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ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS WELCOMED

Madison Rotary Club

The Madison Rotary welcomed 20 Japanese exchange students and their leaders, Keisuke Uejo, Miho Izumikawa, and Kazuyo Nakao, on Wednesday, August 7, 2024. The program, now in its 46th year, is led by Rotarians Jim and Susan Allison. Earlier this summer, 20 local NJ high school students participated in the exchange and spent three weeks in Japan. This Rotary Youth Exchange gives 40 young people an opportunity to experience a different culture, interact with students and families in another country, and form friendships that will last a lifetime.

The Japanese students, as did their American counterparts, live with host families during their stay. The program consists of three busy weeks of local activities. On their first day in Madison they took a tour of The Early Trades and Crafts Museum, met Mayor Bob Conley and had a tour of Borough Hall and the Police and Fire Stations. Further adventures planned were to take the group to New York City including the Statue of Liberty, a Yankee game, and the United Nations Headquarters. They also visit the Jersey Shore and many other iconic NY and NJ destinations.

The Madison Rotary has more than 85 members who live

or work in the Madison area and who strive to make a positive difference in our local communities and have a global impact as well. The Madison Rotary focuses on youth development, reducing food insecurity and partnering with other organizations to meet community needs. Check madisonrotarynj.org for a schedule of speakers and events, to volunteer or to learn more. Contact Joe Smith, Membership

Chair, at info@madisonrotarynj.org to attend a meeting as a guest and to learn more about Madison Rotary.



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(above) Madison Rotarian Leaders Jim and Susan Allison; Japanese leaders Keisuke Uejo, Miho Izumikawa, and Kazuyo Nakao, and Japanese Short Term Youth Exchange students.

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IN-PERSON HISTORY LECTURE - SEPT 17TH

Madison Historical Society

"Washington's Crossing on Christmas Day: The Story That Inspired the Painting"

Emanuel Leutze's c. 1850 painting of Washington Crossing the Delaware, created to arouse feelings of patriotism and dedication to a cause, is perhaps the most iconic image of the American Revolution. Three days before the crossing, Washington was told that New Jersey was "totally deranged, without government, or officers civil or military in it that will act with any spirit." Learn all about the crossing, the painting, the painter, and what it all meant. Join us on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 7 p.m. to hear the fascinating story.

This in-person program at the Madison Community Arts Center, 10 Kings Rd., is free and open to the public. Kindly email the Madison Historical Society historyspeakerseries@gmail.com to register, no later than 3 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

William (Larry) Kidder has been president of historical societies in Ewing and Hopewell and has given many talks about the Revolutionary War to groups in New Jersey, New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. He received his master's degree from Allegheny College and taught history for forty years in both public and



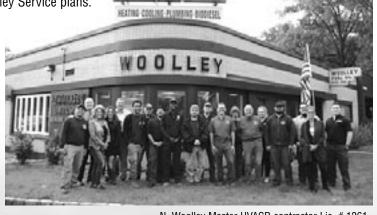
(above) Emanuel Leutze's c. 1850 painting of Washington Crossing the Delaware to be the subject of an in-person lecture on September 17th.

private schools. Larry has been a volunteer at the Howell Living History Farm and is also a consultant and battlefield tour guide for the Princeton Battlefield Society.

Larry is the author of five books focusing on the American including Ten Crucial Days: Washington's Vision for Victory Unfolds; and The Revolutionary World of a Free Black Man: Jacob Francis, 1754-1836. He has worked on several projects for Crossroads of the American Revolution, including as editor for its Meet Your Revolutionary Neighbors project and consultant for the creation of the Ten Crucial Days Audio Tour.



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2024 ROSEMARY HOWLETT ART SCHOLARSHIP WINNER WILL FARKAS

Art League of the Chathams

Will Farkas, a talented senior from Chatham High School, has been honored with the prestigious 2024 Rosemary Howlett Art Scholarship by the Art League of the Chathams. This accolade recognizes Will's exceptional talent and dedication to the arts, marking a significant achievement in his artistic journey.

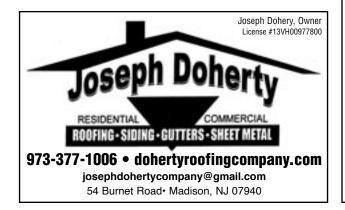
From an early age, Will has embraced creativity as a means of self-expression and exploration. His artwork spans various mediums, from sketching and painting to sculpting and beyond. Reflecting on his artistic process, Will describes it as intuitive and deeply personal. His pieces often explore themes rooted in personal experience, ranging from introspective selfportraits to abstract interpretations of emotion and identity.

Reflecting on his influences, Will credits his upbringing and the support of his family. His grandmother, a talented acrylic artist, and his father, also creatively inclined, have played pivotal roles in nurturing his passion for art since childhood. Will also acknowledges the guidance and inspiration from his art teachers at Chatham High School, particularly Mr. Eric Hreha, Mr. Kenji Hasegawa, and Ms. Janet Kraemer, who is retiring in 2024.

"Art allows me to communicate and connect with others on a profound level," Will explains. "Whether I'm sketching a spontaneous idea or embarking on a meticulously planned project, each piece reflects a part of my journey."

Will's artistic achievements extend beyond the

(above) Will Farkas



classroom. His work was recently selected for "Regardless of what direction I take, I will be in display at the prestigious Annual High School Student Show hosted by Morris Arts and Blackwell Street Center for the Arts. Among hundreds of submissions, Will's piece earned a view his artwork, please visit his Instagram place at the renowned Atrium Gallery in Morristown's Morris County Administration & Records Building.

drummer who performs regularly and played varsity Volleyball at Chatham High School. He enjoys camping and the outdoors, spending summers in Maine at a camp where he will now be a counselor.

Looking forward, Will plans to pursue a degree in Fine Arts at TCNJ, where he aims to further develop his artistic skills and explore art education. "In college, I'm majoring in fine arts, and I am considering concentrating into an art education program in the future" he shares.

the studio and at home/in the dorm as often as I can, making stuff.."

For more information about Will Farkas and to account that showcases his portfolio at instagram.com/will.art.farkas.

The Art League of the Chathams celebrates Outside of art, Will is an accomplished Will Farkas for his artistic accomplishments and for his dedication to creativity and innovation. Through initiatives like the Rosemary Howlett Art Scholarship, the Art League of the Chathams continues to support and inspire the next generation of artists in the Chatham community.

> The Art League of the Chathams (ALC) has three shows a year at the Chatham Twp. Municipal Building, 58 Meyersville Road, Chatham Twp. and is open to new members.

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September 14 (rain date September 21) from 12:00PM to 10:00PM at Taylor Park, and admission is free! All proceeds from the day's event benefit the Millburn Education Foundation (MEF), which supports Millburn Township schools, teachers and students by making grants to support important projects around the district. The Rocktoberfest Committee is thrilled to announce the continued and expanded offerings of this year's celebration.

Featuring over thirty music bands and solo artists, this year's Rocktoberfest has multiple stages: the Bauer Center Stage, the Riverside Stage and the Low Sensory Stage. We also invite attendees to Boxcar Bar & Grill from 11:30AM through the evening: start your day with brunch, enjoy live music; and kids, immerse yourself in activities directly outside of the restaurant! After brunch, take the train or drive to Taylor Park for the main event – once that's over, head back over to Boxcar for an after-party with live music until midnight.

A number of vendors will be at this year's Rocktoberfest – food vendors, shopping vendors, an Artisan village featuring handmade items, and nonprofits to learn about. Additionally, entry and drink tickets for the Beer & Wine garden (ages twenty-one and over) can be purchased at the event.

There will be a vast array of activities for the kids as well. The Kids Zone - with inflatable rides, carnival games, face painting, tournamentstyle games, and more – will offer a fun-filled

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> As did last year's Rocktoberfest, this year's celebration will include a low sensory stage featuring acoustic music, which has moved indoors to a quiet and air-conditioned space inside the Bauer Center. New to the festival, this year the area just outside of the low sensory room will include NJ Special Olympic activities, including an obstacle course and a basketball demo. There will also be a silent disco outside, on the tennis courts, at dusk, for those who want to get their groove on to the beats of a DJ playing a variety of music on different channels.

The Rocktoberfest Committee extends a warm gratitude to our presenting sponsors: our Elvis Sponsors, Anheuser Busch/Stella Artois and Racquets Club Short Hills, and our Prince Sponsors, Boxcar Bar & Grill, Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate Group, Jesse Liu Memorial 5k to End Pancreatic Cancer, the Jodi and Joanna Group, LuxeLife Real Estate Group, Millburn Short Hills Chinese Association (MSHCA), Millburn Standard, the Paige Company, Paper Mill Playhouse, Sacks Orthodontics, Stone Mountain Properties, and The Upton Short Hills. Rocktoberfest 2024 would not be possible without the generous support of these sponsors, the dedication of our volunteers, and the enthusiastic participation of the Millburn-Short Hills community.

Don't miss out on this year's Rocktoberfest celebration! For more information about the event and to view highlights from previous years, please visit Rocktoberfest's official website.



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Included with entry, all attendees will enjoy a delicious pig roast, grilled burgers, hotdogs, pulled pork, sausage & peppers, sandwiches, sides, desserts, water, soda, beer, wine, sangria, and more. Kids' activities will include DJ Mr. Socks, contests, games, a bounce house, magic performances, a fire truck, and more. Adults and teens can participate in a professionally run cornhole tournament, a golf pitching contest, volleyball, and bocce ball. Additionally, the event will feature a special rendition of the National Anthem, a NJ State Police helicopter, World War II vehicles, bagpipers, a dunk tank, 50/50s, a Silent Auction, and a paratrooper parachuting the American Flag into the event.

Admission is \$25 (donation) for adults. Children under 12 are free.

There are thousands of homeless veterans in New Jersey which is a tragic reality that the NJ Elks are determined to change. Over the past five years, the New Jersey Elks have successfully helped to move over 2,400 homeless veterans into homes, providing them with a fresh start and

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The Elks National Veterans Service Committee operates on a 100% volunteer basis, ensuring that all proceeds from this event will go directly towards improving the lives of our American heroes who have fallen on tough times. In addition, they are actively seeking sponsors and donors to support their efforts and their public relations committee will work hard to acknowledge them through several sponsorship packages.

Donations and advanced ticket purchases can be made at: http://donate.njelks-ecd.org or mailed to Elks ECD Veterans Committee, 87 Harrison Ave., Colonia, NJ 07067. Checks should be made payable to: ECD Veterans Committee, with 'homeless vets' in the memo. (If a 501(c)(3) receipt is needed, please make checks payable to: NJSEA, with 'homeless vets' in the memo).

For sponsorship interest or more information about this event, please contact Apollo Hrehorovich at funday@njelks-ecd.org, call or text 732-540-0062, or visit http://funday.njelks-ecd.org.

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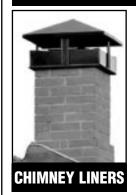
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The Madison Community House is located at 25 Cook Avenue. Stop in to enjoy the sights, sounds and smells and with a smile on your face, shop! The Bazar offers a host of unique vendors; some old favorites and other new surprises. You'll find something for everyone on your holiday shopping list including pets! Chocolate is not forgotten nor are toys for children, teens and our four legged friends. A host of gourmet items, clothing & bags, jewelry, other children/teens items and home accessories & gifts can be found. For sale are yummy snacks and treats as well as lunch items and places to rest and munch.

There will be Tricky Tray Baskets, a 50/50 raffle and a member's homemade craft table. La Patisserie will sell delicious quiches, cakes, breads, cookies, and homemade pies, perfect for your Thanksgiving celebration. The Catering Department will offer a variety of frozen homemade soups, marinara sauce and meatballs to stock your freezer for the winter months.

It is the Thursday Morning Club's (TMC) major fundraising event of the year and proceeds provide funds for the Madison Community House (MCH), which is owned and operated by The TMC. For information please call (973) 377-0244 or email TMCMCH.org.

The Thursday Morning Club 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 Child Care program. The Madison Community House provides a home for a number of sports, recreation, and civic groups.

LIBRARY SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

39 Keep Street Madison, NJ 07940 All lecture programs are online via Zoom unless stated otherwise. Please register at madisonnjlibrary.org

Understanding Artificial Intelligence

Tuesday, September 3rd @7pm

An engaging and informative presentation that introduces attendees to the world of artificial intelligence (AI) and how it is applied in the real world and why folks are concerned about it. An expert will showcase the various ways AI is applied in different industries and provide a glimpse into some of the most exciting AI programs and platforms ranging from language AIs to text-to-image AIs, text-to-video, text-to-music, etc. (ChatGPT, Midjourney, ElevenLabs, Adobe Firefly, HeyGen Labs etc.)

This lecture is led by AI educators at Promo Ambitions. This event is hosted by the

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Adult Craft Club

Tuesday, September 10th @ 10:30am-11:30am

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Explore Botticelli

Thursday, September 12th @7pm

Explore the life and work of the Italian Renaissance artist Sandro Botticelli with art historian Jay Schuck. Artwork to be examined include the Primavera, Birth of Venus, Mystical Nativity, and more. This event is hosted by the Kemmerer Library.

Investment Fraud

Tuesday, September 17th @7pm

Learn about the many different types of investment scams and the ways that investors can protect themselves from becoming victims of these types of fraud. This discussion will also include so-called "romance scams" as well as cryptocurrency scams. This will be lead by the New Jersey Bureau of Statistics.

FREE REPAIR EVENT RETURNS ITEMS TO GLORY

Summit's Repair Cafe event, hosted by Repair Cafe Garden State, will return on Saturday, September 14 at Barnwell Hall in Christ Church from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Christ Church is located at 561 Springfield Avenue, Summit. Please note that the final items for repair will be accepted until 2:30 p.m.

Free repair services for this event will include computers, electronics, woodworking, bicycles, sewing/textiles, jewelry, knife sharpening. Each person may bring a maximum of 2 items for repair, limited to 1 jewelry item.

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This event is co-sponsored by the Summit Area Green Faith Circle and Repair Cafe Garden State. For more information about Repair Cafe Garden State and other free Repair Cafe events throughout New Jersey, visit www.repaircafe.org.

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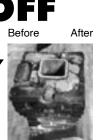




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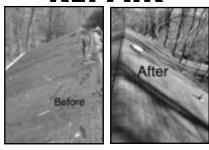






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THE SEPTEMBER SPEAKERS PROGRAM

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In September, we will have four speakers:

On Tuesday, September 3rd, Summit Old Guard member, Larry Cunningham, will discuss some of the cultural differences that he observed



between the U.S. and Russian personnel during the construction of the De-Kastri Crude Oil Export Terminal Project near Sakhalin Island, including standards of living, and differing approaches to project development between a capitalist-based society and a communist/socialist-based one. This project was completed in 2006 and is one of the largest oil terminals in the world.

On Tuesday, September 10th, our speaker will be Jack Willard, Sr. VP - Marketing & Sales at the Battleship New Jersey Museum & Memorial. The USS New Jersey is the most decorated battleship in U.S. Navy history. It earned distinction from 1938 until 1991 during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, and conflicts in the Middle East. It has steamed more miles, fought in more battles, and fired more shells in combat than any other battleship in history. We will learn more about the "Mighty Mo's" amazing history.

On September 17th, Steve Balboni will highlight the road taken to define his career in Major League Baseball, starting with his childhood in NH and his love of baseball from a very young age — the road from being a nine-year old not making the little league team — to being drafted by the NY Yankees. He will cover his experiences playing for the Yankees and the KC Royals, including some of the highlights of his career and some of the people who helped him along the way. He will talk about the ups and downs of his career and how it eventually led him to coaching and then scouting.

Finally, on September 24th, we will learn about the turtles, frogs, and snakes found at the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. Our speaker will be Randi Emmer, a member of the Friends of the Great Swamp. Randi will give us an account of the types of amphibians that reside in the Great Swamp, which also was the first national wildlife refuge in the United States.









(above, l-r) Larry Cunningham, Jack Willard, Steve Balboni, and Randi Emmer



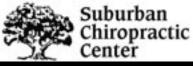


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The Sieminski Theater is thrilled to announce its vibrant fall lineup featuring TAKE3, NJ Festival Orchestra's Picture This! Imagery In Music!, the ultimate throwback with 80's Revolution, the hilarious Off-Broadway hit musical Disenchanted!, and Gunhild Carling, Sweden's Queen of Swing. These diverse shows are sure to deliver something unforgettable for every theatergoer.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 - TAKE3

The genre-defying trio, TAKE3 kicks off the season on Sunday, September 15, at 2:30 PM. With a flair for the wild and unexpected, TAKE3 combines the refinement of a rigorous classical music background with rock-star charisma. Trained at the world's top conservatories and having played with famed musician Yanni over the years, TAKE3 has expanded their repertoire from Bach and Beethoven to Bieber and The Beach Boys. TAKE3's interactive shows, comedic stories of their journey from scales in conservatory practice rooms to pop music in packed stadiums, come together in unforgettable experiences that have fired up concert goers all over the nation. A fun, energetic show that you are sure to enjoy.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - NEW JERSEY FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

Up next, New Jersey Festival Orchestra presents Picture This! Imagery In Music! on Sunday, September 29, at 2:30 PM. NJ Festival Orchestra leaps into life with music based on pictures, emotions and mythical stories born from our fertile, vet sometimes 'fantastical' imagination. Russian composer Modest Mussorgsky's most famous work – Pictures at an Exhibition – is based on a series of 10 sketches including gnomes, laborious oxen, ancient catacombs and mythical castles, and is music so iconic that it has spurned countless orchestral arrangements. However, Chinese-Australian composer Jullian Yu has masterfully crafted his own take on Mussorgsky's original, bringing it to life with vibrant western and Chinese orchestral effects to create, perhaps, the most imaginative of all the arrangements.

SATURDAY. OCTOBER 12 - 80'S REVOLUTION

To kick off October, join us on Saturday, October 12, at 7:30 PM, as 80's Revolution takes you on a journey back to the era of neon colors, innovative and memorable fashion, and iconic movie classics. But most of all – the best music in history. This decade is known for mastering all genres. From Pop to Rock, Dance to New Wave, 80's Revolution covers all of your favorites: Madonna, Journey, Michael Jackson, Pat Benatar, Def Leppard, The Go-Go's, Whitney Houston, Bon Jovi, Cher – and so many more! So, wear your best 80's garb and get ready to party!!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 - DISENCHANTED!

Then, get ready for a night of laughter and fun on Saturday, October 19 at 7:30 PM with Disenchanted!, the national tour of the hilarious Off-Broadway musical hit! Poisoned apples. Glass slippers. Who needs 'em?! Not Snow White and her posse of disenchanted princesses in the hilarious Off-Broadway hit musical that's anything but Grimm. The original storybook heroines are none-too-happy with the way they've been portrayed in today's pop culture, so they've tossed their tiaras and have come to life to set the record straight. Forget the princesses you think you know – these royal renegades are here to comically belt out the truth. Perfect for those who love musical theater or looking for a fun "girls' night out"!!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 - GUNHILD CARLING

Rounding out the lineup, experience the dazzling performance of Gunhild Carling, Sweden's Queen of Swing on Saturday, October 26, at 7:30 PM. This internationally acclaimed superstar is a can't-miss event! Whether she's singing favorite swinging jazz standards, playing one of the many 11 instruments (trumpet, trombone, harmonica, oboe, harp, flute, recorder, or jazz bagpipe) or juggling and tap dancing, Gunhild's sublime showmanship shines!! With her Postmodern Jukebox Youtube videos getting millions of views, she's a popular musical sensation not to be missed! From authentic Swing to incredible classic jazz standards and a

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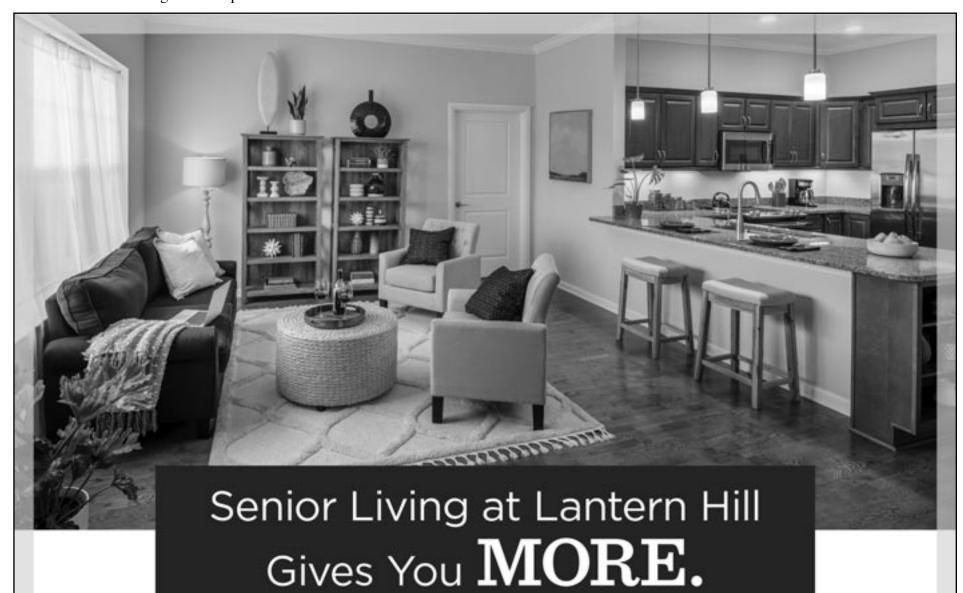
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