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21ST ANNUAL WAS MOST SUCCESSFUL “TASTE OF” TO DATE

Morristown Rotary Club

The Morristown Rotary Club is thrilled to announce the resounding success of the 21st Annual Taste of Morristown, held in February. The event, a beloved community tradition, drew an unprecedented crowd of over 650 attendees, marking it as the most successful Taste of Morristown to date.

Guests were treated to an extraordinary culinary experience, sampling delectable dishes from a vast array of Morristown area’s finest restaurants. The event showcased the vibrant and diverse food scene of the area, providing a delightful evening for all. Complementing the culinary delights, Gary’s Wine and Marketplace provided exceptional liquor tastings, adding to the festive atmosphere.

"We are absolutely delighted by the overwhelming support from the community," said a representative of the Morristown Rotary. "The 21st Annual Taste of Morristown was a tremendous success, thanks to the incredible participation of our local restaurants, sponsors, Gary's Wine and Marketplace, and the enthusiastic attendees. This event allows us to continue our mission of service and support for the Morristown community."

One highlight of the evening was the highly anticipated Grand Raffle. The grand prize, a collection of dinner for two gift cards from over 34 participating restaurants, was awarded to one lucky winner. Second through 30th place winners each received a dinner for two gift card from a specified restaurant, ensuring a wide range of winners.

All net proceeds from the Taste of Morristown and the Grand Raffle (estimated at approximately \$60,000 and \$20,000 respectively) will directly support the Morristown Rotary Club's numerous service projects and charitable grants. Specifically as to the raffle proceeds, the members of the Morristown Rotary selected Morristown Education Fund, Literacy Volunteers, and Morristown Rotary scholarships, as the beneficiaries of the 2025 raffle, furthering the club's commitment to education and literacy in the community.

Sponsors of the event included Valley Bank, Morris County Tourism Bureau, Mendham Capital Management, BJ's Wholesale Club, and Coldwell Banker Realty.

The Morristown Rotary Club extends its heartfelt gratitude to all the participating restaurants, Gary’s Wine and Marketplace, Morristown High School Interact Club, sponsors, volunteers, and attendees who contributed to the overwhelming success of the 21st Annual Taste of Morristown. Their support will enable the club to continue making a positive impact on the lives of those in the Morristown area.

ABOUT THE MORRISTOWN ROTARY CLUB:

The Morristown Rotary Club is a service organization dedicated to making a positive impact in the Morristown community and beyond. Through various fundraising events and service projects, the club supports local charities, educational initiatives, and international humanitarian efforts.



Courtesy photos

For more information about the Morristown Rotary Club go to morristownrotary.org. The Rotary is not a “businessmen’s organization”. It is a “service” organization made up of all professions, business people, employers, employees, retired, all jobs, genders, ages, and backgrounds with the common interest to serve our communities, locally, regionally, nationally, and globally.

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CHILDREN GIVEN A HEAD START IN READING

Morristown Rotary Club

Morristown Rotary Club in its latest cycle of grants has provided a grant to HEADSTART to support their innovative Early Language and Literacy Program, which includes providing books for children who attend the Head Start preschool program located in the club’s service area.

The Early Language and Literacy Program is targeted at 90 Head Start eligible families whose preschool-age children (three to five years of age) are served at the Robert C. Grant Head Start Center, located at 1 Medical Drive in Morris Plains. There are 6 Head Start classrooms at this site. Four are public pre-k partnership classrooms with Morris School District. The children in these classrooms live in Morristown or Morris Township. The other two classrooms are populated by children who live in nearby towns.

The objective of the Early Language and Literacy Program is to help Head Start families build the habit of daily reading to their children in the home. A disadvantage faced by these children is the lack of access to high-quality

books in their home language. By providing families with new, high-quality children’s books in their home language, as well as monthly messages (also in their home language) with literacy tips and strategies, HEADSTART can support families in engagement of home literacy habits and activities. Grant funds will support each child receiving a monthly book to take home and keep.

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APRIL ADULT PROGRAMS:

Stamp Club

Thursday, April 3 at 10:00 am

1st Thursday of each month

Members of the JHSC will answer your questions, display their own stamp collections, and invite you to bring your own stamps too!

Yoga

Every Monday at 6:00 pm

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Qigong

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Qigong is a traditional Chinese mindful exercise system for cultivating and strengthening the body’s vital energy. No previous experience or equipment required.

The Life of Comedian Mel Brooks

Wednesday, April 2 at 7:00 pm

Entertainment historian John Kenrick explores the career of Mel Brooks. In person and also on Zoom. Email refdesk@mmt.mainlib.org.

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Friday, April 4 at 7:00 pm

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Happy Birthday Jane Austen!

Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00 pm

Jane Austen scholar Patricia Ard discusses why Austen’s brilliant novels have earned her lasting fame and a worldwide readership which has continued for over 200 years.

Foreign Film Lovers Club

Wednesday April 2 at 7:00 pm on ZOOM.

Discussing "Barbara" (Germany) virtually.

Email james.collins@mmt.mainlib.org

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Foreign Cinema Series

Wednesday, April 16 at 6:30 pm

We will be watching "All About My Mother" (Spain) in person with a ZOOM hybrid discussion following the film. Email james.collins@mmt.mainlib.org.

Spring Tree Planting & Maintenance

Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00 pm

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BOOK CLUBS:

Book Lovers Circle

Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 pm on Zoom

First Thursday of every month.

Not a traditional book club, you will hear about the newest books at the Library, receive a reading list and have a chance to share your own favorites, old and new. \

The Seekers Book Club

Wednesday, April 2 at 7:00 pm

First Wednesday of every month

"This Here Flesh" By Cole Arthur Riley

Discuss all things related to spirituality, self-help, motivation, and inspiration. This author will be appearing on April 29 at 11:00 am.

Morning Book Club

Thursday, April 10 at 10:00 am

"The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post"

by Allison Pataki

Evening Book Club

Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 pm

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Science Fiction Book Club

Saturday, April 5 at 2:00 pm

"This is how You Lose the Time War" by Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone

Silent Book Club

Sunday, April 6, 2:00-3:00 pm

At these club meetings there’s no assigned reading! All readers are welcome - it’s BYOBook. Enjoy quiet, communal reading surrounded by fellow book enthusiasts who appreciate the joy of reading together. Happy Hour for introverts!

CHILDREN’S & TEENS PROGRAMS

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Second & Third Grade Book Club

April 17 at 7:00 pm

The third Thursday of each month.

"Caton the Run in Cat of Death"

by Aaron Blabey

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Fourth – Sixth Grade Book Club

April 10 at 7:00 pm

The second Thursday of each month.

"The Island of Thieves"

by Josh Lacey

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Teen Book Club

Tuesday April 15 at 5:00 pm

"The Extraordinary Disappointments of Leopold Berry" by Ransom Riggs. Registration required- please call 973-538-6161

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Madison Rotary

Repair Cafe returns to Madison on Saturday, April 12, 2025. Volunteer repair experts will be helping you to fix your household items for free at Grace Church in Madison (4 Madison Ave.), from 11:00 until 3:00. All types of items can be brought in: lamps, bicycles, clothing and other fabric items, phones and computers, small appliances, wooden things, jewelry, toys, knives in need of sharpening, and many other kinds of repairs. As a bonus, you will get to meet your neighbors from Madison and surrounding towns!

And bring your kids – the Kids’ Take Apart Table will return! See what’s inside everyday items. (Reassembly not required!)

The Repair Cafe is central to Rotary International’s focus on protecting the environment, and furthers our club’s mission of partnering with other organizations to keep Madison one of the “Best Places to Live in New Jersey.” This event is also an important part of

Grace’s outreach program.

The repairers will show you how the repairs are made and what tools are needed. Most of the time they can get your things working for you again, keeping them out of the landfills, and saving you some money. You can even learn how to do the repairs yourself. Items should be small enough to be carried in by one person. No gasoline motors or hazardous materials, please. Also, please note: We start our last repair at 2:30! First come, first served! And if you can, it’s helpful if you send us an email telling us what you will be bringing in for repair.

This event is a follow-up to our first two, very successful, Repair Cafes in Madison. Our volunteers and our visitors came from Madison and many surrounding towns. We had over 200 items brought in for repair and we succeeded on getting most of them fixed! Our repairs at our

recent events ranged from lamps, to bikes and teddy bears, but also included bird feeders and giant skulls.

And we are always looking for new volunteers to join our team. Whether you are an expert repairer with your own tools, or someone who wants to help out on logistics and organization, we would love to have you! There is no age requirement. Our volunteers have ranged in age from their teens to their eighties.

Please visit madisonrotarynj.org for more information about Madison Rotary, and RepairCafeGS.org for information about this and other Repair Cafe’s in the Garden State, and GraceMadison.org for information about Grace Church.

Contact Paul Lemaire for questions about volunteering or about the types of repairs that we do – pjlema@gmail.com, 732-261-6443.



(above) Madison Rotary, Grace Church, and Repair Café will team up for a free “Repair, Reuse, and Recycle” event on April 12



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During this program, Trail Conference member, Don Weise and Kim Levinsky, from Sassquad Trail Running, will share their experiences and knowledge.

TEDDY BEAR CLINIC MAY 3

Morris County School of Technology

The Morris County School of Technology's (MCST) Academy for Education & Learning, Law & Public Safety, and Healthcare Sciences is excited to announce its Teddy Bear Clinic, a fun and educational event for children ages 3-9, taking place on Saturday, May 3rd. This event, running from 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m at MCST's Denville campus, will provide children with the opportunity to give their stuffed animals or teddy bears a "check-up" while interacting with local first responders from Denville Police, Fire, EMS, Morris County Sheriff's Office, Saint Clare's EMS, and the NJ Forest Fire Service.

Children will build personalized first aid kits, gain essential fire safety skills, tackle a fire themed obstacle course, explore the science of fingerprinting, and try on real firefighter gear. Join us for a special reading by local author Heather Prinzo, featuring her book Lookin' Within.

The event is free and open to the public! To register please visit mcvts.jumbula.com/home. For any questions regarding the event, please contact Samantha Shane at mcsteven@mcvts.org



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Kim Levinsky is the founder and director of Sassquad Trail Running, a local organization that hosts trail races throughout the year. Sassquad hosts trail races, group runs, trail workdays, and clinics throughout New Jersey and New York and is open to all ages and paces, making it a welcoming environment for first time trail runners. Levinsky recently achieved Fastest Known Time (FKT) running the 358-mile Long Path from Fort Lee NJ to Albany NY.

Don Weise is an author, hike leader, environmental advocate, and Trail Conference Life Member. His new book Circuit Hikes in

Harimann is the first ever comprehensive guide to circuit hikes in these two highly popular parks. With 35 total loop hikes, including 8 hikes that can also be suitable for other uses, this guidebook is perfect for anyone interested in exploring the rich network of trails.

Participants will also hear about Morris County trails and the new Trail Conference map and guide.

Please note that while registration is not required, seating is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

For questions or concerns, please contact the Reference Department at (973) 285-6969.

MORRIS COUNTY LIBRARY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

No registration is required. All programs will be first come, first served. Contact the Children's Department at 973-285-6980 with any questions.

Preschool Story Time and Music

Our popular Preschool Story Time and Music with Mr. Laurence returns. Children ages 2 to 5 can join us for stories, fingerplays, and music. Story Time will be held each Tuesday from thru April 25th, there will also be storytime sessions on May 16th and May 23rd. All sessions are from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM. On June 6th there will be a special Teddy Bear Storytime where children are invited to bring their favorite stuffed animal! This storytime session is recommended for ages 2 to 5 and runs from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM.

Grab and Go STEAM Projects

Projects are recommended for ages 5 to 12, and each family can pick up one project to work on together. STEAM projects will be available for pickup on the following Saturdays: April 1st, May 13th and June 3rd. Pickup times for each Saturday will be from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Children's room. STEAM Projects are limited and will be given out while supplies last.

Dinosaur's Rock

Join a Dinosaur's Rock expert on Thursday, April 6th from 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM for a fun and educational Jurassic journey. Children will be

able to experience museum-quality life-size specimens as the backdrop to exploring the world of dinosaurs and fossils. This program is recommended for children ages 4 to 12.

National Library Week

During National Library Week, local Author Amy Pollack will be visiting the library! On Thursday, April 27th from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM, Amy Pollack will be presenting her new book series, "The Adventures of Jelly Bean". This series is about a fourth-grader and the challenges she faces surrounding loss, friendship and family issues, as well as her experiences with learning to make her own choices. Amy Pollack will be reading part of the first book, "The Adventures of Jelly Bean" and will give children the chance to predict the ending, as well as write one of their own! This program is recommended for children in grades 3 to 6.

Juneteenth Program

Spring programs conclude with The Diversity of Black Joy, a Juneteenth program presented by Alliah Agostini on Thursday, June 8th from 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM. She is the author of The Juneteenth Story and Big Tune: The Rise of the Dancehall Prince and will be doing a short read-aloud as well as a Q&A session. This program is recommended for children ages 4 to 10.

FIREFIGHTERS COMPETE AT COOKED AND UNCORKED FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL

On Monday, February 24, 2025, Morristown firefighters joined together with firefighters from around New Jersey to compete in The Ultimate Fire Department Cook-off, part of the Cooked and Uncorked Food and Wine Festival.

The event benefited the New Jersey State Firefighter's Mutual Benevolent Association and The Burn Center at Saint Barnabas Medical Center.

The Fire Department Cook-off is part of a culinary extravaganza where participants were able to experience the tastes and flavors of some of New Jersey's finest restaurants, caterers and dessert shops all in one location.

(right) Morristown
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This two-week program provides a comprehensive experience, focusing on:

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INNOVATIVE PET THERAPY PROGRAM

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Morris County Surrogate Heather Darling is proud to introduce a new innovative pet therapy program at the Morris County Surrogate's Court, the first of its kind. The program is designed to provide comfort and support to our grieving clients and assist our probate clerks who deal with grief daily. This significant initiative highlights the court's commitment to fostering a compassionate environment for both the families we serve and the dedicated professionals who guide them through complex emotional processes.

Recently, the program welcomed therapy dogs Mulligan and Story, whose calming presence has already made a powerful impact on clients and staff alike. For grieving clients, the dogs offer a soothing connection during one of life's most challenging moments, providing comfort and even smiles amid their sorrow.

For our hardworking probate clerks, who face the emotional weight of assisting grieving families every day, these comfort pets bring much-needed moments of relief and renewal, supporting their well-being as they perform their

vital work. Surrogate Darling is proud to bring this meaningful and beneficial resource to our community, as the pets will visit the Surrogate's Court each month throughout the year. For more information about the Morris County Surrogate, please visit morrisurrogate.com.



(above) Surrogate Darling, Chris Luongo, Chief of Staff Christina Ramirez and Story



(above) Surrogate Staff with Mulligan

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For further information about the Hanover Wind Symphony, including dates of upcoming concerts, visit .hanoverwinds.org.



(above, l-r) Three conductors: Tommy Sansone of Paterson, guest conductor; Matthew Paterno of Parsippany, HWS music director and conductor; and Ayden Khan of Wayne, HWS associate conductor.

A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR RISING OPERA STARS

Opera at Florham proudly presents Celebriamo Puccini, a breathtaking concert celebrating the timeless works of Giacomo Puccini. In honor of the recent centenary of Puccini's death, this special benefit event will take place on Sunday, April 6, 2025, at 2:00 pm at The Mansion at Fairleigh Dickinson, 285 Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940.

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