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SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The East Hanover Senior Citizens Club Holiday Luncheon was held at the Hanover Manor, on Saturday, December 13, 2025. Over 200 members attended the festive event, which included a DJ and a visit from Santa. The Holiday Luncheon provides an opportunity to socialize with friends and celebrate the holiday season with wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

ABOUT THE EAST HANOVER SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The East Hanover Senior Citizens Club has over 400 members. It is an autonomous active non-profit organization under the umbrella of the East Hanover Township. The Senior Citizens Club objective is to promote a sense of community

among our members through various activities, trips, events, knowledge, and cultivate pride in being a member of our club and town. Members must be East Hanover residents 60 years of age and older. Dues are \$10 paid annually. Any senior citizen living in East Hanover may drop by the Senior Center at 96 Mount Pleasant Avenue, before or after Business Meetings scheduled on alternate Mondays (which start at 11:00 a.m.), or during the week between 9:00 and 3:00 to fill out a Membership Application that can be found in the office. Our Welcoming Committee will contact you when they receive your application. For more information visit easthanovertownship.com/Pages/senior-citizens-club.



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The series runs for 12 weeks on Monday nights beginning at 7:30 p.m. and ending at 9:00 p.m. It will begin February 2nd, 2026, and end May 4th, 2026. Five of the sessions are live in person and the remainder are on Zoom. There is



no cost to participate. You will need a desire for frank discussion, a willingness to participate and a commitment to attend. You will also need a computer or smartphone capable of Zoom sessions.

The live in person sessions will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 1571 S. Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ.

To register go onto IHMParish.net/Alpha.
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NEW CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PASTOR MEETS WITH ROTARY

Florham Park Rotary Club

Pastor Carie Stanley joined the Friday morning Florham Park Rotary breakfast meeting on Friday, December 5 held at the Florham Park Diner. Dave Kramer, Rotary club president, happily greeted the new pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church as she enjoyed meeting with the Rotarians at the Diner, and also those attending via Zoom.

“We learned of her wealth of experience organizing and working with youth, that she

recently celebrated her 25th anniversary of her ordination, and her enthusiasm for the future in Florham Park.” shared Kramer.

Pastor Stanley has been very busy since her arrival. In October she also held a “Blessing of the Animals” as she also planned local community visits, including one to Delaney-At-The-Green. The Calvary Presbyterian Church is in the Advent season and that will continue each Sunday through Dec. 21, culminating with the Christmas Eve service.

The church invited all to services to explore the classic story of “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens. Sermons started Sunday, November 30 with First Sunday of Advent – “Bah Humbug, Who Needs Peace?” then Second Sunday – “The Ghost of Christmas Past: Bah Humbug, Who needs Hope?”, the Third Sunday “The Ghost of Christmas Present: “Bah Humbug, Who needs Joy”, and ended with the 4th Sunday, December 21, with the “Ghost of Christmas

Future: Bah Humbug, Who needs Love?” sermon.

The Calvary Presbyterian Church sits high on a site known as the “Knoll” at 144 Ridgedale Avenue. The building was completed in 1955. Sunday Worship Services start at 10:30 a.m. with Fellowship at 11:30 a.m. It’s a good opportunity to welcome her to Florham Park. To learn more about Rev. Carie Stanley and her position at Calvary, see calvarytodaylive.org.

Rotary International is a nonpolitical and nonsectarian organization open to all people, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, or political preference. To learn more about the world’s oldest service organization and perhaps consider joining our local club, see florhamparkrotary.org. As Pastor Stanley found, guests are welcome to attend a weekly Rotary breakfast meeting at the Florham Park Diner at 182 Ridgedale Ave. Rotary meetings are 7:47 to 8:50 a.m. every Friday.



(above) Rotarians Dave Kramer and Peter Nicolas with Calvary Presbyterian Church Rev. Carrie Stanley.

Courtesy Photo

Memory Cafe of Christ Church Summit



CAFE FOR THOSE WITH MEMORY LOSS

Christ Church, Summit, NJ

Too often, those living with memory loss can suffer from social stigma and isolation. A Memory Cafe is a social gathering for those living with cognitive loss, together with their care-partners. It’s a welcoming community where all feel safe, accepted, and understood.

“The Gathering Place” is a monthly Memory Cafe hosted by volunteers at Christ Church in Summit. They meet the first Wednesday of every month, from 12 - 2 p.m.

Guests socialize over a light, nutritious lunch and share friendship, information, and often a few laughs. It is non-sectarian and all are welcome. From guests: “It was enjoyable, uplifting, and worthwhile,” and “I wish my mother had something like this to participate in while she was able.”

A suggested donation is \$5 per person.

RSVP is requested for menu-planning.

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JANUARY SPEAKERS PROGRAM FOR THE SUMMIT AREA OLD GUARD

The Summit Area Old Guard is a social, educational, and recreational organization that serves men of retirement age. We meet Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., at the New Providence Presbyterian Church located at 1307 Springfield Ave – we encourage visitation, and all are welcome. Our motto is “Come for the Programs. Stay for the Friends.” The organization was founded in 1930. Our website address is summitoldguard.org.

In January, we will have four speakers:
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH: RICHARD LANDER

Shares a deep, personal connection to the Civil War as the great-grandson of John R. Lander, a Union soldier. John emigrated from Germany and enlisted with an Illinois regiment at the remarkably early age of fourteen, serving for the entire duration of the war. This military service instilled a generational interest: members of the Lander family have continuously studied the Civil War and maintained membership in the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). In his presentation, Richard will detail the complex tapestry of events that led to the conflict, covering the cultural, political, economic, and military factors at play. Attendees are encouraged to note the striking parallels between these historical forces and current events.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH: DR. DEAN EPPLER

Though the Apollo Program was a revolutionary 20th-century achievement, many of its difficulties and successes have faded into

historical obscurity. Dr. Dean Eppler, a retired NASA scientist with over 35 years in human spaceflight, possesses the breadth of experience to bring the mission into focus. His background includes Apollo Program history, advanced space suit engineering, ISS facility development, and training/selecting astronauts (1990, 1996, and 1998 selections). Dr. Eppler will identify the key areas of the mission's success and discuss Apollo's enduring contributions to human spaceflight.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH: HOWARD MEYER

A long-time leader in New Jersey volunteer EMS. He is the past president of the EMS Council of New Jersey, the country's largest volunteer squad association, and served as its volunteer legislative director for over 20 years. Since 1971, he has served in leadership roles, including president and chief, across all types of New Jersey environments—rural, suburban, and urban. Howard will detail the history and

evolution of the volunteer EMS system, highlighting its critical importance to the state. His talk will cover key events and the major challenges volunteer squads face moving forward.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH: BOB GULA

The Forgotten Victory Trail explores one of America's most overlooked Revolutionary chapters in the brutal campaigns of 1780 in NJ, when burning towns, secret networks, and fierce local resistance helped turn the tide of the war. The Battles of Springfield and Connecticut Farms in June 1780 were critical in the defense of New Jersey (and Washington's forces in Morristown) and in the weakening of the British Forces ahead of the Battle of Yorktown. Our speaker will be Bob Gula, Education Officer –West Fields Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution Patriotic Instructor, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Member and General Society of Mayflower Descendants.



(above, l-r) Richard Lander; Dr. Eppler; Howard Meyer; Robert Gula

HICKORY TREE CHORUS INVITES ACAPPELLA SINGERS TO OPEN AUDITIONS

The award-winning Hickory Tree Chorus is calling singers in the soprano, alto, and contralto ranges to join their harmonious sisterhood!

Performing in communities throughout northern and central New Jersey, the chorus enjoys singing recognizable popular songs - arranged in rich four-part harmony.

Fresh off their top-scoring performance at the 2025 Sweet Adelines Region 15 competition, the

chorus has earned a coveted spot in the Harmony Classic at the 78th Annual Sweet Adelines International Competition in Columbus, Ohio, October 2026. Now, they're building their sound for the world stage.

Open auditions will be held in Stirling between 6:30-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in January 2026 and take less than 10 minutes (flexible scheduling is available). Singers are

asked to perform a brief acappella song of their choice. No experience required, just a love of singing and a desire to grow.

This is more than a chorus—it's a sisterhood, a mission, and a moment. Will your voice be part of it?

For details and to schedule your audition, email us at info@hickorytreechorus.org or call 908-377-1399.



(above) The award-winning Hickory Tree Chorus invites you to join the sisterhood. For details and to schedule your audition, email us at info@hickorytreechorus.org or call 908-377-1399.

MORRIS COUNTY LIBRARY JANUARY EVENTS

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Lunch & Learn: Wills, Trusts, & Estates

Fri., Jan. 23, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

with Morris County Surrogate Heather J. Darling: Surrogate Darling will discuss wills, trusts, and estates.

Registration is required at tinyurl.com/mcl-lunch6.

Celebrate 250:

Music of the American Revolution:

Tue., Jan. 27, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Anne and Ridley Enslow return for an entertaining evening of 18th-century songs about the struggle for American independence. No registration; seats are limited and first-come, first-seated.

ALL AGES

Chess Club

Wed., Jan. 14, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Friendly & non-competitive chess games between players of all ages and ability levels. No registration.

Spanish Conversation

Thu., Jan. 29, 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. For teens and adults. in the Conference Room

ADULTS

Computer Classes for Adults

January classes include PC Basics, Excel I, II, & III, Internet Basics, Online Spam & Phishing, and Intro to Excel Tables. Schedule and registration (required) at:

mclib.info/Programs/Computer-Classes

Friday Afternoon Movies at 2:00 p.m.

no registration:

1/9: "Relay"

1/16: "The Untouchables"

1/30: "Eleanor the Great"

True Crime Chat (Via Zoom)

Thu., Jan. 8, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. via Zoom.

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. Register at tinyurl.com/mcltruecrime

Tuesday Book Club

Tue., Jan. 13, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

January's book: The Ten Thousand Doors of January by Alix E. Harrow. No registration.

Socrates Cafe

Tue., Jan. 20, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

A discussion group using the dialogue of the Socratic Method. No registration.

Mystery Book Club

Mon., Jan. 26, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

January's book: The Moonstone by Wilkie Collins. No registration.

Writers Circle

Wed., Jan. 28, 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.

CHILDREN

Winter Bingo Reading Challenge

Mon., Jan. 5 through Sat., Jan. 31

Complete a bingo card and return it to the Children's Room for a prize. For ages birth-12. No registration.

Paws for Reading

Thu., Jan. 22, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Read to a very patient therapy dog! For ages 5-12. Registration (required) begins 1/13 at: tinyurl.com/mcl-paws1 in the Children's Room

LEGO Club

Sat., Jan. 24, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Create and build using LEGO! For ages 4-12.

Registration (required) begins 1/13 at:

tinyurl.com/mcl-lego5

Preschool Storytime & Music w/Mr. Laurence:

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Stories, fingerplays and music with Mr. Laurence. For ages 2-5. No registration.

YOUTH/TEEN FORMAL WEAR DRIVE

Livingston Public Library

Do you have an old party dress collecting dust in your closet? A suit you wore to Junior Prom that you've outgrown? Give it new life and donate to the Livingston Library's Youth/Teen Formal Wear Drive!

We're collecting gently used or new formal wear to help kids in our community get ready for special events like prom, special parties.

Drop off dresses, suits, dress shirts & ties and dress shoes, in the bin located in the Youth Wing, beginning on November 3rd through January 26th. All items should be clean and in good, wearable condition.

All donated formal wear will be distributed at the library on Saturday, January 31st. More details about that event will follow.

Your tax-deductible donation can help another child shine and feel confident & ready to celebrate. Let's help each other dress to impress, one outfit at a time!

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YOUTH CHORUS TO HOLD AUDITIONS

The New Jersey Youth Chorus (NJYC), a program of Wharton Arts, will hold mid-year auditions for select ensembles in January 2026 for singers in grades 3 - 12. Auditions provide young vocalists with the opportunity to join a vibrant choral community rooted in musical excellence, collaboration, and belonging. To register for an audition for NJYC's Primo Coro, Cor Amici, Sola Voce, and Camerata, visit NJYC.org.

Throughout the season, NJYC choristers participate in exceptional performance and educational opportunities at the local, regional, and national levels. Highlights this season include:

- Life of Song Festival in Washington, DC, for Sola Voce and Cor Amici
- "The Vocal Edge" Middle School Boys Festival
- "Together We Sing" Festival for Primo Coro
- Collaboration with the Maplewood Glee Club for Camerata
- Performance of the National Anthem for the New York Mets, featuring all NJYC choirs
- Choral Festival at Carnegie Hall for Camerata
- Sing a Mile High Festival in Denver, Colorado, for Sola Voce and Cor Amici

For more information, call (973) 998-5670 or email info@njyc.org.

Wharton Arts is New Jersey's largest independent non-profit community performing arts education center serving nearly 2,000 students through a range of classes and ensembles. The 5 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Chorus, an auditioned choral ensemble program for students in grades 3-12, encourage a love and appreciation of choral music while nurturing personal growth and creative development. The 15 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Symphony, which serve over 500 students in grades 3-12 by audition, inspire young people to achieve musical excellence through high-level ensemble training and performance opportunities. Based in Paterson, the Paterson Music Project is an El Sistema-inspired program of Wharton Arts that uses music education as a vehicle for social action by empowering and inspiring young people to achieve their full potential through the community experience of ensemble learning and playing. From Pathways classes for young children to Lifelong Learning programs for adults, the Wharton Performing Arts School has a robust musical theater and drama program and offers both private and group classes for instruments and voice for all ages and all abilities. With the belief in the positive and unifying influence of music and that performing arts education should be accessible to all people regardless of their ability to pay, Wharton Arts offers need-based scholarships.

Wharton Arts is located in Berkeley Heights, New Providence, and Paterson, NJ and reaches students from 12 counties. All of Wharton Arts' extraordinary teaching artists, faculty members, and conductors hold degrees in their teaching specialty and have been vetted and trained to enable our students to achieve their personal best.

BECOME A LITERACY NJ VOLUNTEER TUTOR

Literacy New Jersey

Literacy New Jersey announces its winter Tutor Information Session on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 6 p.m. The Tutor Information Session is a prerequisite to registering for Literacy NJ's Tutor Training Program. The Tutor Training Program consists of 5 sessions starting on Wednesday, January 21 and will provide tutor trainees with the tools and strategies necessary for working with adult students in one of three categories: English As A Second Language (ESL), High School Equivalency (GED), or Basic Skills.

All training sessions will be conducted online via Zoom. The five required training sessions will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays. The dates are: January 21, 26, 28 and February 2 & 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. After completing the training sessions, tutors are matched with a small group of adult students from the growing waiting list of students who need to improve their literacy skills. Tutors meet with their students either online or in person in libraries throughout Union or Middlesex County for 2 hours each week. After training, tutor trainees may be matched with a tutor mentor to guide them through their first lesson plans. New tutor volunteers are asked to make a commitment of at least 50 hours of instruction with students.

Neil Esposito, a Literacy New Jersey volunteer ESL tutor said: "I'm passionate about sharing my time and ability with my students. It gives me great pleasure to witness the progress of my students over the semesters. Several of my students have reached important, personal goals directly linked to their English language progress.

One student has taken on an important telephone-based role in her husband's construction business, talking daily with English speaking clients. Another has passed her certification exam as a bi-lingual teacher's aide in a middle school. These achievements, among numerous others, are the rewards and blessings that make being a literacy volunteer a highlight

of my life."

Literacy New Jersey provides ongoing supervision and support to tutors in the form of free Professional Development workshops on specific topics such as Computer Skills for ESL students, ESL Conversation, Citizenship and Job Readiness.

To volunteer, you must be at least 18 years old, able to speak English and willing to tutor in Union or Middlesex County. You do not need to have any teaching experience and you do not need to speak a foreign language. The training will provide volunteers with techniques and strategies for working with adult learners, as well as sample instructional materials and activities. There is a \$25 registration fee to cover the cost of books and materials. Literacy New Jersey is a non-profit organization.

For more information or to register for the Tutor Information Session on Wednesday January 7, 2026, please call Literacy New Jersey at 908-486-1777 x400 or email Barbara Bagger, Program Director, at bbagger@literacynj.org.



(above) Make a difference, become a Literacy NJ volunteer tutor. For more information, or to register for the Tutor Information Session on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, please call Literacy New Jersey at 908-486-1777 x400 or email Barbara Bagger, Program Director, at bbagger@literacynj.org.

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(above) Recent graduates

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In some cases the majority of content in the newspaper had been the legal ads. In question was the criteria for the mandate, i.e., were the publications meeting the required numbers of

paid subscriptions, and circulation.

The idea of doing away with the mandate, though practical, was considered political poison. No lawmaker wanted to be deemed responsible as the cause for newspapers' closures and people losing their jobs. During the Governor Christi administration the Star Ledger warned that doing away with the mandates would cause 250 weekly newspapers to close.

What brought about the change is a successful lawsuit filed by the County of Warren which named the Star Ledger and Daily Record as defendants. The suit may have been the last straw in the Ledger's decision to stop printing the newspaper in January of 2025.

Local governments will now be required to publish their legal notices on their websites.



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