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#### **HOME INSTEAD CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY**

Millburn Resident and business owner, Evelyn Baron, is celebrating an important milestone in her life in October. Her home healthcare company serving older adults, HOME INSTEAD, is be celebrating its 25th year in business.

HOME INSTEAD provides non-medical home care to older adults to assist with activities of daily living, such as bathing, dressing, ambulation, and household support, such as laundry and housekeeping, meal prep and shopping and errands. Ms. Baron was attracted to this business model early in her career. With a master's degree in social work, she began her career in the Jewish communal world working with older adults. She knew over two decades ago that the need for quality home care was rising, and that she could effectively utilize her social work skills to identify quality home health caregivers, coordinate services and manage the care of seniors who desire to stay at home with care, for as long as possible.

But her journey started long before this. Evelyn was raised in New York and faced a life crisis early on in her childhood. At the age of nine she lost her mother, and as a result became very close to her grandmother, who taught her about the importance of work ethic and the concept of "noble work." She says that her grandmother instilled in her a sense of strength, resilience, and "an anything is possible attitude" helping to shape her confidence and ambition in life and in business.

When HOME INSTEAD opened its doors in 1999, it was a family affair. Evelyn was a young mother at the time and launched the business with her husband, Mark, who soon after would tragically pass away unexpectedly. Faced with a new business, three young children and mourning the loss of her husband, Evelyn was motivated to succeed in the business to ensure she could financially support her young family.

Ms. Baron has committed to upskilling her CARE PROfessionals. She successfully applied for a competitive grant from the NJ Department of



(above) Home Intead Staff



(above) Evelyn Baron

Labor to train CARE PROfessionals to become Certified Dementia Practitioners. To date, almost 50 have graduated from the program and more are planned for the coming year.

Today, her daughter Eliza works alongside Evelyn reinforcing the family run focus she has worked hard to establish. Ms. Baron is also proud of the longevity and loyalty of so many of her employees, who have been with her for 5, 10 even 20 years plus.

Evelyn feels very fortunate to be working in the community she loves and has been a resident of for 30 years. She moved her office from Springfield to Millburn in 2021. The HOME INSTEAD office on Millburn Avenue, above Genuis Gems, has become part of the neighborhood. Explore Millburn, and its staff, Steve Grillo and Amanda Dean, have helped make Millburn HOME INSTEAD feel welcomed. There are not many towns that offer a dedicated staff committed to local business development and growth. With gratitude to the community, Millburn HOME INSTEAD sponsored a free outdoor movie night this summer in Town Hall Plaza – attended by over 300 Millburn residents.

For more information on Millburn HOME INSTEAD and home health care, please contact them at (973) 379-4910. Or email Evelyn at Evelyn.Queen-Baron@HomeInstead.com. The website is HomeInstead.com/MillburnNJ.



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#### **LONG-TIME PUPPY RAISERS HONORED**

The Seeing Eye

The Seeing Eye recently honored five long-time puppy raisers with induction to "The Seeing Eye 21 Club", a special honor for volunteers who have raised at least 21 Seeing Eye® puppies. The non-profit also honored the Seeing Eye puppy raising club volunteers with two awards, the Outstanding Leader Award and the 20-year Leader Award. Finally, 34 exceptional college-bound puppy raisers were awarded college scholarships totaling \$64,000.

"Each year, The Seeing Eye's Family Day is a celebration of all the hard work and dedication of our volunteer puppy raising families," said Seeing Eye director of canine development Peggy Gibbon. "An army of volunteers provides each Seeing Eye puppy with a loving home environment, socialization, and basic training that prepares them to become Seeing Eye dogs for people who are blind."

"We're actively recruiting puppy raisers and puppy sitters for our upcoming litters that are planned for the coming months. If you're interested in joining our community of dog lovers, now is a great time to reach out to us and learn what puppy raising is all about," said Gibbon. "We need homes and families of all shapes and sizes for our puppies because fully trained Seeing Eye dogs are placed in similarly diverse families and living situations with people who are blind."

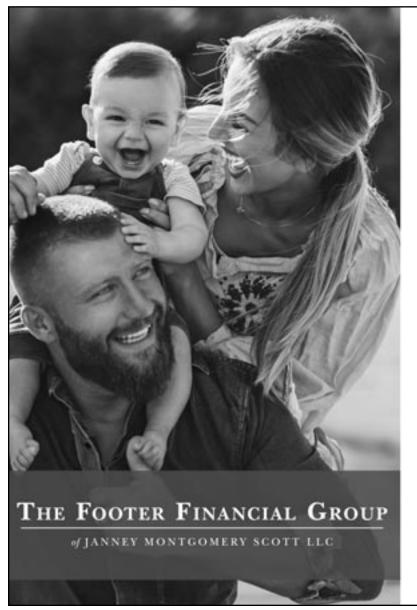
A puppy raiser family is responsible for providing a loving and nurturing home environment for approximately one year. During

that time, the raiser is responsible for teaching basic obedience, house manners, bringing the puppy to Seeing Eye puppy club meetings and socialization trips in their area. The Seeing Eye puppy could be a German shepherd, Labrador retriever, golden retriever, or a Labrador/golden retriever cross.

Puppy raisers must live within New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware or New York (Rockland or Orange Counties) so they can attend regular puppy club meetings where they will receive help and coaching with their puppies. All veterinary expenses are covered by The Seeing Eye and a stipend is provided to help cover the cost of dog food. If a Seeing Eye puppy does not graduate from the program, the family who raised the puppy is offered the first option to adopt the puppy they raised. For more information visit seeingeye.org/raise.

Established in 1929, The Seeing Eye provides specially bred and trained dogs to guide people who are blind. Seeing Eye dog handlers experience greatly enhanced mobility and independence, allowing them to retain their active lifestyles. The Seeing Eye is a 501(c)3 non-profit supported by contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations, bequests, and other planned gifts.

The Seeing Eye is a trademarked name and can only be used to describe the dogs bred and trained at the school's facilities in Morristown, N.J. If you would like more information on The Seeing Eye, please visit the website at SeeingEye.org, call 973-539-4425, or email info@seeingeye.org.



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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.

#### **ABOUT NEW JERSEY VETERANS NETWORK**

We are a group of veterans and volunteers dedicated to helping our veterans and their families live better lives. We are always looking for volunteers with various skills. 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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#### **ELKS ASSEMBLE 200 BACKPACKS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS**

Elks members from across NJ recently gathered at the NJ Elks Veterans Annex in Stirling to assemble 200 backpacks which will be distributed to homeless veterans at Stand Down events in Newark, Atlantic City, and other locations throughout the state. These backpacks help to provide comfort to homeless veterans, offering them a sense of support and care during challenging times.

The backpacks contain clothing, food, personal hygiene, and other care items, including many of the 4,000 pairs of socks and undergarments that were collected and donated to the Elks through the Middlesex Borough Police sock drive for New Jersey veterans.

The NJ Elks Veterans Annex also serves as a warehouse for Welcome Home kits consisting of furniture and other household items that a formerly homeless veteran would need when moving into their new housing. It is featured in Commission has pledged to help end veteran the Youtube video "Givers of Hope".

Elks pledge "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." Every night, as many as 40,000 veterans sleep on the streets. In partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Elks National Veterans Service

homelessness and ensure that all veterans have the safe, stable homes they deserve.

Please email njelksnvsc@gmail.com to learn more about what NJ State Elks are doing to help veterans and visit Elks.org for more information about the Elks, including how to become a member.









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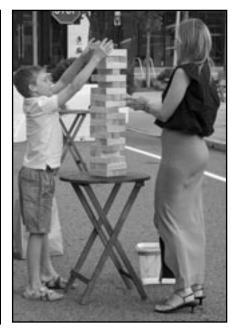














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#### **ELKS INSTALL EXALTED RULER HANK BEDLIVY**

Submitted by Frederick Honold

Having been officially installed at the Elks' July National Convention in Austin, Texas (Yes-Texas In July), District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Hank Bedlivy officially received the Jewels of his District Deputy's Office at his home Lodge #1583 in Union, NJ during a meeting held in August. District and State Dignitaries were present for the ceremony, including Elks NJ State President Michael Penchenski, III.

With 107 New Jersey Lodges organized into 12 Districts, East Central District (ECD) Deputy Hank presides over the "Magnificent 7", comprised of the following Lodges: Cranford #2006, Mountainside #1586, Rahway #1075, Springfield/Hillside #2004, Stirling #2392, Union #1583 and Summit #1246. The # which designates each Lodge is based upon the order in which they were originally founded.

During the Investiture Ceremony - attended by

(right, l-r) Caroline Bedlivy, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Hank Bedlivy for the East Central District (ECD), The Bedlivy's Granddaughter & Summit Lodge Exalted Ruler Fred Honold. During the "Presentation" Portion of Hank's Investiture Ceremony, Summit "ER" Honold presented Caroline with a Bouquet of Flowers on behalf of Summit Lodge #1246 in honor of her role as ECD's First Lady along with Her Husband Hank on this special occasion. well over 100 Elks - Summit Lodge #1246 Exalted Ruler Fred Honold presented Caroline Bedlivy, First Lady of "The Magnificent Seven", with a Bouquet of Flowers on behalf of Summit. District Deputy Hank - with this presentation of the bouquet - was most appreciative for Summit keeping him within the "Good Graces" of his wife Caroline. And to this, we say "Amen".

About: Summit Lodge #1246 - located in the heart of Downtown Summit at 40 Maple Street on Restaurant Row - draws its over 2,800 members predominantly from Summit and the neighboring towns of Berkeley Heights, The Chathams, Madison, Millburn/Short Hills, New Providence and Westfield. For more information about Elks and membership, contact Fred Honold, fredhonold@gmail.com.

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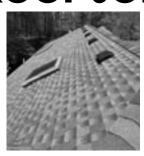
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Thursday, October 24, 7-8 p.m., Auditorium Beth MacCracken talks female hormones, menstrual cycle changes, the phases of peri/menopause, HRT and much more.

#### **Dinner & a Movie: Psycho**

Friday, October 25, 6-8:30 p.m., Auditorium A screening of the Hitchcock classic Psycho (1960) with a discussion following the film. Liv Breads pizza will be served before the show.

#### PROGRAMS FAMILIES:

#### **Bollywood Dance Diwali Celebration**

Monday, October 14, 4-5 p.m., For ages 5+. Get moving with a Bollywood dance workshop. Welcome to all skill levels. Share stories about Indian culture.

#### **Boom Buckets: Drumming Workshop**

Saturday, October 19, Auditorium 2-2:45 p.m.: K-1st Graders; 3-3:45 p.m.: 2nd-3rd Graders; 4-4:45 p.m.: 4th-5th Graders Discover the art of drumming. Experience music from different world cultures. Registration is required.

#### **Harvest Moon with Reeves-Reed Arboretum**

Friday, October 25, 4-4:45 p.m., For ages 5-12. Learn about the Lenni Lenape tribe.Make a seasonal craft.

#### Halloween Spooktacular

Monday, October 28, 3:30-5 p.m., Auditorium for all ages

Join us for a Halloween costume party! Sign up in advance to have caricature artist Christine Fontanazza draw a picture of you as a famous villain, superhero or princess.

#### PROGRAMS FOR TEENS/TWEENS:

#### **Super Smash Bros. Tournament**

Friday, October 4, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Calling all gamers: you are playing for glory and prizes now.

#### "Heartstopper" Season 3 Watch Party

Friday, October 11, 3:30-5 p.m., Room B Season 3 of Netflix's coming-of-age series is finally here! Enjoy themed snacks as we watch the first episode.

#### Teen Lock-In: Thrills & Chills Night

Friday, October 18, 6-8 p.m., Teen Space Halloween is just around the corner. Join us for an evening of fright and delight.

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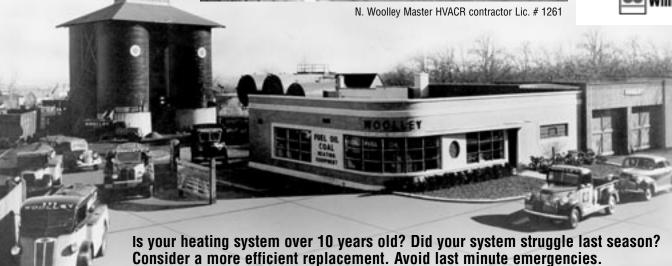
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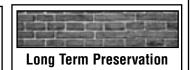
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#### **ROCKTOBERFEST 2024 IS IN THE BOOKS**

The Millburn Education Foundation (MEF) proudly announces another successful completion of Millburn's most prized community tradition: Rocktoberfest. This year's Rocktoberfest took place on September 14 from 12 – 10 p.m. at Taylor Park. All proceeds from the day's event benefit the Millburn Education Foundation (MEF), which supports Millburn Township schools, teachers and students by funding grants that support important projects around the district.

Featuring over thirty music bands and solo artists, this year's Rocktoberfest had multiple stages: a Bauer Center Stage, a Riverside Stage, and a Low Sensory Stage. Attendees were also invited to Boxcar Bar & Grill from 11:30 a.m. through the evening to start their day with brunch and enjoy live music. After the main event at Taylor Park, attendees headed back to Boxcar for an after-party with live music from Bonzi Beach Band until midnight.

According to the estimates of the Millburn Fire Department (one of the many Township departments without whom the execution of Rocktoberfest 2024 would have been an impossible feat), the event saw a continuous crowd of upwards of 5,000 thousand attendees who packed Taylor Park, shopping, dining, and rocking out to the music throughout the day. This impressive statistic highlights the level of unity that our town is capable of achieving.

"We are once again humbled by the response of our fellow Millburn and Short Hills residents to Rocktoberfest," says event co-founder Joanna Parker-Lentz. According to Rocktoberfest cofounder Micole Cohen Richter, "we put out the call for volunteers, teen interns, sponsors, and vendors, and our community sprung into action, supporting our mission to raise money for our public schools and to put the fun in fundraiser!"

Whiskey & Sugar, one of the bands that performed at Rocktoberfest's main stage, was highly satisfied with the Rocktoberfest experience. "We're grateful to the Millburn Education Foundation for the chance to kick off the main stage at Rocktoberfest, celebrating local arts and culture while supporting innovation in our public schools. We had a blast participating. Whiskey & Sugar was born at Rocktoberfest just last year, so it was the perfect place to mark our 1-year anniversary with great tunes for an even greater audience," says a spokesperson for Whiskey & Sugar.

The Rocktoberfest Committee extends a warm gratitude to its presenting sponsors: Elvis Sponsors, Stella Artois and Racquets Club Short

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A final message from Parker-Lentz and Cohen Richter: Mark your calendars for next year's Rocktoberfest celebration: September 13, 2025! We hope to see you there! If you would like to join the Rocktoberfest planning committee, please email rock@millburnedfoundation.org.

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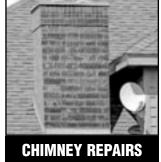
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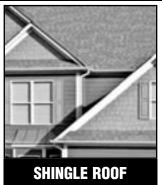
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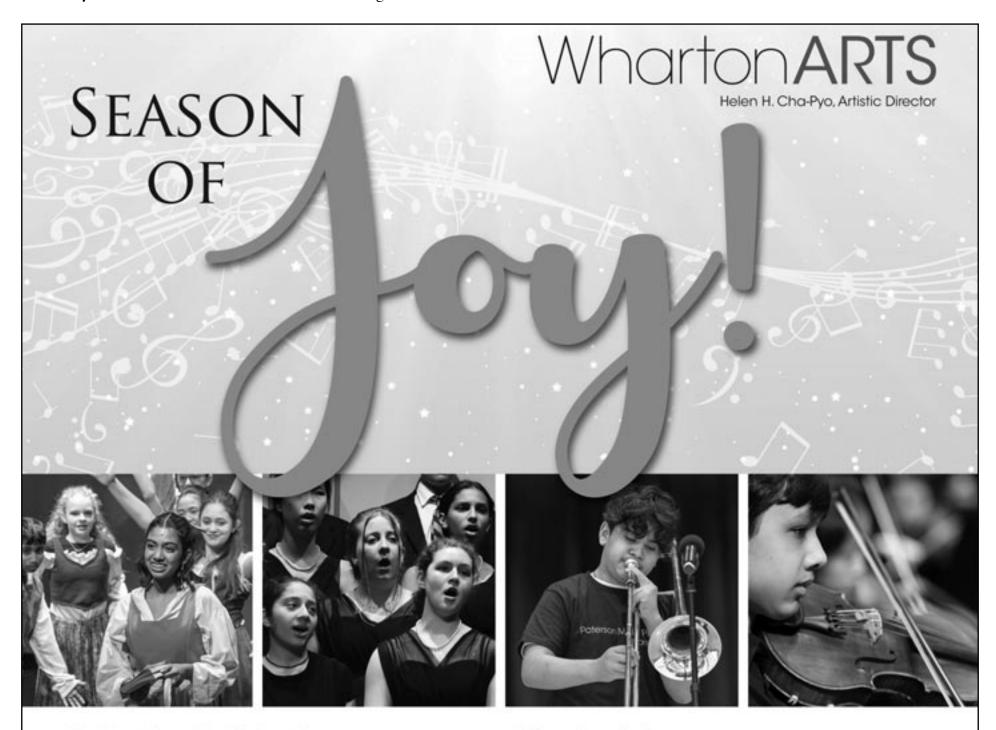
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