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HIGHLANDER BOOSTER CLUB HONORS STUDENT ATHLETES



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The Highlander Booster Club recently held their Senior Athletic Banquet for senior athletes, senior parents, coaches and administrators. At this annual event all senior athletes are recognized for their commitment to athletics and academics. Two students are recognized with the prestigious Michael Suchena Memorial Scholarship. Named for Michael Suchena, the first Athletic Director of GLHS, the award is given to one male and one female senior student athlete that typifies the best in sportsmanship and the ideals of leadership and fair play on and off the field. This year's recipients are Sara Castrovinci and Patrick McGrath.

Additionally, ten students received Highlander Booster Club Scholarships. This year's recipients are Jordan Baum, Joseph Dasti, Caitlin Hughes, Julia Hyman, Arianni Mauri, Emma McElroy, Samantha Richter, Christian Sabatino, William Sottosanti, and Carter Wahlers.

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The Mountainside Active Retirees (M. A. R.) honored the close of their 40th year, with a luncheon held in May that was attended by 49 members and guests.

M. A. R. Board members for the up-coming 41st year were sworn-in by Mountainside Senior Citizen Coordinator, Ms. Kim Moriak.

There are no summer meetings. The first meeting of the Club's new year will be September 10th at 10 a.m. Meetings are held in the Community Room at Borough Hall. Mayor Paul Marabelli will be the keynote speaker. All Mountainside residents, 55+, are welcome to attend.

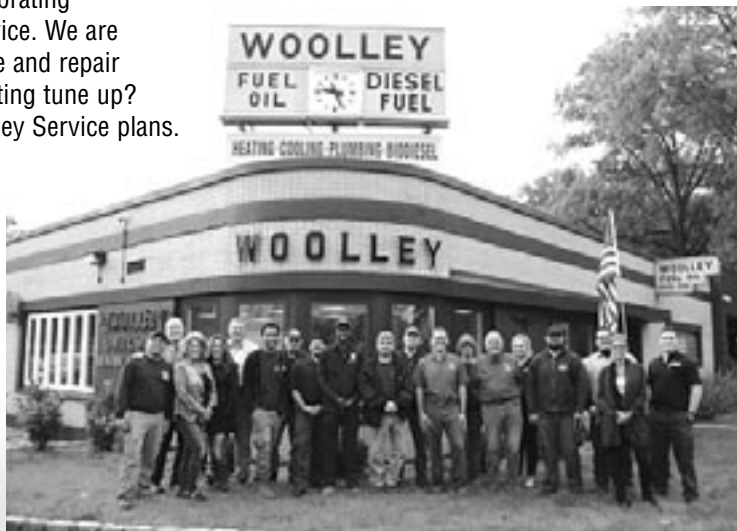


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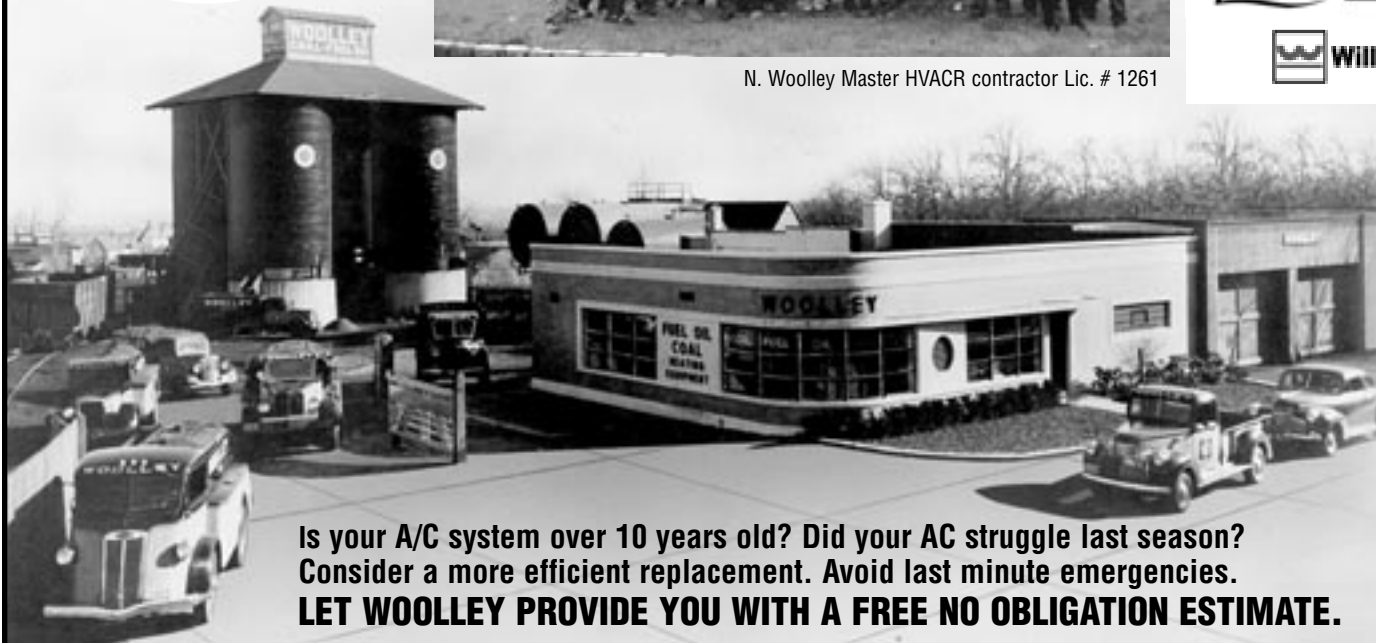
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Jared Prupis, Third Grade Teacher; WW: Kathryn Finkelstein, Special Education Teacher, Kindergarten; MKM: Karen Twill, Kindergarten Teacher; and MP: Carla Gamba, Fifth Grade Teacher.



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New York Botanical Gardens' Amazing Exhibits

Wednesday, July 17th @ 7pm

Every year the NY Botanical Garden hosts a holiday train show containing replicas of iconic buildings and bridges throughout the five boroughs all made out of bark, leaves, and other natural materials. Model trains travel around the replicas. Every year the garden also hosts a themed orchid show with orchids from all over the world. In addition to these annual exhibits there are many limited engagement exhibits that enhance the already magnificent garden. Event is hosted by Kemmerer Library

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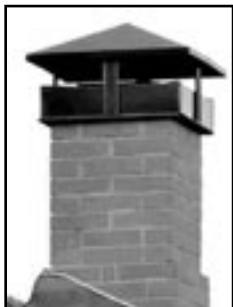
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DR. D. MICHAEL HART INDUCTED INTO EAGLE SCOUT HALL OF FAME

The Patriot's Path Council of Scouting America inducted Dr. D. Michael Hart into the Eagle Scout Hall of Fame, on May 16, 2024.

This award is for individuals who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout at least 25 years previously, have had an outstanding career, volunteer for scouting, and provide exceptional community service.

Dr. Hart had a distinguished career in his profession of dentistry. He attended the Ivy League Columbia University and completed a residency. In 1984, he started his own dental practice in Edison, NJ. Mike served on the Board of Directors of the Middlesex County Dental Society. He continually improved his

professional skills with continuing education, earning a Fellowship, then a Mastership, then two Lifetime Learning and Service Recognitions in the Academy of General Dentistry. His dental practice grew to four dentists and 18 employees over 37 years.

As a lad, Mike was in the scouts from first grade through high school. Michael earned the rank of Eagle Scout in December of 1966, with Troop 76 in Mountainside at the age of 13. He was a Pack and Troop leader while his son was in scouts. After retirement 7 years ago, Mike joined the Flintlocks, which is a group of scouter volunteers who help the Council, where he was elected secretary and serves on the Foundation Board. He earned Wood Badge, and was awarded the Trailblazer, Golden Eagle, Cliff Dochterman, and Silver Beaver Awards. Mike recently chaired the Patriots' Path Council Toys For Tots Drive. The Patriots' Path Council, Scouting America, (formerly The Boy Scouts of America), consists of over 300 scouting units in 5 counties of northern New Jersey, serving 10,000 youths.

Mike has been active in Rotary for 42 years. He has served as President of two clubs, was District Governor, and International Foundation Chair for 6 years. He has been given many awards, and ran many community charity events. Dr Hart was awarded the Rotary International Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. Mike created a 501c3 Foundation for the Rotary District, of which he is still Chair.

Michael Hart grew up in Mountainside. He has been married to his wife Eileen for 48 years. They have two adult children and two grandchildren.



(above, l-r) Garrick Stoldt, Patriots' Path Council President inducting Dr. D. Michael Hart into the Eagle Scout Hall of Fame.

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CASA recruits, screens, trains, and supervises community volunteers to advocate for local abused, neglected, and abandoned youth from birth to age 21 involved in the child welfare system through no fault of their own.

Gretchen Boger-O'Bryan, Content Director for CASA of Passaic and Union Counties, added, "In my 11 years working with CASA in Union County, I have seen the organization pivot to meet unforeseen needs, adapt to changing trends, and persevere through recent challenges faced by all nonprofits, including a global health pandemic. Indeed, passion for and commitment to every child drives us, and this new chapter is simply an opportunity to enjoy greater efficiency, resource allocation, and space for innovation. Ultimately, the expansion of Passaic County CASA to include Union County breeds a strengthened organization that bolsters CASA's impact throughout the county. For our local youth, that's what matters."

Considered extra "eyes and ears" for judges hearing abuse and neglect cases, CASA volunteers are assigned to a youth or sibling set by court order, granting access to all parties in the youth's life. Advocates use unbiased observations to make fact-based recommendations to judges deciding the future of each youth. Often, CASA volunteers are the only long-term, caring, and informed adult in the corner of a youth awaiting a safe, stable, and permanent placement.

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