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Submitted by Dr. D. Michael Hart

On Sunday, February 18, 2024, Marilyn Hart (98) and brother-in-law Joe Schott (102) celebrated their joint birthdays, totaling 200 years. Marilyn had married David Hart who had the same birthday as his sister Nancy Hart, who married Joe. The two couples only had two birthdays between the four of them, so they always celebrated together. David and Nancy have since passed away.

Forty-eight friends and family held a joint birthday celebration on Sunday, Feb 18, 2024 at Lantern Hill Retirement Community in New Providence, NJ.

Dr. Marilyn McGuire Hart was valedictorian of her high school class of 1944. After high school Marilyn worked for the phone company "Ma Bell" as a service representative. She eventually married David who was a teacher in Westfield, and they settled in Mountainside. After having 3 children, Marilyn started her college education. She finished her Ph.D. in Education 20 years later. Imagine 20 years of night school! During those two decades, Marilyn was working, raising children, going to night school and volunteering in the community. She became a Full Professor, teaching Educational Psychology at Kean University, and was made Professor Emeritus upon her retirement. Her volunteer activities included serving as the Chair of the March of Dimes, Cub Scout Den Mother, Girls Softball League, Girl Scouts, and Mountainside Music Association. She was elected to the Regional High School Board of Education and served for 6 years, then subsequently ran for Mountainside Town Council and served for an additional six years. She was the first woman elected to the Council in 150

years, and eventually became the Council President. She advocated for women's rights including "equal pay for equal work" in the Township. Marilyn was married to David for 65 years. In addition to her 3 children, she has 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Joe Schott was stationed overseas (Londonderry) in World War II, attended the same church for over 60 years, raised five children and was married to his wife Nancy for 66 years. He is very optimistic, has a good sense of humor, and is always looking at the bright side of life.

Joe served in the Navy during WWII, outfitting ships with radar in preparation for the D-Day Normandy Invasions. Joe is active in the VFW and served as Grand Marshall of the 2019 Fanwood Memorial Day Parade. His career after the Navy was in research at Bell Labs in Berkeley Heights, NJ, where he worked for time with a Nobel Prize laureate and met three others. During his lifetime Joe has done a lot of volunteer work, including 12 years of weekly visits with young boys at Children's Specialized Hospital, the Fanwood Recycling Center, several historical restorations in Fanwood, and as an Assistant Scoutmaster for the Fanwood Boy Scout Troop. One day, driving down the shore, Joe saw a young boy drowning. He stopped the car, swam out and saved the boy's life, and received accolades from the Township of Red Bank. After departing the Labs in 1984, Joe joined a group of retired men, which volunteers to help maintain the Boy Scout camps. The Boy Scouts of America have given him many awards including Trailblazer, Silver Beaver, and Camping Hall of Fame.



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(above) Abbot Ven Sirichai, Fire Chief John Piccola, Pat Inlarp, Mayor Colleen Mahr, Police Lt. Dan Kranz, and Business Administrator Jesse Moehlman.



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Once again, the participation and generous donations from the Fanwood and Scotch Plains communities have helped the Tiny Tim Fund to have a successful fundraiser. The trustees of the Tiny Tim Fund look forward to being able to continue the organization’s mission of providing financial assistance to local families to pay for the medical needs of children.

Sincere appreciation is extended to student groups from SPFHS, 5th grade students from Malcolm E. Nettingham Middle School and other members of the community who shared holiday spirit and collected donations on Tiny Tim Carol Night in December. Special thanks are extended to the proprietor of the Stage House restaurant in Scotch Plains for graciously providing a warm room that served as the collection site on Carol Night as well as a place for the carolers to enjoy refreshments that were provided by the trustees and the Stage House.

The second phase of the fundraiser was the distribution of solicitation letters to homes throughout Fanwood and Scotch Plains. The trustees were assisted by local citizens and by many student volunteers from SPFHS who

continued to deliver letters until the end of January.

Members of the College Club of F-SP individually made donations to the Tiny Tim Fund as the club’s community outreach project for December, and members of the congregation of All Saints Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains contributed to the Tiny Tim Fund. Generous donations received from the Fanwood Community Foundation and the Family Investors Co. in Scotch Plains contributed greatly to the success of the fundraising campaign.

The Tiny Tim Fund board actively seeks donations once each year but donations are helpful, appreciated and accepted at any time.

Donations and requests for assistance can be mailed to: The Tiny Tim Fund Inc., PO Box 181. Fanwood, NJ 07023.

The Tiny Tim Fund is a registered New Jersey non-profit corporation 501 (c)(3) that has been assisting local families with financial assistance for medical needs since 1983. The fund is administered by a volunteer Board of Trustees with no administrative fees.

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JOE SCHOTT'S 102ND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

The Flintlocks, BSA

The Flintlocks celebrated one member's birthday on Thursday, Feb 15, 2024. Joe Schott is 102 years old. Joe jokes that all five of his kids are now senior citizens. He is a veteran of the Navy in WW II, installing secret equipment in the ships to prepare for the Normandy Invasion. He was Grand Marshall of the Fanwood Memorial Day Parade in 2019. Joe spent his career at Bell Labs and worked for 5 Nobel Prize winning scientists. He has won many awards in his hobby of oil painting. The Scouts have awarded Joe the Trailblazer Award, the Silver Service Award, the Silver Beaver Award, and the Camping Hall of Fame. He has been coming up to the scout camps every Thursday, all year

round for 36 years.

The Flintlocks BSA, Inc. is a 501c3 consisting of a group of retired scouts who support the Patriot's Path Council (PPC) of the Boy Scouts of America. The PPC serves 10,500 scouts in five counties of northern New Jersey. The Flintlocks maintain the 3 camps, two scout shops, have built new structures, renovated older structures, and provide volunteer manpower for PPC activities. They are not associated with firearms. The name comes from an old device which is still useful, implying that they are old guys who are still useful.

The Flintlocks meet on Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Camp Winnebago, Rockaway, NJ, all year round. Guests are always welcome.



(above) Joe Schott's 102nd birthday was recently celebrated by The Flintlocks. Joe is sitting behind the cake.

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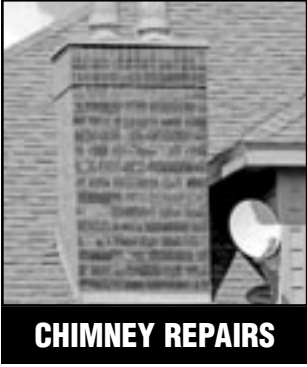
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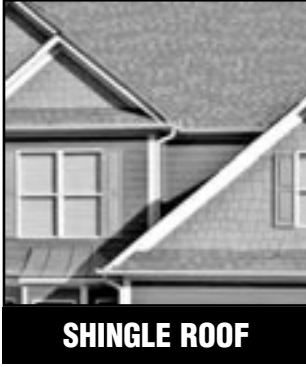
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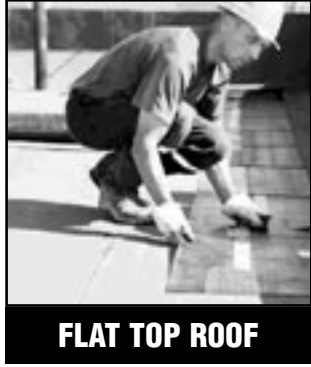
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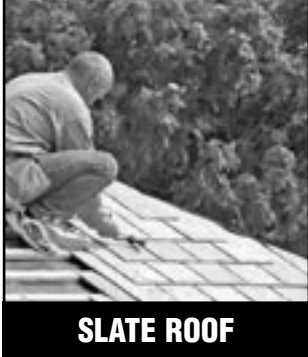
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COLLEGE CLUB OF F-SC MARCH 18TH SPEAKER PROGRAM

Zachary Rittner, the founder and head of the environmental science department at Scotch Plains -Fanwood High School will be hosted by the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains on March 18th. Rittner will provide a presentation on the Conservation in the Classroom Program that helps to connect students with their local watersheds, ecosystems and biodiversity based in the environmental science classes at SPFHS. The program will take place at the Fanwood

Presbyterian Church Hall, 74 Martine Ave. (McDermott Street entrance) and will begin at 7:30 p.m. The program is free, and open to the public.

Rittner received his B.S. in Biology from Union College, Schenectady, NY; his M.A. in Teaching at Montclair University; and an M.S. in Environmental Science from Montana State University. He is completing his 10th year of teaching and has recently received recognition as a “NJ Exemplary Educator” from the NJ State Department of Education.

Mr. Rittner’s classroom focuses on providing students with authentic, meaningful experiences meant to inspire them to not only become lifelong learners but also to become the next generation of environmental stewards. He and student members of the SPFHS Environmental Club will describe some of the varied and interesting hands-on experiences that they have shared.

Additional information about the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains can be obtained by emailing collegeclub.fsp@gmail.com.



(above) Zachary Rittner, head of the Environmental Science Department at SPFHS, will share how he is helping to foster a new generation of wildlife advocates and environmental stewards through the Conservation in the Classroom Program.

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COLLEGE CLUB SPRING LUNCHEON - APRIL 28TH

Fanwood-Scotch Plains College Club members are busy making preparations for the Spring Luncheon Fundraiser that will take place on April 28th at the Westwood in Garwood from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. The theme of this year’s event is “April in Paris”.

The gala event will include a Basket Raffle, a Silent Auction, a 50/50 raffle a raffle for a \$500 Shop Rite gift card.

No need to wait until the luncheon date to take a chance on the raffles and help the College Club raise scholarship funds. The 50/50 raffle will have 3 tier prizes. The tickets are \$2 each and can be obtained by contacting Sue at 908-472-8515 or at ssklt@verizon.net. There are 750 tickets available for the Shop Rite Gift Card raffle. The tickets are \$5 each and can be obtained by contacting Dorothy at 908-230-417 or at dorothyculleylusk@gmail.com. Raffle tickets can also be purchased from any College Club

member. All proceeds from the spring event will fund scholarships for local young women. There are college bound women in our community who depend on the College Club s and College Club members are motivated to make the Spring Luncheon a fundraising success and an enjoyable event for all who attend. To date, the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains has awarded approximately \$780,000.00 in scholarships to approximately 582 young women.

The College Club website has recently been redesigned by Tom Kranz, former Public Information Officer for the Borough of Fanwood who donated his time to provide this service to the club. Additional information about the College Club of Fanwood- Scotch Plains and updates about the Spring Luncheon Fundraiser will now be available on the website: fspcollegeclub.org.



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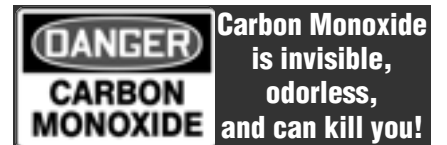
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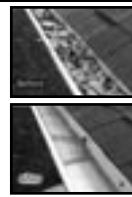
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Earl Phillips, who spent his life in service to others as a Fanwood first responder, volunteer, and Naval veteran, passed away in February at his long-time home on Poplar Place in Fanwood after a long illness. He was 102.

Mr. Phillips’ legacy lives on across all of Fanwood’s first responder agencies. He was a founding member of the Fanwood Rescue Squad in 1948. At the time, he was a member of the Fanwood Volunteer Fire Department and was a Fanwood police officer for 35 years, joining the department in 1946. He retired from the police department as a sergeant in 1981. He continued serving the town as a member of the Shade Tree Commission into his 90s.

Mr. Phillips enlisted in the U.S. Navy on July 2, 1942, just a couple weeks after his high school graduation and served in World War II in the European and Pacific theaters of the war, where he was involved in sea-based logistics of combat operations. He was stationed offshore on a navy ship in the British Channel during America’s invasion of Normandy and served on both the USS Thomas Jefferson and USS ATR-3. The majority of his service involved troop transport. He was discharged on December 17, 1945 as a Quartermaster Second Class and received a Good Conduct Medal, an Asiatic Pacific Ribbon, a European Theater Operation Ribbon, and four stars.

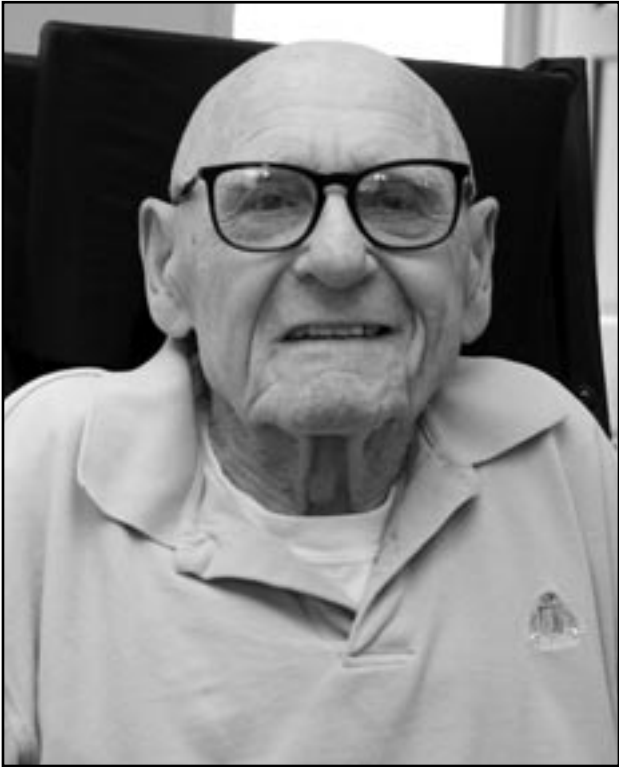
He was among several other WWII vets honored during the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Day celebration in 2020. He was named grand marshal of the parade in 2015.

In 2021, a contingent of Fanwood Police officers visited him to celebrate his 100th birthday. He turned 102 this past October.

Mr. Phillips was predeceased by his wife of

72 years, Margaret “Peggy” Phillips, in 2022; his daughters, Lori Jean Phillips, in 2002, and Ginger Louise Balzer, in 2013. He was also predeceased by his grandson, Evan S. Phillips, in 2010.

He is survived by his daughter Valerie Hardy, son Roger D. Phillips and his wife, Marie, son-in-law, Al Balzer, and four grandchildren.



(above) Mr. Phillips in 2021 on his 100th birthday



(above) Mr. Phillips as a police officer

Photos courtesy of the Phillips family



(above) Mr. Phillips, right, with Shade Tree Commission chair Steve Falco at the 2016 annual Arbor Day observance in Fanwood.

Photo by Tom Kranz



(above) Mr. Phillips in 2021 with police officers and son Roger for his 100th birthday

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Spring programs for adults include: Every Now and Zen—Yoga and Meditation, Tennis Lessons, Beginner & Intermediate Pickleball, Beginning & Intermediate Bridge.

Summer camps and programs for children include: TGA Premier Junior Golf Camp, Applause Musical Theater Camp, CreateArt Workshop, Summer Park Program, Babysitting Certification, Junior First Responders Program, Junior Tennis Lessons, SAT Boot Camp, Summer Art Workshop: Monsters, Creatures & Creeps, STEM Python Coding Bootcamp, Daring Detectives Camp, Crazy Chem Works Camp, Secret Agent Lab, Rockin' Rockets Camp, Jr. Reactors Camp, NASA: Academy of Future Space Explorers Camp, Hip Hop Experience Dance Camp, Fashion Design

Camp: Caribbean Week, Parent & Me Soccer Squirts, Parent & Me Multi Sports Squirts, Soccer Squirts, Squirts Multi Sports, T-Ball Squirts, Senior T-Ball Squirts, Multi Sports Camp, Basketball Camp, Golf Camp, NFL Football Camp, Skateboarding Camp.

Summer programs for adults include: Beginner & Intermediate Pickleball, Tennis Lessons.

For more information about all these programs and to register, please go to fanwoodrecreation.org.



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(above) With support from local students, the Council approved a resolution to apply for a New Jersey Department (DEP) Green Acres grant for phase 2 improvements at Forest Road Park.

Courtesy photo

FOREST ROAD PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Borough of Fanwood

The Fanwood Borough Council approved a resolution during a work session meeting held on Feb. 5, 2024, to apply for a New Jersey Department (DEP) Green Acres grant for phase 2 improvements at Forest Road Park. The vote followed a public hearing.

Mayor Mahr said phase one improvements, which were done in 2021, included improvements to the basketball courts, walking paths, the blacktop as well as new Pickleball courts.

Gary Oliva of CME Associates, Parlin, NJ, a civil engineering firm retained by the borough, presented a summary of the concept plan it has developed for the second phase of improvements at the park. He said the existing tennis courts are in poor condition and will be removed and the existing playground area will be expanded and reconstructed with new playground equipment and rubber mulch.

School One fourth grade teacher Ellen Young's students addressed the mayor and council on their thoughts for Forest Road Park improvements.

The students' said they wanted new

playground equipment that is "exclusive and age appropriate" for kids as well as for those with disabilities, to fix and relocate the tennis courts, to add more green space for sports like football, lacrosse, soccer, and cheerleading, expand the paths for biking, running and walking dogs, and to add fencing and netting to the baseball field.

The Mayor said baseball field improvements could be done separately outside of the Green Acres grant.

"I want to thank you (the students) for taking time to care about the park that you play in and to come out to talk to us," Mayor Mahr responded to the class.

Michael Loberfeld of Linden who previously resided on St Johns Place, bordering on Forest Road Park, said he would like to see the existing trees and shrubs stay intact. He said if the paths are widened, they should be inward and not outward into the existing wooded areas.

Phyllis Mahoney of Pleasant Avenue said there isn't enough room to expand the paths, but she said there are safety issues with electric scooters and bikes sharing pathways with walkers and runners.

TRICKY TRAY TO HELP ANIMALS IN NEED

Submitted by Sue Baldani

A small group of volunteers is making a big difference in the lives of animals, and now you can help too. Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is holding its annual Tricky Tray on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains.

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Come out for a fun day with friends and family. You might leave with a basket full of goodies or a treasured item, but if nothing else, you'll know you made a difference in an animal's life.

Tickets, which must be purchased in advance, are available through the mail and online. Please email bestfriendadoptnj@gmail.com to learn more.

Also, be sure to visit Best Friend's cute little thrift store on East 2nd Street that's chock full of wonderful merchandise for shoppers of all ages. All funds raised are used to help the pets in their care with spaying and neutering, boarding, food and veterinary bills. The shop is also a drop off spot for much needed cat food, litter and dog food.

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WRECKAGE TO REDEMPTION BY TOM KRANZ

The new novel Wreck and Return by Tom Kranz is a riveting, sometimes heart-breaking story of a man juggling his volunteer passion with the reality of the working world while self-medicating to deal with the stresses of both.

"I tapped into some actual experiences from both my volunteer life as an EMT and my full-time job as a senior producer at CBS News," says Kranz. "It's the old writer's axiom, write what you know."

Kranz was an active, volunteer EMT with the Fanwood Rescue Squad from 1999 to 2020. He remains a Life Member. For eight of those years, he commuted to New York for his CBS job which required 24/7 responses to breaking news around the world. Working in a stressful job by day, then responding to 911 calls nights and weekends made for a unique kind of exhaustion often soothed by alcohol.

"The protagonist in Wreck and Rescue,

Griffin Ambrose, graduates from casual drinker to active alcoholic," says Kranz. "His partner is concerned, but she gives him the benefit of the doubt. She comes to regret it during a fateful ambulance transport."

Kranz credits his EMT experience with motivating him to quit drinking altogether.

"Being an EMT was a goal I'd had for many years, and I didn't want to screw it up. I also didn't want my wife and kids to watch me pass out in my chair every night. So, I quit. My 22+ years of sobriety have been a gift. Part of my goal in Wreck and Return was to create a fictional, worst-case scenario as a cautionary tale while shining a light on the everyday good works of volunteer EMTs."

Wreck and Return is available in e-book and paperback at Amazon. Read more about them and Kranz's other books at tomkranzbooks.com.



RESCUE SQUAD/FIRE DEPT AWARDS

Borough of Fanwood

The Fanwood Rescue Squad and Fire Department honored a number of their volunteers Saturday, January 20, 2024, with awards for extraordinary service. Mayor Colleen Mahr was present and expressed Fanwood's gratitude for their many years of service to the town.

RESCUE SQUAD HONOREES

- Tom Kranz - 25 years as of 2023 (also recognized for answering 3000 calls)
 - Ian Lewis - 15 years as of 2023
 - Ed Winsor - 25 years as of 2023
 - Joan Lozowski - 10 years as of 2021
 - Patty Buckridee - 15 years as of 2021
 - James Drewes - 20 years as of 2021
 - Eric Breidenstein - 25 years as of 2021
 - Dave Zawodniak - 30 years as of 2022
- Patty Buckridee, Nancy Mustachio, Brian Downing and Ian Lewis were recognized for answering 1000 calls.

Spencer Doran, Adam Kern and Kayla Rajcevic all received EMT pins for achieving EMT certification in 2023.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HONOREES

- Firefighter Russ Hamill—50 years of service
- Highest percentage of calls—Sean Manette
- Highest percentage of calls for an officer—Vinny Bianco



(above) Deputy Chief Dave Zawodniak, 50-year member Russ Hamill, Brady DeProspero and Chief John Piccola



(above) Mayor Colleen Mahr, center with Rescue Squad members, left to right, Training officer Melissa Padulsky, Captain Brian Downing, 2nd Lieutenant Ian Lewis, Life Member Jamie Pedinoff, Sgt. Kayla Racjevic, EMT Spencer Doran, President Carolyn Buckridee, Vice President Ed Winsor, Recording Secretary/Chaplain Patty Buckridee and EMT Adam Kern.



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