these activities because they've learned they don't really help them become better athletes.

Before, parents struggled with helping their kids have more confidence...now their kids are doing things out of their comfort zone more often which is helping them believe in themselves which further improves self-esteem.

Before, parents had no clue how to help their kid get faster...now they are faster because they've learned that speed is a skill, and a few simple tweaks can make a kid faster immediately.

Before, parents could not get their kids to make their beds...now their kid makes their bed each morning on their own because they learned that making their bed

in the morning helps them have a better day.

Before, parents struggled with getting their kids to do even one good push-up...now they catch them in their room practicing on their own.

Before, parents wanted their kids to have more determination and grit when training new things...now they are staying calm under pressure and seeking out challenges instead of avoiding them.

Many times it's not about telling your kid to eat more vegetables or stop watching TV...but rather finding the right environment for them to be more successful.

Right in your backyard, there's a team of great coaches waiting to be second voices for your kids...so that all the things you're teaching as parents will be reinforced. But most importantly, the results you're after for your kids will actually become a reality. The Grit Athlete fall Sports Performance session runs September 5th until December 2nd in Berkeley Heights NJ, visit [www.gritathletes.com](http://www.gritathletes.com) to fill out an application for your child.

*Grit Athlete Performance is a Sports Performance Training Company located in Berkeley Heights that helps kids ages 6-18 get strong, fast, and confident so they can have a bigger and better future. They have open registration for their fall program that starts on September 5th and runs til December 2nd.*

*Visit [www.gritathletes.com](http://www.gritathletes.com) to register for their fall session...or see below for more details...*

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Attention Parents of Kids Ages 6-18

**UPDATE: THE GRIT ATHLETE PERFORMANCE FALL PROGRAM HAS OPENED REGISTRATION!**

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- **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.
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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
- We saw a noticeable difference in his throwing - he could throw it further and faster! The training definitely paid off!”  
- Dara, GRIT Athlete Parent

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## RONSTADT REVIEW AT SIEMINSKI THEATER

Don't miss your chance to see this amazing celebration of one of music's most versatile performers – Linda Ronstadt! Ronstadt Revue featuring Gesenia presents a premier celebration on October 29 at the Sieminski Theater in Basking Ridge, NJ. Showtime 7:30 pm. Tickets are available at [www.sieminskitheater.org](http://www.sieminskitheater.org) or 866-307-8532

RONSTADT REVUE is a 7-piece ensemble of world-class, professional musicians out of South Jersey/Philadelphia that covers the entire career of Linda Ronstadt (all genres including Spanish-language material). The group is led by the remarkable vocalist, Gesenia, who doesn't just channel Ronstadt's vibrant sound, she embodies her very spirit. Gesenia spent an entire year searching for just the right musicians to fully showcase Ronstadt's music, from country rock to mariachi to big band to pop-rock. And the result of her efforts is Ronstadt Revue — the world's finest Linda Ronstadt tribute show.

Each member of the band is a seasoned, talented musician fully dedicated to recreating the sounds and vibe of a Linda Ronstadt live performance from back in the day. But of course,

no Ronstadt tribute band can work without "that voice." And if you close your eyes, Gesenia will have you believing that Linda really is with us on the stage. This group is so authentic that it has racked up high praise from three of Linda Ronstadt's former band members: Dan Dugmore, John Beland, and Herb Steiner! Who has co-produced Ronstadt Revue's recently released (2022) album. Mr. Beland has appeared with the band in concert at selected shows across the country.

"Every time they play, I'm catapulted back to 1970 on the stage with Linda. This is a fabulous collection of musicians and Gesenia makes the hair on my arms stand up and tingle when she sings. The Ronstadt Revue is authentic. There are tribute bands and then there is this. Don't miss it!" – John Beland

The Sieminski Theater is in Basking Ridge, NJ in the heart of Somerset County. This venue is a beautiful intimate 256-seat state-of-the-art theater and is the ideal destination for experiencing quality entertainment. Tickets for all shows are available at [www.sieminskitheater.org](http://www.sieminskitheater.org). or call 866-307-8532. or (908) 580-3892.

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## BOOK FEST - SEPT. 23

On Saturday, September 23, 2023, New Jersey authors will sign books and talk to visitors at the New Providence Book Festival. Located on the grounds of the historic Salt Box Museum, the festival will include a series of presentations by authors.

**At 10 a.m.**, during the children's story hour, Nadja Springer, Sue Steinhart, and Selene Castrovilla will read from their children's books, *The Big Adventures of a Little Tree*, *This is Tap: Savion Glover Finds His Funk*, and *ImperfectPhil is a Friend*.

**At 11 a.m.**, historical mystery novelist Mally Becker will make her presentation, "Bringing the Past to Life One Spy, Mystery and Murder at a Time."

**At 12:00 Noon**, novelist Elissa Matthews will speak on "Three Kinds of Historical Fiction – Which One Calls to You?"

**At 1 p.m.**, Susen Edwards will speak on "Writing Your Own Memoir"

**At 2 p.m.**, J.R. Bale will talk about "Turning the Voices in My Head into Novels"

All these authors will be available for book signing. Other authors signing their books include Linda Barth, Michelle Cameron, Michael Stephen Daigle, Steven Farkas, Sarajane Giere, Tom Kranz, Nev March, Linda Raedisch, Eileen Harrison Sanchez, Kal Uddin, and others.

Anyone purchasing a book at the festival will receive a free raffle ticket for a gift basket.

The festival will be held on the grounds of the Salt Box Museum at 1350 Springfield Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. The rain date is September 30, 2023. The Salt Box Museum, the site of the festival, is operated by the New Providence Historical Society and will be open for tours, free of charge. Refreshments will be available on the grounds.

More information is available at [newprovidencebookfestival.com](http://newprovidencebookfestival.com)

## WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?

A free spirituality seminar is being offered by Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scotch Plains, NJ. Meetings are weekly, and most are on Zoom.

Some of the most interesting and meaningful discussions occur when we talk about subjects that really matter to us. What is important to you? What fills you with joy? What do you seek in life? What do you believe? Alpha was created as an opportunity to examine important topics that ask us to reevaluate what we believe and why.

The four in-person meetings begin with a meal, followed by a short video on various Christian topics, small group discussions and conclude with some summary comments. The other meetings are conducted on Zoom. There are twelve meetings in total. While it seems as though only people with faith are the target audience, all are welcome whether a believer, an atheist, or an agnostic. Come and bring a friend.

Listening is critical to this format. It is as important to understand other points of view as much as to be understood. Dialogue is expected to be respectful not confrontational. No one is forced to talk if they simply choose to listen.

The comments of those who have done the Alpha Program offer the best reasons to "Try Alpha":

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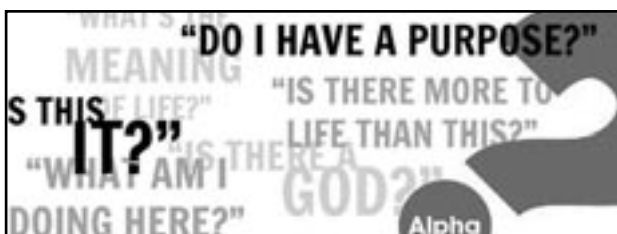
"It gave me a sense of hope." "I found my faith again."

The next Alpha Program will begin on Monday, September 18, 2023 with a dinner at 7 p.m. in the Nazareth Center at Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Church, 1571 S. Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains. Since most meetings will be on Zoom it will require access to a device for the Zoom meetings. Links and directions for Zoom will be provided to those who register. Participation is capped at 30 people. Sign up by visiting the IHM website: [ihmparish.net](http://ihmparish.net). If you have any questions about Alpha, email: [office@ihmparish.net](mailto:office@ihmparish.net) or call: 908-889-2100.



(above) Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scotch Plains to host a free spirituality seminar.

Registration is required, please visit [ihmparish.net/alpha](http://ihmparish.net/alpha). If you have any questions about Alpha, email: [office@ihmparish.net](mailto:office@ihmparish.net) or call: 908-889-2100.



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# FIBER ENTHUSIASTS GATHER TO SPIN A YARN

Kathleen Czarnecki, Kenilworth Public 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.

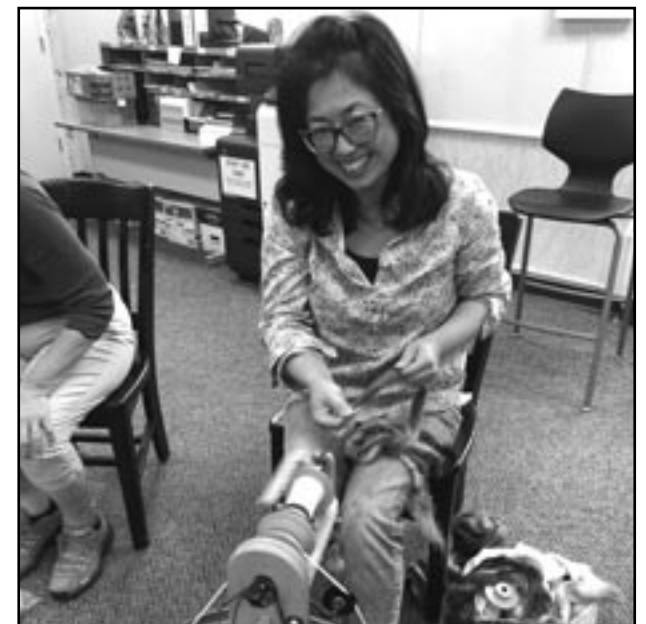
Visit our website at [kenilworthlibrary.org](http://kenilworthlibrary.org) to view additional programs and services. The Kenilworth Public Library is located at 548 Boulevard, Kenilworth, NJ. Our phone number is (908) 276-2451.



(above) Kenilworth residents Suzanne and Kathleen Czarnecki, Kenilworth Library Senior Programming Library Assistant.



(above) Sister and brother from Kenilworth, Leah & Sean tried spinning for the first time.



(above) Anne Choi of Bedminster, is the owner of Middle Brook Fiberworks.

## SEPTEMBER SPEAKERS PROGRAM

The Summit Old Guard was founded in Summit in 1930 and meets every Tuesday at the New Providence Presbyterian Church located at 1307 Springfield Ave. Our motto is "Come for the Programs. Stay for the Friends." September speakers include heavyweight boxer Gerry Cooney, Journalist and author Mark Di Ionno, John Staunton EMT and Trustee of the Summit First Aid Squad, and a timely presentation by two local experts on the history of the rapidly approaching World Series. Please join us. Our programs are free to the public, and we welcome you!

On Tuesday, September 5th, Mark Di Ionno Pulitzer Prize finalist writer of the Star-Ledger will speak about his several humanitarian relief trips to Ukraine, his travels there, and the people he met in Ukraine and in Poland. Di Ionno has also written on New Jersey's Revolutionary War trails and history.

On September 12th, John Staunton will speak about his 38 years with the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, as an EMT and as trustee.

Staunton will also explain the role of EMS services, how 9-1-1 works, and the 61-year history of the Summit Squad.

September 19th, Gerry Cooney will step into the ring. A member of the New Jersey Hall of Fame, many will recall his match with Larry Holmes in 1982. A boxer from 1977 to 1990 Gerry's record was 28 - 3, with 24 wins by a knockout. In 2019 he wrote "Gentleman Gerry: A Contender in the Ring, a Champion in Recovery."

Finally, just in time for the first pitch of the World Series, John Cronin and John Nolan will speak September 26, 2023 on the "Fall Classic," contested since 1903. Both of these local baseball fans and experts will share their incredible knowledge and expertise.

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



(above) Mark Di Ionno, (above) John Staunton, Gerry Cooney, John Cronin and John Nolan

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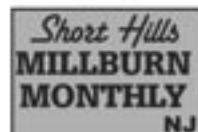
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Boy Scouts of America, Patriots' Path Council will be honoring local citizens at the 11th annual Watchung Hill Good Scout Awards Dinner to be held on the evening of Wednesday, September 27th at The Primavera Regency in Stirling. This year's Good Scout Award honorees are Mark Claxton, Mark Fabian, Virginia Procino Hartmann, Harold Alfred Kreis, Jonathan Shuster, and Victor Sordillo.

The event recognizes outstanding citizens for their community service, as evidenced by their leadership and interests within the communities of Basking Ridge, Warren, and Watchung, and for their embodiment of the values of the century old Scout Oath and Law in their personal and professional lives. The event co-chairs are Wayne Hanlon and Larry Najarian, past Good Scout Award recipients and active volunteers and leaders in the community.

Mark Claxton is Immediate Past President of the Warren Lions Club and an active community volunteer; Mark Fabian has volunteered with Scouts BSA Troop 555 of Basking Ridge and the

at the Berkeley Aquatic Club in New Providence; Virginia Hartmann has volunteered for the Watchung Library since 2010; Harold Kreis is the past president of the optimist club of Watchung and is a former director at Junior Achievement of Union County; Jonathan Shuster is the owner of J.W. Shuster & Son, Inc. and has volunteered with Scouts BSA Troop 555 of Basking Ridge ; and Victor Sordillo is a member of the Warren township committee and has served the town as Mayor for six terms.

These communities are a part of the Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America along with the counties of Middlesex, Morris, Somerset, Sussex, and Union. In the council, over 5,000 adult volunteers deliver the values of Scouting to over 10,500 Scouts.

For more information on Scouting in Patriots' Path Council, attending the event, and sponsoring the program journal, contact Jennifer Volz, Sr. Development Director, at 973-765-9322 ext. 249 and/or [jennifer.volz@scouting.org](mailto:jennifer.volz@scouting.org).

## SENIOR CENTER OF THE CHATHAMS EVENTS

### Senior Center of the Chathams

The following are some of the events the Senior Center of the Chathams have scheduled for September. All require registration by calling the Senior Center at 973-635-4565.

### Beginner Mah Jongg Lessons

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### Playwriting, Acting, Directing & Design Class - Part II.

**Five Tuesdays starting September 12, 10:00AM-Noon**

This is the second part of the free performing arts program made possible by a grant from The Grotta Foundation for Older Adults. This segment focuses on developing and performing short scenes.

### The Importance of Estate Planning

**Wednesday, September 13, 12:30 PM**

Bob Murray, The Murray Firm LLC, will discuss the importance of wills, power of attorney, healthcare directives, living wills, and trusts. Light lunch served; limited seating.

### The Beach Boys Story

**Friday, September 15, 1:00 PM**

Learn about one of the most influential bands of the Rock Era from Vincent Bruno, 60s Rock Historian.

### Live Author Reading of "12 Blocks: Neighborhood Stories of the 60s"

**Wednesday, September 20, 1:00 PM**

Author Sam Pagano's book is about his childhood experiences growing up in East Newark. His stories have been published in The Star Ledger, The Daily Record, and Reminisce Magazine.

### Fall Prevention Day

**Friday, September 22, 11:00 AM**

Learn how to prevent falls and modify the home to reduce the risks of falling. Attendees may also participate in balance and gait testing.

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### The Infinite Variety of Shakespeare's Women

**Friday, September 29, 1:00 PM**

Ellen Barry, Actress and past Producing Director, The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival.

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## RENOVATIONS

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