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Submitted by Carol Lombardo

The Garwood Senior Club meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at noon at the Knights of Columbus building located on South Avenue in Garwood. Entrance is through the Willow Avenue parking lot at the rear. The building is ADA compliant and all on one level.

All Garwood residents, age 55 and over, are welcome to join. The Club has lunch and plays bingo at every meeting. Several times a year, speakers are invited in to discuss timely topics that are relevant to the seniors. In the past, the Garwood Police and EMTs have come in to discuss safety in the home and around town, officials from Union County have come in to talk about wills, long term care and planning for the future. Other speakers discussed nutrition, caregivers, staying sharp as we age, and health and general well-being. A variety of trips are planned throughout the year, most recently, a river cruise aboard the River Lady out of Toms River. We also have a Senior Club Christmas/Holiday Party and other special events during the year as well as an ice cream social and a Lions Club sponsored picnic.

There is a Senior Citizen bus that is available to bring members to the meeting as well as other venues like food shopping and to the local malls. Kathleen Wierzbinski, Garwood's Senior Director, sends out a calendar of all the events to registered members, which include movies at the Garwood Library, ceramics and exercise classes, and dates of importance like the Senior Picnic, bus trips, and the Christmas/Holiday Party, in addition to the dates of mall/shopping trips. If you are registered as a Senior Club member, you should be on her mailing list. For some reason, if you do not receive the Newlsetter, you can call Kathleen at 908-789-0710.

Elected at the first meeting of the year, our slate of officers are: President is Patsy DiFabio, Vice President is George Diers, Secretary is Sharon Flammia and Treasurer is Bruce Paterson.

The Club is always encouraging new members to join us. If you are interested in joining the Senior Club you can call Kathleen or just show up at the next available meeting, and we will be happy to register you then.



(above) Members of the Garwood PBA #117 treated the Garwood Seniors to a special luncheon on August 10, complete with sandwiches, desserts and two special prizes awarded during our usual Bingo games.

The highlight of the meeting was an educational and informative presentation about how older people are uniquely targeted for scams, by phone and computer, and how to avoid falling for them, how to protect yourself from them, and what to do if you become an unfortunate victim.

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(above) Garwood Seniors enjoyed a river cruise sailing along the Toms River on the River Lady on August 8.

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SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ OCT 14 SHOW

Salem Roadhouse Café presents Zuko, Philips, Cohn & Starr, Saturday, October 14, 2023. The doors open at 7:15 p.m., the show starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$20 and includes show, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, and dessert. The venue is located in Bailey Hall at Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Road, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities.

Zuko, Philips, Cohn & Starr have carved themselves a unique niche within the realm of rock classic tunes. Focused mostly on vocals and light accompaniment with a pair of guitars and a djembe for rhythm, this group of very talented and familiar Roadhouse performers has taken classic rock tunes we all know and love and put a lighter spin on them. The usual trappings of rock with it's requisite "wall of sound" is avoided, making the lyrics and tunes able to be heard clearly. Focused on rich harmonies, their sound is catching on like wildfire. Come and hear songs as you've never heard them before! States Michael Zuko, "We are in the midst of recording our debut album, which will be out next year. More original material is being added to our set lists."

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

ABOUT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ

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. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit 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 YMCA Domestic Violence Programs, Making It Possible To End Homelessness, Camp Johnsonburg, The Music Institute, and others. Thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.

FALL FUNDRAISER – BASKETS OF HOPE

The Center for Hope Hospice Auxiliary

The Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care Auxiliary 25th annual fall fundraiser "Baskets of Hope" will take place on October 22nd, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pines Manor in Edison, New Jersey.

The event will feature a wonderful luncheon, and raffles of over 100 baskets, a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, two gift card aprons, and a raffle for VISA gift cards in denominations of \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500, and various vendors will offer an array of beautiful merchandise for sale.

The Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care Auxiliary provides financial support of the Center's charity care through fundraisers such as the "Baskets of Hope" in the Fall and a Wine Tasting in the Spring. The Auxiliary also runs the Hope Chest, a thrift store located at 26 Prospect Street in Westfield, New Jersey.

The Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative

Care is a not-for-profit hospice that provides loving care to patients and their families regardless of race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, or ability to pay. This care is provided in facilities in Scotch Plains and Elizabeth, New Jersey, and in patients' homes.

For more information regarding the event, and to purchase tickets visit cfhh.org. Tickets for the VISA card raffle can be purchased at the Hope Chest, located at 26 Prospect Street, Westfield, NJ, or from an auxiliary member.





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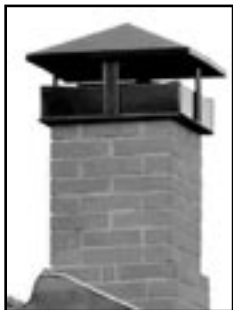
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This year we are delighted to honor our Soup Kitchen Teams from:

- Parish Community of St. Helen, Westfield
- Holy Spirit, Union
- Holy Trinity, Westfield
- St. Agnes, Clark
- Immaculate Conception, Elizabeth
- Church of Little Flower, Berkeley Heights
- St. John the Apostle, Clark
- St. Michael, Cranford
- Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield

Thanks to countless volunteers from these faith communities, a hot meal has been served with dignity and compassion since April 19, 1986. Even during Covid, these volunteers prepared meals 'to-go' so that our sisters and brothers could enjoy lunch on Saturday.

The GRAND 50/50 Raffle will be in 5 cash prizes. Only 2,500 tickets will be sold, so please

get your tickets early! The Grand Prize will be \$15,000 or 30% of ticket sales, and there will be Four Consolation Prizes of \$2500 or 5% of ticket sales.

The Tricky Tray and Restaurant Gift Card baskets will be better than ever. This year we are also featuring a Take Me Away Travel Prize donated by United Airlines. This prize features 2 electronic certificates valid for round trip travel between US 48 / Alaska / Canada / Caribbean / Central America.

The evening will start at 6:00 p.m. so you will have plenty of time to 'shop' and mingle! To purchase tickets, become a sponsor, or make a

donation, please visit our website at sjeliz.org/special-events.html. Please purchase tickets by October 10th.

We are very grateful that your generosity has enabled us to serve our community for over 37 years through our food, health, counseling, adult education, clothing, and seasonal programs, and we hope we can count on your continued support.

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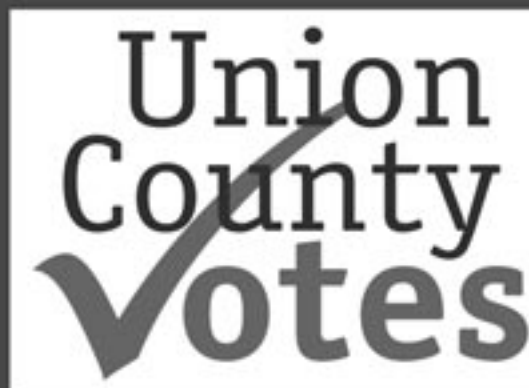
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GWACC ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF GENE JANNOTTI

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.



(above) Gene Jannotti

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 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 on-going sponsorship programs for continuing

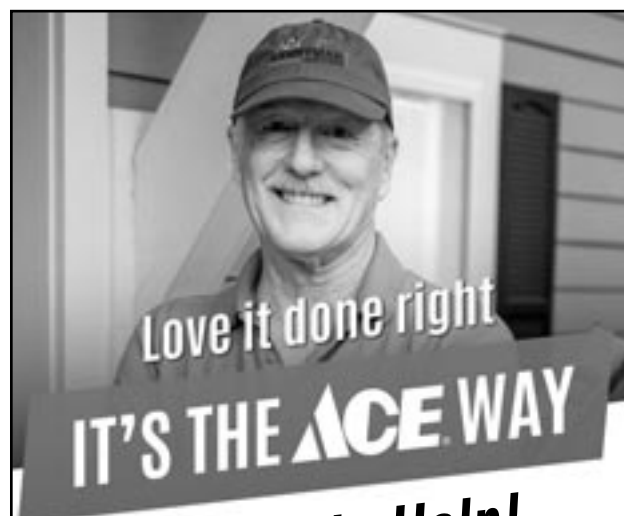
support of GWACC events.

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. 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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Bullying is a challenge for many students, but children and youth who are grieving are more likely to be bullied or become bullies. The Bullies to Buddies method fosters resilience by showing how to respond to verbal aggression. Children from 3rd grade and up, parents, school staff members and any interested community members are welcome to attend whether or not they have been recently impacted by a loss.

The training will be offered by Connie Palmer, LCSW who is a Grief Education Consultant for Imagine. Connie is a former school social worker, therapist and is a Certified Bullies to Buddies Trainer.

If you and/or your kids are interested in attending, please register by scanning the QR code below or visiting Imagine's website at imagineenj.org. Pizza dinner is available prior to the workshop at 6:15 p.m. Please indicate your interest in coming early for pizza when you register. We hope you can join us at Imagine for this timely and beneficial workshop!

Imagine is a 501c3 nonprofit that offers free year-round grief support groups for children ages

3-18 and young adults 19-30 who are coping with a loss due to death. Concurrently, support groups are available for the parents and guardians of the children in the groups and offered in English and Spanish. Imagine also offers grief and loss education and training to the community. For more information please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or info@imagineenj.org.



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The Library will be closed for Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples Day.

Decorate a Wooden Bat

September 25 through October 20

Pick up a Wooden Bat (the mammals that hang upside down, not the baseball kind) from the library while they last. Use your imagination to decorate it for Halloween. Don't forget to put your name on the back. Return it to the Library for display through October 20, then take it home for Halloween. Each participant will receive a goody bag when they return a decorated bat. There will be a prize for our favorite bat. For kids in Kindergarten through 8th Grade.

Knitting Club

October 2, 16, 23 and 30 at 10:30 am

Join our Knitting Club. Open to all levels. Whether you're a beginner or you want to share your vast knowledge of knitting, spend an hour being creative and socializing. No Registration required. Yarn and needles provided to newcomers

Storytime

October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
at 10 am and 11 am

Join Miss Maryanne for stories and more. Our friend and author Laura Sassi will join us on October 3 and Costumes are optional on Halloween, October 31. Registration is required. Limit 15

Library Board Meeting

October 4, at 7:30 pm

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School House Chess

October 5, 12, and 19 at 3 pm

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Virtual Kid's Craft

October 10 at 3 p.m.

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October 11 from 10 am to Noon

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LEGO CLUB

October 11 and 25 at 3 pm

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Virtual Adult Craft

October 17 at 3 p.m.

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Book Discussion Group

October 23, at 1:00 pm

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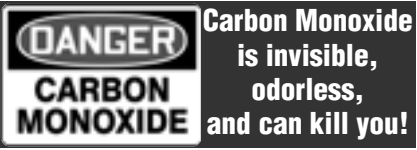
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