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BARRINGER'S GIFT TO THE USA

Barringer High School Alumni Association

Marie D'Amico, long-time resident of Florham Park and retired teacher who taught in Florham Park and Newark, has been serving as Vice President of Newark's Barringer High School Alumni Association for several years. As a founding member of the Association, Marie is proud and excited about the latest event in her high school's history.

Barringer High School, established in 1838 as Newark High School, is celebrating 185 years of continuous education in the city of Newark; Barringer is the first public high school in the city and state. Adding to its illustrious history, the Alumni Association is gifting to the United States of America, specifically the prestigious Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., 29 leather bound journals filled with original handwritten compositions and illustrations by the students during the Civil War period.

The journals were discovered in a locked safe about to be discarded. Marie, along with members of the association, (many of whom contributed to the restoration of the journals) will celebrate this magnificent mission and accomplishment at a brunch to be held at the Hanover Manor, East Hanover, March 10, 2024 - 11:00 a.m. Tickets are \$50 per person. All are welcome to join us and to view the historic journals before they embark on their train journey to Washington D.C. To purchase tickets or for additional information please contact Felicia Biase at bhsalumni.gr@yahoo.com or 973-607-1600.



(left) This illustration is from the 1865 Journal and depicts the sorrow of the soldier leaving for war and next to it the happiness of his return.



(above) Marie D'Amico is holding of the leather-bound journals filled with original handwritten compositions and illustrations by the students during the Civil War period. The journals will be gifted to the Library of Congress and will be made available to the public.

THE STORY OF THE JOURNALS

The journals were found by principal Pat Restaino, who graduated from Barringer in 1945. He discovered a locked safe slated to be destroyed, he had it opened and it was there that he found the 29 journals, handwritten accounts, and artwork of students from the Civil War era. Later, Pat, as president of the Alumni Association, made it his mission to preserve the journals, and most importantly, to have them placed in a public venue, and so began the process of preserving this historic collection. With the help of grants from Essex County and numerous donations from alumni and friends, along with the dedication of principal Pat Restaino, the journals were able to be preserved.



(above) The Reading Room at the Library of Congress where the Journals will be available to the public.

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GOV'S EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Florham Park School district

Congratulations to the Florham Park School's 2023/24 "Governor's Educator of the Year" program award winners. The GEOY award recognizes both teachers and service providers.



(above) Vincent Putigmano, Special Education Teacher



(above) Paige Scott, Special Education Teacher

Photos by Florham Park School district



(above) Marissa Perlee, Gr. 5 Teacher



(above) Anan Crumm, School Counselor

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(above) Angelia Frasso, Staff Assistant



(above) Jessica Fewer, School Counselor



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ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE IS MARCH 15

Florham Park Rotary Club

Florham Park is referred to as a “community of volunteers” and each year the Florham Park Rotary awards scholarships to examples of students who are all about volunteerism and community involvement. Applications for the 2024 Scholarships are currently being accepted and are due by March 15. High school counselors have the applications.

Eligibility requires that students are residents of Florham Park and are Seniors in good standing in a local high school. They must be in the process of applying to a certified school (technical or trade, college or university) of higher learning. And a background in volunteerism and community involvement should be well presented in their application.

The completed scholarship applications should be returned via email to pnicolasfp@gmail.com by March 15. The Rotary Scholarship Committee will review and schedule the interviews with finalists for the week of March 27. There will be at least two scholarships and possibly more.

For additional information about the Florham Park Rotary visit FlorhamParkRotary.org.

PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS FOR SENIORS

The Florham Park Senior Citizens Club

Registration Request for Senior Car Show or Craft Show please email:
Florhamparkseniorclub@gmail.com or stop by the Senior Center.

ACCORDIONIST ERIC KERSSSEN

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Club members on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., at the Florham Park Community Center, will be entertained by the return of our favorite accordionist Eric Kerssen. Eric has a very entertaining program for our members with a great selection of Irish songs. We have lots of fun and members enjoy participating in sing-a-long time.

HAPPY PI DAY CLUB MEMBERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Club members come and join the Pi Day Celebration at the Florham Park Senior Citizens building (Yellow building). Starting at 12:30 p.m. Till 2:00 p.m., stop in for a visit to see friends for good conversation and enjoy a slice of apple pie in addition coffee and tea will be served.

Background information on Pi Day: celebrated annually on March 14th, it was chosen because numerically it represents the first 3 digits of pi: 3.14. Pi is a mathematical constant that represents the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter, thus March 14. A popular way to celebrate is to eat pies, since the word pi and pie sound the same, and pies happen to be circular. Also Albert Einstein's birthday March 14th, born in 1879.

ATTORNEY LAURIE HAUPTMAN

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024

The Florham Park Senior Citizens Club members on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 11:00 a.m, at the Florham Park Community Center, welcome Laurie Hauptman who will present a program on; what families need to know on wills, trusts, powers of attorney and health care directives. The important reasons to have documents and plans in place.

CAR SHOW AND FESTIVAL DAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

We are excited to announce our first Senior Car Show and Festival Day on Wednesday, May 8th, 2024, starting at 11:00 a.m. Till 2:30 p.m. The Senior Car Show will be at the parking lot at the Florham Park Community Center also known as the Recreation Center, 111 Ridgedale Avenue, Florham Park. Inside we will have a craft show and sale, information booths, in addition to Line Dancing demonstrations.

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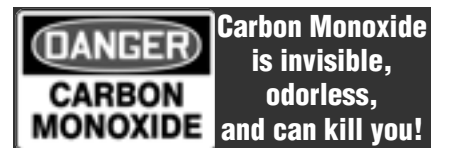
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HIDDEN CHILDREN OF WORLD WAR II



(above) Survivor Maud Dahme was one of the estimated 3,000 to 8,000 Jewish children in the Netherlands who were hidden and saved from the Nazi death camps by courageous Christians. The Hidden Child, a one-hour high-definition documentary, is Dahme's own story of courage, hope and bravery in the face of evil and death.

Courtesy photo

The Historical Society of Florham Park is proudly hosting "Hidden Children of World War II". Scheduled for March 12, 7:00 p.m. at the Florham Park Library, it is the first of the four free and intriguing 2024 presentations available free for the public starting next month.

The Holocaust is still a critical piece of history 80 years later. Of the 1,600,000 Jewish children who lived in Europe before World War II, only 100,000 survived the Holocaust. Most were hidden children, shuttered away in attics, cellars, convents or in villages or farms. Survivor Maud Dahme, a New Jersey resident, New Jersey Hall of Fame Class of 2014, and former president of the NJ State Board of Education, was among those who were hidden and survived. Dahme was one of the estimated 3,000 to 8,000 Jewish children in the Netherlands who were hidden and saved from

the Nazi death camps by courageous Christians. The Hidden Child, a one-hour high-definition documentary, is Dahme's own story of courage, hope and bravery in the face of evil and death.

Today, Dahme devotes her life to genocide education. Issues such as tolerance, mutual respect and understanding are discussed in depth in the presentation. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend this important presentation.

The Historical Society of Florham Park was founded by a group of women in 1935 to save and preserve the Little Red Schoolhouse. Located on the corner of Columbia Turnpike and Ridgedale Avenue the former schoolhouse (built in 1866) was converted into a museum. It is the symbol of Florham Park. Virtually all the artifacts in the museum were donated to and are the responsibility of the Historical Society.

CORNERED BEEF FUND RAISER – MARCH 10

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT #43

The ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit #43 have completed plans for their Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner held annually for close to 60 years. The Auxiliary will serve a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, and Corned Beef Sandwiches on Sunday, March 10 from 1-5 p.m. at the Madison-Florham Park American Legion Post #43, 20 Ridgedale Avenue in Florham Park. For a complete dinner including "home baked" Irish Soda Bread and dessert a donation of \$15 is suggested. Also available will be a Corned Beef Sandwich and sides at a suggested donation of \$10. For a child under 10 years of age the donation will be \$5. Take-out orders will be available starting at noon.

Unit President Fran Derin of Florham Park invites all residents of the area to join Auxiliary

members for dinner on Sunday, March 10 to show support for the volunteer and financial support they provide to area veterans in need. The annual fundraiser has also made it possible over the years to sponsor the following in our local communities: local high school girls to Girls State, an annual leadership development program; supporting college scholarships at various levels of the organization for children and grandchildren of veterans; donations to Family Promise providing help for the homeless in Morris County; and provide donations at Christmas to Toys for Tots and Special Olympics.

The ladies of Unit #43 look forward to seeing many of their neighbors at this annual event. If further details are needed, please contact Unit President Fran Derin at francesderin@aol.com.

THRIFT SHOP MARCH SPECIALS

The Madison Independent Thrift Shop March specials will include red items, artwork, and anything with a plug.

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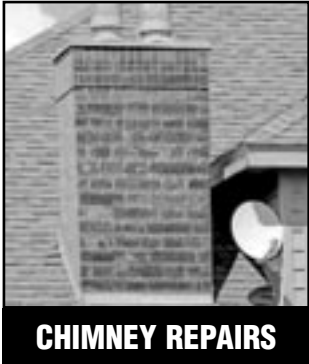
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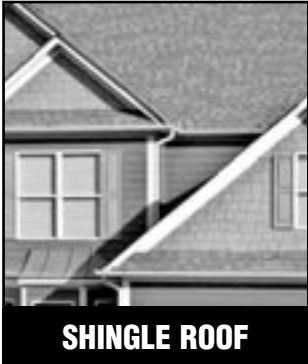
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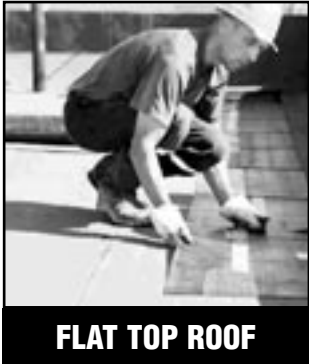
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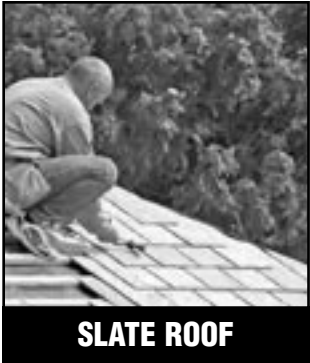
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The Friends of the Madison Public Library are offering two new minicourses for the Spring 2024 Semester to begin on April 1 and 3 for a total of five weeks. The minicourses will cover topics relating to ‘Constitutional Controversies’ and ‘Art in the U.S. from Reconstruction to WWII.’ While the Madison Library is undergoing renovations, the classes will be held at the Florham Park Library.

“Constitutional Controversies” will be taught jointly by Dr Bruce Peabody, Professor of Government and Political Science and Dr Madelyn Ferrans, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Pre-law Program, Fairleigh Dickinson University. Classes will be held Monday afternoons on April 1, 8, 15, (skip 22), 29 and May 6. The schedule is as follows:

- Week 1: Dr Peabody: First Hour-Introduction; Dr Ferrans: Second Hour-topic TBA
- Week 2: Dr Ferrans: “Free Speech”
- Week 3: Dr Ferrans: “The establishment clause and free exercise of religion”
- Week 4: Dr Peabody: a) the Supreme Court confirmation process and who gets selected and how the Justices decide cases
- Week 5: Dr. Peabody: “The problem of amending the Constitution (and why it will never happen again), and b) the problem of the Supreme Court, the public, and legitimacy

“Art in the United States from Reconstruction to WWII” by Dr. Kimberly Rhodes, NEH Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Humanities and Professor of Art History, Drew University will be held Wednesday mornings from 10:00 am to 11:50 am on April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1.

This course will cover the development of the visual arts in the United States from reconstruction to the 1930s. Topics will include the discussion of exchange between European and American artists, the education of American artists in Europe and the United States, the relationship between political events and visual culture, and the rise of modernism.

The tuition for each course is \$95. No refunds or credits will be issued once the course begins. These minicourses are organized by the all-volunteer Friends of the Madison Public Library, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. All proceeds benefit the Madison Public Library.

These non-credit courses are open to the public with no prerequisites or examinations. For more information or to register, please visit www.friendsmadisonnjlibrary.org/minicourses. Email: minicoursesmadisonlibrary@gmail.com. Phone: Leave a message at 929-450-7940.

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SECOND SUNDAY LIBRARY SERIES LINEUP

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.

The Florham Park Public Library is thrilled to announce the lineup for the 2023-2024 season of its much-celebrated “Second Sundays” program 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.

WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE SEMINAR - MAR 13

Florham Park Police Department

Anyone who lives or works in Florham Park is eligible to attend this basic course taught by Florham Park Police Department's defensive tactics instructors. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Ridgedale Middle School Gymnasium. This seminar is meant as a basic introduction to self-

defense with a large focus on situational awareness. Half of the seminar will be PowerPoint based and the other half will be drills & scenarios. All levels of fitness and experience are encouraged to attend.

Please visit the link below for more information and to sign up!
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CONGRATULATIONS SERGEANT DAN BRAICO

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Patrol Sergeant, Sgt. Dan Braico was sworn in during the February 1, 2024, Borough Council meeting with his family by his side. Sgt. Braico started his career in public safety as a dispatcher with the Randolph Police Department before being hired as a Patrolman in Florham Park in 2012.

Dan is a four-time recipient of our agency’s Chief John R. Treiber DUI/Narcotics Enforcement Award and five-time recipient of the Florham Park Police Department’s Ptlm. Robert F. Hauptman Patrol Excellence Award. Dan will be responsible for his squad of 4 additional Patrol Officers and 1 Dispatcher.



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THE WONDER BAND TO PLAY MARCH 9

The Salem Roadhouse Café presents The Wonder Band – a Tribute to Stevie Wonder’s Music, Saturday, March 9, 2024. The doors open at 7:15 p.m., the show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$20 and includes show, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, and dessert. The venue is located in the basement of Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities.

The Wonder Band is made up of three extremely talented performers who are well known to the Metro NY/NJ area music scene. Ed Alstrom, leader, is the organist for Yankee Stadium, as well as keyboard player for many famous performers such as Bette Midler, Chuck Berry, Leonard Bernstein, Herbie Hancock and others. The list goes on and on.

Accompanying Ed will be guitarist Al Orlo. Al has recorded with the legendary Ben E. King and was his musical director for 25 years. Al also held the #1 chair at Broadway shows, such as Kinky Boots, Carol King Musical, Hairspray and Smokey Joe’s Café, to name a few.

Bobby Deitch on drums rounds out the trio. Bobby has performed on several recordings such as Richard Sorce’s Latin album “A Place I’ve Never Been” and Richie Hart’s “33 1/3” album.

States Ed Alstrom, “Obviously, Stevie’s music is even more fun to play than it is to listen to. This group does a mix of the hits and some lesser-

known things, without the vocals, and it doesn’t hurt the music one bit not to have them, because they’ll be playing in your mind!

Original artwork by local artist James Spath will be on display at the Roadhouse Gallery of Fine Art for all to enjoy before, during and after the show.

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.

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 YWCA Domestic Violence Program, Making It Possible To End Homelessness, Camp Johnsonburg, The Music Institute, and others. Many thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.



RENNA MEDIA LAUNCHES YOUTUBE PODCAST

Joe Renna

Renna Media has posted its first episode of “Mind Your Own Local Business,” a podcast that gives advice on how to run a successful local business.

This is my 40th year in business and I draw from my experience and expertise to give advice. I have received so much help in my career from mentors and seasoned business owners, and this is a way to pay it forward.

I already offer free one-on-one consultation on putting together business plans and marketing plans. The show would be a way to reach many more people.

I started in business in 1984 as a graphic designer and grew into a full-service marketing and advertising company. Now, along with my wife Tina, we publish twenty-four community newspapers mailing out 160,000 to homes and businesses monthly.

Like the newspapers, the show will serve as a venue to support local community service organizations and events and production costs will be covered by advertisers. There are several marketing and advertising opportunities for businesses to be included with the freedom to be unique and creative.

I am looking forward to having a lot of fun doing the show. It is another application of my Do-What-You-Love mentality. The show is a free-form magazine format production that is flexible. I welcome business owners to join in the fun.

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