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- Toys, blankets, hats, gloves, stuffed animals
- Two \$40 target gift cards
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**RPFD DONORS INCLUDING:**

- AtA Martial Arts, Roselle Park
- Roselle Park Library knitting club
- St. gen's helping hands group / Religious education and confirmation programs / parishioners
- Triton International
- Annamarie's ceramic group, Clark
- Grace Alberts, Roselle Park High School student who has been helping for 14 years!

**DONATIONS WENT TO:**

- Cooperman Barnabas Hospital (ER, Burn Unit, Peds)
- St Joseph's / Elizabeth coalition in Elizabeth
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## SHARP-SHINNED HAWK RELEASED BACK TO WILD

This feisty Sharp-shinned Hawk was admitted on 12/22 after being found in a yard in Warren following a window strike. On intake, the hawk had bloody nares and mouth, consistent with head trauma often seen after collisions. The nares are a bird's nostrils, located near the base of the beak, and bleeding there often points to head or facial trauma from collisions.

With supportive care and time to heal, this "Sharpie" as we call them, made great progress and was moved to an outside flight cage on 12/28/25. After proving strong, steady flight and good awareness, the hawk was successfully released back to the wild on 1/2/2026.

Sharp-shinned Hawks are incredibly fast and agile forest hunters, built to weave through dense trees while chasing small birds. That same speed and focus, however, can make them especially vulnerable to window strikes when reflective

glass looks like open sky or habitat.

Remember, small changes matter, adding window decals is a simple way to help protect avian wildlife.

### ABOUT THE RAPTOR TRUST

The Raptor Trust is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located at 1390 White Bridge Rd., Millington, NJ. They provide free care and assistance to injured, sick, or orphaned wild birds. They offer educational programs to the public about wild birds, especially birds of prey. They strive to provide a human example for others. For more information, or to make a donation visit [info@theraptortrust.org](mailto:info@theraptortrust.org). To report an injured bird call 908-647-2353.

### RAPTOR TRUST SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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Location: The Raptor Trust, 1390 White Bridge Road, Millington, NJ 07946

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### APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY FEB 6TH, 2026.

To apply, please submit an application, resume, and cover letter through our website at [theraptortrust.org/summer-scholars-program](http://theraptortrust.org/summer-scholars-program). A selection of 2-3 references whom we may contact is optional. Contact Amanda Cannizzo

at [acannizzo@theraptortrust.org](mailto:acannizzo@theraptortrust.org)

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Knights of Columbus Monsignor Loreti Council #3240

On Saturday, January 24, 2026, the Knights of Columbus Monsignor Loreti Council #3240, at Church of the Assumption in Roselle Park, held its 12th Annual Pizza Tasting Contest. Hours before the biggest snowstorm to hit the area in years, 135 people attended the event, with each attendee sampling pizza from seven area pizzerias and voting for their favorite.

The pizzeria restaurants who donated the pizza to make this event possible are: Calabria Pizzeria (Cranford), Costa's Restaurant and Pizzeria (Roselle Park), Johnny Napkins (Union), Master Pizza and Italian Kitchen

(Union, Carlstadt, Livingston, West Orange), Naples Pizzeria (Roselle), Papa Johns (Kenilworth), and Vinny's Pizza and Pasta (Cranford).

This year's event raised \$1,700 for the Loreti Council Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships to students attending catholic high schools. In a first for our event, two pizzerias tied for the top spot: Master Pizza and Italian Kitchen and Naples Pizzeria.

Family, friends and neighbors enjoyed a great night, made possible only because of the generosity of these seven pizzeria restaurants.

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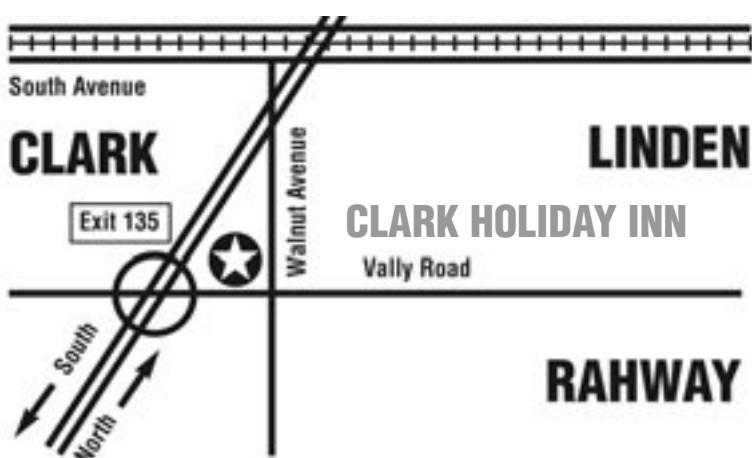
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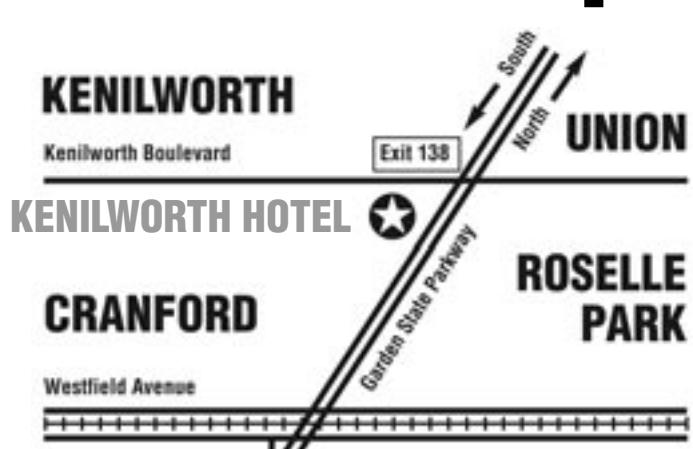
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### FIRST ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY

Our first annual Tricky Tray event will be held on March 20th. It is open to the public. Call Brenda for tickets and more information 908-305-4110.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) is an American fraternal organization based around charity and community service.

Our efforts are focused on special needs children and veterans. NJ Elks are compassionate, touching lives, changing tomorrow. The BPOE is 100% non-profit and relies on grants or private and public fundraisers.

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## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### (AGES 0-11)

#### PRESCHOOL STORY CRAFT

(TUESDAYS @ 11:00 AM)

Join Miss Faith for a story followed by crafts designed to encourage imagination, fine motor skills, and self-expression. Ages 0-5

#### STORY TIME PLAY GROUP

(WEDNESDAYS @11:00AM)

Join Miss Faith for fun stories and songs, then enjoy free play with friends in our playgroup!

Ages 0-5

#### LEGO CLUB

(WEDNESDAYS @3:00 PM)

#### & SELECT SATURDAYS @ 11:00 AM

Ready, set, build! With our bricks and your imagination, the possibilities are endless! Bring a friend (or two!) and get ready to create something amazing. Ages: 3-12

#### THE LITTLE MOVIE SHOW\*\*\*

(MONDAY 2/2 @3:30 PM)

Come hang out in the program room for a fun short film and tasty snack! It's the perfect way to unwind after school. Online registration is required. Ages: 5-11

#### KIDS CRAFT AFTERNOON\*\*\*

(MONDAY 2/9 @3:30 PM)

Enjoy a sweet story and create a Valentine for someone special. All supplies are provided. Online registration is required. Ages: 5-11

#### KIDS BINGO\*\*\*

(MONDAY 2/23 @3:30 PM)

Join us for exciting Bingo games, cool prizes, and tasty snacks. A great way to hang out and have fun with friends! Online registration is required. Ages: 5-11

## FAMILY EVENTS

### A STORY TIME CELEBRATION WITH MISS JOLIE\*\*\*

(SATURDAY, 2/7 @11:00AM)

Join us as we celebrate Take Your Child To The Library Day with a special author visit storytime with Miss Jolie! A joyful blend of music, bubbles, and storytime, featuring a reading of Miss Jolie's children's book, Searching for Good Luck—a heartwarming story about gratitude and perspective. Includes music, dancing and bubbles! Best suited for children ages 1 to 6 years old but older children are welcome!

### LEARN THE BASICS OF CURSIVE HANDWRITING

(SATURDAY, 2/28 @ 11:00 AM)

Join Ms. Maria in our cursive writing class. All ages welcome.

### 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN AGES 0-5

Sign up for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Read books and collect prizes! Sign ups are ongoing, drop in any time to sign up. Roselle Park residents only.

## TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

### (AGES 12-17)

#### TWEEN CRAFT

(WEDNESDAY, 2/4 AFTER SCHOOL)

Join us at the library to make a Valentine's Day card and craft. While supplies last. Ages 12-17

#### TWEEN COOKIE DECORATING

(WEDNESDAY, 2/11 AFTER SCHOOL)

Join us at the library for a cookie decorating event. While supplies last. Ages 12-17

#### TWEEN WINTER MOVIE

(TUESDAY, 2/24 AFTER SCHOOL)

Join us at the library for a winter movie event. Ages 12-17

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### ESL (Ms. Faith Beginner level)

(MONDAYS 2/2 and 2/23 5:00PM-6:30PM)

This class is for beginner ESL students looking to advance their skills in reading, writing, and speaking.

### ESL (Ms. Lisa Intermediate level)

(THURSDAYS 5:00PM-6:30PM)

This class is for intermediate ESL students looking to advance their skills in reading, writing, and speaking.

#### TAI-CHI

(TUESDAYS 6:30PM-7:30PM)

Build strength, flexibility, and balance through this gentle form of exercise for ages teens through adults. Space is limited. Roselle Park residents given priority.

#### ADULT CRAFT NIGHT\*\*\*

(MONDAY 2/9 @6:30PM)

#### SOUND BATH\*\*\*

(SATURDAY 2/14 @11:30AM)

### CAFFEINE & CHAPTERS ADULT BOOK CLUB\*\*\*

(THURSDAY 2/26 6:00PM)

Review our book of the month. Call/visit the circulation desk to reserve a spot.

#### KNITTING CLUB

(WEDNESDAYS 1:00 - 3:00 PM)

Knit and crochet winter hats and scarves to donate to charities.

#### QUILTING CLUB

(2nd + 4th THURSDAYS 1:00 - 3:00 PM)

Try out new quilting patterns with friends.

## LIBRARY SERVICES

### NOTARY SERVICES

Tuesdays 1:00pm-7:30pm,

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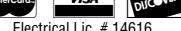
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Zip: 07901

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# VOLUNTEER FACILITATORS JOIN COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY

## Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss

The staff at Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss are so excited to welcome 10 wonderful new volunteers to the Imagine community! This group recently spent 3 full days or 24 hours sharing stories of loss and giving and receiving support. During their training, these new volunteers also learned about the Companioning Model for grief support created by Dr. Alan Wolfelt and practiced in Imagine's support

groups. The idea is that we're not going to be able to fix anyone's grief, but we can walk alongside them as companions on their grief journey. We can create opportunities for story sharing, connection, and support, which is what Imagine's volunteer facilitators do night after night in Imagine's support groups.

Many who have attended Imagine's trainings have shared that they use the skills gained during the training in their everyday lives as they support

and connect with others. One volunteer shared this about her training experience: "This training gave me skills that I didn't even know I needed. What I gained from taking part in this facilitator training will assist me in every relationship I have. I've already learned how to be a better listener to my children, to my husband, and to my friends...this training was life-changing!"

The staff at Imagine are so pleased to welcome these compassionate new volunteers to their incredible community of facilitators that's now over 140 strong! Imagine couldn't possibly support the hundreds of participants who take part in their support groups each year without their volunteer facilitators...they are truly the heart of Imagine.

If you are inspired by this work, please visit [imaginenz.org](http://imaginenz.org) to learn more about joining the Imagine family.

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss is a 501c3 that offers training and education on loss and grief to the community and free year-round grief support groups for children ages 3-18 and young adults 19-30 who are coping with a loss due to death. Concurrently, support groups are available for the parents and caregivers of the children in the groups and offered in English and Spanish. Imagine has centers in Newark and Mountainside and offers virtual groups as well. For more information, please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or [info@imaginenz.org](mailto:info@imaginenz.org) or visit our website at [imaginenz.org](http://imaginenz.org).



(above, l-r) Imagine's latest Facilitator Training class members Back Row: Justin Mitchell, Jennifer Moshier, Susan Gray, Josie Gray, John Karuitha, Fabio Taliercio. Front Row: Lindsay Sherman, Imagine's MSW Intern, Lucy Makin, Caroline Shelby and Silquia Patel

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