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## KATE KLIM, GOLDEN DIMES IN CONCERT OCT. 14

The Fanwood Performance Series presents singer-songwriter-pianist Kate Klim and alternative-rock band Golden Dimes on Saturday evening, October 14th, in the community building at Fanwood's Forest Road Park.

With roots in Pennsylvania and Illinois, Kate Klim is now based in Nashville. After a hiatus of several years around the births of her two sons, she began recording her fourth album, "Something Green," in 2020 – and finished it from home during the pandemic. "It's an album about hope, love, change, and new growth," says Klim. A review of the 2022 release in Americana Highways praised the "wonderfully composed" songs and "brilliantly upbeat light vocal approach."

Fanwood-based Golden Dimes is the collaboration of a group of suburban dads, all lifetime musicians brought together by fate and a mutual love of great food and drink, positive vibes and making music. The band's songs carry messages of unity, self-awareness, and responsibility, thoughtfully viewed through the lens of generation Xers wishing to do good in the world. The music is contemporary with classic sensibilities, blending keys, guitars and organic drum sounds with vocal harmony.

Showtime is 7 p.m. The suggested donation for admission is \$15, or \$10 for students and seniors, cash at the door. Reservations can be made by emailing [fanwoodperformance@gmail.com](mailto:fanwoodperformance@gmail.com). Light refreshments are available at intermission.



(above) Nashville's Kate Klim



(above) Fanwood's Golden Dimes in concert October 14th in the community building at Fanwood's Forest Road Park.

The concert series features a wide range of musical artists from near and far. The Oct. 14 show follows a double bill of singer-songwriters on Sept. 9: Shawna Caspi, from Toronto, and Meagan Farrell, who's based in New York and Nashville. On Nov. 4, the series presents an evening of jazz with a trio led by Plainfield-based Anthony Nelson Jr.

The Fanwood Performance Series is a presentation of Mayor Colleen Mahr and the Fanwood Arts Council, made possible in part by a HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) grant from the Union County Board of County Commissioners. All proceeds from admissions and refreshments help support the non-profit, volunteer-operated concert series.

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## ITALIAN HERITAGE ESSAY CONTEST CALLING ON YOUNG WRITERS - DEADLINE OCT 6

### SPF UNICO

The Scotch Plains Fanwood chapter of UNICO is excited to announce an upcoming contest opportunity for local students in grades 5-8. The Columbus Day Italian Heritage Essay Contest is a chance for young participants to connect with their roots and explore their family history.

Open to Scotch Plains and Fanwood students of Italian descent, this contest is divided into two age groups: Grades 5 & 6 and Grades 7 & 8. Participants should focus the essays on their ancestors' immigration journey from Italy to America, their family history, and what their Italian heritage means to them.

The essay submissions should be between 1 to 3 pages, double-spaced, and emailed to [spfunico@gmail.com](mailto:spfunico@gmail.com) by October 6. Entries will be evaluated based on their content, creativity, and connection to the theme. One winner will be chosen from each age group and awarded a \$100 prize.

The essay winners will be announced on October 14 at 10 a.m. during the annual Columbus Day Italian Heritage Event located at the Scotch Plains Town Hall Village Green, or inside Town Hall in case of inclement weather. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony. Contest participants need not be present at the Heritage Event but are encouraged

to attend.

The Columbus Day Italian Heritage Essay Contest provides an excellent outlet for Scotch Plains and Fanwood students to explore their heritage, express their gratitude for their Italian roots, and take part in a community event that recognizes their cultural identity.

UNICO is the largest Italian-American service organization in the USA, and the SPF chapter is celebrating its 50th year. To learn more about becoming a UNICO member or obtain additional information on UNICO events, please visit their official website at [unicospf.org](http://unicospf.org) or email them at [spfunico@gmail.com](mailto:spfunico@gmail.com).



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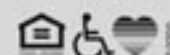
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Dr. Mark R. Vogel, a clinical psychologist with 36 years of experience, including working in the New Jersey prison system will present his program, “Jack the Ripper: A Mystery of Mysteries” on October 16th at Fanwood Presbyterian Church, 74 Martine Avenue (McDermott Street entrance) at 7:30 p.m. The program is being hosted by the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains; it is free and the public is invited to attend. Please note that this program is not intended for children.

Jack the Ripper is one of the most infamous serial murder cases in the world. Set in the slums of eastern London in 1888, five women, possibly more, all impoverished prostitutes, were viciously slayed. The heinous crimes rocked London to its core. The unknown assailant, like a phantom in the night, committed the grisly tasks and vanished without ever being caught.


The identity of Jack the Ripper is by far the most beguiling aspect of the murders. But within this mystery are countless other mysteries. Was he a doctor? Why did he keep some of the victim’s organs? Are the famous Ripper letters authentic or a hoax? How was he able to commit the murders without being caught? Did he have an accomplice? Why did he stop killing?

The entire story will be discussed via a

PowerPoint presentation with then and now photos of the murder sites. Dr. Vogel is a Jack the Ripper researcher who has studied the case, reviewed the original police files and has visited the murder sites himself. He was a guest speaker at a Jack the Ripper conference in London in 2018. He promises a “riveting lecture”.



(above) Dr. Mark R. Vogel will present “Jack the Ripper: A Mystery of Mysteries” on October 16th at Fanwood Presbyterian Church.




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For more information about the run and to register, please go to [fanwoodrecreation.org](http://fanwoodrecreation.org). Runners who register by October 2nd are guaranteed a race t-shirt. Online registration closes October 13th, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. In-person registration will be available on the day of the race.

This event is sponsored by the Fanwood Recreation Commission, a group of dedicated volunteers who strive to improve and expand recreational opportunities within the Fanwood community. All race proceeds go to benefit Fanwood Recreation events, parks and facilities.



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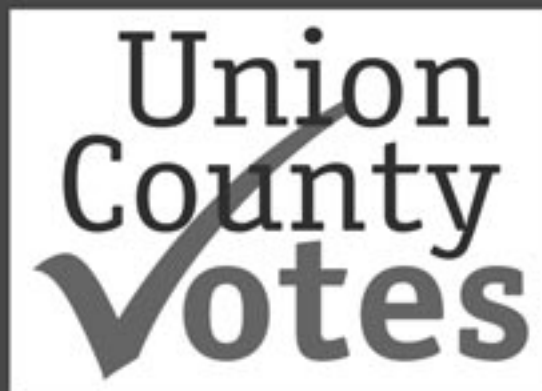
### Fanwood Recreation Department

Scary times return to Fanwood this fall—and you're invited to join the fearful festivities!

On Tuesday evening, October 31st, the annual Fanwood Halloween Parade and Costume Contest will begin with the traditional Halloween Parade down Martine Avenue. Due to the construction at the Fanwood Memorial Library, where the Parade has begun in previous years, this year's starting point, as of this writing, has yet to be determined. The parade is expected to begin at 6:15 p.m.

Once the parade arrives at its end point, La Grande Park, at approximately 6:30 p.m., the Costume Contest will begin for children of all ages. Anyone who wants to enter a pumpkin in the Jack-o-Lantern Contest should bring his or her carved creation to the park and fill out an entry form by 6:30 PM. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes and the best jack-o-lanterns! Free cider, donuts and coffee will be available to all.

This evening of fun and festivities is presented by the Fanwood Recreation Commission.



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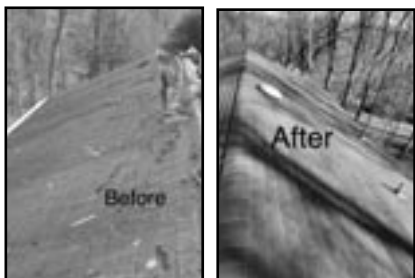


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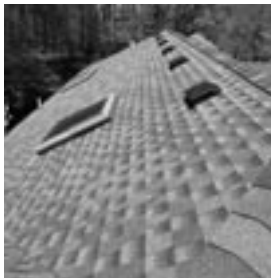
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## GWACC ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF GENE JANNOTTI

The Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (GWACC) Board of Directors announced the retirement of Gene Jannotti, CEO of the Chamber, at the September 13, 2023, board meeting. Gene will leave office when the Board hires his replacement. The Board is expected to announce the new GWACC Chamber Executive Director in October as soon as the position is finalized.

Gene served in his position since 2014 and accomplished much during almost 10 years. Gene increased the Chamber membership from 260 members to currently over 400 members. He enlarged the Board to 20 members to be more representative of the businesses and professionals the Chamber represents and established standing committees with board members and volunteers to increase involvement and awareness of Chamber activities and events.

He expanded the size of the Chamber by incorporating Clark and the Irish Business Association into the GWACC Chamber and the communities it serves in Clark, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield. He created special recognition awards for 5-year, 10-year, and older GWACC members. Additional community events were created in Clark, Fanwood and Garwood to engage with community residents and highlight local businesses. During the pandemic, Gene's efforts continued the work of the Chamber on a daily basis and provided updates regarding COVID provided to him by the NJ Chamber of Commerce and the US Chamber. He assisted members and non-members alike with PPP information and access to other State and County Grants. He initiated regular online networking events to keep the business community connected and developed a new website and mobile app to better connect with the members and local communities. Many more opportunities now exist for member businesses to interact with other like-minded professionals at the various networking events.

In 2017 he facilitated the office move to the current location on Lenox Avenue. He established the GWACC 501c3 Foundation primarily to



(above) Gene Jannotti

provide scholarships to local high school students. He started a new budgeting, billing and payments processes including auto-billing of dues to facilitate payments. He established ongoing sponsorship programs for continuing support of GWACC events.

In the past five years, Gene received the Union County Boy Scouts Lifetime Achievement Award, the NJBIA ICON Award and the Inroads to Opportunities Champion of Change Award. He is a graduate of the US Chamber Institute of Nonprofit Organizational Management. Gene is a former member of the Trinitas Hospital Foundation Board, Past President of the Board of Trustees of the Union County Performing Arts Center, current Board member of Union College

Foundation and the Boys and Girls Club of Union County. Gene is a member of the Scotch Plains/Fanwood Rotary, the Westfield Optimist Club, and the Union County 200 Club. Gene is also on the Siena College Advisory Board.

"I have enjoyed my time at the Chamber helping businesses succeed and do well. But now it is time to bring in a new Executive Director to take the Chamber to the next level. I want to thank the GWACC Staff, Mary Cirillo who has been with me for the past nine years and Faith Delaney for the past 5 years for the job they have done for the Chamber. I am very happy that I leave the Chamber in better condition than when I started." Gene thanked all current and former Board members for the opportunity given to him to serve as the Chamber CEO and expressed his thanks to all of the GWACC members who make everything happen at the Chamber. Gene will take well deserved time away from employment to serve on various non-profit Boards, play golf and travel.

### GWACC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Established over 75 years ago, the GWACC is the primary business organization in Clark, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains, and Westfield. The chamber promotes local business opportunities, economic development, and community growth. GWACC includes 460 member businesses and nonprofit organizations. For more information about GWACC, visit [www.gwaccnj.com](http://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 5:00 p.m. Our office is located at 212 Lenox Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090.

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(above, l-r) Mari McDevitt, College Club Calendar Committee Chairperson, congratulates Arlene Knox, President of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League, on being selected as the featured advertiser in the Community Calendar.

Each year the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains honors one of its long-time advertisers in the Community Date Calendar. The 60th edition of the community calendar features the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League (FSPSL) whose volunteers operate the Thrift Shop at 1741 East Second Street, Scotch Plains. The FSPSL is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2023 and has supported the community during these 50 years by providing grants to local organizations and scholarships to local students.

The FSPSL has also been a loyal supporter of the College Club Community Date Calendar for more than 15 years.

Arlene Knox, President of the FSPSL notes,

## #LIGHTUPMBC

On October 13th, Fanwood Borough Hall will be illuminated in the colors green, teal and pink as a part of the national campaign to shine a light on Metastatic Breast Cancer. Over 200 landmarks across the world will light up to raise awareness of this deadly disease #LightUpMBC.



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Due to the generosity and loyalty of the local advertisers listed in the calendar, the donation price of \$10 goes directly into the College Club’s scholarship fund.

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Registration is now open for these Fanwood Recreation Fall programs, beginning in October, for children: Babysitting Certification Class, Youth Hip Hop Experience Dance Class, Musical Theater Class, SAT Boot Camp.

Registration is now open for these Fanwood Recreation Fall programs, beginning in October, for adults: Bridge for Beginners, Bridge for Intermediates

Registration is now open for these Fall Fanwood Recreation Fall programs for Seniors: Zumba Gold, Gentle Yoga. Zumba will be offered via Zoom and Yoga will be offered via Zoom and in-person. Each program will run for approximately 12 weeks and cost only \$20 for the entire program.

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The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League is kicking off the fall with a series of seasonal events at its non-profit Thrift Shop, 1741 East Second Street, Scotch Plains. Starting Tuesday, Oct. 3, find a variety of Halloween costumes for children, adults and pets, along with related holiday accessories. Included for sale are Disney character costumes and several “Curtain Call Costumes” bound to enchant children with a penchant for the stage! Why spend a fortune for Halloween when you can find spook-tacular costumes in all sizes for trick or treating and holiday parties?

Tuesday, Oct. 10 marks the start of the Thrift Shop’s annual Boot Bonanza, where a wide assortment of both warm and fashion-minded boots from famous names can be found throughout the store. Men, women and children can walk off in style or keep their toes warm and dry with reasonably-priced footwear to outsmart the cold, wet weather ahead. Be sure to shop early for the best selection.

Finally, a one-day Jewelry event will be held on Saturday, October 21, during regular business hours (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.). The event will highlight the higher-end pieces generously donated throughout the year. Savvy shoppers will find necklaces, bracelets, watches, rings and earrings, including vintage pieces, sterling silver, pearls and more. The special sale is a must for those who appreciate top-notch jewelry at low-end price points!

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League is a local, all-volunteer organization. The League operates the Thrift Shop with merchandise provided by donors who supply the store with good-quality merchandise they no longer need. Clothing in all sizes, shoes, bric-a-brac, linens, household goods, toys, games, books, DVDs and more are constantly replenished. That means customers can always find something “new to them!” All proceeds outside of store operating expenses are provided to local non-profit organizations or used for student scholarships.

Regular store hours are Tuesday through Friday from 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 Service League, volunteer opportunities and types of donations accepted call the store during Thrift Shop business hours: 908-322-5420.



(above) Kick it up a notch at the Thrift Shop’s annual Boot Bonanza, starting Tuesday, Oct. 10.



(above) A young child will surely have a ball dressed as Cinderella for Halloween!

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The Osborn house will be open on both days from 12 p.m. until 5 p.m. and decorated as a "haunted" house for Four Centuries in a Weekend. Children will be able to get an early Halloween treat and make their own ghost dolls! Admission is free to all. Docents will also be offering tours, on both days, of the fully-furnished circa 1760 town home.

The Museum is located at 1840 Front Street, Scotch Plains, NJ. Admission to the museum is free but donations are always welcome.

For more information email

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(above) Four Centuries in a Weekend at the Osborn Cannonball House Museum, Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 22.

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## OVER \$218,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation has continued to fulfill its mission of helping local students achieve their goals of a higher education by distributing over \$218,000 in scholarship aid to 117 deserving students.

Throughout the year, members of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood community generously contributed to the Foundation's "Dollars for Students Campaign," which distributed \$25,000 to various high school and college students who are residents of Scotch Plains or Fanwood and have demonstrated both impressive academic achievement and financial need.

Some of these Dollars for Students awards are named in honor of board members of the Foundation (in parentheses). The high school students who received such awards are: Luke Kalafat (Lee Stein), Bridget Hernandez (Joseph Nagy), Sean Stuart (Eleanor Kramps), Ray Dickscheid (Recipient Funded), Drew Bartley (Henry Schweiring), and Andrew Giuliani (John Lawson). Additional high school students who received Dollars for Students awards are Yuki Qiu, Natasha Vega, Maya Viscardi-Carelse, Isabelle Verrico, Disha Debnath, and Orecia Casimiro. Recipients currently attending college who received Dollars for Students awards are: Will Felcone, Katelyn Gaulin, Emily Friscia.

In addition, several individuals, families, and community organizations have entrusted funds to the Foundation's stewardship. Each scholarship has its own donor-specified criteria which must be met. This year, local students have received the following awards: The Adrian Andrews Memorial Scholarship, Kyle Brainard; The Besson Family Memorial Scholarships, Ethan White and Ava Niemczyk; The Coach Brez Memorial Scholarship, Giovanni Marra and Elizabeth Bedatsky; The Doris and George Bryan Memorial Scholarship & Award, Michael Grill; The Philip Cappio Memorial Scholarship, Orecia Casimiro; The Fred Chemidlin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, Minahal Azhar; The Carol B. Choye Memorial Scholarship, Jacob Jones; The Class of 1967 – First to Receive, First to Give Back Scholarship, Christopher Chan; The JJ Cunningham Memorial Scholarship, Diego Gutierrez and Chloe Burfeindt; The Daidone Family Scholarship, Matthew Nervi; The Mauro and Rulene DiFrancesco Scholarship Award, Sarah Paoella; The Mauro and Rulene DiFrancesco Saint Bartholomew Student Scholarship, Dominic Souza; The Rocco & Camille Dinizo Memorial Scholarship, Kiley Wirth, The Frank & Eileen DiNizo Memorial Scholarship, Stephanie Muenzen; The Karen and Joseph Franzone Memorial Scholarship, Emma Alchus; Frank Fumosa Memorial Scholarship, Alec Choi; The Marco M. Giasullo Memorial Scholarship, Anthony Malta; The Girl Scout Scholarship, Morgan Virgil; The Doris Koues Memorial Scholarship, Isabella Calamusa; The George Kurek Memorial Scholarship, Natasha Vega; The William and Ruth Linge Scholarships, Henrique Barbosa and Briana Talmadge; The John and Marie Losavio Memorial Scholarship, Kaelan Mattos; The Lyght Family Scholarship, Naa Dei Ashie and Davyd Dasi; The John J. Maggs Memorial Scholarship, Olivia Eckstine; The William J. McGinn Memorial Scholarship, Disha Debnath; The Courtney E. Metzger

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In addition, the following students have received awards new to The Foundation this year: SPF-IU Scholarship, Jay Slack; Nick Palumbo, M.D. Memorial Scholarship, Katie Ramalho; SPFHS Marching Band Scholarship, Emmet Fynes; The Patrick's Downtown Race To Summer 5K Scholarship, in Memory of Patrick J. Allocca, Gabrielle Smulewitz.

The Class of 1960 Memorial Scholarship continues to fund non-academic expenses including on-campus housing, room and board at Rutgers University for four years. This award has an approximate annual value of \$18,000. Recipients currently receiving this scholarship include Camila Cabrera (2022), Lindsey Bartley (2021) and Joseph Marta (2020). The monies received for this scholarship are not included in the total dollar amount awarded listed above, as the amount to be awarded will be determined during the school year.

One of the Foundation's deepest partnerships is with the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club and the Rotary-Garbe Foundation, which funds numerous generous scholarships administered by the SPF Scholarship Foundation. The Rotary-Garbe Foundation Scholarships, awarded for four years, went to Elijah Ware, Jessica Gallagher and Ava Mach (2023); Victoria Solsky, Maeve Kahora and Isabella Segara (2022); Clare McGuinness, Sabrina Ngu and Dennis Gannon (2021); John Veglia, Kyle Marquardt and Sol Casimiro (2020). The William Mullin Memorial Scholarship, awarded for four years, went to

Mikaya Mari (2023), Stephanie Brown (2022), Alexa Vierschilling (2021), and Isabella Richardson (2020). The following students received The Ethel Perkins Memorial Scholarship, awarded for four years: Madison Diaz (2023), Chloe Howell (2022), John Michael Cristobal (2021), and Sarai Romero (2020). The David E. Ringle Memorial Valedictorian Award was awarded to Riley Bhatia, and the Salutatorian Award was awarded to Emma Schramm. The Robert H. Kraus Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Braden Griffith; the Dr. Richard W. Dobyens Rotary Scholarship was awarded to Michael Grill.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation began its work in 1966 with a donation from the SPFHS PTA – a partnership that flourishes to this day. Each school's PTA contributes at least two scholarships to graduates who have attended their schools. The SPF PTA Council also awards scholarships to SPFHS graduates. In addition, the Scholarship Chairperson for each PTA serves on the Foundation's Screening Committee.

The Brunner PTA scholarships this year were awarded to: Rushil Damania (Dr. Albert DeSousa Memorial Scholarship), Jordana Reisberg (Brunner PTA Scholarship) and Lexi Chouinard (Brunner PTA Scholarship).

The following scholarships were awarded by the PTA to former students at J. Ackerman Coles Elementary School: Carol Patten Memorial Scholarship, Anna Soifer; Michelle Crisafulli Memorial Scholarship, Kelsey Tse; Laurie Prusik Memorial Scholarship, Ethan Filler and Beth Mulvaney Memorial Scholarship, Sophie Meinke.

From the Evergreen Elementary School PTA, the following scholarships were awarded: Dr. Beverlee Kaminetzky Memorial Scholarship, Daniel O'Brien; Kehs-Aakjer Memorial Scholarship, Sofia Berkman; Mary "Chickie" Giraud Memorial Scholarship, Andres Lopez.

The McGinn Elementary School PTA awarded its Mariana Cassidy Excellence Awards to Meredith Kenoff and Owen Higinbotham.

The Nettingham Middle School PTA's McTB Scholarship was awarded to Ava Billotto, and the Dave Cilio Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Gabriella Virga.

The PTA Council Awards: Manya Ungar Scholarship, Sam Klausner; Dr. Margaret Hayes Scholarship, Lily Friebely; Dr. Carol B. Choye Scholarship, Riley Vierschilling;

From the School One Elementary School PTA, the following scholarships were awarded: James V. Cerasa Scholarship, Matthew Murray; Jeffrey Grysko Scholarship, Sophia Gallo.

The SPFHS PTA awarded the Robert Adams, Jr. Scholarship to Gavin Lesnevich and the Dr. Terry K. Riegel Scholarship to Zoe Quraishi.

Finally, the Terrill Middle School PTA awarded the John C. Foulks Scholarships to Abbie Sapira and Charlotte Gumpel.

Congratulations to these outstanding scholars and our deepest thanks to all of our partners who have stood by us for 57 years. For further information, please visit our website [spfscholarshipfoundation.org](http://spfscholarshipfoundation.org) or contact the Foundation's president, Michelle Wyrwa at [spfscholarshipfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:spfscholarshipfoundation@gmail.com)

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# FRAZEE HOUSE HARVEST FESTIVAL

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The Rotary Frazee House committee and the Township of Scotch Plains will host the annual Harvest Festival at the historic Frazee Farmstead on Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 12 to 5 p.m., 1451 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains – rain or shine. There will be activities for every age group: live music, games, pony rides, a petting zoo, food trucks, pumpkin tossing, a haunted trail and the Great Pumpkin Patch. “We continue to make progress on the Frazee renovation. This year we began the construction of a bathroom cottage adjacent to the house and it will include two bathrooms and a utility area where the meters for the gas, electric and water will be located. An ADA accessible ramp will allow access to the bathrooms and to the house. The two rooms in the West wing of the house are also being renovated, including power, data ports, heat and air conditioning,” said Andy Calamaras, President of the Frazee House Board. The Harvest Festival is great opportunity for the community

to visit the site and see for themselves.

Additionally, in October, overlapping the date of Harvest Festival, will be the Frazee House participation with Union County’s annual “Four Centuries in a Weekend,” on October 21 and 22. Representatives will be at the Frazee site on both days with brochures, bookmarks, a video demonstration and an external tour of the house. History buffs can note that the Frazee House is one of the stops on the Battle of Short Hills Historic Trail as well as being renowned for the legendary confrontation between General Cornwallis and Aunt Betty Frazee.

The Great Pumpkin Patch, is ongoing from October 1st through 31st. There will be hundreds of pumpkins in various sizes and colors, and they’ll be sold every day from 11am to dusk. The site will be decorated for Halloween and is the perfect setting for fall photos.

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