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## VICKIE BOLL TINY WITH A HUGE HEART: A VOLUNTEER WHO MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE

*New Jersey Veterans Network*

Every day, the New Jersey Veterans Network (NJVN) supports disabled veterans and their families, providing crucial resources that can truly change lives. A big part of that success is due to our amazing team of volunteers who give their time, energy, and heart to help our heroes.

One volunteer who stands out is East Hanover resident Vickie Boll. Vickie is a regular face in the veteran community, and her dedication to the cause is nothing short of inspiring. Despite facing her own challenges as someone with autism, Vickie works tirelessly to ensure that veterans have access to the resources they need and that they feel appreciated and supported. Whether it's helping load trucks with supplies or bringing cheer to veterans at recreational therapy events, Vickie is always there, offering a helping hand and a smile.

For Vickie, helping veterans is more than just a task – it's a personal passion. She finds a sense of safety and belonging with veterans, who, she says,



(above) Vickie Boll is a regular face in the veteran community, and her dedication to the cause is nothing short of inspiring.

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are nonjudgmental and deeply appreciative of her efforts. Their gratitude motivates her to continue her work, and her positive attitude has made a real impact on the lives of many veterans.

But Vickie's good deeds don't stop there. Her heart of service extends beyond veterans. Most recently, she spearheaded a successful collection for St. Hubert's Animal Rescue, further showing her commitment to making the world a better place for both people and animals.

It's an honor to have Vickie on the NJVN team. Her kindness, compassion, and tireless work ethic are a reminder that small actions can make a huge difference. The world is truly a better place because of people like her.

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NJVN are always looking for volunteers that can both assist with upcoming events and help mentor veterans so they can live better productive lives. Volunteers are the most important NJVN resource, and we would love to have more people help us save lives. If you need assistance or are interested in joining the team, please send us your name, email, and phone number to [NJVN1775@gmail.com](mailto:NJVN1775@gmail.com) or call 973-332-1556. Check out our website [NJVN.org](http://NJVN.org) for our services and accomplishments.

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# VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER GRAND OPENING

The County College of Morris (CCM) celebrated the grand opening of its Veterans Resource Center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Dec. 6, drawing veterans, students, and local dignitaries from around the county in support of a reconstructed area of Sheffield Hall that will assist veterans and their families both on campus and in the broader community.

The Veterans Resource Center on campus was designed to provide a dedicated space for veterans to access U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefits, academic and career advice and counseling services. The center will also connect veterans to county, state, and federal resources available directly on campus.

The CCM Veterans Resource Center was developed in partnership with a Veterans Steering Committee comprised of representation from CCM, public officials, area veterans and organizations including the VA and many others throughout the state and county. The steering committee was led by CCM Board of Trustees Chair Paul Licitra (U.S. Army Vietnam veteran), former director of the Secaucus Vet Center David Cathcart (U.S. Army Vietnam veteran), Morris County Commissioner John Krickus (U.S. Marine Corps veteran), U.S. Dept. of VA Public Affairs Specialist Scott W. Dadaian (U.S. Navy veteran), Morris County Sheriff's Officer Ryan Wood (U.S. Army Veteran), and VFW Post 7333 members Emerson Crooks (U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam veteran), Deacon Richard Reck (U.S.

Army Korean War veteran) and William Menzel (U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran).

During the event, Assemblywoman Aura Dunn (Morris-25) and Assemblyman Mike Inganamort (Morris-24) presented joint assembly resolutions to Cathcart, Crooks, Menzel, Dadaian and Reck, and Paul Licitra acknowledged Wood, who had just returned home from being deployed.

"The Center was created with extensive input from community veterans," said Dr. Anthony Iacono, president of CCM. "It will be a true resource not only for CCM students who are veterans, but for veterans in the community along with their families. CCM is honored to have this opportunity to serve the men and women who have sacrificed for our country, allowing all of us to enjoy freedom and democracy."

The idea for the center originated after CCM hosted the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall in July 2022, an initiative spearheaded by State Senator Anthony Bucco in partnership with VFW Post 7333. Following the event, CCM leadership engaged with veterans to identify their needs and began planning the resource center.

The Veteran Resource Center's services are available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Veterans can reach out to CCM's Coordinator of Veteran and Military Services, Shenandoah Ellis-Ulmer, MSgt (ret.), USAF, at 973-328-5220 or [SELLis-Ulmer@ccm.edu](mailto:SELLis-Ulmer@ccm.edu). For more information, visit [ccm.edu/admissions/for-veterans](http://ccm.edu/admissions/for-veterans).



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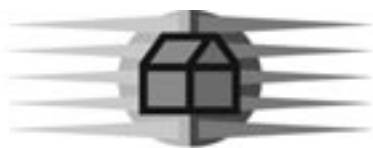
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## ROTARY TO HOST HEART HEALTH PRESENTATION

The Florham Park Rotary is hosting "GET YOUR HEART INTO IT," a free short Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center presentation on February 21 at the Florham Park Diner.

This program will discuss facts regarding cardiovascular disease, conditions, and medications. The presenter discusses complementary vs. Alternative medicine, vitamins, and their risks and benefits. In addition to these topics, health conditions such as Hypertension, cholesterol levels, conditions requiring blood thinning agents, thrombosis, and blood pressure readings will be discussed along with the risks that hypertension plays on your heart.

Helene DeCapua, B.S.P.H., CVT, NCMA, NCPT, Community Coordinator, Community Health & Outreach has coordinated several of these programs with the Florham Park Rotary.

"These 30-minute informative programs,

offered over a cup of coffee, start at 8:10 a.m. and are completed by 8:40 a.m., thus meaning guests can be back home or at work by 9:00 a.m." explains Peter Nicolas, Florham Park Rotary Sergeant-At-Arms.

"Our club in Florham Park is one of 40,000 worldwide Rotary clubs, each being a nonpolitical and non sectarian organization open to all people. While our specific club focuses on programs that benefit students in Florham Park, we also support initiatives, including health for adults. It's all about addressing community needs," per Damion Bernard, club president.

To learn more and consider joining, guests are welcome to attend a weekly Rotary breakfast meeting at the Florham Park Diner at 182 Ridgedale Ave. Meetings are 7:47 to 8:50 a.m. every Friday. For additional information visit the website at [FlorhamParkRotary.org](http://FlorhamParkRotary.org). Or contact [info@florhamparkrotary.org](mailto:info@florhamparkrotary.org) or call Membership Chair George Gregor, 917848-0982.




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The ADCP office provided more than 110 "Joy for All" robotic companion pets to qualifying residents and facilities across the county as part of an initiative aimed at alleviating social isolation, loneliness, and cognitive decline among seniors.

The program, which was funded by the Aging American Rescue Plan, allocated 20 robotic companion pets to the Morris County Sheriff's Office, which distributed them to clients enrolled in its Project Lifesaver program. Additionally, 12 pets were donated to the Cornerstone Adult Day Center and each of the county's 12 nutrition sites

"adopted a pet" to keep onsite. 40 pets were distributed through the Nutrition Home Delivered Meals program, and Hope House will distribute another 25 pets.

"When addressing social isolation and dementia care, we wanted something creative approach. The "Joy for All" companion pets have been the focus of rigorous, peer-reviewed studies demonstrating their efficacy to alleviate the many of the effects of loneliness and social isolation," said Christine Hellyer, Christine Hellyer, Director of the ADCP office. "The partnership with the Sheriff's Office to distribute the pets was an essential component of this program. In total, about 120 companion pets were provided to seniors or senior programs that could benefit from them."

To qualify for a companion pet, recipients must be at least 60 years of age, homebound, and either socially isolated or experiencing dementia or a

similar cognitive condition. Designed to mimic real pets, the "Joy for All" animals aim to provide companionship and comfort for those unable to care for live animals.

Sheriff Gannon, who joined in delivering a companion pet to a Project Lifesaver client, emphasized the importance of this program.

"Anytime the Sheriff's Office can provide comfort to those in need, we are going to do it. This simple act of support provides aid to those who are homebound," said Gannon. "We look forward to seeing the tremendous benefits of this program being passed on to a sometimes forgotten population in our community."

The pets respond to motion and touch: the cats will roll over and purr, while the dogs bark and wag their tails. The pets do not come with names, allowing recipients the personal experience of naming their new robotic dog or cat, which they are welcome to keep for as long as they wish.



(above) Morris County Sheriff James Gannon and a Project Lifesaver client with a companion pet cat.



(above) Morris County resident Lynn Biss receives her companion pet dog.



(above) Morris County resident Regina Shekon with her companion pet dog

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## NCJW, WEST MORRIS ZOOM SERIES: 'SOUNDS OF OCTOBER RAIN'

Cantor Perry Fine of Temple Beth Shalom in Livingston will offer a free two-part series, titled "Sounds of October Rain," exploring Israeli popular song in the aftermath of the Oct. 7, 2023 terrorist attack in Israel. The series will take place via Zoom on Thursdays, Feb. 6 and 13 at 1 p.m.

Cantor Fine's program is sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), West Morris Section's Our Jewish World program, under the leadership of Ilene Dorf Manahan and Melanie Levitan, both of Morristown.

Cantor Fine will examine a wide range of musical responses to the events of Oct. 7, reflecting a myriad of emotions--from sadness to anger to resolve, and the role of music in helping to heal a nation. With the cantor's insightful guidance, participants will study the poetry of each song, which often is laced with biblical allusions, and how the music helps bring out the meaning of the text.

Session one will look at a variety of newly composed songs, including "October Rain," the Israeli song entry in the prestigious Eurovision Song Contest 2024. The cantor will delve into the lyrics' meaning and significance, and the controversy surrounding the song's inclusion in the song festival.

Session two will focus on how popular songs

of the past, including those by Naomi Shemer and James Taylor, were reintroduced to the public in new arrangements, and how these classics, reimagined, took on new meaning to fit the times.

During 2024, Cantor Fine celebrated his 33rd year in the cantorate and his 13th at Temple Beth Shalom. A graduate of the University of Michigan and the Jewish Theological Seminary, Cantor Fine has given numerous concerts and lectures, including many years as part of the NCJW, West Morris Section's Clergy lecture series.

Cantor Fine is the co-founder and principal conductor of Voices in Harmony, an interfaith choral ensemble that has served the greater Essex County community for the past 27 years. He has been awarded the Conservative Movement's Nathan H. Winter Award for Professional Excellence, and in April 2024, he was honored by both the South Orange/Maplewood Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Service and the Seton Hall Sister Rose Thering Jewish/Christian Studies Program for lifetime achievement.

For the past 28 years, Cantor Fine has served on the faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary, teaching biblical cantillation to a generation of budding cantorial students.

Preregistration is required for "Sounds of October Rain." To register, email [iadpr@aol.com](mailto:iadpr@aol.com).



(above) Cantor Perry Fine

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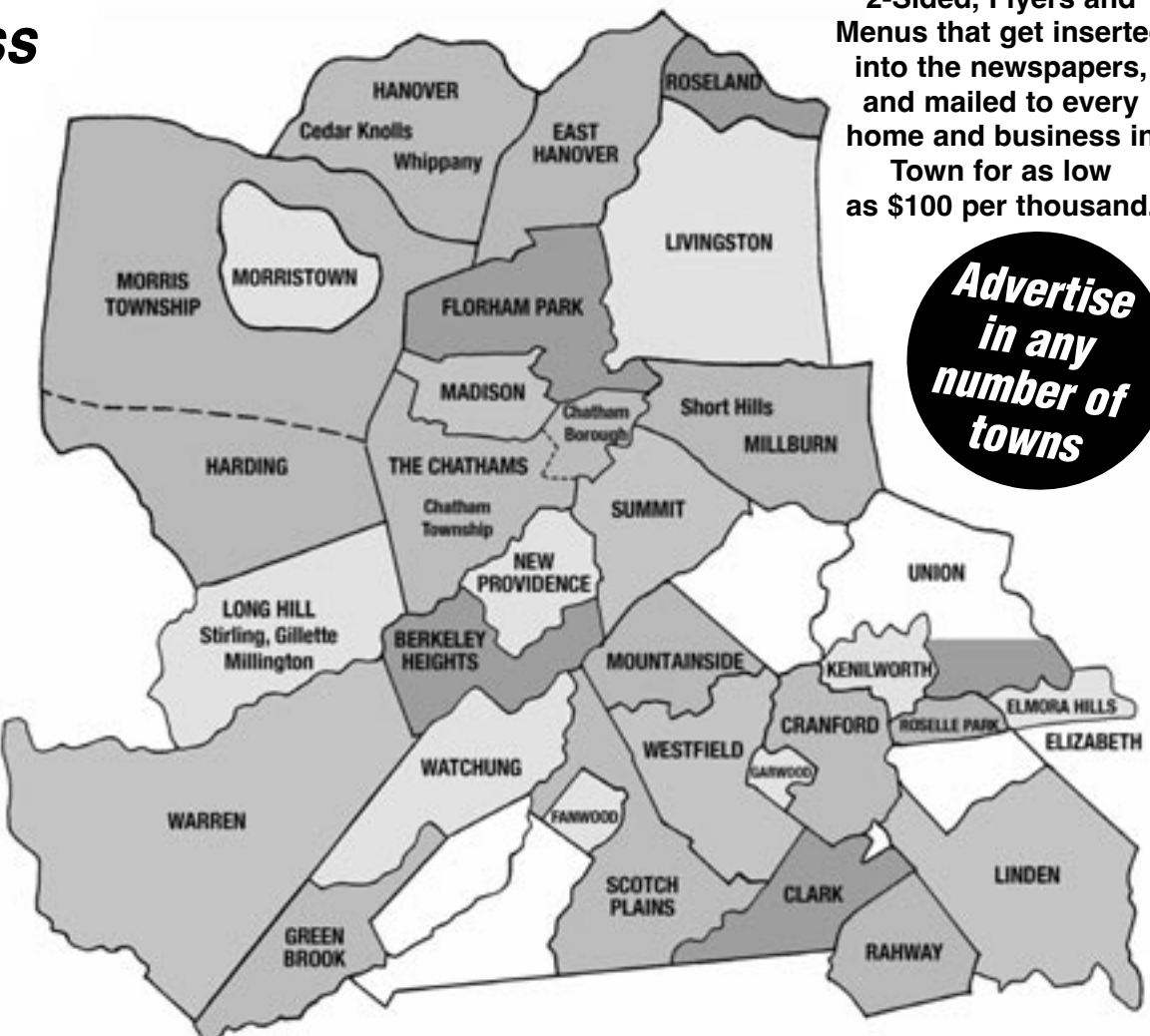
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(above) We're thrilled to see this Brant goose take to the skies (or water) once more! It was a charming patient.

Photo by The Raptor Trust

habitats. Look for them in estuaries, mudflats, and saltmarshes, where they thrive throughout the winter months.

Recently, The Raptor Trust treated a Brant goose (Admit #21-4190) found in Long Valley with wounds from a predator attack. After intensive care, including suturing lacerations, treating an eye injury and parasites, this resilient bird was successfully released at Sandy Hook on November 2nd.

### ABOUT THE RAPTOR TRUST

The Raptor Trust is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located at 1390 White Bridge Rd., Millington, NJ. They provide free care and assistance to injured, sick, or orphaned wild birds. They offer educational programs to the public about wild birds, especially birds of prey. They strive to provide a human example for others. For more information about upcoming events, to make a donation, and volunteer opportunities visit [info@theraptortrust.org](mailto:info@theraptortrust.org). To report an injured wild bird call 908-647-2353.

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The Ultimate Fire Department Cook-off is an integral part of the evening as firefighters will compete in three different categories: Gourmet, Firehouse and Dessert.

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