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## SCHOOL STAFF WELCOMED BACK FOR 2023-2024

### Warren Township Public Schools

After a very productive summer, Warren Township Schools kicked off the 2023-2024 school year by inviting the forty-plus new hires to participate in the New Staff Induction Program (NSIP) led by Christine Smith and Stacey Hann-Modugno on August 23 and 24. On August 28, Superintendent Dr. Matthew Mingle hosted approximately four hundred and thirty staff at Warren Middle School to deliver his convocation speech. The overarching theme of the NSIP and Dr. Mingle's Welcome Back program undoubtedly focused on "belonging."

Mingle highlighted this year's focus areas outlined in the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, which included improvements/updates to Competencies, Equity & Consistency, and Health, Wellness, & Safety. Specifically, the district will be particularly interested in ELA, Math, Social Emotional Competencies, Cultural Proficiency among staff, Student Belonging, Warren Middle School Culture, Capital Planning and Safety and Security.

This year, Mingle invited Mr. Kevin Tuerff, a passenger onboard a flight diverted to Gander, to speak with the entire staff. Tuerff, whose story is featured in *Come From Away*, gave a powerful first-hand narrative of his experience on that unforgettable day and how the people of Gander embraced him and thousands of other "come from aways." In what may have been the scariest situation of his life, Tuerff instead recalls being shown love, compassion, and generosity from perfect strangers.

Tuerff has since published a book titled *Channel of Peace: Stranded in Gander on 9/11* and founded the Pay It Forward

9/11 Kindness Charity inspired by the townspeople of Gander. Pay It Forward 9/11 sets out to help develop communities where harmony grows through individual "pay it forward" actions and the ripple effect they cause.

Board President David Brezee also shared his experience working in New York City on 9/11 and, like Tuerff, Brezee recalls perfect strangers going out of their way to help him commute from back to Watchung, NJ. Brezee and his wife, Christine, have since visited the 9/11 memorial in Warren Township to share their experience with their four children.

Mingle concluded the morning by introducing two district initiatives to ensure that each student and staff member feels welcomed into the Warren Township community, regardless of where they come from.

During the 2022-2023 school year, district officials partnered with parents and community members to launch the OneWarren initiative. The mission of OneWarren is to promote a sense of unity and belonging throughout the community. The work of OneWarren will continue into the 2023-2024 school year. The committee is currently looking to connect new community members with mentor families. If interested, please e-mail [OneWarren@warrentboe.org](mailto:OneWarren@warrentboe.org)

Lastly, Mingle, along with Warren Middle School Principal George Villar and Assistant Principal Maria Mensinger, will pilot a transformative leadership program called Harmony, inspired by the heartwarming stories of Gander. The program is designed to empower middle school students in Warren Township to cultivate compassion, embrace diversity, and foster unity within their school community.



(above, back, l-r) Megan Mongno, Mary Myers, Mary Johnstone, Courtney Cwiek, Christopher Tavaglione, Samantha Sage, Amy Petrik, Kelcey Sheeley, Nadeen Hrevnack Dickey, Karly Trimble, Christina Barlik, Jaclyn Cohen, Parsad Gandhi, Anna Roga, Gillian D'Ambrosia, Monika Rosinski, Alycia Shah, Jennifer Ouimet, Holly Bucco, Loriann Carbone, Dr. Matthew Mingle, Stacey Hann-Modugno. (front, l-r) Courtney Scott, Denise Chapman, Mary Spitz, Niki Marie Mott, Madelyn Chester, Tina Nguyen, Marilyn Orejuela, Thea Moore, Aimee Runfola, Heather Coon, Rosa Scali, Gurvinder Dabb, Jennifer Guarino, and Christine Smith.

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### Ashley's Warren Market Update

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Average Days  
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## WINTER COAT COLLECTION IS HEATING UP

With colder weather on the horizon, Faith Lutheran is getting ready by collecting winter coats, scarves, hats, and gloves for Market Street Mission's Annual Coat Giveaway in Morristown. Faith has gathered these vital winter necessities for Market Street Mission for the past 30 years.

The local community is invited to help. If you have a new or gently worn winter coat that you would like to donate, please bring it to Faith Lutheran at 524 South Street, New Providence during office hours Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We are also collecting new handmade or purchased warm winter hats, scarves, and winter insulated gloves and mittens.

Please note that no rain jackets, windbreakers, vests, or sweaters are needed—only coats. All sizes are requested in men's, women's and children's with a special call for women's and children's.

The coat collection at Faith Lutheran will run through October 22. After that, the coats will be on their way to Market Street Mission in time for

the big Giveaway, which is scheduled for Saturday, November 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Morristown Green. Anyone in need of a coat can come to the Giveaway.

Market Street Mission is a non-profit organization helping to fight alcoholism, drug abuse, hunger, and homelessness in Northern NJ.



(above) Faith Lutheran Church is collecting winter coats through October 22nd.

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On Thursday, October 19th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss will offer a Bullies to Buddies workshop at their Mountainside center at 244 Sheffield Street in Mountainside. There is no cost for this program. Children and youth, third grade and older are welcome to attend along with adults who wish to help the children in their lives gain skills for responding to bullying behavior. Young people attending will have an opportunity to role play techniques taught throughout the session.

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 [imaginenj.org](http://imaginenj.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@imaginenj.org](mailto:info@imaginenj.org).



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## RELIEF FROM CHRONIC KNEE PAIN FDA Approved Treatment to Avoid Surgery

### DON'T BLAME THE ARROW FOR MISSING THE TARGET

Just like tens of millions of other Americans, you were looking for relief from your chronic knee pain. You thought Viscosupplementation injections might be the answer, but the results were disappointing and painful. Don't assume the treatment wasn't right. That could very well be like blaming the arrow for its path to the target when the problem might be the archer. If you didn't get the pain relief you were hoping for, chances are your injection treatment was off target. Unlike blind injections or even ultrasound targeted treatments found elsewhere, **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** uses diagnostic fluoroscopy to make sure the area that needs treated is the exact area where the injection goes. This is the most advanced method of delivering this pain relieving treatment with 95% accuracy to give you the results you're looking for. The use of Fluoroscopy guided injections sets **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** apart. The end result is you living pain free from your chronic knee pain. You can avoid the lengthy and painful road of knee replacement surgery. You can avoid the endless trial and error assortment of potentially addictive prescription medications. This treatment, using fluoroscopy guided injections has seen a success rate of above 85% in those suffering from knee pain related to osteoarthritis, and that includes people with bone on bone involvement. You've suffered from chronic knee pain long enough. Call **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** now for a RISK FREE consultation.



### If Knee Surgery Sounds Scary, It Should

Have you have been told you are facing knee replacement surgery? Have you been told about all the downsides you could be facing? First and foremost, there are NO guarantees that knee replacement surgery will be the answer to your pain, but let's look further:

- Surgery is costly, regardless of the percentage of services covered by insurance.
- Surgery requires lost time from work and typically requires a regimen of rehabilitation and medications.
- With surgery, there is always a risk for unwelcomed complications. And you could be back to where you started, or worse.
- Medications will be required for relief from surgery and you have been down that road before. Additions to these pain medications can cause potential side effects, something you do not want to experience.
- Rehabilitation can take years.

### Consider This Alternative To Surgery

**Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** offers you a real opportunity and a painless way to say goodbye to your knee pain without any surgery. Here are just a few of the important benefits you should consider?

- Diagnostic fluoroscopy accurately targets the pain, unlike blind injections.
- Guided fluoroscopic injections are virtually pain free, unlike blind injections.
- No lost time from work or family.
- No expensive or time consuming rehabilitation.
- No potentially addictive prescription medications.
- Recovery time is almost instant, not months or years.

### How Does This New Treatment Work?

Relief begins almost as fast as it takes to pronounce the treatment. It's called Viscosupplementation Therapy. To begin with, it starts with **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** investing in the use of diagnostic fluoroscopy. This enables them to target the exact location of your knee pain with pinpoint accuracy. What follows is a simple injection that causes little to no pain, especially when compared to what you may be living with daily. That explains what you will see on the surface of this revolutionary treatment. What's taking place below the surface is how and where the natural healing process takes place. The injection of a Hyaluronic acid called Hyalgan. This gel-like substance was approved by the FDA in 1996. Hyalgan is a natural substance that mimics the synovial fluid that is already produced by your body in your joints. Osteoarthritis sufferers in particular see a reduction in this much needed synovial fluid in their knee joints. Without that cushioning layer of protection, the cartilage in your knee can begin to wear away leading to the rubbing of bone on bone. Through Viscosupplementation Therapy, this natural substance immediately goes to work reducing the swelling and inflammation in the joint and adding a coating layer of protection. Think about Dorothy taking the oil can to The Tin Man. You'll begin to feel that same kind of relief and quite possibly feel like you're ready for a dance down the yellow brick road to recovery yourself. And with a success rate of over 85% in alleviating pain associated with osteoarthritis, it's easy to see why this treatment is so readily covered by Medicare and by most major insurance providers. Diagnostic fluoroscopy to target the pain, Viscosupplementation Therapy to relieve the pain. Simple, fast and no surgery!

### Do you Suffer from any of these Symptoms?

There are a number of reasons why you developed Osteoarthritis pain. It can develop with age or because of heredity. It could be from repetitive stress from a job or some glory days in athletics. Of course your concern is with the symptoms you face daily and how to make them end, hopefully without surgery or the use of potentially addictive medications. **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** understands the symptoms you have been living with and can help. If you have any of the symptoms below, please call us today. Relief is a phone call away.

- **Pain** - Whether it's a sharp aching or maybe a burning sensation, the pain can range from irritating to debilitating.
- **Swelling** - This can cause tenderness and soreness to the entire knee area, making walking or going up and down stairs painful, getting in and out of bed or bathtubs difficult and dangerous just name a few activities affected by swelling.
- **Stiffness** - Getting up out of bed or after sitting for a period of time gets more and more difficult. This loss of mobility can be more than a hindrance. It can be dangerous if you need to move quickly.
- **Loss of muscle strength** - This can lead to balance issues and the strong possibility of falling.
- **Joint deformity** - Not just unsightly, but painful as well.
- **Creaking Joints** - Can be painful and a sign of more discomfort to come.
- **Sleepless nights** - Losing sleep over your suffering is not just irritating, but potentially dangerous because of so many other health concerns that can be affected by loss of sound sleep.

### Let Me Show You Targeted Relief From Your Knee Pain

Every day, I see patients suffering from knee pain due to arthritis, osteoarthritis, sports injuries or other conditions. Many have been told that they are in need of knee replacement surgery. Other patients say they have been prescribed various prescription medications to deal with the pain.

Something else I see almost every day, are patients that have tried viscosupplementation knee injections elsewhere and found it to be a painful and ineffective experience because the injections were not administered using fluoroscopic guidance. Instead of using the incredibly accurate diagnostic fluoroscopy we use at **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** these patients experienced a blind injection technique, which can be as inaccurate as playing pin the tail on the donkey.

Once I am able to explain to my patients about the pin point accuracy of using diagnostic fluoroscopy and the amazing results viscosupplementation can provide, they are thrilled to get started. They are even more thrilled when they feel the relief. Please contact **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** today to schedule your RISK FREE consultation. Call 732-827-0800



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### Here's what our patients have to say

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# SOLVING 4 CHANGE

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The event was overall a success with over 65 participants.



(above) Anika Sinha, Solving 4 Change Courtesy photo



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## VETERAN WILL RECEIVE NEW HOME

Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity (Raritan Valley Habitat) is thrilled to announce the selection of its first veteran homeowner, Brandon Everhart. Everhart, a United States Army veteran, will be the proud owner of a new home in Somerville, New Jersey."

Brandon Everhart currently serves as an Environmental Health Inspector for Somerset County, residing in Somerville. Prior to his role in public service, Everhart demonstrated his dedication and commitment by serving in the U.S. Army as a Civil Affairs Specialist and completing a tour of duty in Afghanistan. Throughout his service and subsequent civilian career, Everhart has exemplified the values of sacrifice, resilience, and a deep sense of duty.

Expressing his gratitude, Everhart shared, "I honestly never thought that I'd be able to own my own home, and I'm so grateful for the opportunity afforded to me by Habitat for Humanity. I can't wait to get started!" Everhart's enthusiasm and appreciation highlight the transformative impact that affordable

homeownership can have on individuals and their families.

The newly constructed home will be located on Grove Street, featuring two bedrooms and one bathroom, providing a comfortable and stable environment for Everhart. The selection of Everhart as the first Veteran homeowner represents Raritan Valley Habitat's commitment to serving those who have selflessly served our country.

Raritan Valley Habitat is proud to be a Veteran Affiliate, recognizing the immense contributions and sacrifices made by veterans. Affordable homeownership transforms generations. Partnering with Veterans like Brandon Everhart strengthens communities and helps achieve Raritan Valley Habitat's mission to create a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

### ABOUT RARITAN VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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## **Perseverance – NASA's Mars Rover**

*October 2, 11 a.m.*

Learn all about NASA's latest mission to Mars!

The Mars 2020 Rover will look for signs of habitable conditions on Mars in the ancient past as well as for signs of past microbial life itself.

The rover will be using a drill to collect core samples and set them aside on the surface of Mars for a future mission to potentially return them to Earth. The mission will also demonstrate technologies for future human expeditions to Mars, such as producing oxygen from the Martian atmosphere, identifying water resources, improving landing techniques, and characterizing potential environmental conditions that could affect future astronauts living and working on Mars. Perseverance arrived on Mars February 18, 2021 and is expected to explore the planet for several years.

## **New Jersey's "Glamorous Governor"**

**Robert Bamle Meyner**

*October 4, 11 a.m.*

Joseph Wroblewski will tell the story of Robert B. Meyner who was a two-term Democrat Governor of New Jersey (1954-1962) – how he got involved in politics, his marriage to Helen Stevenson, and the achievements during his administrations.

## **Trivia – Potluck Quiz with Angela**

*October 5, 11 a.m.*

We will be playing some General Knowledge, Nursery Rhymes Crimes, Words Starting with and other similar quiz.

## **Brains n Games and Hand Bells with Adrienne Graubard**

*October 6, 20, 11 a.m.*

Did you know that solving puzzles or challenging yourself with new mind-stretching activities like learning music can stimulate the brain and enhance your creative and critical thinking processes? Join Adrienne for some mind-tingling, brain-stumping word games and a fun-filled musical workout using hand bells.

## **Musical Entertainment with Jim Lutz**

*October 11, 11 a.m.*

Musical Entertainment with Jim Lutz, Musician, Composer, Bandleader, Sound, and Music Production and Member of the Raritan Valley Trombone Quartet. Jim will coax the beautiful sounds of some of the best crooners of all time out of his trombone and bring this impactful music back to life. Singers such as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Bing Crosby, etc. were Masters of Jazz standards with strong vocals. Picture this, a smokey ballroom full of people swaying to the music, as crooner singers stand on the stage, serenading them with the standards, many with themes of lost love, found love and other heartfelt sentiments.

## **A Stitch in Time**

*October 11, 1:00 p.m.*

Needlepoint is the oldest form of canvas work, going back thousands of years to the ancient Egyptians. Sue Chadwick, and other members of the NJ Needle Artists, will be joining us to discuss the history of needlepoint, how to get started in needlepoint, and the variety of stitches used. Beautiful examples of their work will be displayed as well.

## **Armchair Travels to Egypt with Maritza**

*October 12, 11 a.m.*

Egypt! An exotic wonderland of the ancient past where you will find pyramids, temples, and treasure-filled ancient tombs. We will be watching ancient monuments in Egypt and the Mysterious life and Death of Egypt's Queen Neferiti and will do trivia of English words of Arabic Origins.

## **Craft - Embroider a Bag with Parul**

*October 13, 11 a.m.*

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## **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

## **Emergency Preparedness with Joshua O'Neal**

*October 16, 11 a.m.*

It is always a good time to plan and prepare for things that may go wrong. You want to have a plan in place before there is a disaster. With the recent increase in natural disasters and hurricane season starting in September, now is a good time to get information to prepare for possible emergencies in the upcoming months. Please join us for an emergency preparedness presentation that will focus on giving you information on why it is important to prepare, how to prepare, and disasters common to our area.

## **Bingo with Rashmi**

*October 18, 11 a.m.*

Bingo is more than just an exciting activity. Researchers found that playing Bingo has multiple benefits. It promotes socialization, strengthens hand-eye coordination, and improves listening and short-term memory skills.

## **Jeopardy with Parul**

*October 19, 11 a.m.*

Join us as we play Jeopardy where the Categories include Movies, Royalty, True or False, TV Series, and Italy.

## **Medicare Benefits**

*October 23, 11 a.m.*

Medicare Benefits by Dr. Dara Kass, Regional Director, Region 2, U.S. Department of Health, and Human Services. Dr. Kass will cover the benefits you can receive from Medicare, including free vaccines, lower cost prescriptions, and OTC hearing aids. Dr. Kass will also give a brief overview of the benefits of the Inflation Reduction Act.

## **Breathing techniques for mental wellness**

*October 23, 1:00 p.m.*

Dr Prabha Srinivas will be teaching Some practices that can be used to distract the mind and induce calm during an anxiety episode. A few techniques can be practiced on a regular basis to develop an ongoing awareness of trigger situations and to calm and regulate the nervous system consistently.

## **Dice Games with Parul**

*October 26, 11 a.m.*

Dice is one of the oldest game pieces in history. Their origins are unknown, however the earliest physical dice that have been found come from Iran and date back to 2500 B.C. Dice games are fun and versatile and provide social opportunities and stimulate the senses. We will be playing dice games like Cover the Number, Sevens Game, Round the Clock, Draw a Beetle, All 6 Game & 5000.

## **Craft – Quilt with Parul**

*October 27, 11 a.m.*

Learn about the history of quilting and the 9-patch quilt while working together to create a unique velvet quilt! Color the 25, 8" squares with the markers, then string together to create a beautiful wall hanging. Once the quilt is decorated, we will be hanging it at the senior center. All materials will be provided.

## **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

## **Halloween**

*October 30, 11 a.m.*

Borrowing from Irish and English traditions, the idea of dressing up in costume, traveling house to house and asking for food eventually became what we refer to as "trick or treat" in America. Our candy-laden, pumpkin-happy, autumn celebration has its roots in the darker, more spiritual Celtic holiday of Samhain (pronounced SAH-win or SOW-in). Samhain means "summer's end" in Old Irish, and it marked the end of the harvest time and the start of winter. Come dressed in costume, play Halloween bingo, Halloween Candy Walk and sing Halloween carols.

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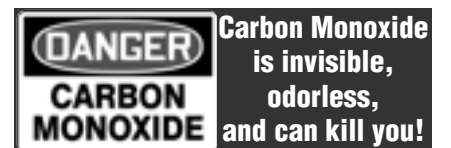
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**OCT 14 7:30 PM**  
**CONSTANTINE MAROULIS**  
 American Idol finalist and Tony Award nominee Broadway star of "Rock and Roll Man", "Rock of Ages" and "Jekyll and Hyde", will perform the hits of Broadway, from classic Sondheim to contemporary Wildhorn, with classic rock jams from Rock of Ages sprinkled in! Accompanied by piano, Maroulis will delight with stories and songs in a very special, intimate performance.

**OCT 29 @ 7:30PM**  
**RONSTADT REVUE FEATURING GESENIA.**  
 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.

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 <b>SONS OF SERENDIP</b> Nov 4 ~ 7:30pm	 <b>JOSHUA KANE'S BORDERS OF THE MINDS</b> Nov 11 ~ 7:30pm	 <b>A Celtic Christmas</b> Dec 9 ~ 3:30 & 7:30pm

# CONSTANTINE MAROULIS AT THE SIEMINSKI THEATER - OCT 14

Constantine Maroulis, American Idol finalist and Tony Award nominee Broadway star of "Rock and Roll Man," "Rock of Ages" and "Jekyll and Hyde," will delight audiences with stories and songs in an incredibly special, intimate performance. From classic Sondheim to contemporary Wildhorn, classic rock jams from Rock of Ages, along with Constantine's original songs.

Appearing for one night only at the Sieminski Theater on Saturday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m. Maroulis provides a crowd-pleasing night of unforgettable music. Get ready for a night of sing-along and dance grooves that will have you dancing in your seats!

Visit the website [www.sieminskitheater.org](http://www.sieminskitheater.org) for tickets or call the Box Office at 866-307-8532.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, and raised in New Jersey, Maroulis became a household name during the heyday of "American Idol." Maroulis, a graduate of the prestigious Boston Conservatory at Berklee College of Music was fresh from touring with the musical Rent when a friend convinced him to try out for American Idol. His charisma, rock n' roll edge, and astounding vocals entranced the judges and won

the hearts of thirty million TV viewers. His triumphant performances on Idol included some of the show's most electrifying moments on TV, including his rendition of Queen's epic "Bohemian Rhapsody."

Following American Idol, Rock of Ages - the jukebox musical built around 'eighties hits from Journey, Styx, Bon Jovi, and other glam metal mainstays—brought him back to Broadway. The show enjoyed a phenomenally successful run as one of the highest-grossing Broadway shows of all time, culminating in a myriad of awards and critical acclaim for Constantine including a Tony Award nomination, and firmly establishing him as a world-class performer. Constantine received Drama League Award nominations for the Distinguished Performance Award for Rock of Ages and for his work on the show Frank Wildhorn's Jekyll & Hyde.

In addition to his appearances on TV and in movies, Maroulis's on-stage credits also include The Wedding Singer, RENT, Rocktopia, Jacques Brel, Jesus Christ Superstar, Evita, The Toxic Avenger, Friend Art, Postmodern Jukebox, and many more. The Broadway revival of Spring Awakening (Deaf West) directed by Michael

Arden earned Maroulis Tony & Drama League nominations as a producer. As a recording artist, Maroulis continues to create new, original music regularly and just released his newest album "Come Back" – [www.constantinemaroulis.com](http://www.constantinemaroulis.com). Constantine's current venture is his triumphant return to the New York stage with the Broadway hit - Rock and Roll Man, in which Constantine plays the title character, Alan Freed, a Cleveland DJ who in the 1950s heard the future—and knew he had to let it sing.

"Mr. Maroulis' voice is a gorgeous, crystal-clear, unwavering, bright tenor instrument that will blow you away." - Houston Chronicle

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## "The Catcher in the Rye"

**by J. D. Salinger Presented by Vandana Walia**

October 2, 7-8 p.m.

Published in 1951, "The Catcher in the Rye" was originally meant for adults, but soon became a symbol of teenage angst and rebellion. It has been found on lists of banned books time and again, for reasons ranging from use of foul language to inciting of violence. This book is now considered a modern classic.

Register: event/8182625.

## The Guitar in Latin America - Continuities, Changes, and Bicultural Strumming

October 4, 7-8 p.m.

Dr. Jose Manuel Lezcano presents a multimedia musical program that showcases the guitar in Latin America as an instrument that speaks many languages. Register:

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## A Visit With Mark Twain Portrayed by Bob Gleason from American Historical Theater:

October 5, 7-8 p.m.

In recognition of Banned Books Week, join a question and answer session about the life of Mark Twain. Register: event/8182495.

## Somerville and the Hall-Mills Murder Mystery Presented by Author Joe Pompeo

October 9, 7-8 p.m.

Explore the critically acclaimed book, "Blood and Ink: The Scandalous Jazz Age Double Murder that Hooked America on True Crime."

Discover Somerville's connection to the investigation and eventual trial at the Somerset County courthouse. Register: 8604272.

## Johannes Vermeer, His Life and Art Presented by Janet Cohen Mandel

October 12, 7-8 p.m.

This lecture will illustrate the life of Vermeer through examination of some of his most iconic works. Register: event/8124596.

## From Mickey Mouse to Star Wars and Beyond - How the Disney Company Conquered the Entertainment Universe

October 16, 7-8 p.m.

Explore how the Walt Disney Company grew from a small cartoon studio in 1923 to the most powerful force in worldwide entertainment.

To Register visit: event/8124728.

## Exploring the Jersey Shore Thrill Killer Presented by Author John E. O'Rourke

October 24, 7-8 p.m.

The true story of the murders that terrorized New Jersey beach towns for nearly a decade.

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## A Hollywood Halloween Presented by Dr. Annette Bochenek

October 25, 7-8 p.m.

From beloved classic horror films to lesser-known gems, explore the variety of classic horror films and characters as well as how the genre was developed to entertain audiences of all ages. To Register visit: event/8592561.

## Where the Bodies Are Buried - A Journey Through History of Our Cemeteries:

October 26, 7-8 p.m.

Our burial grounds tell us more about ourselves than we realize. They are time capsules that preserve our art, culture, and history. Register: event/8142737.

## Haunted History of New Jersey Presented by Greg Caggiano

October 30, 7-8:30 p.m.

Profiled in this presentation will be a Royal Governor's former residence, a Victorian mansion, with Revolutionary War notoriety, a cemetery, legendary road, and even a college campus. History and myth intertwine in this spooky program. Register: /event/8156029.

# HAPPY RETIREMENT MRS. ELOISE

*Submitted by Annette Mayers*

Mrs. Eloise, the children's librarian during baby, toddler, and early elementary school story time and crafts, when my kids were younger, is retiring from Warren Township Library in Somerset County. My kids (Max and Madeline Mayers of Watchung) and I caught her at that library during her retirement party and wished her well. Her retirement party took place on Thursday, August 24. She watched my kids grow and mature into chapter book readers. The Somerset County librarians, including Hannah from Watchung, attended the party to wish her well.



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