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NICK DEPHILLIPS AND HIS SERVICE DOG, CUBBY

Submitted by Juliana Brisco

When Nick Dephillips, a resident of Florham Park, NJ, entered Kessler Rehabilitation Center for the first time, he was expecting to see a team of staff dedicated to his care. What he didn't expect to see was Irvin, an energetic, fun-loving facility dog working with patients in their sessions. After learning that Irvin was from Canine Companions, an organization that provides highly trained service dogs to veterans and individuals with disabilities, Nick decided to apply for a dog of his own.

Nick sustained an injury five years ago that affected his mobility and various aspects of his life. "Getting around can be difficult. It's hard to open doors and certain tasks that involve my hands can be difficult," explained Nick. After completing the application process, Nick had the opportunity to attend Team Training, a two-week training experience in which individuals are matched with their service dog and could form a bond with their new partner.

This is when Nick met Cubby, a 2-year-old Labrador and Golden Retriever mix. "It was exciting to get Cubby. He was the perfect size," mentioned Nick. Nick and Cubby were a perfect match even before they met, as Nick loves sports and Cubby was named after the Chicago Cubs.

As a Canine Companions service dog, Cubby learned over 40 commands, including how to pick up objects, open and close doors, and turn lights on and off. These skills have been incredibly helpful as Nick and Cubby have started attending college classes together. "He opens doors for me and picks up my pencils and books," explained Nick. "He is really intuitive. If I drop my phone under the table, he'll think 'How can I get it if this chairs in the way?' ...Anything you teach him he can pick it up pretty quick. I taught him to get his leash for the car and that took only half a day to teach."

Since becoming a team in February, Nick and Cubby have experienced so much together already. "I recently just took him to the US Open. We go to a lot of sporting events and he helps me a lot. I've taken him golfing with me and that's really helpful when he picks up the club or the ball," stated Nick. As any sports fan knows, those who work hard, play hard, and Cubby loves to play. "He will randomly bring me toys, it doesn't matter the time of day, he always wants to play," explained Nick. Cubby also loves to go for joy rides in Nick's truck, where they head to the beach. Together, Nick and Cubby can make any curveball a home run.

Since receiving Cubby from Canine Companions, Nick's life has changed tremendously. Not only is he an exceptional service dog, he is also a wonderful companion as well. "I've had him for 7 months, but it feels like years," said Nick. "He's very loving, and I know he loves me."

About the author: Juliana Brisco has a master's degree from Hofstra University, and recently completed her associate degree in management, Marketing and Entrepreneurship from SUNY Adirondack. She is a 2016 graduate of Canine Companions® with a much-loved service dog Rowdy.

ABOUT CANINE COMPANIONS: Canine Companions is leading the service dog industry so our clients and their dogs can live with greater



(above) Nick and his service dog Cubby



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28TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL TREE OF LIGHTS

The Florham Park Memorial First Aid Squad invites all to its 28 Annual Memorial Tree of Lights Ceremony to be held on Sunday November 12, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. (Rain or Shine) at the Florham Park Memorial First Aid Squad building located at 60 Felch Road, Florham Park, NJ.

There will be seating available inside and light refreshments will be served following the ceremony. We hope you will join us at the very personal and special ceremony.

This non-denominational program honors both living and deceased family members, friends, veterans, heroes, and those currently serving in the Armed Forces. The Memorial Tree will be lit from dusk till dawn, November 12 through February 14, 2024.

- The light colors represent the following:
- Red Lights Honor our living family, friends, and heroes.
 - White Lights Remember our deceased loved one.
 - Blue lights Honor those currently in service to our nation.

Your \$25 per bulb donation will be used for equipment and supplies.

If you would like to learn more about the Squad's Memorial Tree of light program, please go to our website fpfirstaid.org. There you will

also be able to print a Memorial Tree of Lights donation form or donate via PayPal and complete needed information online. Additional forms are also available at the Florham Park Public Library, Florham Park Recreation Center, and the Florham Park Senior Center.

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Florham Park Public Schools

The Florham Park School District recently received the NJDOE QSAC monitoring report that was conducted by the NJDOE on site last spring. QSAC is an acronym that stands for Quality Single Accountability Continuum. The district received "high performing" status 3 years ago by the NJDOE. The district has now been designated as "high performing" for two consecutive QSAC monitoring cycles, which measures the following categories: Instruction & Programming, Fiscal Management, Governance, Operations and Personnel. QSAC monitors districts every 3 years.

"Much credit to our teachers, administration, staff, parents, QSAC Team, and to the Board of Education. Receiving a 'high performing' designation status is a reflection of our operating procedures, curriculum, staff, commitment, and many other factors. Congratulations to the entire Florham Park District and Community, well done!" - Dr. Caponegro, Superintendent

STEM LAB WINS OUTSTANDING DESIGN AWARD

Florham Park Public Schools

The newly renovated, state-of-the-art Ridgedale Middle School STEM lab, also known as "The Forge", was recently recognized and awarded the Outstanding Design Award by American School & University. American School & University is a national publication focused on educational architecture. The design of "The Forge" at Ridgedale Middle School is featured in their August 2023 issue alongside projects from other top design firms who won this year's competition in their respective categories. The renovation of the Ridgedale Middle School STEM lab was part of the referendum.

"Thank you, Florham Park residents for your support of the referendum and investing in the future of education in Florham Park. It has been and continues to be a pleasure working with LAN Associates, Mr. Csatlos, our Business

Administrator, Mr. Infantolino, our Project Manager, and the entire staff on these referendum projects. So much time and effort has been put into these projects, and it was wonderful to be recognized for these efforts by such a prestigious national publication that focuses specifically on educational architecture." - Dr. Caponegro, Superintendent



LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES! A CELEBRATION IN SONG

The magical music of the movies comes alive on stage! Hickory Tree Chorus will perform songs from Disney, Broadway, holiday songs and more, all sung in ringing four-part harmony at their annual show. Let's Go To The Movies! is on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Drew University Concert Hall, located in the Dorothy Young Center for the Arts, 36 Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ. Come hear favorites like What I Did for Love, Weekend in New England, Seasons of Love, Beauty and the Beast, On the Road Again, and many more. The Maplewood Glee

Club and the Steppin' Out Quartet will be featured guests. Tickets are \$25 and are available at hickorytreechorus.org/tickets or by emailing tickets@hickorytreechorus.org. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Come support local singing while enjoying a musical journey.

The Hickory Tree Chorus, an award-winning chapter of Sweet Adelines International, performs fun-filled popular music, barbershop style. Founded in 1968 in Chatham Township, NJ, HTC currently rehearses in Stirling, NJ. Find more info at hickorytreechorus.org.



(above) Hickory Tree Chorus

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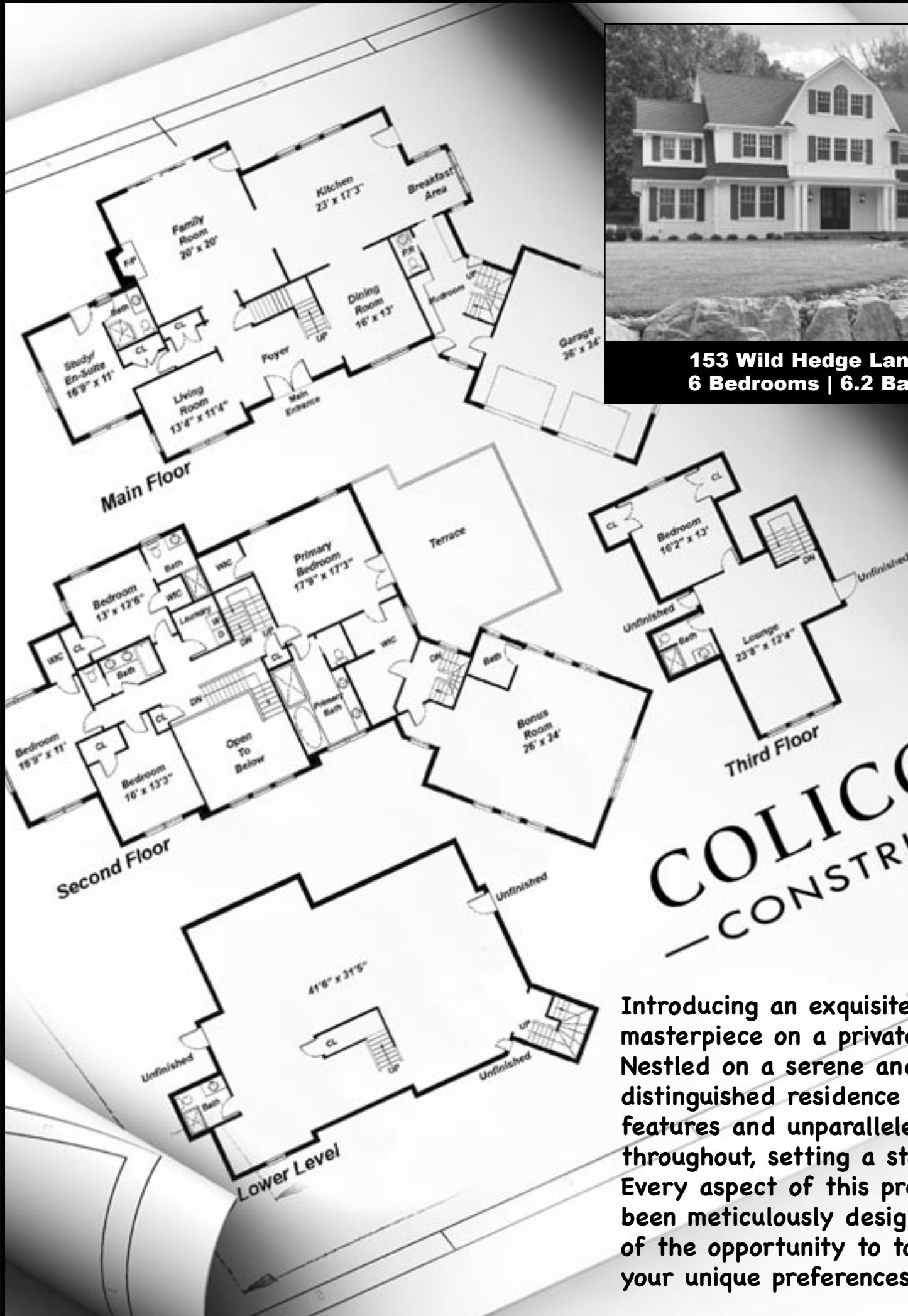


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HALLOWEEN DOG PARADE – RAIN DATE NOV. 4

November 4 is the new date for the Florham Park Rotary Halloween Dog Parade & Costume Contest! Rained out on Saturday, competing dogs and their families will be happy to learn that all their preparation and thought into costumes can still be put on display at the Florham Park

Gazebo/Great Lawn. It's a fun event, and, importantly, is for such a good cause since the successes of the last two years allowed the Rotary to increase the number of scholarships to Florham Park students who have a history of volunteering.

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 Wednesday, Nov. 8, 10:00 AM
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 exercises and how to draw an apple using
 charcoal. No experience necessary. Fee: \$10

Veterans Day Patriotic Celebration
 Thursday, Nov. 9, Noon
 Celebrate veterans with lunch and a patriotic
 music performance by the Pettit Sisters. Lunch
 at noon; concert at 12:30 PM. Limited seating.

AARP Safe Driver Course
 Two Tuesdays, Nov. 14 & Nov. 21, 9:30 AM
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 AARP members, \$25 for non-members.
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Classical Music Concert
 Wednesday, Nov. 15, 1:00 PM
 The Suburban Music Club of the Chatham
 United Methodist Church will perform a recital
 of classical songs and opera arias, popular
 music, and theater tunes.

**Town & Country Garden Club:
 Floral Holiday Arrangement**
 Friday, Nov. 17, Noon
 Town & Country Garden Club members will
 teach attendees how to make a fresh floral
 holiday arrangement. Limited number of spots

**Celebrating Women Before,
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 Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1:00 PM
 Learn about famous women in our country in
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 American Revolution. Presented by Joel Farkas.

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The Florham Park Public Library is thrilled to
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 series. From the sweet melodies of the Brill
 Building Songwriters to rankings and reflections
 on all 30 MLB stadiums, there is something for
 everyone to enjoy.

All Second Sunday programs will be held in
 the Library’s Akhoury Room, beginning at 2 pm.
 Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the
 Florham Park Library, admission is free for all
 programs.

For more information and event schedules,
 please visit the Library’s events calendar at
 florhamparklib.org/events/ or contact the Library
 at 973-377-2694.

Norman Rockwell: An American Phenomenon
 November 12

Esteemed art historian Janet Mandell will
 discuss the heartwarming illustrations of
 Norman Rockwell, an iconic American artist
 whose work has become a symbol of American
 Culture. From his Saturday Evening Post
 covers to his “Four Freedoms” series,
 Rockwell’s art continues to resonate with
 audiences of all ages.

Winter Holiday Music
 December 10

Embrace the spirit of the season with a cozy
 afternoon filled with classic holiday tunes. Join
 us for this festive musical celebration that will
 surely warm your heart.

**‘Impossible is an Illusion’:
 Inspirational Lecture**
 January 14

Kick off the new year in a positive way! Join
 Dr. Paul Semendinger, a writer, speaker,
 educator, and marathoner, as he shares
 motivational ideas from his book “Impossible
 is an Illusion”. Discover how to achieve
 excellence, set and reach goals, and embrace a
 positive outlook on life in 2024.

Exciting Discoveries in Art History
 February 11

After finding herself in the middle of an art
 history discovery when she uncovered the
 provenance of a Rodin sculpture in Madison's
 town hall, Mallory Mortillaro set out to learn
 about other unexpected art finds. Mallory will
 share the stories of several important and
 valuable works of art that have been
 rediscovered in unexpected places. She will
 present a background of each piece and its
 artist, as well as how the piece was 'lost', and
 then found.

The Garden State in Bloom

March 10

Acclaimed photographer Walter Choroszewski
 will transport us through the enchanting public
 gardens of New Jersey. Witness vibrant colors,
 blossoming flowers, and breathtaking
 landscapes through Walter’s lens; green thumbs
 will be wildly inspired to begin spring
 gardening.

Take Me Out to the Ballpark

April 14

Calling all baseball fans! Join us for a riveting
 session with Yogi Berra Museum docent, John
 Cerilli, as he presents his personal rankings and
 reflections on all 30 current MLB stadiums.

From the best fields to the most delicious
 ballpark food, John’s insights and experiences
 as a longtime baseball aficionado will delight
 and entertain all in attendance.

NORMAN ROCKWELL:
 A BRUSH WITH
 AMERICAN HISTORY

The Florham Park Public Library is thrilled to
 have Janet Mandel, a renowned art historian,
 share the details of Norman Rockwell's
 remarkable journey as an artist and the indelible
 impact he left on American art and culture. Ms.
 Mandel's engaging and informative style is sure
 to captivate attendees of all ages and interests.

As we draw near to the Thanksgiving season,
 Norman Rockwell's art reminds us of the values
 and traditions that make this holiday so special.
 His depictions of American life have resonated
 with generations, and this Second Sunday event
 is the perfect opportunity to reflect on the spirit
 of Americana and gratitude.

Visit the library on November 12th at 2:00
 p.m. for an afternoon of artistic exploration. This
 event is open to everyone and is free of charge
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For more information, please visit the library’s
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AAUW MADISON AREA BRANCH TO HOST “HOW DID I GET HERE?” PROGRAM - NOV 6

Submitted by Susan Mennella

On Monday, November 6, 2023, at 7 p.m. nonprofit AAUW (American Association of University Women) Madison Area Branch will host a program entitled, “How Did I Get Here?” The speaker is AAUW Madison Area Branch President, Ann Huber from Madison. The event will be held at Florham Park Library, Akhoury Meeting Room, 107 Ridgedale Avenue, Florham Park. The program is free and open to the public and advance reservations are not needed.

Ann will discuss her memoir, *Lost and Found, Surviving Displacement, Finding Love, Uncovering Secrets*. She will talk about her journey from one country to another, learning new languages and adapting to different cultures, while struggling to figure out where she fits in. The book can be purchased online and copies are available thru the MAIN Library system. Reading the book is suggested but not required to attend and enjoy the program.

Born in war-torn Romania shortly after WWII, the author fled to Israel along with her family, and then they abruptly moved to Canada. She moved to the US at 19, another uprooting in her young life. When she meets the love of her life at a young age, she learns that his family's history of displacement and survival during the Holocaust parallels her own. As she matures, has children, and her ambitions grow, the author finds an inner strength. Even a shocking family secret learned late in life that might have shattered another person's worldview, only strengthens her resolve to remain true to herself. Her extraordinary life of dealing with losses and secrets, and finding love, is the subject of this moving memoir.

Ann & her husband are residents of Madison, having moved here 18 years ago after raising 3 daughters and 5 dogs in Randolph Township. Ann is a retired Deputy Attorney General, following her trial work of Termination of Parental Rights trials and appeals. She is a graduate of Rutgers University (New Brunswick) and Rutgers Law School (Newark). Never happy to sit still, she has always been



(above) Ann Huber is the current President of the AAUW Madison Area Branch

Courtesy photo

involved in volunteer work and politics, starting with the Red Cross and Leaders' Corps in High School, Pres. of Morristown Jewish Center Sisterhood, Pres. Randolph Chamber of Commerce and member of Rotary, then held elected office as Councilwoman and Mayor in Randolph. Ann has been president of the AAUW Madison Area Branch since June 2022. She thinks she fits in here pretty well.

AAUW has been transforming women's lives for more than a century. Our Madison area branch continues to support education with grants, programs that expose teen girls to STEM, topical monthly programs, and member special interest groups such as a book club, a mahjong game, book sales and more. Join us to find purpose, community, and friendship at madisonareaaauw.org/

MAHJONGG TOURN - NOV. 15

The nonprofit AAUW Madison Area Branch is hosting its next Mahjongg Tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023, between 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Community Arts Center, 10 Kings Road in Madison. Please join us for 4 rounds of games, door prize and 50/50 drawings, lunch, and free parking. All proceeds benefit education for women and STEM programs for middle school girls. Cost is \$55 pp.

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Renee Reilly, a resident of Madison, NJ, is celebrating an incredible milestone as she marks the 10-year anniversary of her life-saving liver transplant. Renee, 52, has not only cherished every moment of her life since her successful transplant but is also passionate about advocating for NJ Sharing Network, the nonprofit organization responsible for the recovery and placement of donated organs and tissue for transplant in the Garden State. She actively shares her story with others to encourage more people to register as organ and tissue donors.

"I continue to feel overwhelmed, humble, and grateful," said Renee. "Giving someone a second chance as an organ and tissue donor is such a special and amazing gift of love."

Renee's journey began when she was 16 years old and was diagnosed with Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD). Her father, who also battled PKD, had received a life-saving kidney transplant that gave him an additional 35 years of life. Renee later developed Polycystic Liver Disease (PLD) after giving birth to her two boys. She was added to the liver transplant list in 2009.

"Waiting for the liver transplant phone call, I felt hopeless at times, tired, anxious, and I didn't think I would ever get 'the call,'" said Renee.

The pivotal moment in Renee's journey arrived unexpectedly on a day filled with emotional turmoil. Her father had been in the hospital for weeks due to complications from a previous surgery. Renee had just visited him when she received 'The Call' from the transplant center.

"I began to cry because I was filled with

emotions, from joy and excitement to worry about my family and guilt about receiving such a precious gift. But my husband, John, and my sons, Ian and Brendan, served as a source of strength and kept me focused because they were excited to know that I was going to get a liver transplant," said Renee.

On August 6, 2013, Renee's liver transplant surgery was a success, giving her a new lease on life. In 2017, Renee's kidneys started to fail. Fortunately, she received a kidney transplant in 2018, sparing her from the hardships of dialysis treatments.

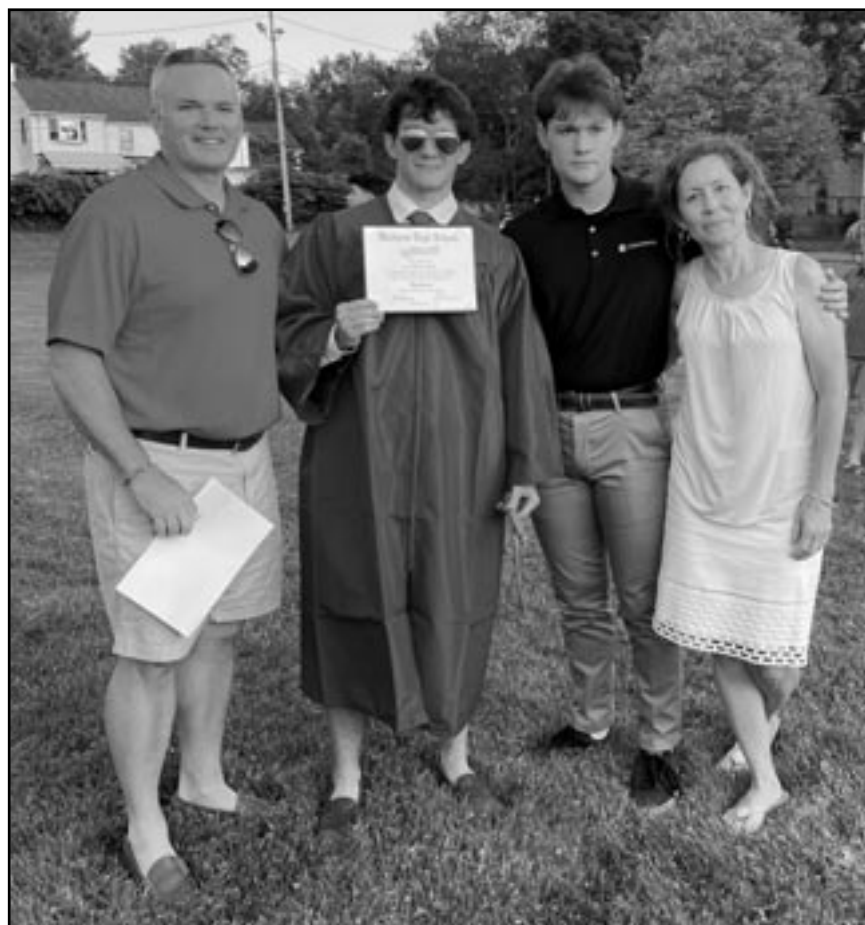
The transformation in Renee's life post-transplants has been remarkable. She now enjoys all of her favorite hobbies, including gardening, knitting/crocheting, sewing, and spending time with her family.

"Thanks to my organ donors and the miracle of transplantation, I have been there for unforgettable moments like my boys' graduations. I am now able to give hugs again without any pain due to my enlarged liver," said Renee. "Now, I am focused on sharing my story to give hope for those waiting for the gift of life and inspire everyone to register as organ and tissue donors."

According to United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), there are over 100,000 Americans – nearly 4,000 of whom live in New Jersey – waiting for a life-saving transplant. One organ and tissue donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of over 75 others. To learn more, get involved, and join the National Donate Life Registry as an organ and tissue donor, visit NJSharingNetwork.org.



(above) Renee Reilly after her liver transplant surgery.



(right, l-r) The Reilly family John, Ian, Brendan, and Renee

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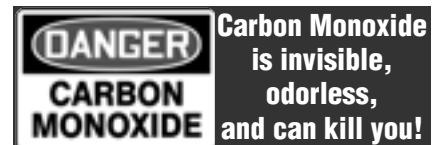
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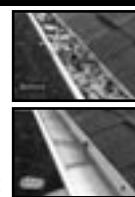
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