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## STEVE MONETTI HONORED FOR LIFE-SAVING ACTIONS

*Township of Scotch Plains*

The Township of Scotch Plains recently recognized Steve Monetti for his heroic actions after saving a guest from a life-threatening emergency during a celebration at Congregation Beth Israel.

During a Bat Mitzvah at the synagogue on June 14, 2025, a guest began choking in the hallway outside of the sanctuary. A pill had become lodged in his throat.

Monetti, a security guard at the synagogue since April, stepped in without hesitation, performing the Heimlich maneuver and clearing the obstruction. His quick and composed response prevented what could have been a tragic outcome. As the event occurred in the hallway, it did not impact the Sabbath service underway.

In a Township proclamation issued by Mayor Joshua Losardo and the Township Council on October 24, 2025, Monetti was praised for his courage, calm under pressure, and life-saving efforts. The event included Rabbi Howard Tilman of CBI, and Aviva Tilles, who serves as the synagogue's executive director.

"We are so grateful for Steve's quick response to step up and jump into action, helping us avert a potential tragedy," the

rabbi said. "Our entire security team and personnel have become crucial partners in keeping our community safe. Knowing that our guards are prepared to handle so many different scenarios lets us all feel comfortable coming together for sacred occasions and special events. We were blessed to have Steve at our synagogue that morning."

The proclamation commends Monetti for his "bravery, calm under pressure, and life-saving efforts," expressing the community's deep gratitude and admiration.

"Steve's calm and decisive response in that moment of crisis was extraordinary," Mayor Losardo added. "His actions exemplify compassion and courage, and we're grateful that he was there to help when it mattered most."

Monetti's actions serve as a powerful reminder of the importance of emergency preparedness and the impact one person's courage can have.

"Stories like this remind us that heroism isn't limited by where you live - it's about being ready to act when someone is in need," Losardo added.

The Township's recognition of Monetti underscores a broader community value — that selflessness and quick thinking can make all the difference in a moment of crisis.

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(above) Local Hero Steve Monetti was honored by the Township of Scotch Plains for his life-saving actions during a community event.

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# COMMUNITY SERVICE DEVOTEE MARYANN MATTEO REMEMBERED

*Township of Scotch Plains*  
**Statement released on October 24, 2025:**  
The Township of Scotch Plains is mourning the loss of Maryann Matteo, a fixture in the Township Clerk's Office.



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Maryann, who always had a smile on her face and a friendly greeting for visitors, handled OPRA (Open Public Records Act) requests from the public for the past 8 ½ years. Prior to that, she worked at the Westfield Area YMCA for over 13 years.

“If you ever made an OPRA request in Scotch Plains Township, interacted with the Clerk’s office, or attended a Council meeting, chances are you crossed paths with Maryann,” Scotch Plains Deputy Mayor Matt Adams wrote. “She never had a negative word to say about anyone, and always had a smile on her face.”

An excerpt from Maryann's obituary:  
Maryann E Matteo 83, died unexpectedly, on Monday October 20, 2025 at Overlook Hospital in Summit, NJ.

Maryann was referred to by many as a Maverick: A modern, feminist go-getter - never stopping to achieve her personal and professional goals and always pushing for a greater good for her family and society. She worked for over 20 years with Kodak Inc. in business equipment and retail sales and was a nationally recognized sales leader operating out of the NYC Metro Area. Most recently, Maryann was working during her retirement and up until she passed away with the Township of Scotch Plains in the clerks office of vital statistics often working on various projects.

In her spare time she built a number of practical skills that she could use and share with

others. She was a certified dietician, which she pursued for the benefit of her daughter in her battle with MS. Maryann was a Master Gardener and enjoyed cooking vegan and traditional Italian meals she learned from her family. She became a matriarch for the family and proudly served that role, constantly checking in with family members and organizing visits and reunions.

Maryann was a longstanding, dedicated and highly active member of the Scotch Plains community in various civic roles. Over the years she served as Corresponding Secretary and Board Member of the Fanwood UNICO chapter and volunteered annually at the Labor Day Festival and could be found at either the Super 50/50 booth or the UNICO chapter booth. She was also a devoted member of the St Bartholomew Church Community and would often be seen quietly saying her rosary in the Narthex prior to mass.

Maryann is survived by her loving children Jeanmarie Hasiak and husband Robert, Ralph Barletta and wife Sandra, James Barletta and wife Stephanie, 7 caring grandchildren, Keith, Blake, Scott, Jeffrey, Vincent, Mason and Amelia and 2 cherished great grandchildren, Chloe & Miles. She is also survived by her brother James Matteo and wife Sharon as well as many nieces and nephews.

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# UNICO SUPPORTS ITALIAN STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

## Scotch Plains-Fanwood UNICO

As part of its mission to contribute to worthy initiatives while promoting the image of Italian Americans and Italian heritage and culture, Scotch Plains-Fanwood UNICO collaborated this fall with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SP-F HS) Italian Student Exchange Program.

SP-F UNICO's involvement in the program,

which continues through early 2026, began in August when the organization presented Italian teacher Signora Carmela Lambert and her students with a \$2,000 donation to the SPFHS Italian Exchange program. In February 2026, 15 SP-F HS students will travel to Sala Consilina/Teggiano in the province of Campania and live with host families for 10 days. The

students will also attend the local high school, Pomponio Leto Liceo, in Teggiano. SP-F UNICO's donation will be put toward the students' excursion to Sorrento and their tour of Capri.

As part of the program, several exchange students from Sala Consilina/Teggiano arrived on October 9 to attend SP-F HS and live with local host families.

SP-F UNICO Second Vice-President Jeff Blanck and members Domenick and Michele Saliola attended a welcome breakfast for the Italian students on October 10. The students attended SP-F HS during their visit and returned to their homes in Italy on October 19.

SP-F UNICO remains grateful that the SP-F HS Board of Education continues to offer Italian class as part of its World Language program and looks forward to future collaborative opportunities with the Italian program.



(above, l-r) Pictured with SP-F HS students are: Italian Teacher Signora Carmela Lambert, SP-F UNICO First VP Daniela Sellinger, and Board Member Luciana Rodak.

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(above) Fanwood neighbors, Anna Nocelli, Joan Falloon, Bernadette Hoyer, and Ellie Ashworth, will be among the carol groups participating in the Tiny Tim Carol Night and are looking forward to helping the Tiny Tim Fund continue its mission.

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# TINY TIM FUND LAUNCHES FUNDRAISER

The Tiny Tim Fund is launching its 2025 fundraising campaign with Carol Night on December 11th from 4 – 8 p.m. Carol groups will spread holiday cheer while requesting donations for the Tiny Tim Fund to continue its mission of providing financial support to help local families pay for children’s medical expenses.

Since carol groups can't reach all neighborhoods in Fanwood and Scotch Plains, Carol Night, as well as donations made in response to publicity, will be the organization’s sole fundraiser.

There is still time to form a carol group to participate in Carol Night. To obtain more info, to volunteer, and/or to request a referral application, please get in touch with Barbara at 732-259-6348 or Mari at 908-917-5979.

The Tiny Tim Fund is a registered NJ non-profit Corporation 501(c)(3) that raises funds to provide financial assistance to help families pay

for medical expenses for children in Fanwood and Scotch Plains, including doctors, dentists, and psychological testing. The organization has been assisting local families since 1983.

The Tiny Tim Fund is administered by a volunteer board of trustees composed of Fanwood and Scotch Plains citizens from varied sections of the community. There are no administrative fees. All collected contributions are dispersed for children’s needs.

Donations from local citizens, civic, and service organizations will enable the Tiny Tim Fund to continue supporting local families. The trustees are hopeful that this year’s donations will allow the Tiny Tim Fund to continue providing financial assistance for current cases and to accept new requests for help.

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This festive event brings together NJIO's three orchestras—Prelude, Intermezzo, and Symphony—for one joyful performance that showcases musicians of many ages and skill levels performing side by side. The program features a playful mix of holiday and family-friendly favorites, including Reineke's Toy Symphony, Vivaldi's Winter, and the always-rousing Radetzky March (complete with audience clapping). Concertgoers can also join in the fun with a sing-along of classic carols and hand-held percussion instruments for "Sleigh Ride" to close the concert.

Following the performance, families are invited to stay for NJIO's Instrument Petting Zoo, sponsored by Elefante Music, where children can meet musicians and try out orchestral instruments.

Thanks to a generous \$4,000 grant from The Summit Foundation, this year's Holiday Spirit concert will feature extra touches of fun, including printed program books for the sing-along and "instrument passports" for young concertgoers to collect stamps as they explore the Petting Zoo.

This concert is made possible by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, The Summit Foundation, Instrument Petting Zoo sponsor Elefante Music, Allison Ziefert Real Estate Group - Compass, and our season sponsors: the Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation, The Henry S. and Agnes M. Truzack Foundation, Standish Foundation, and many other generous supporters. NJIO is a proud participating organization in the Families First Discovery Pass Program, a program of the NJ Departments of Health and Human Services.



(above) Future orchestra member tries out the cello at the Instrument Petting Zoo

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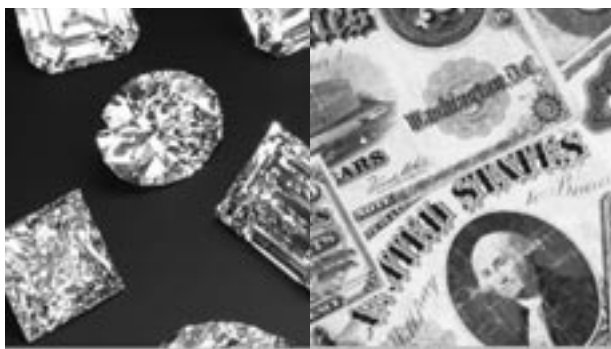
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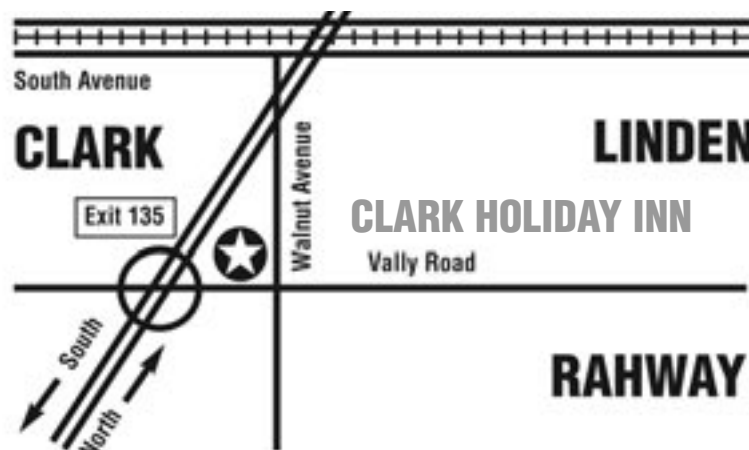
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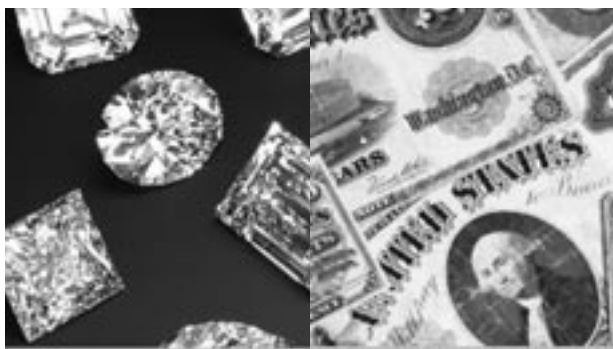
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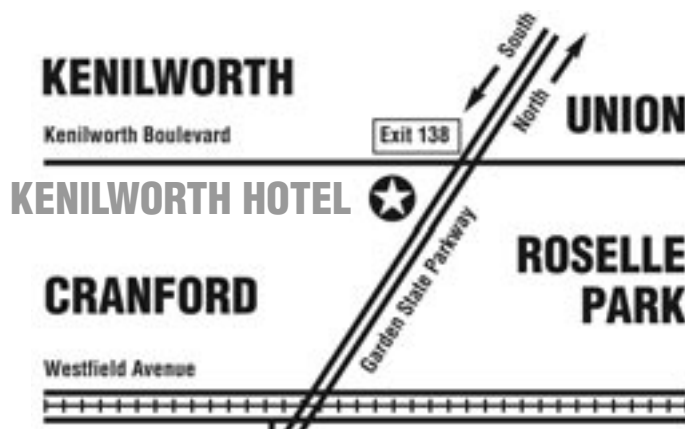
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The weekend event benefits the preservation of Twin Maples, 214 Springfield Avenue, Summit, a property on the New Jersey and National Historic Registers. The house was designed and built by New York architect Alfred F. Norris in the Colonial Revival style in 1908 and resembles the White House. The Fortnightly Club purchased the property in 1949. Today, Twin Maples serves as a clubhouse and hosts many community events and fundraisers. The Fortnightly Club of Summit, a non-profit

organization founded in 1893, offers women camaraderie and a full calendar of interesting events and volunteer opportunities. The Club supports the preservation of Twin Maples, education, the arts and humanitarian efforts. For over thirty-years the Club has awarded annual scholarships to deserving young, local women. Fortnightly Club’s 104 members are from Summit and many neighboring towns. To join or for more information, visit the Club’s website at [www.fortnightlyclub.org](http://www.fortnightlyclub.org).



(above) Santa visits with children at Twin Maples beside the Club’s Annual Mitten Tree



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## 2025 FALL APPEAL FOR FUNDING

*Contributing Author: Susan Baldani, a life member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad.*

The Scotch Plains Volunteer Rescue Squad has mailed its 2025 fall appeal for funding, emphasizing the importance of the service the organization has been providing to local residents for over 88 years. Unlike many other ambulance services, the squad is 100% volunteer. Not one of our over 90 members is paid; we work for pride, not pay, so we NEVER bill for our services.

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The volunteer squad uses 100% of your tax-deductible\* donation to fully stock our ambulances with the most innovative equipment. Last year, a new, state-of-the-art ambulance was purchased to continue the tradition of extraordinary service. The organization also offers ongoing training and provides uniforms free of charge to our members.

Please help us spread the word to your family, friends, and even your employers (who often match contributions) that our fund drive is underway. Those of you who have utilized our services in the past are well aware of the value and necessity of the Scotch Plains Volunteer



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Rescue Squad to the township.

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DONATION TODAY TO PO Box 325, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076. OR DONATE ONLINE AT [scotchplainsrescuesquad.com/donate/](http://scotchplainsrescuesquad.com/donate/) and click the donate online button or use

[swipesimple.com/links/lnk\\_fb861c9a](https://swipesimple.com/links/lnk_fb861c9a).

The Scotch Plains Volunteer Rescue Squad is also always looking for new members. We need people willing to dedicate time to helping their neighbors. If you're interested in volunteering, please stop by our building to pick up an application or complete one online at [scotchplainsrescuesquad.com](http://scotchplainsrescuesquad.com). All training is provided free of charge.

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The Township of Scotch Plains issued a proclamation during a council meeting held on October 28th recognizing National Friends of the Libraries Week (October 19-25). The Township joined communities across the country in celebrating the generous support and invaluable

contributions of local Friends groups.

The Scotch Plains Friends of the Library sponsor museum passes, organize book sales, purchase new audio players and other items for the Children's Room, and sponsor prizes for the Summer Reading Program.



*(Above) Members of the Scotch Plains Friends of the Library recently joined the Mayor and Township Council for the reading of a proclamation in honor of their service to the community.*

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# THE PLANETS IN CONCERT - DEC 13

Wharton Arts' New Jersey Youth Symphony (NJYS) invites audiences to journey across the cosmos at Galaxies of Joy: The Planets in Concert on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. on the UCPAC's Main Stage in Rahway, New Jersey. A Celestial Celebration Featuring Holst's The Planets with NASA Visuals and a World Premiere by NJYS Composer Oliver Kahng.

Led by Artistic Director & Principal Conductor Helen H. Cha-Pyo, this spectacular concert features Gustav Holst's iconic orchestral suite, The Planets, accompanied by stunning, high-definition NASA imagery from the NASA Scientific Visualization Studio (SVS). As the symphony journeys through Mars, Venus, Jupiter, and beyond, vivid visuals drawn from space telescope data and interplanetary missions will illuminate the music's grandeur—transforming the concert hall into a breathtaking voyage through the solar system. (Video credit: NASA's Scientific Visualization Studio, sv.gsfc.nasa.gov/12880.)

Adding to the excitement, the program includes the world premiere of PLUTO: The Gatekeeper to the Underworld by Oliver Kahng,

a senior at Regis High School and a member of the NJYS Youth Symphony. Kahng's original composition offers a contemporary continuation to Holst's planetary suite, inspired by Pluto's mythological and astronomical legacy.

Said Cha-Pyo, "At this magical time of year, there's no better gift to share with family and friends than The Planets, one of the most beloved works in the symphonic repertoire, brought to life with breathtaking NASA visuals and the remarkable artistry of our NJYS Youth Symphony. This concert celebrates the wonder that connects music and imagination, featuring Pluto, a new work by one of our own student composers. I invite you to join us on a truly inspiring journey through sound and creativity."

"Experiencing Holst's The Planets with NASA's stunning visuals creates an unforgettable celestial journey," said Executive Director Gina Caruso. "Premiering a new work by one of our own young composers makes the evening even more special, highlighting the imagination and creativity of our students at the New Jersey Youth Symphony."

Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$19 for students and seniors, available at UCPAC.org.



(above) NJYS Youth Symphony, conducted by Helen H. Cha-Pyo, will present Galaxies of Joy: The Planets in Concert will be presented on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at UCPAC's Main Stage, Rahway, NJ. Tickets available at: UCPAC.org

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# PIPES OF CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 14

The sound of pipes and drums will once again ring out this holiday season as the 27th Annual Pipes of Christmas returns with performances in Boston, New York City, and Summit, NJ.

Presented by the Learned Kindred of Currie, the beloved concert celebrates Scotland and Ireland's rich musical and spiritual heritage through a vibrant program of traditional carols, hymns, and readings that tell the story of Christmas through a distinctly Celtic lens.

## PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

- Boston, MA – December 5-6, Church of the Covenant at 7PM and Noon
- New York, NY – December 13, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church at 2PM
- Summit, NJ – Central Presbyterian Church at 2 and 7PM

## INFO AND TICKETS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE: WWW.PIPESOFCHRISTMAS.COM.

- Global Webcast of Concert Highlights to Follow

For those unable to attend in person, concert highlights will once again be shared with audiences around the world through the Pipes of Christmas Global Webcast, premiering on December 19 for subscribers.

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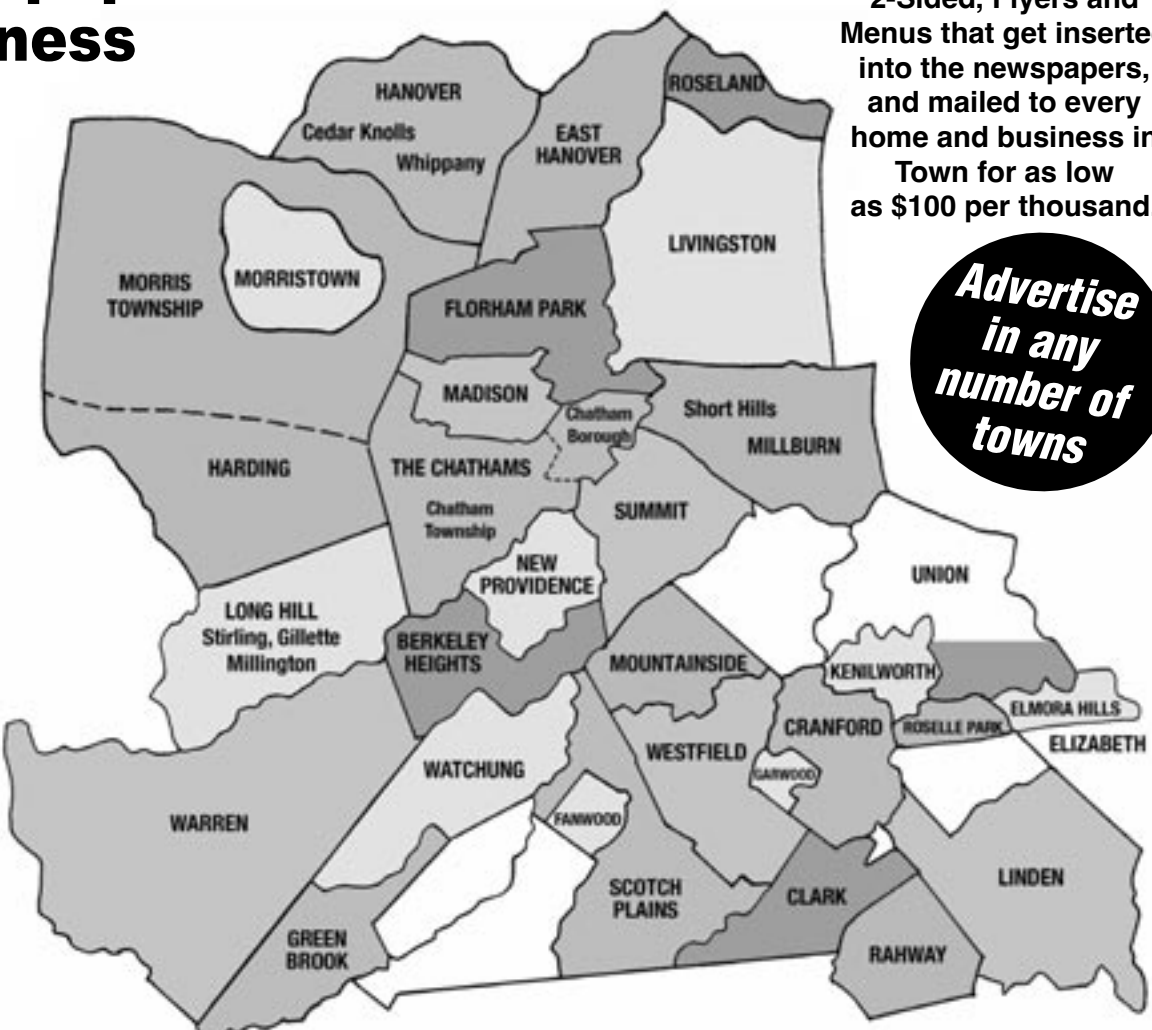
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Find new clothing, accessories, crafts, candles, holiday-themed hostess gifts and more. It’s a great opportunity to find presents for under the tree, to stuff in stockings, to mark Hanukkah or Kwanza, or even to re-donate to your favorite charities. It is also a great way to teach kids the value of money, allowing them to take pride in picking out affordable presents for their family and friends.

Note that a gift bought at the Thrift Shop has double meaning: One for your recipient and another for our community. All store proceeds outside of operating expenses are donated by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League to local non-profit organizations or used for student scholarships. So forget about tariffs, taxes and sky-rocketing prices by participating in a type of holiday giving that is more than just presents and decorations—it’s about giving back to the community. In addition to gift items, you can find an assortment of new and gently-used holiday

décor along with clothing, shoes, bric-a-brac, linens, household goods, toys, games and books.

The Thrift Shop is located at 1741 East Second Street in Scotch Plains. Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Saturday 10:00 a.m.. to 1:00 p.m.

To learn more about the Service League, volunteer opportunities and types of donations accepted call the store during Thrift Shop business hours: 908-322-5420. You can also visit “Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League” on Facebook.



(above, l-r) Service League members Elaine Junguenet and Betty Seery continue the Thrift Shop’s tradition of running a “Holiday Boutique” of new items for sale in time for the gift-giving season.

Courtesy Photo

# ROTARY LUMINARY SALES

During the month of December, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary club will sell Luminaries at the Fanwood Department of Public Works at 1 Fanwood Place (off of North Avenue / across from the Fanwood Public Library). The sale dates are December 13-14, December 20-21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and December 24 – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The luminary kits cost \$1.25 per kit in all quantities and include paper bags, candles and sand. Customers are encouraged to bring buckets, boxes or plastic bags to transport the sand. Payments can be made by cash, check or Venmo.

Pre-orders placed prior to December 12th for quantities of 25 or more will be discounted to \$1 per kit. See the Rotary website for additional information regarding online purchases: [fsprotary.org](http://fsprotary.org)

Luminaries are traditionally used to illuminate the streets on Christmas Eve. A candle is nestled in sand at the bottom of a paper bag and placed along sidewalks to create a beautiful walkway. The candles are then lit at dusk on Christmas Eve. Some neighborhoods in the area get together and buy hundreds of kits to create an amazing display.

All proceeds from the sale will be used to fund the various charitable and humanitarian projects that Rotary supports, both locally and internationally.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club has been serving the community since 1938. The club

meets at 12:15pm on the second and third Wednesdays of every month at the Stage House Restaurant. On the fourth Wednesday of the month, the club meets at Darby Road at 6:30 p.m. Guests are invited to attend and learn about the good that Rotary is doing worldwide. For further information about the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary club, go to [fsprotary.org](http://fsprotary.org) or visit their Facebook page: Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club.

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