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#### **CLASS OF 2024 PROJECT GRADUATION**

#### WHAT IS PROJECT GRADUATION?

Project Graduation is a tradition at many high schools to keep graduates safe and substance-free on graduation night. For WHRHS, the event will be six hours long, filled with all kinds of indoor activities, entertainment and -- of course -lots of food and drinks! All students are required to ride the bus to and from the event, which will be held on graduation night June 13, 2024. Location TBD.

#### WHO RUNS PROJECT GRADUATION?

Project Graduation is an independent parent organization with their own budget, fundraising events and planning committee. Senior parent volunteers work hard to host various exciting events that lead up to the end-of-year graduation night event.

#### WHO ATTENDS PROJECT GRADUATION NIGHT?

WHRHS has approximately 500 seniors from the towns of Green Brook, Long Hill, Warren and Watchung who will be graduating on June 13, 2024. The event is open at no cost to the entire WHRHS graduating class, and we hope for 100% participation.

#### WHO PAYS FOR THE EVENTS?

Project Graduation is funded completely through donations.

The ability to provide all the events throughout the year is only possible through generous donations from our families & community. This includes the parents, local businesses and community organizations. As we are a regional high school, we are reaching out to the member towns, seeking donations to help offset the costs of this celebration. In the past, we have received pledges as well as goods and services, from many different community members. If you have a business or skill you can offer or know someone willing to help, please let us know!

#### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE:**

VENMO @WHRS-ProjectGrad2024. Or Mail checks payable to WHRHS Project Graduation 2024: **Project Graduation 2024** Watchung Hills Regional High School, 108 Stirling Road, Warren, NJ 07059.



(above) Photo from Watchung Hills Regional High School Class of 2023 Project Graduation

Photos from this and other events can be found online at rennamedia.com and on Long Hill Leader page on facebook.com Feel free to "Like," "Tag," and "Share."



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## SPRING GROVE NAMED AMONG NATION'S BEST NURSING HOMES

Spring Grove Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center in New Providence has been named among the nation's 2024 Best Nursing Homes by U.S. News & World Report, marking the fourth consecutive year it has been recognized for at least one program. The 106-bed skilled nursing facility, located at 144 Gales Drive, provides post-hospital care, short-term rehab and long-term residential care.

"Spring Grove's year-after-year recognition as one of the nation's top centers speaks to the tireless efforts of its team in providing exceptional skilled nursing care each and every day," said Kani Burgos, regional director of market development at Marquis Health Consulting Services, which supports Spring Grove. "For well over a decade, U.S. News' annual Best Nursing Homes rating has served as a credible resource for consumers, their families and caregivers. We congratulate Spring Grove on this notable achievement and are proud to support their team."

Spring Grove received its U.S. News high performance rating for long-term care. For its 2024 list, U.S. News, a global authority in health care rankings and consumer advice, evaluated more than 15,000 nursing homes. Ratings were determined by nurse staffing, patient and resident outcomes, and safety measures, among other indicators of quality.

Spring Grove's reputation for quality care and services is well established. The facility

Spring Grove Rehabilitation & Healthcare maintains a five-star rating for quality measures from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). More information on Spring Grove can be found at springgroverehab.com.

Brick, N.J.-based Marquis Health Consulting Services provides administrative and consulting services to skilled nursing facilities and senior housing communities along the Eastern Seaboard. The organization's operational guidance enables its client facilities to overachieve their quality and customer service goals by embracing a progressive, multi-specialty approach to healthcare.



(above) Spring Grove Named Among Nation's Best Nursing Homes for Fourth Consecutive Year. The 106-Bed Center in New Providence, N.J., earned a 2024 High Performance Rating for Long-Term Care.



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(above) Fifth grader Alexa Fox selected The Elephant in the Room for the March meeting of Long Hill Township Library's new Saturday Morning Book Club for Grades 2-5.



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#### **NEW BOOK CLUBS FOR** KIDS, TEENS, AND PARENTS

#### Long Hill Township Library

reading at every age, Long Hill Township Library is adding three new book clubs to its calendar: one for young children and their parents, one for elementary school students, and one for middle school students.

The library, located at 917 Valley Rd. in Gillette, already hosts multiple book clubs for adults as well as a monthly book club for teenagers.

"Reading is at the heart of everything we do," said Library Director Albie Ashbrook. "Now everyone in Long Hill can join a book club, whether they are already an enthusiastic reader or are discovering a love of books for the first time."

The Saturday Morning Book Club, for kids in Grades 2-5, will next meet on April 27 at 11 a.m. to discuss Matilda by Roald Dahl.

The March meeting featured a discussion of The Elephant in the Room by Holly Goldberg Sloan. Fifth-grader Alexa Fox was the club's first member and had the honor of choosing the March

The Graphic Novel Book Club, for kids and teens in Grades 5-8, includes drawing activities as part of every meeting. The book for the April 24 meeting at 4 p.m. is Stargazing by Jen Wang.

"Members of the Graphic Novel Book Club As part of its mission to promote a love of can swap recommendations with other graphic novel fans as well as create their own comics and characters," said Youth Services Librarian Jessica Buban.

> Copies of Matilda and Stargazing are available for pickup in the library's children's

> Participants can register for these book clubs by emailing childrens@longhilllibrary.org.

> The Do-Gooders Family Book Club, for kids in pre-school through first grade and their parents, meets quarterly and emphasizes helping the community and the environment.

> The first meeting on March 20 began with a storytime and a discussion about the importance of protecting our forests. The June 5 meeting's theme will be Love Our Oceans.

> The Do-Gooders club is part of a new initiative, LHTCares, which provides Long Hill residents with opportunities to help each other and the world around them from the convenience of the library.

> "I'm excited to take our mission at the library and connect it to families in the community," said Community Engagement Librarian Suzanne Kosempel.

> Details on all of Long Hill Township Library's book clubs can be found at LongHillLibrary.org.



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#### A JOURNEY DOWN LEARNING LANE

Parents seeking exceptional early childhood education and afterschool care are in luck: the Berkeley Heights YMCA Learning Lane and its counterpart, Beyond the Bell, are accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year!

The Berkeley Heights YMCA Learning Lane, which welcomes children in preschool through Kindergarten, has undergone a number of transformations over the past few years. The nationally renowned Creative Curriculum, emphasizing the importance of hands-on learning and discovery, is now embedded into the program itself. Each day, students engage in a variety of enriching STEAM and language arts activities that set them up for academic success. To take this even further, but the learning doesn't stop there.

"As part of the larger Summit Area YMCA, we're focused on each child's overall well-being," said Associate Executive Director Kelly McHugh. "That includes teaching our students the importance of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility, helping them learn skills that build their confidence and independence, and ensuring that they flourish socially and emotionally."

Parents will find a host of other benefits that make the Berkeley Heights YMCA Learning Lane a special place. The teachers and caregivers introduce kids to healthy fun through weekly trips to the gymnasium, swim time at the Summit YMCA indoor pools, and nutritious daily snacks. These added features start their students on a path to a lifetime of healthy living.

"In addition to teaching our children about

health and wellness, we want them to learn about their relationship to the community at large," said Diana Burneo Fernandez, the center's director. "Each month, we take the children on field trips around our local area. From farms to the police department, fire station and library, our students see firsthand that we are all part of one larger world and why it's so important that we help one another."

These foundational lessons in health, wellness, and social responsibility can also be found in the Berkeley Heights YMCA afterschool program for school-age children, Beyond the Bell.

For more information, please visit www.thesay.org/learning-lane or contact Diana Burneo Fernandez at diana.burneo-fernandez@thesay.org or 908-464-8373 Ext. 2042.

#### **ABOUT THE SUMMIT AREA YMCA**

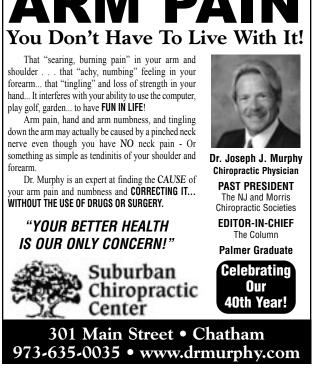
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development, healthy living, and social responsibility — For a better us. We are committed to creating equal opportunity for all regardless of gender, age, disability, income, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or religious affiliation. We strive to create a welcoming and inclusive culture in which our four core values — responsibility, honesty, caring, and respect — are integral to everyday operations.

Each year, as one of the area's leading 501(c)(3) charitable organizations, the Summit Area YMCA serves more than 17,000 individuals with our free and fee-based programs and services in an area spanning the New Jersey communities of Berkeley Heights, Gillette, Millburn, New Providence, Short Hills, Springfield, Stirling, and Summit. Our history is rooted in working side-by-side with our neighbors to ensure everyone can learn, grow, and thrive. Through the generosity of our members, donors, and partners, we are able to offer financial assistance for our programs and services to those in need.









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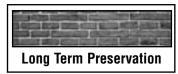
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#### **STIRLING SPRING** STREET FAIR - APRIL

The Stirling Spring Street Fair will be held on Sunday, April 21, 2024. This event, sponsored by the Long Hill Chamber of Commerce, will be held along Main Avenue between Mercer & Somerset Streets from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. rain or shine. The street will be closed to vehicle traffic during the event and will be transformed into a giant block party.

#### **SHOPPING**

If you like shopping outdoors then this is the place to be. We have quality exhibitors selling a selection of assorted items, a special arts & crafts section, live entertainment, kiddie rides and games, great festival foods and food trucks, and so much more. Don't miss stopping by the many local merchants and civic organizations to see what goodies they are passing out.

#### **FOODIES**

As you stroll along stop to have a bite to eat and sit at tables in our live music area. See the show we have planned with live music, dancing, karate demonstrations and more. So come hungry and enjoy eating carnival food favorites like a sausage & pepper sandwich, cheese steaks, kettle corn, chicken fingers, ice cream, zeppole, shish kabobs, gyros, fresh cut fries, fresh squeezed lemonade, Italian ice and the many great gourmet foods from the food trucks. The food trucks will be listed below upon reserving their spaces.

We also have The "Kidz Traveling Shindig" which is a section dedicated to children with kiddie bounce rides, slides and interactive blow ups, face painters, sand art and kids games.

#### MUSIC

Live entertainment throughout the day.

#### TAKE THE TRAIN TO THE FAIR!

You can take the NJ Transit Train to the Stirling Station and you will be at the street fair. The detour route is Passaic Ave. and Somerset Street. Parking is available at the Train Station lot, and the side streets. Enter the area from Valley Road on Warren Ave. or Passaic Ave. We hope that you'll consider joining us and we look forward to seeing you. For more info visit: JCpromotions.Info

#### SIEMINSKI THEATER UNVEILS SPRING SEASON

Sieminski Theater, located in Fellowship Village, Basking Ridge. Whether you're looking for a romantic night out or a fun-filled day with family or friends, the Sieminski Theater is the perfect destination for an unforgettable experience. Visit sieminskitheater.org to discover our upcoming shows and let the allure of live entertainment enchant vou.

April 7 at 2:30 pm: David Maiocco's Rhapsody In Red, White & Blue, a dazzling tribute by the acclaimed pianist and actor, brings Liberace's legacy to life with a performance that sparkles with the maestro's signature style. Maiocco's uncanny resemblance and incredible talent capture the heart, spirit, and charisma of the man who became "Mr. Showmanship!

April 13 at 2:30 pm: Mentalist Joshua Kane's **Borders of the Mind** is an extraordinary journey into the realm of mental marvels and telepathic wonders. This family event beckons those with a curiosity for the mystical, providing a chance to delve into the depths of intuition and unearth hidden psychic talents. Embrace the adventure and unlock the secrets of your mind and discover your inner superhero!

May 4 at 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm: Lisa McClowry's The Beat Goes On is a nostalgic and vibrant odyssey through Cher's discography that will leave you feeling like you've just witnessed a Goddess of Pop concert! With eight costume changes and mesmerizing video projections, the storytelling is perfectly enhanced and promises an experience like no other.

May 12 at 2:30pm: Kimberly Faye Greenberg's **Fabulous Fanny: The Songs & Stories of Fanny Brice** is a delightful tribute to the life and humor of the Broadway legend. This acclaimed show revives the spirit of "Funny Girl," Fanny Brice and is a must-see for anyone who loves the golden age of Broadway and the enduring wit of Brice.

June 1 at 2:30 & 7:30pm: Frankie Cirell's The Magic Of Tony Bennett is a heartfelt tribute that captures the emotional depth and elegance of Bennett's iconic songs. Accompanied by a full

Experience a vibrant selection of shows at the orchestra, audiences will be treated to a musical journey, from the touching "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" to the soaring melody of "Fly Me to the Moon."

> June 9th at 2:30: Tea for Three: Lady Bird, Pat **& Betty** is a one-woman show that intimately portrays the lives of Lady Bird Johnson, Pat Nixon, and Betty Ford. Elaine Bromka's heartwarming play takes place in three scenes, each focusing on one of the women as they share their hopes, fears, and loves.

> June 15 at 7:30 pm Dancing Dream: An ABBA **Tribute** is a nostalgic trip to the era of disco and dazzle! The timeless music beckons fans to sway to hits like "Mamma Mia," and "Dancing Queen" Embrace the 70s' flair with platform shoes and sequins and prepare for an unforgettable night of harmonious vocals, vibrant costumes, and lively dance routines.

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#### **About the Sieminski Theater:**

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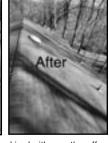






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#### **LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE KARATE PROMOTION**

Chu's Academy of Martial Arts promoted 3 students on February 27th to the rank of "Cho Dan", or midnight blue belt, in the traditional Korean martial of Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan. The midnight blue belt is equivalent to black belt in other martial art styles. The 3 students, Vedika Ghosh, 14, of Berkeley Heights; Dylan Herring, 13, of Gillette; and Asher Gupta, 14, of Stirling, all trained for a minimum of five years to achieve their new rank. Additionally, they are on the Academy Leadership Team where they attend special growth and development sessions, and lead a weekly class under the direct supervision of a certified Master Instructor. "We are so very proud of these students", said Lydia Chu, a 6th degree certified Master Instructor and co-owner of the Academy, "the amount of effort and focus they put into this process was extraordinary".

The rank testing took place in October of 2023. The three hour test conducted in Sewell, New Jersey evaluated their ability to properly and effectively demonstrate techniques, knowledge of the art and heritage, endurance, and character. It is typical for students to wait for their promotion for several months, said Michelle Cavett, 4th degree certified master instructor.

"This 'reflection period' reinforces the delayed gratification we instill in them, and also the opportunity for them to fully grasp what it means to achieve this advanced level, and the expectations and responsibilities that accompany it". For more information, visit karate4peace.com or call (908)647-4194.



(above, l-r) with their families behind them are Chu's Academy of Martial Arts new midnight blue belt holders: Asher Gupta, Vedika Ghosh, and Dylan Herring.

#### **TIMELESS TREASURES** WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Senior Citizen Center of Long Hill

Join us on Saturday April 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Senior Center, 769 Valley Road, Gillette N.J. for our White Elephant Sale. Our members will be selling everything and anything they wish to part with from household goods, collectibles, decorative pieces, small electronics, paintings, and jewelry.

Join us and find a treasure or two at bargain prices. Coffee and snacks available too. Plenty of free parking. Rain or Shine.

#### FREE CONCERT - 4/11

The Suburban Music Study Club will present Music of The Spring on Thursday, April 11 at 10:30 a.m. Chatham United Methodist Church located at 460 Main Street, Chatham. Patricia Ruggles, voice; July Verbitsky, piano; Gail Berkshire, flute with Chick Barnes, piano will perform sweet music to usher you out of the Winter and in to the Spring! All are invited. Event is free and handicap accessible. For more info visit suburbanmusicstudyclub.com, or our Facebook page.

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Join us for the Run for the Roses with a live stream of the race, buffet, 50/50 cash raffle, and auction items.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person and should be purchased May by 1 by visiting summitlionsclubs.org/donate.

Or you may contact Lion Stephanie Sciallero at stephanie.sciallero@gmail.com.

The Summit Lions was chartered in 1926 at the Summit Beechwood Hotel and is celebrating 98 years of service to the community. In 1925 Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness." Since that time, Lions have been tireless advocates for the blind and visually impaired and has expanded its challenges to six pillars of service. Diabetes, Youth, Environment, Hunger, Disaster Relief and Pediatric Cancer.

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Long Hill again has a challenge grant and is purchase a tree for less than the retail value, with offering home or property owners in Long Hill a chance to purchase up to two deciduous shade trees for \$250 each through the Shade Tree Commission.

Business owners are also encouraged to apply, particularly those along the Valley Road corridor.

The \$250 level includes a variety of flowering and shade tree species. Other species may be available upon request at a higher amount. All trees must be located so they can be seen from the street.

Through this program, property owners may

the township paying the balance with the grant. Installation is arranged by the Township Public Works Department.

"We have seen the hazards of planting too many trees of one species such as the ash tree." said Shade Tree Commission Chair Susan Jeans. This year, therefore, the Shade Commission is again expanding recommended species list to include some new and exciting choices, such as Tupelo (Black Gum) and Serviceberry along with the usual Maples, Oaks, Redbuds and Dogwoods.

Those interested in participating must complete an application available on the township website at longhillnj.gov/forms/ Challenge-grant-program-application.pdf This application should be accompanied by a check

for \$250 per tree with a two tree limit and mailed to Township of Long Hill 915 Valley Road Gillette, NJ 07933.

Applications are due by Monday, April 15, 2024. nly 20 applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

A Shade Tree Commission representative will contact the property owner to approve the location of the tree(s) on the property and to select the variety of tree that would be the best fit for the location. Trees will be planted mid-tolate May.

The Shade Tree Commission reserves the right to make the final decision on location and arrangement for installation. Once installed, the property owner becomes responsible for the watering and maintenance of the tree as prescribed by the Shade Tree Commission.



(above) Called "one of the best and most consistent native trees for fall colo" by tree expert Michael Dirr, the black tupelo is a terrific landscaping choice. Displaying various hues of yellow, orange, bright red, and purple often on the same branch - it's foliage is a standout of the autumn season. Even the distinctive bark, which resembles alligator hide, adds visual and textural interest. It also serves as an important food source for birds, bees and other wildlife." - Arbor Day Foundation



"This (multi-stemmed) tree/shrub is an allseason beauty. Delicate white flowers bloom in the spring, and vibrant foliage makes an appearance in the fall. Produces plump red berries edible by both birds and humans. Grows 15'-25' high with an equal spread." - Arbor Day Foundation



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#### **UPCOMING VIRTUAL LIBRARY PROGRAMS**

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#### **Presented by Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center**

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#### The Multi-Generational Workplace

April 10, 10 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

#### **Emotional Intelligence**

May 1, 10 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

#### **Failed Presidential Assassinations**

April 2, 7-8 p.m.

Explore the more famous attempts on the life of the President of the United States as well as the two lesser known successful assassinations, Garfield and McKinley.

#### The Sky by Day and by Night

April 3, 7-8 p.m.

Explore the moon, planets, stars, artificial satellites, and the sun's path across the sky.

#### The Dead Sea Scrolls - The Texts, Their Context, and the Coalescence of Jewish and **Christian Scholarship**

April 10, 7-8 p.m.

Discover one of the most remarkable archaeological finds of the 20th century; presented by Professor Gary A. Rendsburg of Rutgers University.

#### The Letters of T.S. Eliot and Emily Hale

April 11, 7-8 p.m.

Explore the largest series of Eliot's correspondence and among the best-known sealed literary archives in the world.

#### "One Hundred and Sixty Minutes: The Race To Save The RMS Titanic" by William Hazelgrove

April 15, 7-8 p.m.

Discover the heroic acts of more than twentyeight ships that were involved in the rescue of Titanic survivors.

#### **Across the Mediterranean and Back Again in** Twenty Years - Intro to Homer' "The Odyssey"

April 23, 7-8 p.m.

Examine the tale of unlucky Odysseus as he makes his way from Troy back to his homeland of Ithaca, encountering disaster, misfortune, and unfamiliar lands along the way.

#### "Along the Appalachian Trail: New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut" by Leonard M. Adkins

April 24, 7-8 p.m.

Walk through a historical perspective of the area that is considered by some to be the pathway's birthplace.

#### **New Jersey Nature**

April 25, 7-8 p.m.

Join photography enthusiasts and N.J. Audubon Associate Naturalists Becky and Phil Witt for a virtual tour of New Jersey nature.

#### **Fermented Vegetables Workshop**

April 29, 7-8:30 p.m.

Learn the basic science behind making fermented vegetables, from sauerkraut to beets, carrots, corn, and more.

#### "Long Gone, Come Home" Presented by Author **Monica Chenault-Kilgore**

May 1, 7-8 p.m.

Discover a tale of love, life, and loss that spans from the peak of the 1930s jazz era to the Great Depression and civil rights movement.

#### The Vietnam War 1956-1975 - How it All Began May 6, 7-8 p.m.

Address how the Vietnam War started during Military History Month.

#### **Japonisme - Cultural Crossings that Influenced Modern Art**

May 13, 7-8 p.m.

Explore the story of how some of our favorite artists - Whistler, the impressionists, Van Gogh, and the post-impressionists - incorporated art and culture of Japanese influences.

#### **Famous (and Some Not So Famous) Movies** With a New Jersey Connection

May 20, 7-8 p.m.

Learn about movies that connect to the Garden State, from "On the Waterfront" to "The Wedding Singer," and many more.

#### In the Shadow of a Pyramid - Anatomy of an **Excavation in Egypt**

May 29, 7-8 p.m.

Journey through an excavation with Egyptologist and Princeton Ph.D. Candidate Emily Smith-Sangster.

#### **Butter Chicken Virtual Cooking Class**

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

Learn how to create butter chicken and spiced vegetable rice pilau with minimal effort.

For additional assistance, call (908) 845-8400. To discover all SCLSNJ has to offer, visit SCLSNJ.org or connect with SCLSNJ on Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly Twitter), or YouTube.

#### **SENIOR CENTER OF THE CHATHAMS EVENTS**

Those interested in attending should call the Senior Center of the Chathams Mondays-Fridays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to register: 973-635-4565.

#### **Spring & Easter Trivia Game**

Monday, April 8, 11 a.m.

Test your knowledge in this fun game of trivia questions about the season and holiday.

#### **Introduction to Acting Course**

Tuesdays, April 23-June 11, 10 a.m. Eight classes taught by returning instructor, Anthony Caruso.

#### Florian Schantz Jazz Band

Thursday, April 25, 11:45 a.m. A performance of jazz, Broadway, and

Hollywood music pieces.

#### **Paper Shred & Sneaker Drive Fundraiser to** benefit the Senior Center of the Chathams

Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m.-Noon Chatham Middle School

#### **Arthritis & Osteoarthritis Presentation**

Monday, April 29, 12:30 p.m.

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#### DAR SETS NEW RECORD FOR SERVICE

#### Submitted by Holly Dunbar

The numbers are in and 2023 was another record-breaking year for the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). The Society's members recorded a record 7.2 million hours of community service with 97 percent of chapters

worldwide reporting in.

Members of Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter, based in Green Brook, recorded 1,800 hours of service last year that included hosting public genealogy workshops, compiling a database of Revolutionary War soldiers in New

Jersey, welcoming new citizens at naturalization ceremonies, recording data for citizen science conservation projects, honoring veterans, volunteering with Somerset County 4-H, cleaning historic headstones, supporting school activities and more.

The DAR has more than 190,000 members in 3,000 chapters across America and in several countries around the world. A nonprofit service organization, membership is open to women 18 and over who are descended from a man or woman who aided the cause of American independence.

New members are welcome. Contact Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter at ESCchapterDAR@gmail.com.



(above) Local DAR members contributed to the Society's 7.2 million hours of Service to America in 2023.



(above) DAR members honored veterans in November at The Chelsea in Warren.





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April 12 • 1pm-7pm April 13, 14 & 15 • 9am-7pm

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- Dara, GRIT Athlete Parent

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