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## COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTS ANNUAL MEETING

Morris County Commissioner Director Tayfun Selen gave a “State of the County” address at the Morris County Chamber of Commerce’s 104th Annual Meeting, which drew about 500 attendees at the Hanover Marriot Hotel in Whippany on February 13, 2025.

Meghan Hunscher, president and CEO of the Morris County Chamber of Commerce delivered a “State of the Chamber” address, thanking all the sponsors, local businesses and community leaders who make an impact in Morris County.

“I am proud of the community we have cultivated here at the Morris Chamber. As we enter our 104th year, it is imperative that we continue to innovate and introduce new initiatives that build on our success. I look forward to developing new ways to connect our members to valuable resources, opportunities for business growth and rewarding relationships with members across the region,” said Hunscher.

Hunscher also announced changes to the chamber’s Board of Directors for 2025-2026, with Dr. Anthony Iacono, president of County College of Morris, succeeding outgoing chair Deirdre Wheatley-Liss, Esq., of Porzio, Bromberg & Newman. Wheatley-Liss reflected on her two-year tenure and the chamber’s achievements before passing the role to Dr. Iacono, who emphasized his commitment to education, workforce development and economic growth in Morris County.

The Chamber luncheon also celebrated the success of individuals and businesses from throughout the county.

The keynote speaker, Sudeep Kesh, chief innovation officer at S&P Global Ratings, shared practical insights on mitigating risk while fostering creativity, strategies for navigating an increasingly connected economy, the future of human-AI collaboration and the critical “innovation imperative” for succeeding in a rapidly changing world.

Christine Cox-West, founding partner of The Fortis Agency, a financial services agency, was honored with the Saint Clare’s Health William P. Huber Award for Outstanding Community Leadership. The award recognizes a person who displayed outstanding leadership to benefit the



(above, l-r) Morris County Commissioner Director Tayfun Selen delivers the State of the County. Keynote speaker, Sudeep Kesh, chief innovation officer at S&P Global Ratings.



Courtesy photos

community during the previous year.

In his remarks, Director Selen emphasized that Morris County’s success is about synergy.

“It’s about businesses investing here and schools educating our students. It’s about leaders who drive innovation and economic growth. It’s about the people who built our county and those who continue to build our communities by choosing to live and raise their families here,” said Director Selen, who also thanked past and current county officials for ensuring that the county is prepared for a bright future.

Selen said 2026 will offer tremendous opportunities to boost tourism and support local businesses with the 250th anniversary of American Independence and the FIFA World Cup. Currently, the county has more than 120 restored historic sites, including the first National Historic Park, and is anticipating thousands of visitors for these two major events.

For more information on how you can participate in Morris County’s 250th Anniversary, email [250@morriscountyalliance.org](mailto:250@morriscountyalliance.org).



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# POLICE OFFICER RONALD FARRINGTON RETIRES

*Christopher F. Cannizzo, Chief of Police*

On January 21, 2025, we took the time to honor Police Officer Ronald Farrington as he is retiring after 25 years of dedicated public service to the Township of East Hanover and its

citizens. Ron was an intricate part of our department and although we wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors, he will be missed. Congratulations officer Farrington on your retirement.



*(above) Name plate for Retired Police Officer Ronald Farrington added to display in recognition to his 25 years of service.*

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### Historical Society of Florham Park

The Historical Society of Florham Park announces the free scheduled March 11, 2025 program of “Mrs. Bennett Follows the Continental Army”.

In acknowledgement of US Women’s History Month, learn about life as a woman who followed Washington’s Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. Wives, daughters, mothers, and single women followed their men on long marches and through cold and hungry conditions. Many had children with them. They worked as laundresses, cooks, and nurses. And, yes, some were prostitutes.

Spend some time with Mrs. Bennett and hear about life in camp, on the march, and during skirmishes and battles. Hear what Washington thought of the camp followers. Learn about the soldiers themselves and why they stayed in the army regardless of the hardships they faced. And learn about how these women marched the same long marches, suffered the same short rations, and lived in the same rough camps as the soldiers.



(above) The program will be presented by Pat Wells, the vice president of the Chatham Township Historical Society, and an amateur historian, researcher, and speaker.

Courtesy photo

They had to be as tough as the soldiers themselves.

The Historical Society of Florham Park is very happy that the program will be presented by Pat Wells. Ms. Wells is the vice president of the Chatham Township Historical Society, and an amateur historian, researcher, and speaker. Recall the two recent popular presentations for Florham Park and area residents. One was in 2022 when she delivered “A History of the White House” and another was in November 2023 - “Stories of the Mayflower: What Were They Thinking?!”.

Everyone is welcomed to attend this March 11 free program at the Florham Park Library. Refreshments available at 6:30 p.m. in the Akhouri Room, with the program scheduled from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Please register by calling the Library at 973-377-2694, or register online at florhamparklib.org. A confirmation email will

give you the option to attend either in-person at the Library or via the Zoom link option should you wish to attend remotely.

Indeed, The Historical Society of Florham Park was founded in 1935 by a group of women. They dedicated themselves to saving the Little Red Schoolhouse and establishing it as a museum. Until October 2017 they provided monthly scheduled museum openings. In negotiations with the Borough, they hope to return doing so soon. In the meanwhile, four presentations such as the above are regularly scheduled. After the March 11 presentation, the next will be on April 8 with “Colonial Taverns of New Jersey – Libations, Liberty and Revolution”.

To learn more and/or consider joining The Historical Society of Florham Park, visit their Facebook page at “Historical Society of Florham Park”, or contact Peter Nicolas at pnicolas@optimum.net, or call 973-520-8654.

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The ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit #43 have completed plans for their Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner held annually for close to 60 years. The Auxiliary will serve a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, and Corned Beef Sandwiches on Sunday, March 10 from 1-5 p.m. at the Madison-Florham Park American Legion Post #43, 20 Ridgedale Avenue in Florham Park. For a complete dinner including "home baked" Irish Soda Bread and dessert a donation of \$15 is suggested. Also available will be a Corned Beef Sandwich and sides at a suggested donation of \$10. For a child under 10 years of age the donation will be \$5. Take-out orders will be available starting at noon.

Unit President Fran Derin of Florham Park invites all residents of the area to join Auxiliary members for dinner on Sunday, March 10 to show support for the volunteer and financial support they provide to area veterans in need. The annual fundraiser has also made it possible over the years to sponsor the following in our local communities: local high school girls to Girls State, an annual leadership development program; supporting college scholarships at various levels of the organization for children and grandchildren of veterans; donations to Family Promise providing help for the homeless in Morris County; and provide donations at Christmas to Toys for Tots and Special Olympics.

The ladies of Unit #43 look forward to seeing many of their neighbors at this annual event. If further details are needed, please contact Unit President Fran Derin at [francesderin@aol.com](mailto:francesderin@aol.com).

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Threshold Choir is a nonprofit network of about 200 chapters across the country and abroad. And there is one right here in Whippany, NJ, called the Garden State Threshold Choir.

Founded 25 years ago, Threshold Choir singers go, by invitation, to sing at the bedside of those crossing life's challenging thresholds, especially the final threshold between living and dying.

The Garden State Threshold Choir began in 2017 when Whippany resident Judy Hahn retired, looked for a chapter to join, and, finding none nearby, started recruiting to form a new chapter. "It takes time and patience to establish a new chapter," says Hahn. "And it takes time and patience for each singer to be ready to do this work. What we have is an incredibly dedicated and compassionate group of women."

Arriving in a group of two to four singers at a hospital, nursing facility or home, they carry folding stools and sit by the bed. "Even if the hospice patient is nonresponsive, we believe they can hear us and feel the vibrations of our harmonies," says Hahn. "For those close to the

end, it is said that we are 'singing them home.'"

Threshold Choir has its own unique repertoire of songs, written mostly by members. The songs are simple and short, sung softly a capella, first in unison, then repeated and layered with harmonies. The lyrics speak of rest, comfort, letting go, or about peacefulness and love.

"People wonder how we can sing to a dying person," noted Cedar Knolls resident Bonnie Adams. "But to us it's an honor to be present in that sacred, intimate space. We see the breathing relax; and when the patient is surrounded by family, the songs give voice to their feelings and help them grieve."

The Garden State chapter is accepting inquiries for membership. A singer has to be able to carry a tune, hold her own part in harmony, blend with other voices, be willing to self-monitor and accept gentle feedback, and, above all, communicate kindness with their voice. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings, alternating between Zoom sessions and in-person at the First Presbyterian Church of Whippany.

Threshold Choir is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that honors all spiritual paths and has no religious affiliation. All of the chapter's services are free of charge.

Much more information about Threshold Choir is available on [thresholdchoir.org](http://thresholdchoir.org), and about the Garden State Threshold Choir at [thresholdchoir.org/Garden\\_State](http://thresholdchoir.org/Garden_State)

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(above) GSTC members Judy Hahn, Rockie French and Delia Cashin sing at a hospice facility.



(above, l-r) Alissa Pacheco and Yeosun Lee, two of the four 2024 winners of the the Madison Area AAUW Branch Mature Woman



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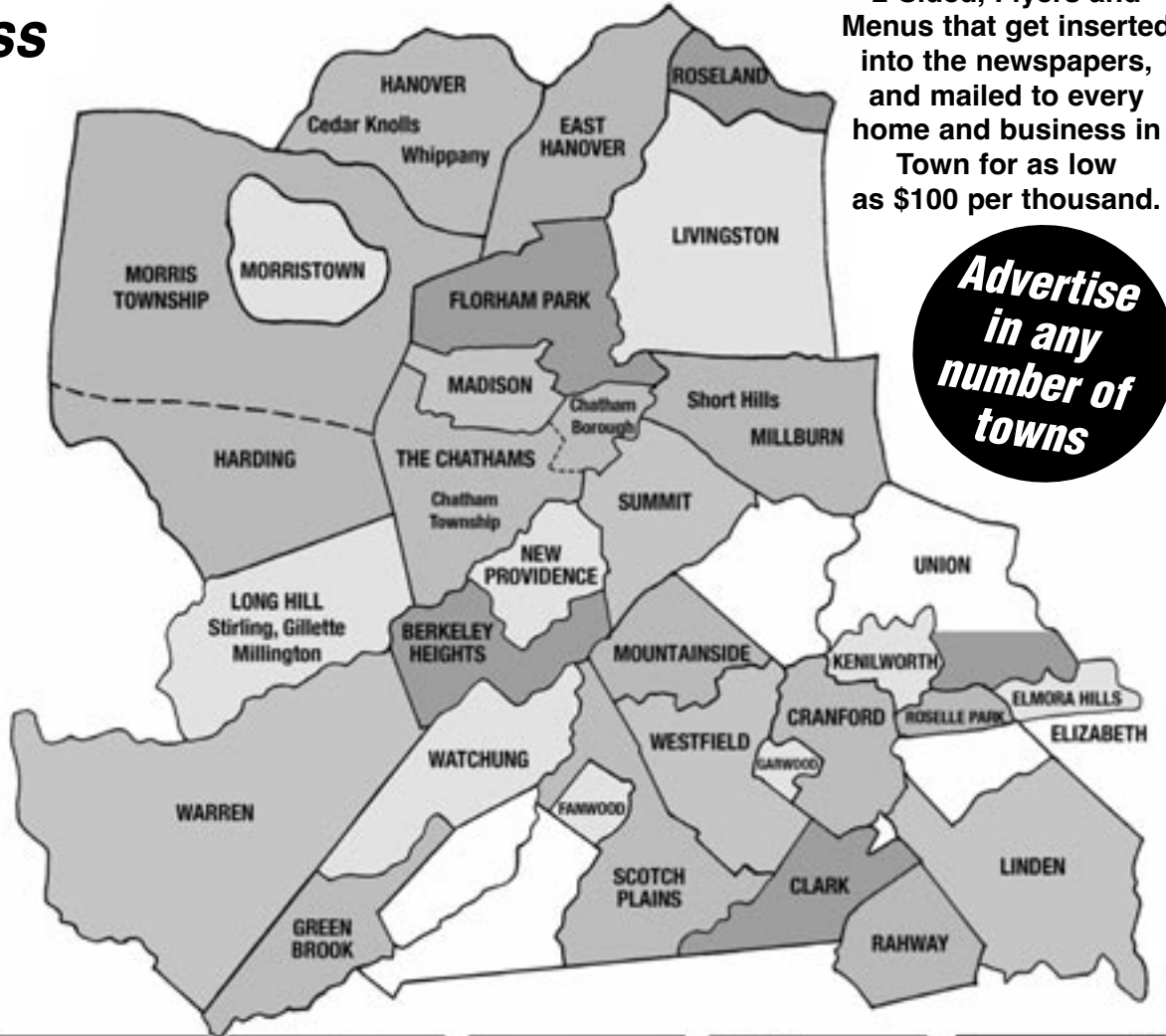
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Harvest Quilters of Central New Jersey

Harvest Quilters of Central NJ will present their 41st annual quilt show on Saturday, March 22, 2025. The 41st Sharing the Quilts will be held at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, NJ from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children under twelve.

At 10:30 a.m., Elsa Hahn of Edison will show her work and speak on “Surface Design – Making it Personal.” The award-winning quilter and retired Westfield music teacher will share her firsthand knowledge of various art quilting techniques, including the pros and cons of popular methods.

Janice M. Tellier of Mountainside will be recognized as 2025’s Featured Quilter. The Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) graduate and lifelong creative spirit will display 20 plus works of original art. Of her 14 vibrant bed-sized quilts Tellier quipped, “I often think my beds are better dressed than I am.”

Tellier’s whimsical fiber art will be featured alongside her acrylic paintings, crochet, examples of bobbin lace making and a fascinating diorama of a miniature modern quilting studio. “My hope is to have the quilts speak to the viewer, with a sense of humor or play on words,” Tellier said.

As is tradition, local charities will benefit from drawings for a modern lap-sized quilt, a traditional queen-sized bed quilt, gift cards and craft themed gift baskets.

In addition to viewing a full array of modern, traditional, art and wall-hanging quilts, attendees can participate in viewer’s choice awards, kid’s crafting table and vendor sales area.

A tearoom offering lunch, snacks, homemade baked goods, and beverages will benefit Willow Grove Church programs.

For additional information, please visit [harvestquilters.com](http://harvestquilters.com), or email: [harvestquiltersnj@gmail.com](mailto:harvestquiltersnj@gmail.com).



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