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THE SUPPORT NETWORK OF MADISON DOES IT AGAIN

Together with producer, Jenny Stone, of Stoneboies Entertainment, and this time with Director Leoni Van Veen, The Support Network of Madison put the spotlight on connection, emotion, and relevance at the Madison Community Art Center with 2 mental health shows on May 9th for adults, and May 19th for teens.

The Support Network of Madison elicited anonymous submissions about mental health from the Madison area community and received poetry, comedy skits, short films, music and even a full play. These were then cultivated into an evening of 14 acts, which shared themes relating to mental health, including insecurity, divorce, fears, growing up, finding yourself and living authentically. According to Director Leoni Van Veen, "Sharing the Struggle was magical because when real stories are brought to life by performers, the audience is able to process and the tellers have a little bit of distance."

"This show was everything we could have hoped for! It was authentic, relatable, and provided a gentle mechanism for talking about a difficult and often stigmatized topic, mental health. Most importantly, we celebrated our similarities, and made both the audience and submitters feel connected, appreciated and loved. Audience members said they walked away feeling heard and encouraged, even lighter! We are so grateful to Producer Jenny Stone, Director Leoni Van Veen, our host Katie Zurich and our very talented performers for daring to break the stigma surrounding mental health and allow our community to participate in the content and development. It was an exceptionally unique and healing experience that we intend to make a regular part of our programming," said Executive Director Jen Walters.

The range of talent and use of multiple art forms made the May 9 show one of a kind. Keith Gatti, a community member and contributor, stated "The show was an incredible thing to see. Each performance was unique and incredibly bold. It always feels great to know that you're not alone in this world when you struggle with different demons. The talent was exceptional, they took a writing of mine and made it come alive even better than I envisioned when I wrote it." Keith's play about OCD was brought to life by professional actors, Eli Gantias as "Steve" Nancy Kutler as "the Germ" and a Support Network Board Member Jenn Daley as "Reality". Local college student and esteemed dancer Bridget Ryan enamored guests with interpretive dance and local teen performers Emily Ruzicka and Kyra Longenecker belted out songs about loss and finding oneself. Board Members Courtney Supple and Claire Sumner recited poems of those who wished to remain anonymous. While much of the content was deep, there were also lots of laughs including Michael Latshaw and Nancy Kutler depicting a first date after divorce and a stand-up routine by a local father AJ Ellis. The night was also brought into full color with film shorts curated by Throughline Artists, J. J. Kandel.

The May 19th Teen show was different, with content specifically tailored to teens and their unique internal world. A few acts repeated, but the focus highlighted relevant issues for today's youth. There were interviews with school personnel and acts that highlighted self expression, fitting in, and thriving through the stresses of daily life.



(above) Professional Actors, Nancy Kutzer and Eli Gantias, perform a play written by a community member at The Support Network of Madison Mental Health Awareness Show on May 9 at the Madison Community Arts Center.

Courtesy photo

To top it off, proceeds for the show, will help fund co-sponsorships by the Support Network of Madison and the Madison Community Pool for families in need of financial support to enroll in community pool membership, a critical resource for community connectedness during the long summer months.

This is just one way that the Support Network of Madison seeks to support the community in making social connection accessible, both socially and financially. The Support Network also provides low cost social events all year long for multiple ages groups and interests, and free activities at the Madison Farm and Artisan Market in accordance with their mission to provide social opportunities for friendship and connection which have been proven to improve mental health. "It is important that people not only have the opportunity to make friends and connections, but that they can afford these resources regularly and inclusively. Our goal is to reduce the isolation that contributes to mental health struggles," said board member Jenn Daley.

Info about the Support Network of Madison can be found at supportnetworkofmadison.org.

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MHS 2024 VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Madison High School is proud to announce this year's valedictorian and salutatorian. Congratulations to Daphne Rodas and Erin Sullivan who have been named the Class of 2024 Valedictorian and Salutatorian!

Daphne Rodas is headed to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and plans to pursue a major in Mechanical Engineering. Her favorite memory from MHS was going on the music trip last year to Disney and playing with the

orchestra in a fun workshop! She is thankful for and will miss all of her teachers at the high school.

Erin Sullivan is attending Amherst College where she plans on double majoring in Biochemistry and Law, Jurisprudence, and Social Thought. Erin's fondest memories of MHS include attending the annual Harvard Model Congress Conference in Boston with her friends and classmates.



(above) Daphne Rodas



(above) Erin Sullivan

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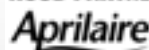
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ANNUAL BENEFIT SUCCESSFULLY RAISES FUNDS FOR LIBRARY

Almost 140 supporters of the Friends of the Madison Public Library (the Friends) gathered on Saturday evening, May 4th, for the Friends' Annual Benefit. An evening of fun and celebration, the event raised more than \$17,000 to support library programs and activities.

The Benefit's Guest of Honor was long time Madison resident Sylvia Luber. Ms. Luber has served on the board of the Friends for the past 15 years as Recording Secretary, Vice Chair, and Chair. She also coordinates the Friends' popular continuing education program for adults, the

Minicourses at the Madison Library.

Ms. Luber's long and active commitment to the work of the Friends was recognized in introductions by Thomas Binting, President of the Library Board of Trustees; Lynn Favreau, Library Director; Nancy Adamczyk, former Library Director; and Kathy Trombacco, current Chair of the Friends. In her own remarks describing her years with the Friends, Ms. Luber attributed her achievements to strong teamwork among the volunteer members.

A ceremonial Joint Legislative Resolution, sent from New Jersey State Senator Anthony Bucco to honor Sylvia was read. The Resolution "pays tribute to her meritorious accomplishments" as a Friend of the Madison Public Library, further stating that she is a model worthy of emulation for setting a high standard for community commitment and leadership.

Proceeds from the Benefit will be used to support many special library programs and events for children, teens, and adults and to expand streaming services and book and media collections. The Friends fund special programs, including the library's popular Museum Pass Program with a new digital format, and also sponsor the Minicourses at the Madison Library.

For more information about the Friends of the Madison Public Library, please visit friendsmadisonnjlibrary.org.



(above, l-r) Sylvia Luber, Honoree receives gift from Friends Chair, Kathy Trombacco

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What was the Gilded Age?

Hosted by historian Edward O'Donnell

Tuesday, June 4th @7pm

In recent years a spate of books and articles have been published with the phrase “New Gilded Age” or “Second Gilded Age” in their title. All examine current social, political, and economic problems in the United States (growing income inequality, Wall Street malfeasance, and vehement anti-immigrant sentiment—just to name a few) with an eye toward the first Gilded Age (1870-1900). That was a period when America experienced astonishing growth in prosperity, population, and industry, but also urban squalor, political corruption, worker exploitation, Robber Baron ruthlessness, and an alarming growth in the gap between rich and poor. This presentation will examine this first Gilded Age and the key issues it raised, as well as how out of its turmoil the U.S. entered a period (The Progressive Era) marked by wide-ranging reform movements. The last portion will offer a comparison between the first Gilded Age and our current situation.

Adult Open Craft Night

Monday, June 10th 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Held at Madison Community Art Center, 10 Kings Road.

Have no time or space to finish up all those craft projects? Take n Makes waiting to be assembled? You are not alone! Join us for some quiet time away from the kids and the dirty dishes. Relax with friends and fellow crafters. Bring along anything you want to work on or enjoy doing the craft I will provide, just in case.

Cryptocurrency Discussion

Tuesday, June 11th @ 7pm

Presented by Arlene Ferris-Waks, Director, Complaints and Investor Outreach of the New Jersey Bureau of Securities in the Office of the New Jersey Attorney General as she presents Cryptocurrency. Arlene will share an overview of this relatively new asset class. The discussion will include how cryptocurrency works, definitions, etc. Have you heard the term "blockchain" and wondered what it is? Arlene will explain it as well as how to avoid cryptocurrency scams.

Macy's Flower Shows Through The Years

Monday, June 17th @ 7pm

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Avoiding Garden Bloopers

Tuesday, June 18th 7pm

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THURSDAY MORNING CLUB INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Submitted by Anita Pacheco

The Madison Community House was filled with vibrant colors during this year's annual installation luncheon for members of the Thursday Morning Club (TMC) which was held on May 2nd at The Madison Community House. The theme was Tropical Flowers and warm



(above) Betty Landi, outgoing President, dressed in keeping with the luncheon's Tropical Flowers Theme.

breezes of appreciation were felt by all for the many members that made possible the achievements of the 2023- 2024 club year.

President Betty Landi and 50% of the board whose term is expiring were thanked profusely for their service. Landi offered her heartfelt appreciation. The new President, Connie Rostiac was formally installed for club years 2024-2026 along with incoming members to the board of trustees: Barbara Berger, 1st VP; Pam Hogan, Assistant Treasurer; Anita Pacheco, Communications; Anna Palladino, Membership; Sharon Silver, Corresponding Secretary; and Julie Trapp, Ways and Means.

TMC is a member of the NJ state Federation of Women's Clubs. During the luncheon the federation bestowed 'Honor Roll' status to Janice Corte and Cyndy Tracy for their outstanding service. Karen Jeisi, Betty Landi and Anne Lawless, past honor roll recipients received the highest recognition, the 'Order of the Lily'.

There was a table filled with past presidents and two special guests, Barbara McCloskey

(who officiated the installation) and Lynn Webb, 2nd Vice President. Landi recognized new members and offered a moment of silence for those who had passed. The 25 and 50 year members were also honored. The 25 year members are: Josephine Allocca, Eleanor Flanigan, Helen Goddard, Karen Hughes, Diana Krug and Carolyn Stiner. Two members celebrated 50 years: MaryJane Burns and Patricia Wilderotter and Helen King. Those 40 years plus were also recognized.

The Thursday Morning Club (TMC), organized in 1896 and a member of the NJ state Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC), offers programs and services to support the community, including a Before and After School Childcare program. The TMC Madison Community house provides a home for a number of sports, recreation, and civic groups. If you would like to serve the community, enjoy interesting programs, and make new friends, consider joining the TMC.

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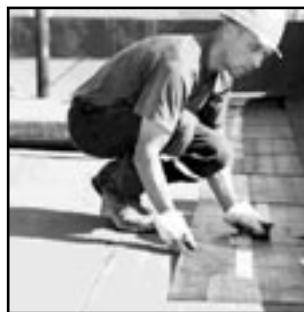
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DOWNTOWN CONCERT SERIES RETURNS

The Museum of Early Trades & Crafts (METC) free outdoor Downtown Concert Series sponsored by the Madison Downtown Development Commission (DDC) returns for another summer of music and fun starting June 21! Enjoy a free night of music this summer on Fridays from 6-8 p.m. Bring your own chair or blanket to sit and listen to some great performances on METC's lawn. Packing a picnic dinner or getting takeout from one of the many fabulous local restaurants is encouraged.

METC will be open for visits during the concerts. Dogs are always welcome to hang with the family as they enjoy the concert, but please only service dogs inside the museum.

June 21- Jumping the Gun

Jumping The Gun Band plays music from the time when FM radio ruled the airwaves, music was played on vinyl records and cassette tapes, and you purchased your stereo equipment from Crazy Eddies. Band members are Bob Rocco, guitar and vocals, George Mandala, guitar and vocals, Pete Gavalakis, bass and vocals and Vernon Mott, drums. They play a mix of songs from The Rolling Stones, Tom Petty, and Bruce Springsteen along with Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Black Keys and Lenny Kravits. If you're a fan of classic rock and country from the 70's to today Jumping the Gun Band will get you on your feet and keep you rocking all night long.

July 5- Rosewood

Rosewood, a local Madison favorite band, has been captivating audiences in the North Jersey area for more than a dozen years. From concerts and festivals to weddings and private events, they deliver spot-on renditions alongside innovative interpretations of classic hits and hidden gems from a playlist packed with favorites and surprises from all eras and genres. Rosewood's dedication to their craft shines through in every

note, ensuring a memorable musical experience for all who have the pleasure of listening. Rosewood's energetic performances unite fans of all ages with a powerful spirit of friendship and family fun.

July 19- King's Road Band

Formed in 2011 and named after the historic New Jersey toll road between Madison and Chatham, the Kings Road Band plays an appealing blend of pop and rock with harmony vocals and melodic instrumentation. Drawing on a spiritual friendship and the joy of playing music, members include Diane Smith Kirsh (vocals, percussion), a voice coach and session vocalist whose work has included jingles in popular commercials, and holiday recordings; Doug Owen (electric guitar, vocals), a former middle school educator now pursuing various musical projects; Mike O'Keeffe (acoustic guitar, vocals), who has been performing music since college; Fred Kornfeind (bass guitar) who has performed with Kings Road since 2022 after moving to NJ from Los Angeles and has played in a variety of bands over the years; and newest member, Vin Marmorato (drums) who has played with NJ bands Fantasy and Crabdaddy, backed Lisa Coppola, and was a percussionist for the Metropolitan Orchestra of NJ.

August 2- The C3 Soul Revue

The C3 Soul Revue is a band from different musical avenues who share a love of music and entertaining the masses. This eclectic group of musicians love playing various styles of music to

entertain folks near and far the tri-state area. Band members include Rich Boland – Vocals, Electric Guitar; Sarah Brasfield – Vocals; Mike Calderella – Drums; Michael Pacifico – Trumpet, Vocals; Ed Stern – Electric Guitar, Acoustic Guitar, Vocals; Terry Thomas – Tenor Saxophone, Vocals; Donna Tromans – Keys, Vocals; Pat Tromans – Bass Guitars.

August 16- South Street Live

South Street Live is a classic rock band has been playing in the Chatham area since 2005. The band has a wide repertoire of songs ranging from the 70's to today's contemporary hits, from Chicago, to Credence Clearwater Revival to Lizzo. The father and son horn section along with a stable of six vocalists results in a song list that is broad and deep and guarantees music that will get you dancing and singing along.

August 30 – What's What

Local Madison band What's What, brings solid musicianship and fun vibes to up-tempo rock music from the 70's and 80's. Their spirited performance of classic songs from artists like Tom Petty, John Mellencamp, Jackson Browne, Cheap Trick and Van Halen merge seamlessly with music from the MTV video revolution. The band features Phil Duffy on vocals and guitar, Mike Shugrue on bass and vocals, Tom Doherty on lead guitar and Bill Geyer on drums. Make What's What a lively part of your fantastic night Downtown!

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