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NEWEST FIRE DEPT MEMBERS JENNA TRACY & BRETT ULRICH

Jenna Tracy, 37, along with Brett Ulrich, 46, are the newest members of the Chatham Borough Volunteer Fire Department (CBVFD).

Jenna joins Ella Scannell and Annemarie Lord as the third active female member. Jenna, a lifelong resident of Chatham Borough, is also the third generation of her family to join CBVFD. Her grandfather, Donald Tracy, joined in 1967 and her father, Dennis Tracy, joined in 1983. It was shortly after her father's passing in May 2023 that Jenna decided to follow in his footsteps and legacy to join the Engine 2 Company. She has started training and will be attending the Fire Fighter 1 (FF1) class at the Morris County Fire Academy in August 2024.

Jenna has been working at ECLC of New Jersey Chatham School for the past nine years - ECLC of New Jersey is an accredited, nonprofit, educating students ages 5-21 with severe learning and/or language disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, down syndrome, or multiple disabilities at schools in Chatham and Ho-Ho-Kus and is excited to continue serving the Chatham community as a first responder.

"It is a pleasure to welcome Jenna to the CBVFD. She will be the third generation in a time-honored tradition of serving the residents of Chatham Borough. Both her grandfather and father served for many years before her. Although the path will be difficult and challenging in the beginning as she attends the Morris County Fire Academy in August, I'm confident that she will do great. She will be attending with two more probationary firefighters who will go through their FF1 training together. I wish her a safe and extensive span of service as a "legacy" member of the CBVFD." said CBVFD Chief Pete Glogolich.

Rescue Company Lieutenant and Recruitment Committee Chair Shell Lee shared, "It's truly commendable that Jenna and Brett have stepped up to serve as a volunteer firefighter in addition to their work commitments and support for family and friends. Volunteer firefighters (estimated 65% of the total number of firefighters in the U.S.) play a crucial role in safeguarding communities, often going above and beyond to protect lives and property. Volunteer firefighting is a selfless endeavor, and it's heartwarming to witness individuals like Jenna and Brett dedicating their time and effort to serve their neighbors. These unsung heroes respond to emergencies, participate in community events, and foster strong bonds within our neighborhoods. Their commitment ensures that our communities remain safe."

The Chatham Borough Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1898, and is comprised entirely of volunteer firefighters, including probationary and junior members who provide services 24 hours a day/365 days per year. The department operates its headquarters at Fire House Plaza and has responded to 396 calls in the last year, both within Chatham, and in the form of Mutual Aid to departments in our neighboring communities. Last year, CBVFD celebrated their 125th anniversary of serving the community!

Anyone wanting more information about joining the Chatham Borough Volunteer Fire Department should visit chathamborough.org/departments/fire or email fire@chathamborough.org. Follow us on social media for up to date events and happenings! @chathamfiredept.



(above) Jenna Tracy Courtesy photos



(above, l-r) Donald Tracy and Dennis Tracy

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Prevention of chronic disease is key to leading a healthy life for men of all ages. The number one cause of death is heart disease in the USA. Cancer is the second leading cause of death. There are many resources available to screen and reduce complications of both heart disease and cancer, if caught early.

Please join us for a Healthy Aging for Men seminar on Thursday, June 6, 2024, from 7-8 pm at the Library of the Chathams, 214 Main Street, Chatham provided by the Community Health & Outreach Department at Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center.

Routine comprehensive physical exams screen for both heart disease and certain cancers. Routine bloodwork includes Comprehensive Metabolic Panel, Complete Blood Count, Lipid Panel (to check cholesterol), HA1c (to check sugar control). Additionally, you can request for Vitamin D deficiency screening, as it is not standard but a common deficiency in the USA. Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) is another blood test that becomes routine to screen for prostate cancer, which is typically started at age 50 unless at a higher risk. Colonoscopies are now recommended for routine colon cancer screening at age 45. If you are a current everyday smoker, or a former smoker, discuss this with your general practitioner. You could be eligible for low-dose chest CT for lung cancer screening. Additionally, a one-time aortic aneurysm screen is

recommended for smokers and former smokers with significant history after the age of 65.

In addition to routine screening, daily commitment to personal health is key. Physical activity and a well-balanced diet can help improve overall quality of life and reduce risk for health complications. Physical activity improves mental health, improves mobility, and can increase one's chance of living longer. The American Heart Association recommends at least 25 minutes of cardiovascular exercise, where your heart rate is elevated above baseline, for at least 5 days a week. There are also benefits of resistance training such as improved bone health and a decrease in visceral fat.

A well-balanced diet is usually defined as the Mediterranean diet. The Mediterranean diet has been extensively studied and has been consistently found to contribute to overall health and wellness. It consists of healthy fats, whole grains, and largely plant-based with occasional fish and meat. Once a day men's multivitamin can also provide additional benefits to the Mediterranean diet; it is also recommended to take an over-the-counter Vitamin D supplement as this is a common deficiency. Living a healthy life requires daily commitment and routine annual screens.

Written on behalf of the Mayors Wellness Campaign Advisory Committee of the Chathams, Christine Steinberg, DNP, APN-C.

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LIBRARY OF THE CHATHAMS CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

Chatham Library Foundation

On Friday evening, May 10, exactly 100 years after the opening of the building at 214 Main Street, a large crowd celebrated this anniversary of the Library of the Chathams building. In the foyer—the original portion of the library—members of the community, library board members, representatives of the Chatham Borough and Chatham Township governing bodies and of both the Chatham Historical Society and Chatham Township Historical Society, as well as volunteers and library staff raised a champagne toast. They were treated to historical markers, a trivia game relating to library additions (of which there have been at least six) and facts of the times, and a beautiful cake with an artistic rendering of the library building. This special event was hosted by the Chatham Library Foundation.

Andy Hollander, President of the Library Board of Trustees, spoke of the importance of “people and books.” He continued, “We thank Lynda Phillips Lum [the first Chatham librarian] and all the people who contributed to the library over the years with their time, their devotion, their philanthropy, and more. We stand on their shoulders. For by strengthening the library, they strengthened our community... May our library remain a beloved community center for books and people for another century.”

Others who addressed the guests were Chatham Borough Mayor Carolyn Dempsey, Chatham Township Deputy Mayor Michael Choi, Chatham Borough Historical Society representative Lynn Magrane, Chatham Township Historical Society representatives Martha Wells and Pat Wells, and Library Director Karen Brodsky.

Both the Borough of Chatham and the Township of Chatham issued official proclamations celebrating the anniversary.

At the kickoff of the library’s Summer Reading Program on Monday, June 17, the celebration will continue with the distribution of 100-Year-Anniversary t-shirts!

ABOUT THE CHATHAM LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Chatham Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was created exclusively to charitably aid Library of the Chathams. The Foundation’s principal purpose is to support the Library of the Chathams, a joint free public library, for the benefit of the residents of Chatham Borough and Chatham Township, New Jersey.

For more information on how to donate, visit their website ChathamLibraryFoundation.org.



(above) Pat and Martha Wells from Chatham Township Historical Society both spoke at the Centennial Celebration

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(above) Many of Chatham Township & Chatham Borough’s elected officials joined in the celebration of 214 Main Street’s 100th anniversary!

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MARIA DIPASQUALE & SOFIA MACIEJEWSKI EARN EAGLE RANK

Submitted by Joseph Basralian,
BSA Troop 280

Berkeley Heights officially has its first two female BSA Eagle Scouts.

In February 2019, when the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) officially allowed girls to form BSA Troops, Berkeley Heights residents Maria DiPasquale and Sofia Maciejewski jumped at the opportunity. They were 13 and 11 at the time.

“We both saw our older brothers having so much fun in Scouting, and we really looked up to them,” said Maciejewski. “When Troop 280 formed in Chatham, we joined right away and became founding members of the troop,” added DiPasquale. The two have been friends since childhood, and now enjoy an even stronger bond through Scouting.

They’ve hiked 100 miles at the BSA Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, braved river

rapids for a week in West Virginia, helped lead a marine science live-aboard sailboat trip in the Florida Keys, and together spent well over 100 nights camping around our region.

“The adventures pulled us together with so many new friends,” said Maciejewski, “And we’ve each grown in so many ways, in our abilities, confidence and leadership.”

Their Troop started with just eight girls, but has grown to 48 registered girls today, ages 11-17. “It grew really quickly because we had so much fun doing all the different things we did together. And we laugh a lot,” noted DiPasquale.

For their Eagle Projects, each built a hefty bridge to help hikers complete a 1.3 mile loop at the Green Village Conservation Trail in Chatham Township, noted by a sign and kiosk at 328 Green Village Road, Green Village. They fundraised to purchase the materials and led teams of Scouts to cut the lumber, construct the bridges and boardwalks, and move the bridges

into place over a half-mile from the street. They also led volunteers to transport woodchips to enhance the trails.

“Signing up for a volunteer day is one thing,” said Maciejewski, “but leading a big project and volunteers from start-to-finish is another, and really satisfying.”

Both live busy lives outside of scouting. DiPasquale, a senior at Governor Livingston High School, will attend Kean University in the fall and play on the basketball and lacrosse teams. Maciejewski, a sophomore at Mount Saint Mary Academy, is pursuing her pilot’s license. And they remain active in scouting. “Once an Eagle Scout, always an Eagle Scout,” they concur.

To learn more about BSA Troop 280, email troop280chatham@gmail.com, visit their Facebook Page “Troop 280 Chatham” or website bsatroop280chathamnj.com. Meetings are most Thursday nights and outdoor adventures are one or more times per month.



(above) Maria DiPasquale
and Sofia Maciejewski

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THREE DECADES OF GRANT FUNDING CELEBRATED

Chatham Education Foundation

Over 150 Chatham residents “danced through the decades” to mark 30 years of educator grant funding for Chatham’s six public schools by Chatham Education Foundation (CEF). Past and present CEF trustees and friends, school district leaders, teachers, Board of Education members, Township and Borough Leaders came together on Saturday, April 27th, 2024 at Park Avenue Club. This special evening was designed to celebrate the ingenuity of the many grant recipients who have brought innovative programs to Chatham’s public schools and the donors who make it possible.

Guests enjoyed food, live music by Roses in Stereo, silent and live auction, and a video montage of CEF grants in action through the years. Chatham Township Mayor Stacey Ewald and Chatham Borough Council member Justin Strickland were on hand to present CEF with proclamations to commemorate its positive impact on the Chatham school community over three decades. Past CEF Presidents Amanda Feeman and Sally Allen along with Endowment Founder, Alan Routh, joined CEF President Laura Bojanowski for a champagne toast to “thank donors for investing in our six district schools so they continue to be a source of pride for our community for the next 30 years.”

A successful event like this does not happen without the support of the community. CEF would like to thank the community for their generous support of “Dancing Through the Decades”. Funds raised will go a long way in

facilitating 21st century learning and preparing our Chatham school children for the future.

“I have had the pleasure of serving as a trustee for CEF and working with the best volunteers in our community,” said Andrea Caserta, CEF’s Chair of Events and the 30th Anniversary Gala Committee, “we are extremely proud to have organized such a successful event to celebrate 30 years of educational excellence for Chatham public schools.” The Gala Committee included Bethany Gianusso, Jennifer McNally, Zahrah Khan, Laurie Hekmat, Cheryl Whitney, Laura Bojanowski, Priya Voleti, Kim Kelly, Emily Wurdemann, Jun Quon, Erik Metviner, Puja Swamy, Ananya Holland, Cristina Antenen, Hira Imran, and Tatiana Birkland.

The CEF Board of Trustees would like to thank its “Dancing Through the Decades” underwriters led by Debbie Woerner Real Estate Team of Coldwell Banker Realty, Dr. Barbara Fodero of Chatham Orthodontics, and American Express as well as Scoops and Brian Siegel Architects. CEF also extends its gratitude to Chris Tomaino for serving as our Auctioneer, Summit Soundz, the UPS Store of Summit, photographer Christopher Routh as well as Woodland Bakery for designing a beautiful and delicious 30th anniversary cake for the gala.

Local merchants and vendors donated over 70 silent auction items. The hottest auction items were “Porsche for the Weekend” donated by Paul Miller Porsche, tickets to see The Outsiders on Broadway, VIP MetLife Stadium tour passes, autographed Taylor Swift merch, a NASCAR

experience, and a Taco Bar Fiesta for 20 by Mexican Spice. Other local auction donors included: Arminio’s Italian Corner, Art With Heart Designs, Bar Method of Madison, Bloomers, Blossom Asian Bistro, Blow in Blow Out, Bottle Hill Tavern, Centercourt Athletic Club, Central Taco, Chatham Fish & Game Camp, Chatham Sandwich Shop, Chianti Pizzeria, Club Pilates, Collected Living Co., Creatif, Delsandro Window Cleaning, Dance Innovations, Diptyque, Esperanza Salon & Spa, Extra Innings Hanover, F. Gerald New Jewelers, Fleur de Sel, Healthy Italia, Chatham Hickory Cinema, Hickory Tree Pizza, Innovation Foundry, Liberty Sciences Center, Lifetime Fitness, Lucky Locks, Lusso Nails, Mayo Performing Arts Center, McHale’s Basketball Academy, Megan Pisano Designs, Minisink Swim and Tennis Club, Mitsuba, Mr. A Camp, Museum of Early Trade & Crafts, Neiman Marcus Groups, Purple Aardvark, Rad Theatricals, Radiant Waxing, Roots Steakhouse, Scream Truck, Restaurant Serenade, Situation Interactive, Sonny’s Indian Kitchen, Sorriso Kitchen, Spring Beauty Spa, STA Soccer, Stay Salon, Stirling Tavern, Sugar Rush, The Chatham Club, The Coder School, Tito’s Burritos, Tokyo Sushi, Two Fields Bakeshop, Turtle Back Zoo, USA Sports Group, and Village Hardware.

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Submitted by Jon Joshua

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They were joined by Air Force 2D Lt. Mitchell Horn from the New Jersey Air National Guard and a member of American Legion Post 322 in Summit who explained how receiving a care package can have a huge positive impact on the morale of someone who is serving thousands of miles away from home.

The National Veterans Service Committee of the NJ Elks East Central District, with Lodges in Stirling, Summit, Springfield, Mountainside, Cranford, Union, and Rahway, spent approximately \$1,200 to purchase the cookies and postage. Elks members help to support programs like this through grants, donations, and fundraising events.

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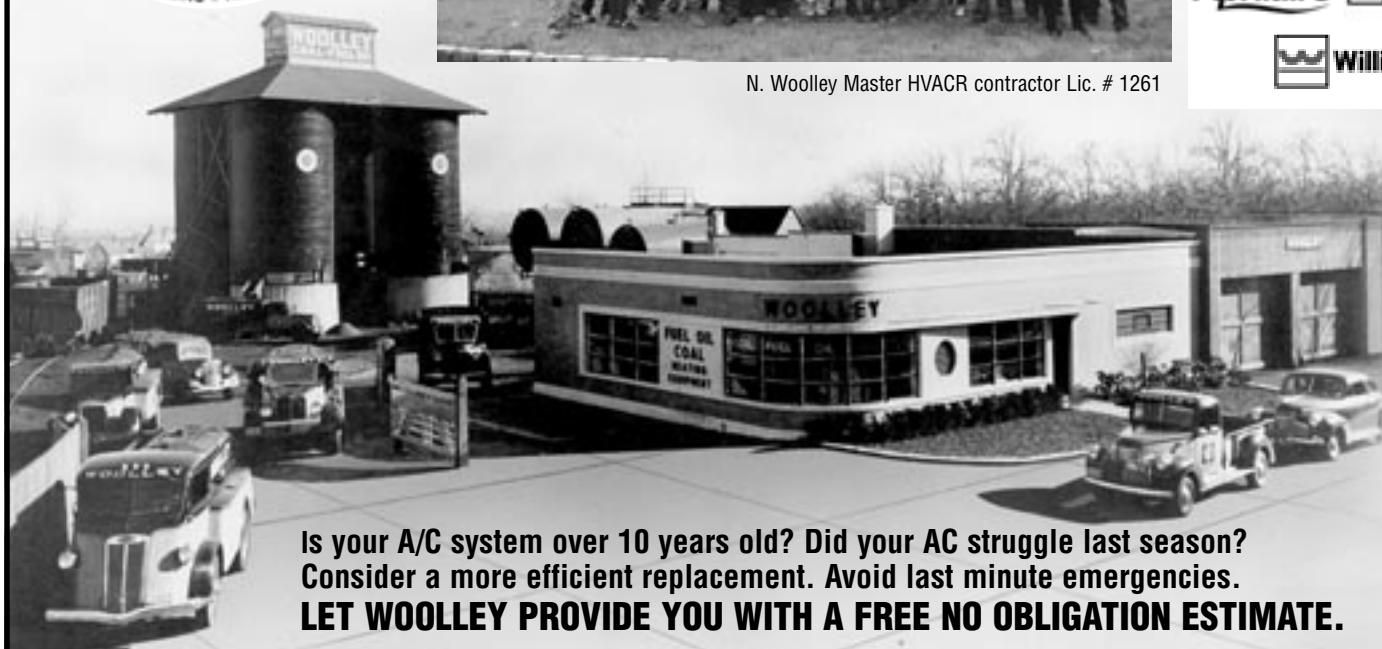
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SUMMIT ELKS RECEIVE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD

Summit Elks Lodge #1246 received the Community Partnership Award At the Summit Area YMCA's annual celebration held on April 25th, 2024, to recognize their efforts in joining the YMCA to host the Extra Special Prom - an event for special-needs students aged 13-25, their parents, and other volunteers.

During the award presentation, a highlight video of the Extra Special Prom was played. The footage demonstrated the utter joy emanating from the young adults who attended the prom, which was a milestone they might otherwise miss out on if not for the Elks partnership with the Y.

Summit Elks Exalted Ruler Fred Honold and fellow members then continued to detail the synergies between the two organizations in their commitment to serving the community and to enriching the lives of youth with special needs.

The Summit Area YMCA serves more than 15,000 individuals with their 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.

The Summit Elks and Elks Lodges throughout NJ and the United States work with compassion and dedication to provide programs and services

for special-needs children and adults. Local events such as the Extra Special Prom, scholarships, sports programs, and NJ Elks Camp Moore are made possible through donations, fundraising events, and grants from the Elks National Foundation. Please visit Elks.org for more information about the Elks and how to join.



(above) Summit Elks Exalted Ruler Fred Honold receives the YMCA Community Partnership Award from Summit Area YMCA President & CEO Paul KIELTYKA.

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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



(above) Volunteer Tina Lesher from Westfield

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 Lesher, 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 Lesher.

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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HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2024 DINNER MEETING

Submitted by Marianne Ivers

The Chatham Historical Society recently held its 2024 annual dinner meeting at Fairmount Country Club. As customary the officers for the society were elected for 2024-2025. Amy Crandall and Karen Hoerrner will continue serving as co-presidents, Debbie Fabian as vice president, Christine Grobert as treasurer, and Stacey Keenan as secretary. The co-presidents also presented the Library of the Chathams with an annual contribution check for the library's support and assistance with the society's programs, events and collections.

The guest speaker, award winning journalist and author Mark Di Ionno, presented a program "How the Watchung Mountains Won the Revolution."

A Summit native, Di Ionno is a former Star-Ledger columnist. Since 2009 he has been an adjunct professor of journalism at Rutgers University. He was a 2013 Pulitzer Prize finalist for his news commentary on Hurricane Sandy and a five-time winner of the Rutgers Academic Alliance Award. He has written many books about New Jersey that serve as guides to the history and landscape of the state. When A Guide to New Jersey's Revolutionary War Trail was published in 2000, it was said to be the most comprehensive collection of New Jersey's Revolutionary War sites listing 350 places by exact address.

In his presentation Di Ionno touted the importance of the Watchung Mountains to General George Washington and his troops during the Revolutionary War. The protection of the hills and the great swamps gave the Colonial Army an advantage as the terrain was unfamiliar to the British. From the hilltops the colonial troops were also able to detect any encampments of the British troops. Washington and his troops spent three and half years in this area of New Jersey during the eight-year war. He talked about three lesser-known battles that took place in the Watchung Mountains vicinity: the Battle of Bound Brook in April of 1777; the Battle of Short Hills in June of 1777; and the Battle of Springfield in June of 1780 – which was the final British effort to conquer New Jersey.

Di Ionno devoted a portion of his presentation to current geopolitical problems. As a Navy Corpsman from the Vietnam Era, he has made seven humanitarian trips to Poland and Ukraine since the Russian invasion in February 2022. He also lamented the lack of appreciation of United States history among the younger generations. After the presentation he stayed on to sign copies of his book Revolutionary War Trail that was available for purchase. The proceeds of those sales will go to benefit an orphanage in Ukraine.

Information regarding the upcoming events can be found at Chathamnjhistoricalsociety.com.



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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 Café 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.

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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 repaircafegs.org for information about Repair Cafés in the Garden State.



(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 thank Evan for choosing CES and contributing wholeheartedly to our team. We are happy to acknowledge her dedication with this honor.

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