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# **HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS LITTLE WOMEN - NOV. 21-23**

The award-winning Morristown High School Theatre Department is proud to announce this year's fall drama production, Little Women, with four performances from November 21 to 23, 2025.

MHS Theatre's student production of this timeless classic is an original adaptation of the novel by MHS's own award-nominated director George LaVigne, with input from the students, and is sure to delight theatergoers of all kinds.

A coming-of-age story set in a time of great upheaval and division, Little Women is, in LaVigne's words, "an endearing story of family, the bond of sisters, and their struggle in trying times, through poverty and loss"

The play's strong female characters are what attracted LaVigne to Little Women. Jo, the second-oldest March daughter, is the exemplar. Creative, ambitious, free-spirited, and proudly feminist at a time when that term was new, Jo has no patience for society's expectations or limits on what girls and women can or can't do, nor does she care to be restricted by her gender, proudly declaring herself "the man of the house" while her father is at war.

"This story is so empowering for women," says Brooks Seibold, who will play Jo in the MHS production. "It's beautiful to see Jo be her own person. At a time when strong women are supposed to be 'cool girlboss untouchable,' it's refreshing to see Jo, a very unconventional activist, be vulnerable and act like a real girl, even though she's a feminist and powerful. This story is so ahead of the times in that sense."

A treat for the holiday season, Little Women spans several Christmases in the lives of the March sisters and their mother, Marmee, who instills a spirit of independence, charity, forgiveness, and compassion in her daughters.

A landmark in American literature, Louisa May Alcott's 1868 novel has been adapted countless times, and for good reason. Those adaptations include at least seven feature films, four television miniseries, two operas, two musicals, and even multiple anime interpretations. MHS's production reaches back past all of those descendants to the original novel and Alcott's words to get to the heart of what has made Little Women endure for more than a century and a half.

As Jo, the book's stand-in for Alcott herself, asks her mother, "What can there be in a simple little story like that to make people praise it so?"

"There's truth in it," her mother responds. It also has "humor and pathos," per Marmee, and MHS's production is sure to be a heartwarming reminder of "how much genuine happiness can be had in a plain little house."

MHS Theatre will present four live performances of Little Women on the Morristown High School stage, including two evening shows and two matinees: Friday, November 21 at 7:00 pm; Saturday, November 22 at 2:00 pm; Saturday, November 22 at 7:00 pm; and Sunday, November 23 at 2:00 pm



Tickets can be purchased at mhs.booktix.com. THE STUDENT CAST OF MHS'S LITTLE WOMEN:

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Ensemble: Ollie Baldassari, Cole Bartlett, Maria Bonczek, Anthony Caragan, Mira Dickman, Scarlett Fitzpatrick, Caroline Higgins, Theo King, Katherine Matras, Carlo Pedalino

Morristown High School's fall drama also features the work of our student directors, crew, setbuilders, costumers, hair and makeup artists, and lighting and sound technicians, as well as a front-of-house team that helps to immerse theatergoers in the story they are about to experience.



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Submitted by Sent from S.J.Marum

The Morristown Rotary Club put books in the hands of thousands of local children and families by giving away over 2,000 gently used children's books at the Morristown Fall Festival on the Green.

On Sunday, September 28, the Morristown Rotary booth became a hub of literary excitement as attendees enthusiastically took advantage of the free book redistribution. The selection featured a wide variety of titles, spanning from pre-school through 5th grade level, ensuring there was something for every young reader.

"The response from the community was tremendous," said a representative from the Morristown Rotary Club. "It's truly inspiring to see so many families eager to take home books and instill a love of reading in their children. This initiative perfectly aligns with Rotary's mission to support education and literacy, and we're thrilled to give these gently used books a second life."

We also wish to thank the Morristown High School Interact students for their invaluable services and Peapack Private Bank and Trust and Fully Promoted for hosting our depositary boxes.

The event highlights the Morristown Rotary Club's ongoing commitment to community service and educational support in the greater Morristown area. The club regularly organizes and participates in service projects that address



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local and international needs, with a strong focus on promoting literacy.

#### **ABOUT THE MORRISTOWN ROTARY CLUB**

The Morristown Rotary Club is a volunteer organization of community members united worldwide to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The club meets weekly and is dedicated to making a positive impact in the Morristown community. For more information visit morristownrotary.org.

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# THE SIEMINSKI THEATER FUND RAISING EVENT OF THE YEAR!

The Sieminski Theater, a professional 501c3 not-for-profit performing arts center located in Basking Ridge NJ, announces our 2025 fund raising event of the year!

Saturday, November 15th at 6:00 pm, join us for this fun-filled evening and fundraising event for the Sieminski Theater! Just in time for the holiday Hallmark movie season, and who doesn't love those cheesy Hallmark holiday movies! "My Unauthorized Hallmark Movie Musical"!

In this innovative one-woman musical show, supported by a cast of eight characters in her imagination via multimedia, we escape into her movie fantasy where men and women find courage and acceptance to speak their own voice without judgement. Frivolous, fractured, and fun musical moments take you on a ride of pure joy where love always wins. "My (unauthorized) Hallmark Movie Musical" is a unique and

captivating blend of live theater and cinema, offering audiences a spellbinding escape into the magic of a rom-com where they, too, can discover their inner love warriors. The story follows an exhausted essential worker who finds solace in binge-watching cheesy Hallmark movies. As she attempts to write her own Hallmark-inspired musical, the characters suddenly come to life on screen, taking over the story and challenging her to wade through the cheese and find a truly happy ending.

The evening will start with a cocktail reception in the lobby with Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Then move into the theater for this delightful, lighthearted musical production. Afterwards, enjoy a dessert bar and champagne and an opportunity to meet the star of the show. There will be raffles, drawings and more surprises. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to future

programming at the Sieminski Theater. An event not to be missed and will help keep the Arts alive at the Sieminski Theater!!

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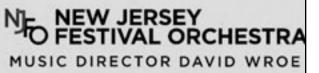
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Sat, December 6, 7:00 pm The Presbyterian Church, Westfield Sun, December 7, 3:00 pm The Concert Hall at Drew University, Madison





Celebrate the magic of the season as Opera at Florham presents its beloved Annual Holiday Spectacular at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, 6 Sussex Avenue, Morristown, NJ.

This cherished holiday tradition invites audiences to enjoy an enchanting afternoon of Operatic favorites, holiday classics, and festive cheer. Featuring a stellar cast of acclaimed vocalists and musicians, the concert promises to fill the air with warmth, joy, and the timeless

beauty of the human voice.

Whether you're a lifelong Opera lover or discovering Opera at Florham for the first time, this delightful performance captures the spirit of the holidays through music that transcends generations. From beloved Arias to familiar seasonal melodies, the Holiday Spectacular is a joyful celebration of artistry and community perfect for audiences of all ages.

#### WHY YOU CAN'T MISS IT

Opera at Florham's Holiday Spectacular is more than a concert - it's a heartwarming experience that has become a highlight of the holiday season across New Jersey. Each year, this festive performance transforms St. Margaret of Scotland Church into a winter wonderland of music, where world-class voices and live accompaniment inspire wonder and joy.

Expect to be swept away by the power of the human voice, the beauty of timeless melodies, and the spirit of togetherness that defines this special time of the year. Whether you come to be uplifted, share the magic with family and friends, or simply savor the music of the season, the Holiday Spectacular is a gift you'll remember long after the final note.

Tickets are \$30 for general admission, with student discounts available. For tickets and more information, please visit operaatflorham.org.

Founded in 1982, Opera at Florham is northern New Jersey's premier Opera company, presenting annual concerts, the International Vocal Competition, and Opera Talk educational series.



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### FRELINGHUYSEN ARBORETUM TO BE SITE OF NEW TRIBUTE TO VETERANS

Morris County Board of County Commissioners recently joined Veterans Valor of New Jersey at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum for a formal signing of an agreement establishing The Healing Garden of Morris, a new public space dedicated to honoring veterans and supporting their families.

The agreement, signed by Park Commission Executive Director Dave Helmer, Park



(above, l-r) Charlie Iuliano, chairman of Veterans Valor, signing the agreement with Stuart Lasser, president of the Morris County Park Commission and Dave Helmer, executive director of the Park Commission.

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The Morris County Park Commission and the Commission President Stuart Lasser, and 7. New Life: Inspiring hope and new Veterans Valor Chairman Charlie Iuliano, marks the official launch of a project more than two years in the making.

> The purpose of The Healing Garden of Morris rests within its name – a garden that serves as a place for peace, reflection and spiritual renewal, while allowing veterans and the broader community to connect. Envisioned as a "living tribute," the plan is for the garden to host veteranrelated art, horticultural programs, wellness seminars and opportunities for creative expression. At its core is the Disarm PTSD initiative, a campaign to help veterans transform their experiences with service-related trauma into a source of purpose and connection.

Will Draper, executive director of Veterans Valor listed and described each of the areas envisioned:

- 1. Point of Sacrifice: Acknowledging the bravery and sacrifices made by service members.
- 2. Medevac: Understanding the critical moments of medical evacuation and care in
- 3. Triage: Exploring the initial assessments and treatments veterans receive upon return.
- 4. Homeward: Celebrating the emotional journey of returning home and reuniting with loved ones.
- 5. Recovery: Highlighting the ongoing physical and mental health support essential for veterans.
- 6. Fallen: Honoring those who lost the battle at home, recognizing their sacrifice and legacy.

beginnings for veterans and their families.

During the event, several veterans -- Aaron Oliver, a 21-year U.S. Army veteran; Rob Hughes, retired U.S. Navy captain and board member of Veterans Valor; and Peter Danchise, a Vietnam veteran and artist -- spoke about the challenges they faced and continue to face with PTSD and readjusting to life after war. They emphasized how meaningful this project is to them and to other veterans who share those experiences. Following the signing, attendees toured the future garden site.

Morris County continues to prioritize veterans through programs and partnerships that provide support and recognition. Last year, the county expanded the Veterans Services Office in Morris Township to accommodate a federal Veterans Affairs Community Access Point. In September, the county partnered with the County College of Morris to provide a Veterans Services Officer twice a month at the college's Veterans Resource Center.

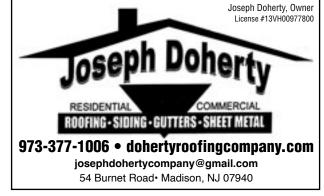
Veterans Valor, also known as The Healing Gardens of Morris, Inc., is a nonprofit dedicated to honoring and supporting New Jersey veterans, especially those wounded in service, and their families.

The group aims to raise awareness of postservice challenges and create opportunities for healing and connection through communitydriven initiatives.

For more information about The Healing Garden of Morris and ways to support the project, visit VeteransValorofNJ.org.



(above) A group shot of veterans, members of the Park Commission, and public officials at the Healing Garden of Morris signing.







### **ENROLLING IN MEDICARE AND UPDATING YOUR PLAN**

By George Sosa, President, The Sosa Insurance Group

Turning 65 marks eligibility for Medicare, a federal health insurance program designed for seniors and certain individuals with disabilities. While the system can be complex, resources are available to help beneficiaries navigate enrollment, updates, and plan changes to ensure their coverage continues to meet their needs.

Original Medicare consists of Part A (hospital insurance) and Part B (medical insurance). Part A covers hospital stays, skilled nursing facilities, home health, and hospice care. Part B focuses on outpatient care, doctor visits, preventive screenings, and therapies. While comprehensive, Original Medicare leaves gaps in coverage, which can be supplemented through Medigap policies. These help with deductibles, co-pays, and sometimes foreign travel coverage, offering flexibility and predictability.

Medicare Advantage (Part C), offered by private insurers, combines Parts A and B and often includes additional benefits like vision, dental, hearing, fitness programs, and lower premiums. These plans have out-of-pocket maximums, but often require use of in-network providers.

Prescription drug coverage (Part D) is also offered through private plans. Each plan has a formulary outlining covered medications, costsharing structures, and potential coverage gaps, though assistance programs like "Extra Help" exist for those with limited income. New Jersey also provides state assistance through PAAD and Senior Gold to help seniors manage prescription drug costs.

For higher-income beneficiaries, Medicare applies IRMAA (Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount), which adds extra costs to Part B and D premiums based on IRS tax information.

Enrollment timing is crucial. While some may delay enrollment due to employer coverage, late enrollment penalties apply if coverage lapses without creditable insurance.

Every year, Medicare beneficiaries have an opportunity to review and adjust their coverage. The Annual Enrollment Period (October 15 – December 7) allows switching between Original Medicare and Advantage plans, adding or changing drug plans, or returning to Original Medicare. Any changes take effect January 1. Additionally, the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment (January 1 – March 31) allows those in Advantage plans to switch or return to Original Medicare.

When evaluating options, beneficiaries should consider cost, provider networks, additional benefits, drug coverage, and changes in their health or medications.

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(above) Winners from 2024 Read Feed Run 90+ Age Bracket

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#### **Library Stamp Club** Nov 6, 10 - 11 AM

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#### **Knitting & Needlework Group (In-Person)**

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#### Make 'Em Laugh: Bette Midler - An Evening with John Kenrick

Tuesday, Nov 4, 7-8:30 PM

What has kept this nice Jewish girl from Honolulu a favorite on stage and screen for six hilarious decades? This is a hybrid program on Zoom and in person.

No registration required to attend in person

#### **Medicare Open Enrollment**

Monday, Nov 10 7-8:30 PM

This presentation provides info on Medicare, Prescription Drug Plans and Advantage Plans for 2026. During the Annual Enrollment Period for Medicare from October 15 to December 7, Medicare enrollees can change their Plans.

#### **Fall Film Series:**

#### **Coming to America - Immigrant Stories** "A Better Life" (2011)

Thursday, Oct 30, 6:45 PM-8:30 PM "Hester Street" (1975)

Thursday, Nov 6, 6:45 PM - 8:30 PM "A Visitor" (2007)

Thursday, Nov 13, 6:45 PM - 8:30 PM "Minari" (2020)

Thursday, Nov 20, 6:45 PM - 8:30 PM America is a "Nation of Immigrants" and each group has their own story to tell. We will be presenting five films telling these stories throughout the fall season.

#### **Famous Self Portraits: Artists as Their Own Muses (Zoom only)**

Wednesday, Nov 12, 7 - 8 PM

This lecture explores several famous artists' self-portraits as we learn and consider the questions: What does an artist's self-portrait say about the time they lived in, the style they painted in, and how they viewed themselves.

#### **New York City Monuments of Black Americans** Sunday, Nov 16 2:00-3:00 PM

Did you know that of the 250 statues in NYC's public parks, only 17 include Black Americans? David Felsen, Emmy Award winning TV producer, history teacher, and author of New York City Monuments of Black Americans, will give an illustrated presentation about NYC's statues and explain why it took so long for so many great Americans to be honored.

#### **Art Around the World: The Frick Collection** (Zoom only)

Thursday, Nov 20, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Take a trip to the Upper East Side with a virtual tour through the galleries of the Frick Collection. The newly renovated museum is housed in the former mansion of industrialist Henry Clay Frick. It features European Old Master paintings, sculpture and decorative arts, with works by Titian, Goya, Gainsborough and Turner.

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#### Silent Book Club

First Sunday of the month Participants choose their own books and come together in a shared space to read silently.

### Nov 2, 2-3 PM

#### **Morning Book Club**

Second Thursday at 10 AM, Nov 13 "Tell Me Everything" Elizabeth Strout

#### **Virtual Classics Book Club**

Every other month at 7 PM on Zoom. "Mansfield Park" Jane Austen, Nov 20.

#### **Evening Book Club**

Third Tuesday at 7 PM, Nov 18 "Tell Me Everything" Elizabeth Strout

#### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

#### Baby Stories & Songs - Age 6 months - 2 years

Every other Monday at 10:30 AM, Nov 10 & 24. Ages 2 - 8

#### Children's Storytime - Ages 2 - 8

Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 10 AM Saturdays at 11 AM

#### **Book Clubs**

Fall book clubs meet monthly through December. Registration is required.

#### 2nd - 3rd Grade Book Club

Third Thursday of every month at 7 PM. Nov 20, 7 PM

Pixie Tricks: Sprite's Secret by Tracey West.

#### 4th - 6th Grade Book Club

Second Thursday of every month at 7 PM Nov 13, 7 PM

Orphan Eleven by Gennifer Choldenko.

#### **Crochet Camp (3rd - 5th grade)**

Nov 4, 11, 18 & 25, 6 - 7 PM

This November, kids in 3rd-5th grade can join us at 6 PM on Tuesdays to learn to crochet! We will teach you basic stitches, how to read patterns. Starter supplies will be provided. Dinovember Display

#### **Visit the Children's Room**

Nov 6 & 7, All day

Browse a selection of books about dinosaurs and make a dinosaur paper bag puppet!

# Stay and Make: Beaded Corn Craft

Nov 21, 2 - 4 PM

Come make a craft in the Children's Room! Use pony beads and pipe cleaners to make an ear of corn. For kids ages 4-11.

#### TEEN PROGRAMS:

Registration is required for all teen programs

#### **Teen Fall Book Club**

Monthly in the afternoon,

for teens in grades 7 - 12. We provide the book. "When the Bones Sing" Ginny Myers Sain,

Nov 3, 5-6 PM

#### **Craft Night**

Nov 17, 6-7 PM

One night each month for a fun, hands-on craft.

#### **Crochet Camp**

Monday, Nov 3, 6 - 7 PM

Teens in 6th-12th grade join us on Mondays. Learners will ore basic stitches, learn how to read patterns, where to find resources. Starter supplies provided by the Library.

# **MORRIS COUNTY LIBRARY NOVEMBER EVENTS**

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#### Schubertiade 2025

Sat., Nov., 15, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Please join us for our annual Schubertiade to celebrate the life and music of Franz Schubert (1797-1828). This year's program will be very special, featuring one of Schubert's most beloved chamber works - the "Trout" Quintet (D. 667). Also on the program will be Hummel's Piano Quintet, Op. 87, along with select Schubert lieder sung by the magnificent bass/baritone, Steven Scheschareg. Performers will be pianist, Itay Goren, along with members of the Madison String Quartet (Evelyn Estava, violin; Gerall Hieser, cello) and artists Gabriela Rengel (viola) and Gennaro Marchese (double bass). Registration (required) in the Public Meeting Room.

# CALL FOR ART SUBMISSION FOR JANE AUSTEN THEMED EXHIBIT

In honor of Austen's 250th birthday on December 16, the library invites visual artists residing or working within Morris County to help us celebrate the enduring legacy of this beloved author through art. Submit your original, Austen-inspired artwork for inclusion in an exhibition in the library gallery to run through December 2025.

# **ADULTS**Writers Circle

Wed., Nov. 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Join our Writing Circle for experience, tips on writing, reading, editing, and revising your work, whether poetry, prose, or long story. No registration needed.

#### True Crime Chat (Via Zoom)

Thu., Nov. 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Virtual true crime discussion group meets via Zoom on the second Thursday evening of each month. The Zoom link will be emailed to you shortly before the program start time.

Registration (required).

#### **Tuesday Book Club**

Tue., Nov. 18, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

This month we're talking about The Choir by Joanna Trollope. For more info or to reserve a copy of the book, please call 973-285-6970. No registration needed. Note: We meet on the third Tuesday this month because we are closed on the second Tuesday, which is our usual date.

#### **Socrates Cafe**

Tue., Nov. 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

A discussion group using the dialogue of the Socratic Method. The only requirement for this program is a willingness to listen respectfully. Speaking is not required, although encouraged. Light refreshments provided. Drop-in; no registration required.

#### **Mystery Book Club**

Mon., Nov. 24, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

We read and discuss books chosen by the group. No registration necessary. This month's book: The Blessing Way by Tony Hillerman. Reserve a copy of the book, please call 973-285-6970.

#### **TEENS**

#### **Teen Space**

Fri., Nov. 14, 3:30-4:30 p.m. e hang out with your peers at our m

Come hang out with your peers at our monthly program! Unstructured time to just hang or enjoy games, crafts, and, of course, snacks. For ages 13-18. Drop-in; no registration necessary. in the Conference Room.

#### CHILDREN LEGO Club

Sat., 11/1, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Create and build using LEGO! Your creations will be displayed in the children's room. For ages 4-12. Registration (required) begins 10/21 Parents/carers must remain with children during LEGO Club.

#### **Minecraft Scarecrow Building**

Thu., 11/6, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. or 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Participants battle their way through the Hay Maze to enjoy the fun activities in the Fall Festival. The game then finishes with a Scarecrow Building Challenge! Children are encouraged to bring their own laptops, tablets, and other mobile devices. Presented by Arrayscape Gaming. Parents/carers must remain with children during the program. For grades 2-5. Registration (required) 10/21.

#### **Budget Boosters**

Fri., 11/7, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Financial Literacy for Kids: Kids learn about the 50/30/20 rule through a creative budgeting activity that teaches smart money habits early. For ages 8-12. Registration (required) 10/21

#### **Preschool Storytime & Music**

Tuesdays, Nov. 18 & 25, 10:00-10:30 a.m. w/Mr. Laurence: Stories, fingerplays and music with Mr. Laurence. For ages 2-5. Drop-in.

#### ALL AGES Chess Club

Wed., Nov. 12, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Friendly & non-competitive chess games between players of all ages and ability levels.
Basic knowledge of the game's rules is suggested. No registration needed.

#### **Holiday Ornament Decorating**

Monday, Nov. 17 through Saturday, Nov. 29. Decorate a holiday ornament for our tree at Frelinghuysen Arboretum's "Festival of the Trees." The children's decorating station will be outside the children's room; the teen/adult station will be outside the meeting rooms.

#### Drop-in.

#### **Spanish Conversation**

Thu., Nov. 20, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Practice your Spanish language proficiency in a casual small group environment. A basic level skill is recommended, but any skill level is welcome. No registration required. For teens and adults.

#### **RESIDENTS 55+ WELCOMED**

Senior Center of the Chathams 58 Meyersville Road, Chatham Mon through Fri from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call 973-635-4565 or visit chathamseniorcenter.org.

#### **Understanding Parkinson's Disease**

Monday November 3rd, 11-12P

Physicians from the Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center will join us for a discussion about the evolution of this disease, risk factors, and finding community support.

#### **Genetics & Aging**

Wednesday November 5th,12-1pm
How do genetics influence the aging process and what lifestyle choices enhance longevity and quality of life.

#### Community Word Games

Thursday November 6th, 11AM
The 20th Century in Pictures

Monday Nov 10th, 12:30-1:30

The twentieth century was filled with unforgettable moments - and many of them were captured in images that the world will never forget. From soldiers raising a flag in World War II, to the first steps on the moon, to the powerful faces of leaders, artists, and everyday people, these images tell the story of a century of change. In this presentation, we'll journey through some of the most striking and memorable moments of the 1900s, reliving the triumphs, the struggles, and the milestones that shaped modern history."

#### **Veteran's Day Celebration**

Tuesday, November 11, 11-1P
We welcome all local veterans to join us. If you are a veteran please call us at the Senior Center of the Chathams to RSVP for this event.

#### **LIVE Classical Guitar Concert**

Wednesday Nov 12, 12 noon with local musician Jane Pritsker.

#### The Separation of Powers in the 21st Century

Monday Nov 17th, 1:30-2:30

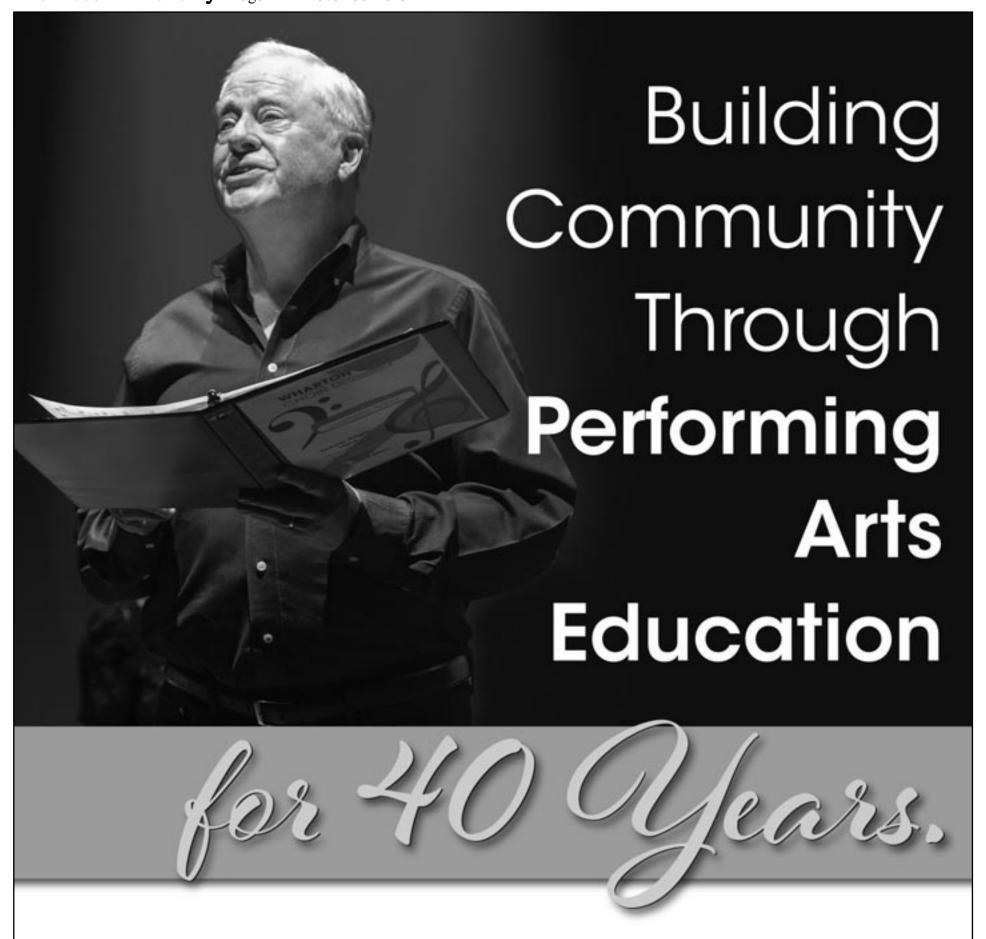
What is the separation of powers and where does it come from? Bruce Peabody, Professor of Government at Fairleigh Dickinson University will join us for a discussion about "The Separation of Powers in the 21st Century."

What are some of the contemporary problems that are straining this system - and what can we do about it? A timely discussion of our centuries-old system of constitutional checks and balances, and a sober assessment of whether it is equal to the numerous challenges of the 21st century.

#### **Garden Club Meet-up**

Wednesday Nov 19th, 10am





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# FIRST VETERANS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, KELLY BROWN

The Rotary Clubs of Morristown and Dover are proud to announce Kelly Brown as the first recipient of their newly established Veterans' Scholarship Program for the 2025 academic year. Both clubs jointly introduced this groundbreaking initiative to support the successful reintegration of veterans into civilian life.

The scholarship program, designed to aid deserving veterans in their pursuit of higher education and professional development, garnered significant interest, and attracted many applications. To ensure the program's reach and impact, the Morristown and Dover Rotary Clubs collaborated with several key organizations, including the American Legion, County College of Morris, and NJIT, among others.

After thorough review and spirited discussions, the scholarship committee unanimously selected Kelly Brown as the inaugural awardee.

Kelly is currently pursuing her second term towards an associate's degree in Mortuary Science. Upon completion of her degree, she will be eligible to sit for the rigorous National Board Exams, which cover all aspects of her associate's coursework, .

Kelly's interest in the mortuary science field was sparked during her military service, where she interned at the Medical Examiner's office. She believes this degree will not only provide her with a stable and fulfilling career but also offer a meaningful way to contribute to society.

Beyond her academic pursuits, Kelly is an exceptional individual who adeptly balances raising a child with special needs, actively contributing as a member of Post 59 of the Local Legion, and studying to become a chaplain.

The Rotary Clubs of Morristown and Dover extend their heartfelt congratulations to Kelly Brown and wish her every success in her future endeavors.

# ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUBS OF MORRISTOWN & DOVER:

The Rotary Clubs of Morristown and Dover are local chapters of Rotary International, a global network of community volunteers

dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Through service and fellowship, Rotary members work to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, support education, save mothers and children, and grow local economies. The Morristown Rotary Club put books in the hands of thousands of local children and families by giving away over 2,000 gently used children's books at the Morristown Fall Festival on the Green.

On Sunday, September 28, the Morristown Rotary booth became a hub of literary excitement as attendees enthusiastically took advantage of the free book redistribution. The selection featured a wide variety of titles, spanning from pre-school through 5th grade level, ensuring there was something for every young reader.

"The response from the community was tremendous," said a representative from the Morristown Rotary Club. "It's truly inspiring to see so many families eager to take home books and instill a love of reading in their children. This initiative perfectly aligns with Rotary's mission to support education and literacy, and we're thrilled to give these gently used books a second life."

We also wish to thank the Morristown High School Interact students for their invaluable services and Peapack Private Bank and Trust and Fully Promoted for hosting our depositary boxes.

The event highlights the Morristown Rotary Club's ongoing commitment to community service and educational support in the greater Morristown area. The club regularly organizes and participates in service projects that address local and international needs, with a strong focus on promoting literacy.

About the Morristown Rotary Club

The Morristown Rotary Club is a volunteer organization of community members united worldwide to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The club meets weekly and is dedicated to making a positive impact in the Morristown community. For more information visit morristownrotary.org.



(above, l-r) Kelly Brown, Rotarians Mel Sengupta, Bill Schuler, Aaron Oliver

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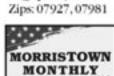
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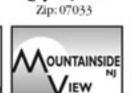
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Lone Eagle Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP).

Recently, Cadet 2d Lt Priyanka Nair, of the Lone Eagle Composite Squadron, was presented with her Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Billy Mitchell Award by Capt. Adam Fitting, Commander, at the Morristown Armory, Morristown, NJ. She is the daughter of Mr. Nair and Mrs. Leju of Glen Ridge, NJ.

She served as a flight commander at TN Wing encampment and has given presentations on the importance of character and the Spittin' Kitten's Squadron history. She was named the honorable graduate at the NJ Ground Search & Rescue(GSAR) Summer School and qualified for GTM 3, 2, and UDF. She is a sophomore at Newark Academy on the Varsity basketball team. Outside of school, she enjoys playing and teaching violin.

The Billy Mitchell award, the second cadet milestone achievement, is earned after the successful completion of the first eight achievements of the cadet program. In addition to the achievements, the cadet must pass a comprehensive examination on aerospace and leadership and attend a Basic Encampment. Only

about 15% of all Civil Air Patrol cadets achieve the Billy Mitchell Award.

Billy Mitchell Cadets who enlist in the U.S. Air Force are promoted to E-3 (airman first class) instead of E-1 (airman basic) upon completion of basic military training. Billy Mitchell cadets who enlist in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps are promoted to E-2 instead of E-1 upon completion of basic military training. Further, Billy Mitchell cadets who enlist in the US Coast Guard are promoted to E-3 (seaman) instead of E-1 (seaman recruit) upon completion of boot camp. Finally, they are considered favorably by the admission staff for selection to the AFROTC and the USAF Academy.

The Lone Eagle Composite Squadron meets on Wednesday nights, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Morristown National Guard Armory, NJ. Youth can start the cadet program at age twelve, and adults can join as senior members starting at age 18. For more information about the Lone Eagle Composite Squadron, contact Adam Fitting, Commander, at: adam.fitting@njwg.cap.gov. Also, see: loneeagle.org.

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(above, l-r) Cadet 2d Lt Priyanka Nair, Capt. Adam Fitting, Commander, Lone Eagle Composite Squadron, CAP.

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