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### PICNIC IN THE PARK FELLOWSHIP, FRIENDSHIP, & LAUGHTER

Submitted by Susan Doyle, WCBH

The Woman's Club of Berkeley Heights had a picture-perfect day on Tuesday, June 11th to hold its "Picnic in the Park." President Phyllis McEnroe held a short meeting to remind members of the upcoming Blood Drive that we are co-sponsoring. She also presented Marilyn Skyba with her third-place award in the NJSFWC poetry contest. Marilyn read her wonderful poem about the Fall which was well received with great applause. The members wore red, white, and blue in honor of the upcoming Flag Day. A delicious boxed lunch was enjoyed and enthusiastic social chatter filled the air.

Members participated in a Gentle Olympics to finish the day. Teams competed through bean bag toss, target baskets, hole in one golf, and archery. Our score keeper, Margaret Polimeni, announced the second-place winners, Diana Wilfrid, Joyce Nicastro, and Magdalen Wu. Sue Doyle presented trophies. The score keeper also announced the Official Gentle Olympics first-place champions, Paulette Ferrigno, Phyllis Disturco, Kathy Ennis, and Frances Mignano. Sue awarded this team with trophies and Olympic rings. Win or lose, there was sportsmanship, great athleticism, celebration, and hales of laughter!

The Woman's Club continued its Civic Engagement co-sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive with the Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad on Saturday, June 15th, 9-2. Once again, the goal of 28 pints was surpassed. 33 lifesaving pints was collected. So, between the March 5th Blood Collection of 36 pints and this one, 69 pints were donated all together. Club members manned the recuperation room. Marilyn Skyba, Sue Doyle, Magdalen Wu, Phyllis McEnroe, Margaret Polimeni greeted Donors with kind words, homemade cookies, hand-made thank-you cards, drinks, snacks, and offered resting chairs. It was a wonderful five hours meeting all the Donors who gave selflessly. Club members Marilyn Skyba, Kristina Degenhardt Brusco, and Squad volunteers Jane Brown and ToniAnn Gestone were donors. Many thanks to the bakers, Margaret Polimeni and Katie Eaton for their delicious cookies!



Courtesy photos



The month of June ended with Phyllis McEnroe, Margaret Polimeni, Diana Wilfrid, Magdalen Wu, Nancy Yingling, and Susan Doyle out for a summer day's lunch at the Stage House in Scotch Plains. Fellowship, friendship, and much laughter. We ate, we drank, and we were merry!

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# WCBH TOUR OF ORGANIZATIONS

Submitted by Susan Doyle, WCBH

The Woman's Club of Berkeley Heights ended June with a busy but gratifying week as members visited organizations that were recipients of the Club's Philanthropy. President Phyllis McEnroe and member, Susan Doyle visited Our House which provides adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder daily living services, employment training, support programs and recreation. We received a warm welcome from Cathy Colford, Vice President of Development and several staff members. They were proud to share the organization's history, present and future goals.

President Phyllis McEnroe and member, Magdalen Wu also met with Emy Cruz, Administrative Assistant of Saint Joseph's Social Services, Elizabeth. Ms. Cruz gave a wonderful tour of the facility and a summary of their services.

Phyllis McEnroe and Susan Doyle were invited to attend a board meeting of the LINC Program (Linking Initiative for Neighborhood Change) at the United Methodist Church, New Providence. LINC is a teen led organization providing a resource pantry for underserved communities in Union and Essex Counties. Pictured are Co-founders and Co-Presidents, Aidan Barth and Abigail Franco, Claire Stang, LINC secretary and member of the WCBH, member, Susan Doyle, and President Phyllis McEnroe. The three organizations expressed their

gratitude and thanks for the Club's donations and continued support.

July began with President Phyllis McEnroe and member Susan Doyle continuing their visits with recipients of the Club's Philanthropy. Warmly received by Pastor Jane McCready of Faith Lutheran Church, New Providence, we expressed the Club's gratitude and appreciation for the ability to hold our monthly meetings and special events in the spacious hall of the church. Next, we met with Berkeley Heights Public Library Director, Amy Sternberger, who has implemented many wonderful new programs for adults and children. Her enthusiasm was contagious as she shared her plans for upcoming events.

Pastor Jane and Amy conveyed their thanks for the Club's continued Philanthropy and support.

On Tuesday, July 16th, the 70th Anniversary committee will hold its first meeting to plan monthly activities and events for the upcoming season to Celebrate 70 years of Philanthropy, Benevolence, and Civic Engagement, 1955-2025. Our focus – Remembering the women who came before us, passing on fellowship, friendship, and the spirit of volunteerism.

If interested in joining or to learn more about the Woman's Club of Berkeley Heights, contact President Phyllis McEnroe at 908-578-6809 or [phyllis468@icloud.com](mailto:phyllis468@icloud.com)

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## SENIOR DAY TRIP

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Immediately following was Leading Knight Rocco DiPiano who organized two dozen Elks with Summit's 20 x 40 USA Flag. At the reviewing stand of NJ State Elk Parade Judges, Rocco called an "audible" to have Summit Elks closest to the judges stand lower our USA Flag to the ground while those furthest away raised our Grand Ol'Flag on High. The judges, went "Wild in Wildwood!" Summit was awarded 3rd place for parade honors among all 107 NJ Lodges who participated.

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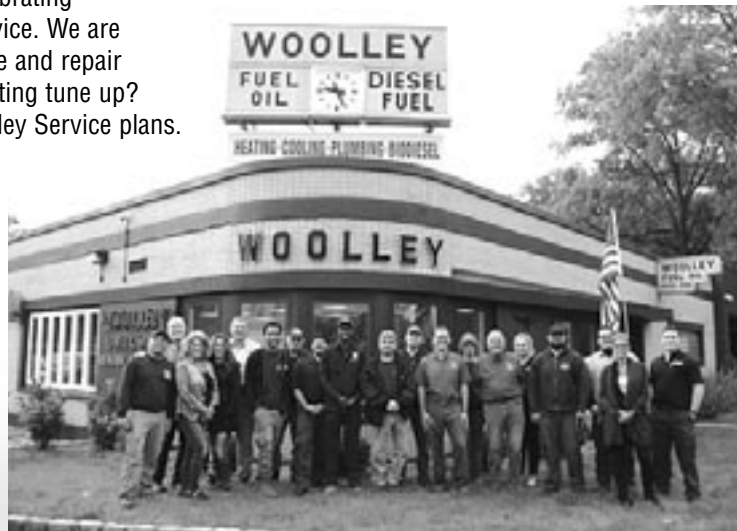


(above) Summit Lodge #1246 Leading Knight Rocco DiPiano organizes Summit's Flag Team of 2 Dozen Strong to carry the USA Flag on High @ The NJ Elks State Convention Parade on Saturday June 6 in Wildwood. Summit won 3rd Place Honors.

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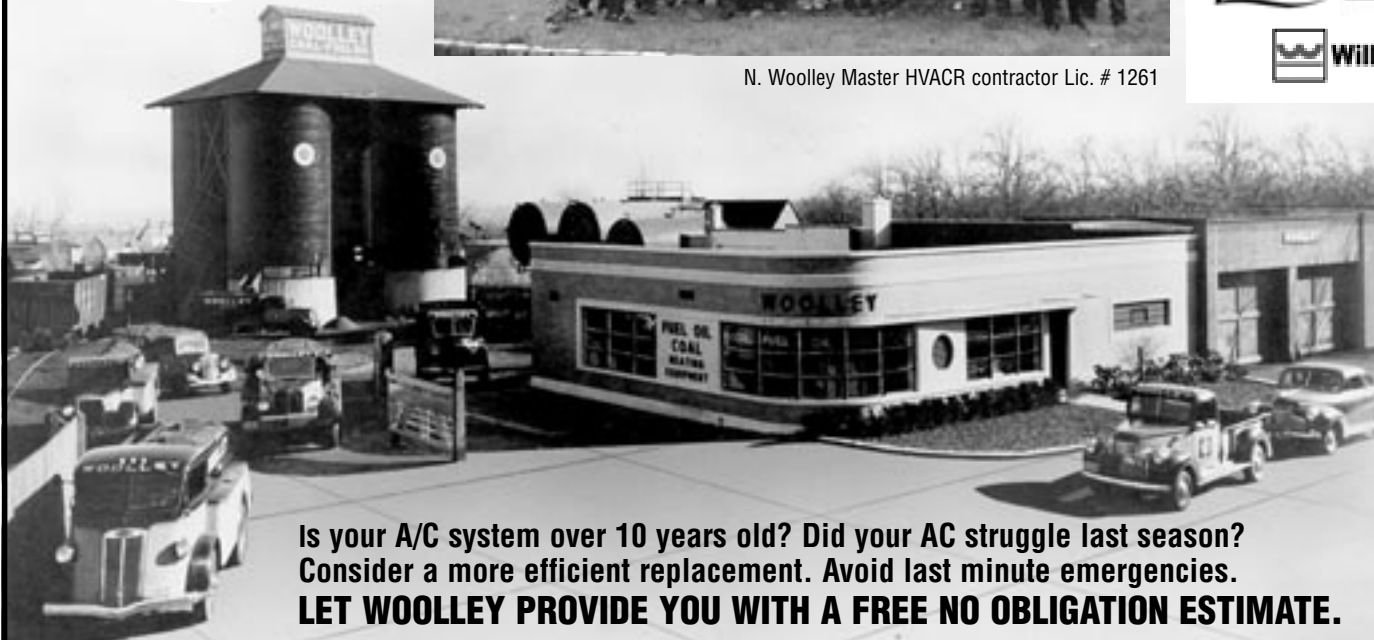
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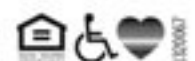
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The event ran from 9:30 p.m. – 2 a.m.

There were a variety of activities available to the students including Gaga, Laser Tag, an arcade, basketball, volleyball, dodgeball,

pickleball, soccer, an inflatable obstacle course, a casino (with Amazon gift card prizes), BINGO (with varied gift card prizes), caricaturists, airbrush tattoos, tarot card readers and so much more!

Mountainside EMTs Domenico Deluca and Brianna Boxwell were on hand for the entire evening as were police officers from each town, Detective LT Shaun Bendik from Mountainside and Cpl. Don Maxwell from Berkeley Heights. A huge shout out to the EMTs and Police Officers!

Eleven event volunteers traveled by bus to and from the event; without them this event wouldn't be possible. Those amazing volunteers were: Jeanie Ruban, Dana Liloia, Lisa Fabio, John & Wendy Caccamo, Helena & Henrique Sousa, James Butler, Anne Woodard, Janet Graham, Allison Adornato, and Chrissy Kiesewetter. On-site coordinators were Catia Salerno and Jovan Siconolfi.

A team of 18 additional volunteers, led by Annie Basile, helped with registration and bag

check in at GL before the 6 busloads of seniors departed.

A huge thank you to the Berkeley Heights Board of Education, Mr. Nixon, Mrs. Bartlett and the GL administrators, local businesses for their generous donations (including 24 dozen donuts donated from the Berkeley Heights Dunkin Donuts located on Springfield Avenue), as well as First Group and their phenomenal team of busses and drivers.

### PLANNING FOR 2025

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The Drive for Autism Golf Outing, which has been held since 2002 has raised and distributed over \$855,000 to local school programs. Previous beneficiaries of grants were Morris Union Jointure Commission (New Providence, NJ), Salt Brook School (New Providence, NJ), AW Roberts School (New Providence, NJ), Union County Educational Services Foundation/Crossroads School (Westfield, NJ), Educational Partnership for Instructing Children (Paramus, NJ), Young Life (greater Summit area), Eden II/Genesis Programs (Staten Island, NY), Spectrum360 - formally The Children's Institute (Verona, NJ), and Seton Foundation/Mother Francheska Elementary School (Staten Island, NY).

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Michael D Boll, NJVN President

For the last few years, the New Jersey Veterans Network (NJVN) has been helping veterans with resources and assistance with their mental health conditions. Over time we came to realize that the veteran's family was being affected by their struggles as well. Our team had to learn how to include their family members in our outreach efforts. We lose 22 veterans each day to suicide, and they leave behind grieving families. Recently, we decided to make sure all veteran family members can use the same resources that our team has available for veterans. Sometimes we forget about the sacrifices our veteran families have to make and this country should appreciate them for this.

One thing our team decided to do was to have Gold Star families meet disabled veterans at our events, so they can work together and form a bond. This effort was extremely affective and immediately brought joy to both the Gold Star families and to the disabled veterans. By adding veteran family members to the team, it allows us to work together on our peer support and

recreational therapy programs. We are honored to have veteran family members to work alongside us and know they are just as committed with helping our veterans live a better way of life.

If you need assistance, or would like to join the team as a volunteer, please send us your name, email, and phone number to NJVN1775@gmail.com.

### ABOUT NEW JERSEY VETERANS NETWORK

We are a group of veterans and volunteers dedicated to helping our veterans and their families live better lives. Our mission is to identify veterans and connect them with resources and programs designed to meet their unique set of needs. Help us save Vets! We are always looking for volunteers, with various skills, to join the team. If you are a veteran or family member that is in need of assistance; or are interested in volunteering, would like us to speak at your event, or contribute to our mission, call 973-332-1556 or email NJVN1775@gmail.com. To learn more visit njvn.org.

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6 Units	6.5" x 6.25" or 10" x 4"	\$240	\$600	\$900	\$1200	\$1400	\$1600	\$1800	\$2000	\$2200
9 HALF PAGE	6.5" x 9" or 10" x 7"	\$320	\$800	\$1000	\$1300	\$1600	\$1900	\$2200	\$2400	\$2700
12 Units	10" x 8"	\$360	\$900	\$1200	\$1500	\$1800	\$2100	\$2400	\$2700	\$3000
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 August 1 - 16: enter your choice of name  
 August 16 - 30: vote on the finalists
- Summer Reading Program**  
 Friday, August 16 is last day  
 to hand in reading logs
- Family Fun Friday "Mini LED Camping Lantern"**  
 Friday, August 16 at 3:30 pm
- Family Movie Night "Diary of a Wimpy Kid"**  
 Thursday, August 22 at 6:30 pm
- Summer Finale Party at Memorial Park**  
 Saturday, August 24 from 10 am - 1 pm.  
 Bounce house, games, raffles, giveaways!

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- Olympic Obstacle Course**  
 Monday, August 5 at 10:30 am
- Mermaid Party**  
 Thursday, August 8 at 6 pm (ages 2-12)
- Make a Flat Smokey to Celebrate Smokey the Bear's 80th Birthday**  
 Friday, August 9, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
- Good Tyme String Band**  
 Tuesday, August 13 at 10:30 am
- Playful Poses Yoga**  
 Monday, August 19 at 4 pm (ages 6-11)  
 please bring your own mat or towel

## WEEKLY DROP-IN PROGRAMS:

- Pre-K Storytime**  
 Mondays, August 5, 12 & 19 at 10 am  
 (ages 3-5)
- Science Discoverers**  
 Tuesdays, August 6, 13 & 20 at 10 am  
 (ages 3-5)
- Storytime at Memorial Park**  
 Wednesdays, August 7, 14 & 21 at 10 am
- "Block" Party**  
 Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15, & 22 at 10 am  
 (ages 2-6, siblings welcome)
- Science Explorers**  
 Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15 & 22 at 3 pm  
 (grades K-5)
- Play Pals**  
 Fridays, August 2, 9, 16 & 23 at 10 am  
 (ages 2-6)

## TWEENS & TEENS PROGRAMS

- Tinker Tuesday Crafts (ages 10 & up) at 7 pm:**  
 August 6 - Gilded Oyster Shell Trinket Dish  
 August 13 - DIY Luggage Tags

## Journaling

- Thursday, August 8 at 6:30 pm  
 decorate and start a journal
- Babysitters' Club Party**  
 Wednesday, August 14 at 2 pm
- Cupcake Decorating**  
 Thursday, August 15 at 6:30 pm
- Teen Book Club Reorganization Meeting**  
 Tuesday, August 20 at 6 pm
- Interactive Teen Movie "Monsters University"**  
 Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30 pm

## ADULT PROGRAMS

- Wine Glass Painting**  
 Monday, August 5 at 7 pm  
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 size is limited
- Tinker Tuesday Crafts**  
 Tuesday, August 6 & 13 at 7 pm
- Coffee & Conversation Group**  
 Wednesday, August 14 at 1:30 pm
- Armchair Traveler "Spain"**  
 Tuesday, August 20 at 7 pm
- Friday Movie Matinee "The Color Purple (2023 version)"**  
 Friday, August 23 at 11:30 am

## BOOK GROUPS:

- The Morning Book Group**  
 Friday, August 2 at 10:30 am  
 Life on the Mississippi by Rinker Buck
- Joy of Cookbooking**  
 Monday, August 12 at 6:30 pm - Tapas
- The Evening Book Group**  
 no meeting in August
- Books Speak Volumes**  
 Thursday, August 15 at 7 pm  
 Muppets in Moscow by Natasha Rogoff
- Silent Reading**  
 Tuesday, August 8 at 11 am &  
 Monday, August 19 at 7 pm  
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## VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

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- The Golden Ticket to College Admissions Is Not What You Think**  
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Woman's Club of Berkeley Heights

President Phyllis McEnroe and member, Susan Doyle of the Woman's Club of Berkeley Heights, had the privilege to meet Julie Piazza, this year's recipient of the Club's \$1,000 scholarship award, presented during Senior Night at Governor Livingston High School. Julie was selected because of her academic achievement, clubs, community service, and Stage Craft; making her a well-rounded, deserving college bound graduate. She will be attending Hofstra University on Long Island to study Film and Broadcasting. We were very impressed with Julie's poise, gracious spirit, and appreciation for the scholarship. The Woman's Club wishes her much success with her future goals.



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