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DAR CELEBRATES MEMBERS AND MILESTONES

Five new members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) were sworn in at the 129th Anniversary Luncheon of Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter held at Prezzo's in Warren on January 25, 2025. The new members are Kathryn Van Arsdale and Kathryn and Nancy Stoll, of Green Brook; Maryellen DeCoster of Warren; and Tara Fettes of Basking Ridge.

Women celebrating milestone membership anniversaries were recognized: Pam Pasko, 40 years; Cheryl Carroll, 35 years; Karen Miller of Dunellen, 30 years; Nancy Ryno, 25 years; and Marti Kalko of Warren, five years.

The chapter received 12 awards in 2024, including a national Blue Ribbon Chapter Achievement Award. Ashley Salsano was honored as N.J. State Outstanding Junior Member and Ruth Ryno was named a N.J. Daughter of Distinction. Receiving individual national and state committee awards were Karen Miller; Holly Dunbar and Ruth Ryno of North Plainfield; Beth Kavanaugh of Oldwick; and Catherine Strohmeier of Watchung.

The luncheon featured a brief business session and a program on America's participation in the 1900 Paris Exposition by Jean Stumberger. The chapter will resume monthly meetings in March.

The DAR is a nonprofit service organization open to women 18 and over who can prove descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter is based in Green Brook and serves areas of Somerset, Middlesex and Union counties. New members are welcome. Contact the chapter at ESCchapterDAR@gmail.com.



(above) DAR members honored in 2024 include Ashley Salsano (l.) named N.J. Outstanding Junior and Ruth Ryno, a N.J. Daughter of Distinction.

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(above) The DAR Winter Meeting and Luncheon celebrated chapter achievements of the past year.

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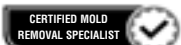
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ARIN HARKAWAT SPARKS CHANGE

Warren Hills Regional High School

Arin Harkawat, a senior at Watchung Hills Regional High School, is an environmental advocate who recently sparked change on 1,4-Dioxane Contamination.

The journey into environmental advocacy for Arin began with a poignant encounter at an environmental conference. While networking with speakers and attendees, Arin Harkawat, who grew up in Warren, was inspired by a man's heartfelt concerns over the deteriorating quality of his local waterways and tap water. This conversation prompted a deep dive into reports detailing toxic compounds in New Jersey's waterways, with one standing out repeatedly: 1,4-Dioxane. This chemical, commonly found in personal care products like shampoos and cosmetics, poses significant risks to human health, including potential liver and kidney damage, or even death. Alarmingly, New Jersey had no regulations addressing its presence. Recognizing the potential for severe environmental and health consequences, Harkawat resolved to act.

WHY 1,4-DIOXANE?

The decision to focus on 1,4-Dioxane was strategic. New York enacted regulations on the chemical in 2023, creating momentum for addressing this issue. The Environmental Justice Coalition, the campaign led by Catherine Callinan and Arin Harkawat and sponsored by Senator Raj Mukherji, decided to build on that progress in New Jersey, a state known for its environmental consciousness. Tackling 1,4-Dioxane served as a manageable first step, with hopes of expanding efforts to address broader concerns like lead contamination in the future.

RESEARCH AND RESOURCES

Harkawat's campaign was rooted in extensive research. He pored over scientific studies, regulatory reports from agencies such as the EPA and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and details of New York's legislation. Additionally, he leveraged a network of environmental leaders, professors, and members of the American Public Health Association's Environmental & Environmental Justice Committee. This network provided valuable insights, ensuring the campaign was informed and strategic.

MENTORSHIP AND GUIDANCE

Mentorship played a crucial role in shaping the advocate's approach. He drew inspiration and guidance from Dr. Natalie Sampson at the University of Michigan, who advised on growing the campaign. Other mentors from his summer internship with the Children's Environmental Health Network offered support



(above) Arin Harkawat is a Warren resident and a senior at Watchung Hills Regional High School.

Photo by WHRHS

on policy framing and legislative engagement. These experiences provided the tools needed to navigate complex advocacy efforts effectively.

ENGAGING LEGISLATORS

Interacting with legislators proved to be a key learning opportunity. Harkawat emphasized the importance of presenting well-researched, clear, and relatable arguments. Legislators sometimes lack expertise in specific environmental issues, making it critical to convey the urgency and practicality of proposed solutions in an accessible manner. This skill proved vital in gaining legislative support.

IMPACT ON CAREER AND FUTURE PLANS

The experience of pushing for a 1,4-Dioxane regulation has deeply influenced the advocate's career aspirations. It enhanced his understanding of environmental justice, policy development, and effective advocacy. Harkawat expressed a commitment to continuing this work by addressing water quality issues, particularly in marginalized communities, and expanding his focus to other environmental challenges. He

aims to measure the impact of their efforts and collaborate with others to drive meaningful change.

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

Persuading legislators to prioritize 1,4-Dioxane contamination was not without challenges. Harkawat noted that the real hurdle lay in fostering understanding and care for the issue. Identifying and working with the right legislators who shared his vision was critical to making progress. The advocate addressed these challenges by framing the issue as both urgent and solvable, emphasizing its long-term environmental and public health benefits.

MAKING COMPLEX SCIENCE ACCESSIBLE

One of the campaign's successes was simplifying complex scientific information about 1,4-Dioxane to engage a broader audience. Collaborating with peers and asking clarifying questions helped distill the issue into clear and actionable messages. By using human connections and storytelling, he was able to make the topic accessible to diverse audiences.

BALANCING ADVOCACY AND ACADEMICS

Balancing advocacy efforts with academic responsibilities required careful time management and dedication. Much of the advocacy work was done over the summer, allowing him to focus on his studies during the academic year. He acknowledged the importance of resilience, accepting setbacks, and finding motivation in the impact his work could have on others.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Looking ahead, Harkawat envisions a future where environmental justice is prioritized in underserved areas. He plans to expand his advocacy efforts, tackle new environmental challenges, and continue pushing for impactful legislation. His ultimate goal is to ensure cleaner waterways and healthier communities, proving that change starts with a single voice and the determination to make a difference.

To learn more about Arin Harkawat's campaign, please visit environmentaljusticecoalition.org.

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March 6, 11 a.m.

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Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route

March 10, 11 a.m.

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Armchair Travels to New Orleans

March 11, 11 a.m.

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March 11, 1:30 PM

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Wordle

March 18, 11 a.m.

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March 20, 11 a.m.

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St. Patty Day Musical Entertainment

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Mastering the Art of Homemade Soups

March 24, 11 a.m.

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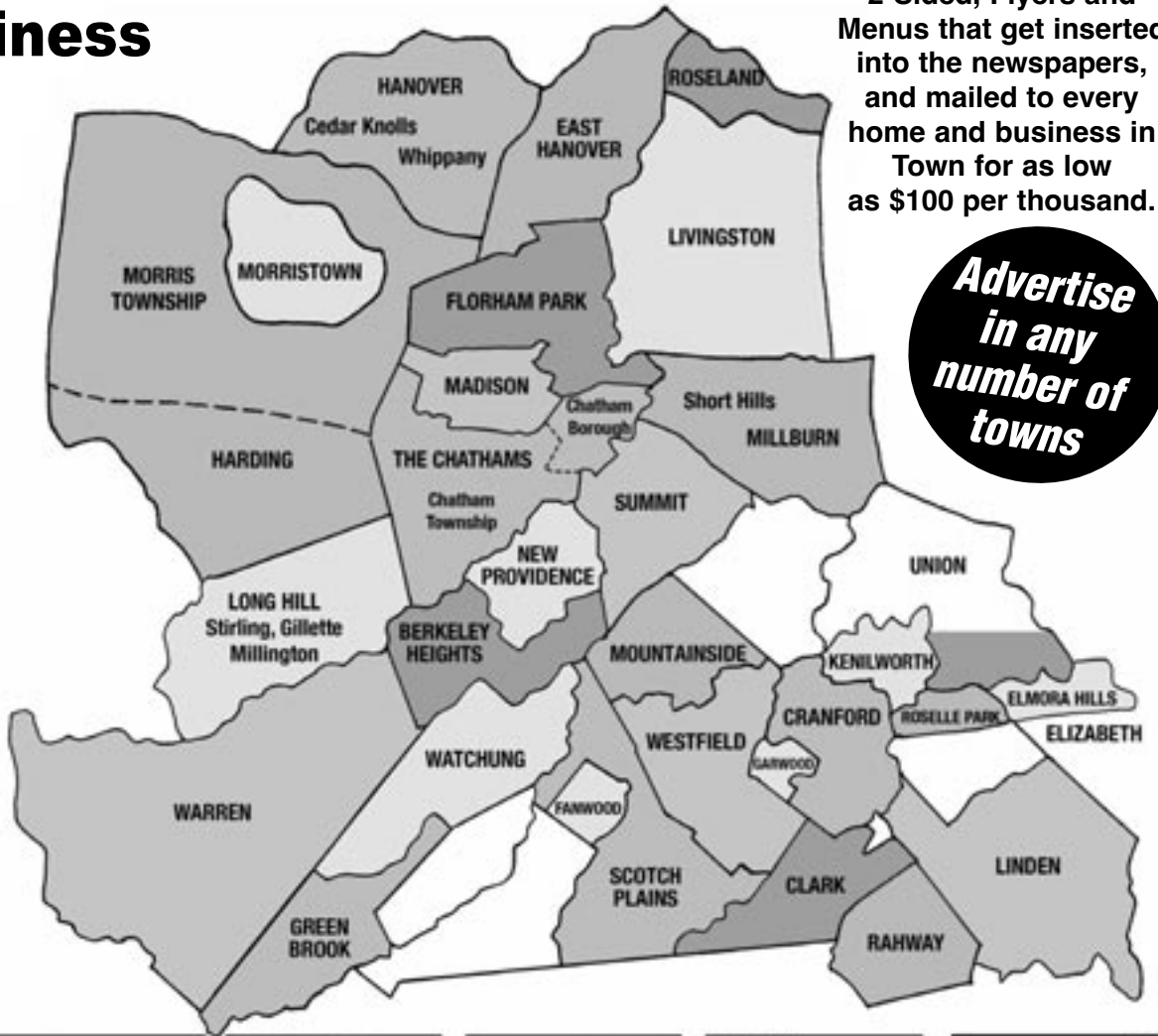
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East Hanover NJ
View

Qty: 4,700
Zip: 07936

Elmora Hills ELIZABETH, NJ

Qty: 5,400
Zip: 07208

Section of Elizabeth, NJ

Fanwood Post NJ

Qty: 3,000
Zip: 07023

Florham Park Press NJ

Qty: 6,000
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Garwood NJ Times

Qty: 2,500
Zip: 07027

Green Brook NJ Gazette

Qty: 3,300
Zip: 08812

HANOVER TOWNSHIP PRESS NJ
CEDAR KNOLLS WHIPPANY

Qty: 6,100
Zips: 07927, 07981

BUSINESS • LIFE NJ KENILWORTH NJ

Qty: 3,500
Zip: 07033

NJ LIFE in LINDEN

Qty: 18,000
Zip: 07036

Livingston NJ Monthly

Qty: 12,100
Zip: 07039

Long Hill LEADER NJ

Qty: 3,500
Zips: 07933, 07946, 07980

MADISON MONTHLY NJ

Qty: 6,300
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Qty: 8,200
Zips: 07041, 07078

MORRIS TOWNSHIP TIMES NJ

Qty: 13,500
Zip: 07960, Harding 07976

MORRISTOWN MONTHLY NJ

Qty: 7,000
Zip: 07960

MOUNTAINSIDE NJ VIEW

Qty: 3,000
Zip: 07092

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Qty: 5,100
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Qty: 13,100
Zip: 07065

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Qty: 3,000
Zip: 07068

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Qty: 5,600
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ANNUAL SHARING THE QUILTS SHOW – MARCH 22

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, or email: harvestquiltersnj@gmail.com.



(above) Janice M. Tellier will be recognized as 2025’s Featured Quilter.

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102 Town Center Drive, Warren
Hosted By: Roseann O'Keefe, Broker Associate

What You'll Learn:

- Trending paint colors & finishes
- Modern tile designs & applications
- Smart renovation tips for increasing home value
- Expert insights and Q&A with Rocco La Vecchia from IDEAL TILE in Green Brook and Katelyn Spacek of CURATE Interior Designs

RSVP by March 14, 2025 to Roseann at RO@roseannokeefe.com | 908.720.9205
This is a free event. Light refreshments will be served.

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