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WEST POINT CADET INSPIRES SCOUTS

Scouts BSA Troop 19 - St. Rose of Lima Church, Short Hills

Scouts BSA Troop 19, under the charter of St. Rose of Lima Church in Short Hills, recently benefited from an inspiring session led by Claudia Brodsky, a West Point Cadet and Millburn High School alumna.

During the discussion, a Scout asked Brodsky about her most challenging experiences. In response, Brodsky shared profound insights from her time at West Point, revealing that challenges often appear more daunting from afar but become manageable when confronted directly. She emphasized the importance of resilience and personal growth through overcoming obstacles.

Scoutmaster James McKenna commended Brodsky for her impactful message, noting its resonance with the Scouts. He highlighted the universality of Brodsky's wisdom, applicable not only to scouting but also to all aspects of life. McKenna underscored the significance of courage, determination, and perseverance, affirming that these qualities empower individuals to overcome any obstacle on their journey toward success.



(above) Claudia Brodsky, a West Point Cadet and Millburn High School alumna, inspired scouts with a talk about overcoming challenges with confidence and perseverance.

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(above) BSA Troop 19, St. Rose of Lima Church - Short Hills, NJ

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ONE MILLBURN DAY

Christine Burton, Superintendent of Schools

Friday, April 20th was 'One Millburn Day' at Millburn High School. The Social Studies Department (spearheaded by teacher, Sharon van Blijdesteijn and Department Chair, Gina Watts) and other staff coordinated a day of guest speakers on topics such as the holocaust and genocide as part of the One Millburn initiative in our district.

All students attended two assemblies. The keynote speaker was Eugenie Mukeshimana, a survivor of the Rwandan genocide, in commemoration of the 30-year anniversary of that horrific event. There was also an academic panel titled, "Schools are No Place for Hate," with experts from local universities who discussed the impacts of racism, anti-semitism, Islamophobia, xenophobia, transphobia, homophobia and on students in schools. Some activities provided opportunities for students to share topics of discussion around diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging workshops on social justice, and community service. There were also activities that provided students with mental health breaks to decompress and engage with their peers. Students played board games, learned to knit, and crochet, or got their hands dirty in the greenhouse. There was karaoke, yoga, pickleball and much more! The day wrapped up with the spring sports pep rally coordinated by Athletic Director, Chris Drechsel. Go Millers!

Many thanks to the High School Administration, Millburn Education Foundation and the High School PTO for their support, along



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with the assistance of community members and faculty who facilitated these various sessions. More than 50 students took on leadership positions to act as liaisons to the speakers and as guides through the reflection. It was an inspiring day for all involved.



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MORE STEM STARS SELECTED AS REGIONAL WINNERS

Millburn Township Public Schools

Two Millburn High School teams won recognition in the Toshiba Exploravision STEM competition. Wanjia He, Casey Liu, and Frank Huang were part of the "JellyFilter" team that was named Regional Winner for Region 2 in the competition. Thousands of students in the USA and Canada submit project proposals to this prestigious contest. Only six high school projects are selected as Regional Winners.

The "JellyFilter" project proposal is a water filtration system using the protein in jellyfish

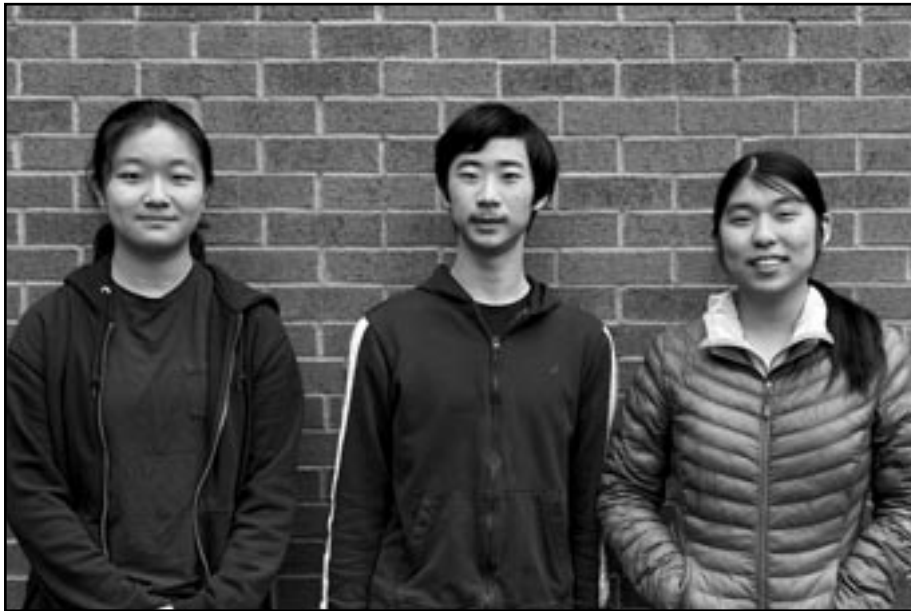
mucus to remove microplastics from a stream of water. The team will now be called upon to create a prototype, website, and video to support their bid for the national championship. If their project is selected as a national 1st or 2nd place winner, they will be invited to attend the national awards ceremony, to be held from June 12th to June 14th, in Washington, DC.

The RheumaBots team, Tanvi Akunuri, Daniel Han, Subhi Stephan, and Pari Tyagi received Honorable Mention in the competition. Their project titled "RheumaBots: Advanced

Nanorobot Therapy to Mitigate Rheumatoid Arthritis" proposed a novel way to combat arthritis using nanotechnology.

The members of both teams demonstrated creativity, perseverance, and teamwork in their project proposals as they found new applications for emerging technologies in an effort to improve our health and wellness and to protect the environment.

Thanks to Science teacher and advisor, Christopher Cook for his support of these young scientists.



(above, l-r) The JellyFilter team (Regional Winners): Wanjia He, Frank Huang, and Casey Liu.



(above, l-r) The RheumaBots team (Honorable Mention): Daniel Han, Paridhi Tyagi, Subhiksha Stephan, and Tanvi Akunuri.

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STUDENTS WIN 94 REGIONAL, AND 3 NATIONAL ART AWARDS

Millburn Township Public Schools

Millburn High School student artists collectively won 94 regional, and 3 national awards in the prestigious Scholastic Art Awards. This is the highest number of awards our high school art department has ever been awarded and we celebrate this great achievement on behalf of our amazing student artists & teachers!

Millburn High School is proud to have

secured 3 national medals. Erika Kasuga won a National Gold and National Silver in Drawing & Illustration, and Riana Joseph won a National Silver in the Mixed Media Sculpture category. In regional awards, students earned 27 Gold Keys, 24 Silver Keys and 44 Honorable Mentions. Regional Gold Key award winners go on to be considered for national-level recognition, which will be announced in June.

Congratulations to all of the students and to

the High School Art staff who encourage these young artists to participate in the competition and gain recognition in a wide range of media. Thank you to Linda Kim, Susan Bromirski, Katherine Reilly, Keeley Flack, Christine Benson Vos, and Jacklyn Hummer.

Mark your calendar now for May 29th for the annual AP Art Show at the high school when you will have an opportunity to see the work of these amazing artists.



(above) Scholastic Award winners. Mark your calendar now for May 29th for the annual AP Art Show at the high school.



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Limited VIP tickets available for the Preview Party which includes cocktails at a bonus 6th house. Act fast - last year this event sold out! Tickets go on sale May 5. Visit thewarehousenj.org for more information and to purchase tickets.



(above) The interior of a home featured in the 2023 HOME Tour. Tour includes a wide variety of architectural and interior design styles.

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS: HYBRID: MEDIEVAL MONASTICISM WITH ALEXANDER CLEMENTE

Thursday May 16, 7-8pm,
Hybrid, Auditorium

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IN PERSON: RESUME DESIGN TOOLS

Thursday May 30, 2-3:30pm, Room B

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PROGRAMS FOR KIDS:

IN PERSON: STAY & PLAY: MAKE BELIEVE

Wednesday May 15, 10:30am-12pm,
Children's Room

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IN PERSON: CRAFTERNOON

Wednesday May 22, 4-5pm,

In Person, Auditorium For ages 4-12

What does crafts + afternoon equal? Why, crafternoon of course! Kids are invited to make a fun seasonal craft. Drop in.

IN PERSON: TRADITIONS OF INDIA DANCE PERFORMANCE FOR KIDS

Thursday May 30, 4-5pm,
Auditorium, Ages 5+

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PROGRAMS FOR TWEENS & TEENS (AGES 12+):

IN PERSON: TAKE A "PAUSE" WITH A THERAPY DOG

Tuesday May 7, 3:30-4:30pm, Teen Space

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(above, l-r) Lodge Officers responsible for the 4 Pillars of Elkdom: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Rocco DiPiano - Esteemed Leading Knight (Charity); Fred Honold - Exalted Ruler (Fidelity); Apollo Hrehorovich - Esteemed Lecturing Knight (Brotherly Love); and Mary Twill - Esteemed Loyal Knight (Justice). These four officers look forward to serving our communities for the benefit of all.

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us to assist veterans and their families throughout the entire state and host numerous recreational therapy activities as well. This year we are starting up a few veterans' retreats and will focus on increasing events at our state veteran hospitals and shelters.

We are always looking for volunteers that can both assist with upcoming events and help mentor veterans so they can live better productive lives. Volunteers are the most important NJVN resource, and we would love to have more people help us save lives. If you need assistance or are interested in joining the team, please send us your name, email, and phone number to NJVN1775@gmail.com or call 973-332-1556. Check out our website NJVN.org for our services and accomplishments.



(above) New Jersey Veterans Network veterans and volunteers at a recent event.

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NJ YOUTH SYMPHONY CELEBRATES 45TH ANNIVERSARY AT NJPAC

Wharton Arts

The New Jersey Youth Symphony (NJYS), a program of Wharton Arts, will present its 45th Anniversary Celebration Concert on Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m. at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark. Experience a grand celebration of the Garden State's premier youth orchestra program as its three full symphony orchestras and Jazz Orchestra come together with alumni for a triumphant concert commemorating the 45th season. Special guest stars George Marriner Maull of The Discovery Orchestra and jazz legend Rufus Reid join the jubilee led by NJYS conductors Dion Tucker, Mark Gunderman, Simon Lipskar, and Helen H. Cha-Pyo. The celebratory program features works by Holst, Copland, Rufus Reid, Valerie Coleman, James Ra, and Respighi.

Audience members are invited to take a sweeping look at the New Jersey Youth Symphony's 45-year history and the road ahead. Tickets are \$20, \$35, and \$50, available at NJPAC.org. VIP Tickets can be purchased for \$150 and include premium seating and admission to the post-concert reception. VIP Tickets, as well as more ways to support NJYS, can be found at NJYS45.givesmart.com.

Said Maestro George Marriner Maull, "As founding Music Director and Conductor of the New Jersey Youth Symphony, nothing could make me happier than the celebration of the youth symphony's 45th Anniversary—an amazing accomplishment in the lifespans of today's nonprofits. The New Jersey Youth Symphony, a vital part of the Wharton Arts family, is now flourishing under the artistic



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leadership of Helen Cha-Pyo and her staff. It is flourishing beyond the wildest dreams of those of us—and there were so many during those first eighteen years beginning in 1979—who planted and nourished this seed. Just gaze at and listen to what that seed has blossomed into...Happy 45th Anniversary indeed!"

"As we commemorate the New Jersey Youth Symphony's remarkable 45-year journey, this concert stands as a tribute to the unwavering dedication, exceptional talent, and boundless passion of our young musicians, their families, our devoted artistic and administrative teams, and our invaluable community partners—including public school music educators, private teachers, and generous supporters," said Helen H. Cha-Pyo, Artistic Director and Principal Conductor. "Creating an inclusive and nurturing environment where our youth can explore their potential requires a collaborative effort. At the New Jersey Youth Symphony, a program of Wharton Arts, we deeply appreciate our vibrant and engaged community. We are committed not only to delivering outstanding musical experiences but also to fostering positive life experiences that empower our young artists to flourish. We are eager to present a concert with our honorees, Rufus Reid and Maestro George Marriner Maull, and NJYS alumni that honors our rich history while embracing an exciting future. We hope the audience enjoys the world premiere of Ring O Bells! by James Ra, commissioned to commemorate the 45th anniversary, and we invite you to join us for this unforgettable musical celebration!"

Throughout the 2023-24 season, NJYS has honored its vibrant history and bright future with premieres of new compositions and beloved music from the inaugural season in 1979. For more information, go to NJYS.org.

Wharton Arts' mission is to offer accessible, high quality performing arts education that sparks personal growth and builds inclusive

communities.

Wharton Arts' vision is for a transformative performing arts education in an inclusive community to be accessible for everyone.

Wharton Arts is New Jersey's largest independent non-profit community performing arts education center serving nearly 2,000 students through a range of classes and ensembles. The 5 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Chorus, an auditioned choral ensemble program for students in grades 3–12, encourage a love and appreciation of choral music while nurturing personal growth and creative development. The 15 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Symphony, which serve nearly 600 students in grades 3–12 by audition, inspire young people to achieve musical excellence through high-level ensemble training and performance opportunities. Based in Paterson, the Paterson Music Project is an El Sistema-inspired program of Wharton Arts that uses music education as a vehicle for social action by empowering and inspiring young people to achieve their full potential through the community experience of ensemble learning and playing. From Pathways classes for young children to Lifelong Learning programs for adults, the Wharton Performing Arts School has a robust musical theater and drama program and offers both private and group classes for instruments and voice for all ages and all abilities. With the belief in the positive and unifying influence of music and that performing arts education should be accessible to all people regardless of their ability to pay, Wharton Arts offers need-based scholarships.

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The Repair Cafe will be staffed by local volunteer repair experts, making a wide range of repairs, free of charge. People visiting the Repair Cafe should bring along their broken items from

home: lamps, small appliances, clothes and other fabrics, bikes, jewelry, wooden items (like small furniture and frames), knives that need sharpening, toys, crockery, small garden tools, and much much more.

If you are thinking of throwing it away, please stop for a moment, and consider bringing it to the Repair Café. Repairers will work with you to get your items fixed (whenever possible), and will help you to keep it out of the landfill!

Please email, text or call Paul Lemaire at: pjlema@gmail.com or (732) 261-6443 if you have questions about the Repair Café, or are interested in volunteering, either as a repairer or to help in the organization and staffing of the event. You will get to learn about the Repair Revolution, and will meet others from your local community.

Please visit madisonrotarynj.org for more information about Madison Rotary.

See repaircafes.org for information about Repair Cafés in the Garden State.



(above) Repair volunteer Paul Lemaire (black shirt) with two satisfied Repair Cafe attendees at a repair Cafe in Summit.



(above) Richard Wilcox and Ned Fox fix a rollator for a Summit Repair Cafe attendee at the "bicycle" repair station.

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We share post Saturday run breakfast on a park picnic bench. We even have a fire in the shelter fireplace on cold winter days. We do have other activities including member hosted house parties.

Our USATF racing team competes against

other NJ clubs. Racing on the team is an option and not a requirement for membership.

Just come some Saturday! Members run varying paces (including a few walkers) and cover 3-8 miles, much on quiet wooded park trails. We often have turnouts of over 20 runners even on cold days. We have a diversity of ages from 20's to 70's! When park trails are icy or snow covered, we use alternate routes. We are a friendly welcoming group.

Contact BarbaraRushman@yahoo.com or visit our website RoseCityRunners.com to join or to learn more.



(above) Rose City Runners

BIKE AND SEWING MACHINE COLLECTION JUNE 1 AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

NJ-Pedals for Progress & Sewing Peace of High Bridge, NJ will be coming to Faith Lutheran Church for their annual used bike and sewing machine collection on Saturday, June 1, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to do light mechanical work on bikes to prepare them for overseas shipment. Tools will be provided on site.

In addition, anyone with an adult or a child's bicycle in rideable or easily repairable condition is urged to donate that bike to this worthy cause. "Bikes for parts" or disassembled bicycles will not be accepted. Working portable sewing machines are also greatly appreciated and put to good use around the world.


It's never too early to drop off bikes and sewing machines. If you are unable to come by on June 1st, you may leave bicycle(s) in Faith Lutheran's lower lot next to the utility shed. If you are donating a sewing machine, please leave it underneath the sheltered alcove by the main doors at the bottom of the parking lot. Faith will hold onto them until the June 1st collection. Please also consider making a monetary donation of at least \$20 per item which can be made directly at www.p4p.org to cover collection and shipping costs, which ultimately add up to more than \$50 per item.

Faith Lutheran Church is located at 524 South

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(above) Past bike collection at Faith Lutheran Church. Next collection will be Saturday, June 1, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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OLD GUARD THE MAY SPEAKERS PROGRAM

Summit Area Old Guard

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WE WILL HAVE FOUR PROGRAMS IN MAY:

MAY 7TH, DR. LESLIE PENDLETON

On May 7th, our speaker will be Dr. Leslie Pendleton, founding director of the Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars Program at the University of Florida (UF). The Program . . . "reimagines the first-generation student experience by providing transformative access, comprehensive scholarships, and elite support programs." She is a national leader in creating sustainable efforts to support the college and life success of students who are the first in their families to pursue a college degree. Dr. Pendleton now serves as the lead development officer for the program, and she will discuss the 18-year history and impact of the Machen program Through intentional peer mentoring, academic coaching, and overall care and compassion for first-generation college students, UF has created a scalable model for other universities to follow.

MAY 14TH, GARY FISCH

On May 14th, our speaker will be Gary Fisch, founder & CEO of Gary's Wine & Marketplace, a four-store retail wine & spirits chain in northern NJ. Founded in 1987, Gary's Wine & Marketplace has become an industry-leading independent retailer selling wine, beer, spirits, gourmet foods, and giftware. During this

presentation, Gary will speak about his founding story and some innovations he has pioneered in retailing over the past 35+ years. Gary has also been a good corporate citizen by supporting an annual wine-tasting event in Morristown.

MAY 21ST, ALLEN HAMILTON

On May 21st, our speaker will be Allen Hamilton. Allen will present his experience with Ancestry.com, including the wealth of online information, such as the census and birth/death/burial records. He will also discuss the DNA results for himself and his wife. Finally, he will lead a discussion of your stories.

MAY 28TH, CHRIS GAFFNEY

Finally, on May 28th, our speaker will be Chris Gaffney, Director of Championships, Metropolitan Golf Association. Conducting first-class championships that "promote and conserve the best interests and true spirit of the game of golf" was the founding mission of the MGA. Today, the MGA is recognized as a leader in championship administration and conducts some of the nation's oldest and most prestigious events with a list of champions that reads like a who's who of golf. Chris will provide insight into the historic MGA Championship program, the fantastic golf courses, accomplished alumni, great volunteering opportunities throughout New Jersey, and some insight on the Rules of Golf.

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THE DOMINICAN NUNS CLOISTER SHOPPE

For Westfielder Pat Colbert, volunteering at the Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary in Summit "brings me peace no matter how my day is going."

She began volunteering at the Cloister Shoppe there more than four years ago after another Westfield resident, Marge Roeck, told her about it.

The well-stocked gift shop is operated by the Dominican nuns who reside on the Rosary Shrine grounds that include a large chapel open to the public. Several years ago, the cloistered nuns began making a number of products to sell, including candles, soaps, face and foot crème, etc. Those items are available, along with a host of religious goods, at the gift shop and online at cloistershoppe.com. Proceeds provide funds needed to support the 20 nuns who live at the monastery.

Many people come to the shop to secure perpetual enrollments that provide prayers for individuals.

"These are beautiful cards that people usually buy to give to families of recently deceased individuals or for any living person who might need prayers," says Tina Leshner, of Westfield,

who along with her husband, John, volunteers at the shop. "We print out these lovely enrollments and include a special holy card."

Morris Township resident Kathy Sette has been a dedicated volunteer for 20 years.

"We're more blessed being here," says Sette. "There's just a feeling about it."

Her feelings are echoed by decades-long volunteer Dorothy Shanahan of Summit.

"Curiosity led me as a young woman to investigate that big church on the hill...Simply put, God's grace and love began a lifelong association with the monastery...this journey has been a very special privilege and gift to my life and my family."

Many of the volunteers are members of the Rosary Guild, an auxiliary that assists the nuns in such undertakings as raising funds, driving the nuns to appointments, shopping with the sisters, etc. The current president is Joan Brinkerhoff of Summit. She argues that working in the shop "can give me and all the volunteers an Evangelizing ministry---a time to care for others emotionally in a loving, Christian way. We reach out to our shoppers to help them find a special gift for a new grandchild, a sick friend or help

them with a loss of a friend, child, parent or even a life-altering illness...we are the lay hands and voices of the nuns."

While handling the shop duties, volunteers also answer calls coming into the Rosary Shrine and relay the messages to the nuns.

"Many of the callers are seeking the nuns' prayers for a variety of reasons, often because of illness or loneliness or depression. As I listen to the pleas, I feel so lucky," says Tina Leshner.

The Summit monastery was founded in 1919 when a group of sisters from a Union City monastery moved to the current site. As contemplatives, the nuns use prayer and penance to spread the Kingdom of God. The average age of the current 20 sisters in Summit is in the 50s.

The monastery chapel houses the only copy of the Shroud of Turin. The 400-year-old shroud copy can be viewed during the open chapel hours from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Mass for the public is celebrated daily at 7:30 a.m and Sundays at 8 a.m. The Cloister Shoppe is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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