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DAN IS THE THIRD EAGLE SCOUT IN THE KENNY FAMILY

On Saturday, June 20, 2013, the Eagle Court of Honor for Daniel Kenny of Troop 235 took place in North Plainfield's Vermeule Center. Congressman Leonard Lance and the Honorable Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor of North Plainfield, presented special commendations. As a resident of Hunterdon County, Congressman Lance spoke of his own family ties to North Plainfield – his father was a teacher at North Plainfield High School in the 1930's – and compared this to the Kenny family's experience as both Hunterdon County residents and a strong Eagle family in North Plainfield. Dan is the third Eagle Scout in the Kenny family, following in the footsteps of his older brothers, Mark and Ryan. Their mother, Maria was a Den Leader in Pack 149 in Middlesex until all the boys graduated to Troop 235 where their father, Tim, has been Committee Chairman since 2000. Even after moving to Readington in 2004, the family remained in the North Plainfield troop.

Mark became Eagle and graduated from St. Joseph HS in Metuchen in 2007, received a BA in Film and Video from Drexel University in 2011, has a Production Assistant credit on Star Trek Into Darkness and is currently working in the Art department of the next Star Wars film. Mark's Eagle project was to refurbish a gazebo and build and install bird houses in Middlesex Park.

Ryan was awarded Eagle Scout in 2011, graduated early from Hunterdon Central in January 2012 and is living with his brother Mark in LA while he attends NY Film Academy at its Burbank, CA campus. Ryan's Eagle project was to resolve an erosion issue and beautify the area on the slope between the entrance to the North Plainfield Library and the parking lot, as well as to replace the railroad ties at the



(above, l-r) Kenny Eagle Family:
Mark, Tim, Daniel, Maria, Ryan.

bottom of the slope with a block curb. He fund raised over \$3,000 from local residents, community organizations and businesses.

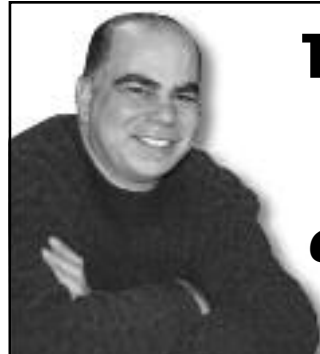
Dan was awarded Eagle Scout this year, graduated from Hunterdon Central on Friday, June 19 and will be attending Roanoke College in Salem, VA in the fall, majoring in Creative Writing. His goal is to work for DC Comics. Dan's Eagle Project was to dig 2 dry wells behind Vermeule Mansion in North Plainfield, where 4 drain spouts were diverting rain water onto the sidewalk and into the parking lot, causing dangerous conditions – especially in the winter. After digging the wells and diverting the down spouts underground with perforated drain pipe, 5 ½ tons of stone were used to fill the wells and cover the drain pipes. Then 3 tons of farm clean soil covered the area where 14 boxwoods were planted and grass seed was spread.

CUB SCOUTS' ROCKET DERBY TAKES OFF

Cub Scout pack 135 of North Plainfield held its 3rd annual Rocket Derby on June 19th at West End field. It was attended by over 100 people including Mayor Michael Giordano, Jr. and Sparky from the Somerset Patriots. Pack 135 is holding its annual Raingutter Regatta at the Vermuele Center on August 15th and would like to invite anyone to attend. The Cub Scout program is open to all boys from the 1st grade to 5th grade after which

they may join Troop 235 of North Plainfield to further enhance their scouting experience for themselves and the community they live in. Please join us and discover what the scouting experience is all about. We offer a full year program including the Pinewood Derby, Rocket Derby, Raingutter Regatta, den outings, monthly award ceremonies and at least two annual weekend camping trips.

(right) Matthew with his rocket.



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Message from the President

PUTTING MORE ON MY PLATE

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer vacations. This is the time to relax and enjoy spending time with family at a relaxing retreat of fun and sun. Ok, maybe not in this 95° heat.

I am please to say that North Plainfield Business Association now has 38 members. We have taken an organization that was started in 1938 into the 21st century. We now communicate online. I remember when we brought in people to talk about web pages.

I've been President for 18 yrs. (please someone take over) and have seen a lot of changes in North Plainfield. I've worked with 3 mayors, 4 police chiefs and 4 fire chiefs. As it has been said by a dear friend of mine Franklyn J. Pflueger, "I have walked in the Moccasins."

I enjoy helping people start up their new businesses and careers in North Plainfield, which is a very close knit community. We like to help and support our own. With our organization being able to work with the Tri County Chamber of Commerce, we now can bring more people together to help each other.

After our first two successful networking events we are now planning our third in September. Details will be in the August issue of The Pride newspaper. Buy-Rite Liquors on Rte 22 in North Plainfield is willing to host. The last event we held there was a huge success. We had four Wineries presenting samples and food from local restaurants.

So, you can see, the NPBA keeps me pretty busy. And, as if I'm not busy enough, I would like to announce that I'm starting a new venture. As you can see by the photo on page 3 of me and my daughter Ashley, I am entering the food industry. I purchased Mrs. G's Bagel and Deli shop and will operate it along with the rest of my family; Ashly, who graduated NPHS in 2012 and is majoring in business management at RVCC; My daughter Laura graduated in 1999 and married to Robert Pina, the best son-in-law a guy could want. She is also the mother to Autumn 6 and Pryce 4; and my wife of 34 yrs, Tami.

We intend to bring a fresh new appearance and expanded menu to this location, as well as longer hours. I don't want to let too much out of the bag but I think everyone will be surprised. We hope we can cut the mustard (pun intended). We hope to be open mid-August for some soft openings prior to the Grand Opening We hope to see you there.

Thank you,

Peter Eddy

President

Contact NPBA c/o P&E Plastic Fabrication Co.,
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The NPBA's mission is to promote the economic, professional and civic welfare of North Plainfield. It will provide an opportunity for all types of local businesses to band together and promote commerce in our town. The Business Association will work closely with North Plainfield's government (and with trade organizations throughout Somerset County and NJ) to ensure our local business interests are protected. There is strength in numbers: member businesses will take advantage of shared marketing costs, as well as a rich community of neighbors to help them network and get their brand out in the market.



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5TH GRADE STUDENTS GRADUATE DARE PROGRAM

The 2013, North Plainfield DARE graduation was held on June 13, at Somerset School. All 5th grade students were recognized and those that wrote winning essays read them at the assembly.

DARE, (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), is a 9 week class taught by a police officer to all 5th grade students in North Plainfield Schools; it has been taught in North Plainfield since 1990.

The program's goal is to give the students methods to avoid becoming involved with drugs, alcohol, tobacco and violence. Detective Fowler has been the lead DARE instructor since 1996.

Chief Parenti said: "While DARE has been

eliminated in other communities due to budget cuts, both the North Plainfield Board of Education and North Plainfield Police Department are committed to equipping our youth with skills to avoid dangerous and illegal activity." Chief Parenti would also like to remind residents that the STEP, (Summer Teen Evening Program), is open from 6:00pm to 9:00 pm, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Stony Brook School on Grove Street. STEP provides borough youth with a safe place to relax or play basketball. Personnel from both the North Plainfield Police Department and Board of Education are on site and light refreshments are available.



(above, l-r) In attendance at the DARE Graduation at Somerset School on June 13: Lt. Gerry Clyne; Det. Alex Kuga; Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Captain, (Ret.) Jack Bennett; Det. Eric Fowler; North Plainfield Board of Education Superintendent Dr. Marilyn Birnbaum; North Plainfield Mayor Michael Giordano; Police Chief William Parenti.

COMING SOON: EDDY'S KITCHEN



(above, l-r) Peter Eddy, with daughter Ashley, is planning the grand opening of Eddy's Kitchen located in the storefront formerly occupied by Mrs G's Bagels at 525 Somerset St, North Plainfield, NJ.

NORTH PLAINFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOLD BENEFIT SOFTBALL GAME AUGUST 24TH

Once again the North Plainfield Fire Department will be challenging our Police Department to a game of softball.

The proceeds from which will benefit a dear friend who is battling cancer. The event will begin at 10:00 AM on Saturday August 24th at Krausche Field located at the corner of Wilson Avenue and Walnut Street. Donations are being accepted at the Fire House and at the event.

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NPFD SHOWS PRIDE AND SPIRIT AT JULY EVENTS

Submitted by William F. Eaton,
Fire Chief/Director

During the past month, the department participated with great pride and spirit in the Borough's annual Fourth of July parade. I would like to take this opportunity to thank two of our primary mutual aid departments - Green Brook Fire-EMS and the Watchung Fire Department, for joining us in this year's parade.

On Saturday, July 6th, our fire prevention bureau coordinated the Fire safety stand-by and the EMS stand-by, at the Borough's annual fireworks display. All went well at this large event, but that would not be possible without the assistance of our police department, as well as the Watchung Rescue Squad, Watchung Fire Department and Green Brook Fire/EMS. These mutual aid departments have been there to participate and assist us every year that we have conducted this event and we are greatly appreciative for their help.

THANKS TO JULY 4TH CELEBRATION PARTICIPANTS

Submitted by Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor

I would like to express my gratitude to the participants and to all of the volunteers who so unselfishly donated their energy and time in bringing such a wonderful Fourth of July celebration to the Borough.

As each year passes, our sense of community is most evident on the Fourth of July while attending the Borough's Parade and Fireworks Display. The parade began with the singing of our National Anthem by North Plainfield High School's Briana Worthy. At the conclusion of our National Anthem the Ball Kirch American Legion Color Guard and the sounds of the Legionnaires Marching Band following closely behind lead this year's celebration. The atmosphere quickly lightened when Minnie and Mickey pulled up in their horsedrawn carriage also carrying 10 year old Bacil Elsheikh from East End School. Bacil was chosen as the East End School Ambassador for this year's 4th of July Parade. Disney Characters presented by the Dodd Family were out in full force for this year's celebration winning "The Mayor's Trophy"! Also warming the hearts of many, The Special Events Float was filled with children dressed in costume, waving enthusiastically and singing "It's A Small World." The committee with the help of these children won the trophy for "Best Themed Entry." There was an excellent representation of young people from

both the North Plainfield Cub Scout and Girl Scout Troops. The North Plainfield Girl Scouts were out in full force winning this year's trophy for the "Best Youth Group." New to the parade were "The Girls on The Run" which is a character development program run in our schools for girls grades 3 through 8. Also new this year was an Anti-Bullying Club known as the North Plainfield Glee Club created by students from Somerset School. The Glee Club was presented with the "Judge's Trophy." Several youth groups from North Plainfield High School participated in this year's parade including the ROTC, the Cheerleaders, and the North Plainfield High School Marching Band which won a trophy for "Best Overall Marching Entry." Car Nutz Car Club was presented with a trophy for "Best Antique/Classic Vehicle."

On Saturday, the evening began with The Jersey Shades playing oldies and ended with a beautiful and breathtaking fireworks display with a spectacular finale. The event was attended by thousands of borough residents and was enjoyed by all!

These events would not be possible without the assistance our Public Works, Fire and Police Departments. The support and participation of these departments is very much appreciated. The community effort in putting these events together is priceless. Thank you all!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

CHILDREN EVENTS

THE GINGERBREAD KID

(Ages 3-9)

Tuesday, August 6 at 2—2:45 PM
Registration begins July 23.

The classic story reimagined by Youth Stages. “Run, run, as fast as you can, you can’t catch me I’m the Gingerbread Man” is the repeated phrase in this fabulous story of the cookie that comes to life. Youth Stages retells this story with the children baking in pantomime, providing sound effects, physical movements, and lines of dialogue to help the story along!

PHILADELPHIA ZOO ON WHEELS

(Family Program)

Monday, August 5 at 2—3PM
Registration begins July 22.

The Philadelphia Zoo experts will present an interactive, educational and fully engaging experience with live animals!

LEGO CLUB

(Grades K-5)

Thursday, August 8 at 11—11:45 AM

Come, have fun, and build your own crazy Lego creation! No Registration.

TEEN EVENTS

All events are for Grades 6-12

Movie Afternoon: Jack the Giant Slayer

Wednesday, July 31 at 3:30

No registration required

Make Your Own Juice

Wednesday, August 7 at 3:30

Registration begins July 24.

We will be making our own juice from fresh fruit. Come and try out new combinations to see what you like.

Teen Snack: S’mores

Wednesday, August 14 at 3:30

Registration begins July 31.

Come and join as we cook up different variations of this tasty summer treat.

SENIOR CITIZENS HAPPENINGS

The North Plainfield Senior Citizens group meets every Thursday at 10:30 am at the Community Center located at 614 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield.

The Group also sponsors a bus trip to the Golden Nugget Casino in Atlantic City the second Wednesday of each month. For reservations call Elsie at 908-755-9347. For more information regarding membership and transportation call Frank 908-757-6353.

NORTH PLAINFIELD FARMERS MARKET VOUCHERS AVAILABLE FOR OLDER ADULTS

News from the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders

Starting Monday, July 8, eligible seniors can obtain \$20 worth of vouchers to buy New Jersey fresh produce such as fruits, vegetables and herbs. These free vouchers can be used at participating farmer’s markets in Somerset County until November 30 this year.

People interested in applying may visit the Somerset County Office on Aging & Disability Services, located in the Human Services Building at 27 Warren Street, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. Vouchers will be given out on a first-come, first served basis while supplies last.

Eligible individuals must be residents of Somerset County and be at least 60 years old. Income guidelines require that an individual’s annual income not exceed \$21,257, and a married couple’s annual income not exceed \$28,694.

Applicants are requested to show proof of age and residency such as a driver’s license or other documentation. To be automatically eligible, an applicant can provide a Medicaid or SSI card or

show proof of participation in a food stamp program. Otherwise, individuals will be asked to sign a Self-Declaration of Income Statement, which lists monthly or annual income, address and phone number. Office on Aging & Disability Services staff will be available to assist residents when they apply for their vouchers.

If seniors are unable to visit the Office on Aging & Disability Services to apply and receive their vouchers, they may send a representative, who is at least 16 years old, has personal identification and the identification items listed above for the eligible senior. The representative must provide a proxy statement or letter that is signed and dated by the eligible senior, which states that the proxy is authorized to pick up the vouchers. A proxy form can be obtained in advance by contacting the Office on Aging & Disability Services at 1-888-747-1122.

For more information, including the closest voucher distribution location, contact the Somerset County Office on Aging & Disability Services toll free at 1-888-747-1122.

A supply of vouchers are available at Borough Hall for distribution. Seniors can get vouchers during normal business hours to the Mayor’s Office or the Borough Clerk’s Office.

NORTH PLAINFIELD GRASS, LEAF, METAL, BRUSH, and BULK TRASH COLLECTION CALENDAR

August 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Grass-1	6 Grass-2&5	7 Grass-3	8 Grass-4	9 Brush-2&5	10
11	12 Grass-1	13 Grass-2&5	14 Grass-3	15 Grass-4	16 Brush-3	17
18	19 Grass-1	20 Grass-2 & 5	21 Grass-3	22 Grass-4	23 Brush-4	24
25	26 Grass-1	27 Grass-2&5	28 Grass-3	29 Grass-4	30	31

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH RECOGNIZED BY ROTARY

Service to others is the hallmark of Rotary International and the thousands of Rotary clubs and 1.3 million Rotarians throughout the world. It is a mantra that every Rotarian bears through the motto "Service Above Self." Not limited to Rotarians, the motto is also reflected in the activities of local Interact clubs, such as the Interact Club at North Plainfield High School, that are the youth subsidiary of Rotary.

The Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield presented Student of the Month Certificates of Achievement to three seniors from North Plainfield High School at a luncheon in their honor in June.

Michael Sani, Nicole Pasmينو, and Kevin Sani were selected by their Interact Club adviser, Alexandra Pereira, in recognition of their years of service to Interact and their academic achievements. Each of the recipients has worked diligently with Interact on the club's many activities, including food drives, blood drives, community events for children, helping the Rotary Club with its scholarship fundraisers, and many more.

All three plan to attend college this fall, as indicated in their submitted comments that follow.

My name is Nicole Pazmino and I am 18 years old, and a senior at North Plainfield High school. I am happy to announce that I will be graduating in less than 15 days. As excited as I am, I will also miss the staff and students at NPHS. This school has taught me great things and it has given me the opportunity to be around a diverse group of students.

One of the biggest impacts has been Interact Club. I have been a member for all four years, and it has been a wonderful experience. From helping people in need to helping plant a garden, the insight I've gained has helped me choose my career. Upon graduating I will be attending RVCC for 2 years and then transferring to a four-year college or university. I want to major in Early Childhood Education, and at RVCC I will get the chance to work at their day care so I can get some hands-on experience. Once I graduate college, I hope to be able to work as a teacher for North Plainfield, since here is where my dreams and desires started.

The Sani brothers also commended their time with Interact and outlined their goals.

My name is Michael Sani and I'm a senior at North Plainfield High School. Out of all the activities I'm involved in, Interact Club is



(above) Alexandra Pereira, Interact Club adviser, and President Marilyn Birnbaum (r) pose with Students of the Month Michael Sani, Nicole Pasmينو, and Kevin Sani at a luncheon in their honor in June.

definitely the activity that I put my heart into. Interact gives high school students a chance to give back to their communities, and that's what most intend on doing. Before I entered high school, I always wanted to give back to my community without having to have long commutes to different towns. Interact gave me that opportunity by organizing Easter egg hunts, food drives, blood drives, beach sweeps, and other community service events. I enjoy trying to give the community more than it has given me.

Next fall, I will attend Columbia University and major in Biology. I will then attend medical school and become a physician. It has been an honor to be in the Interact Club and I would like to thank them for aiding me to get where I am today.

My name is Kevin Sani and I am a senior at North Plainfield High School. I am a member of the Interact Club. Interact is easily the most important club in our school. This is because it enables us, as students, to make a positive change in our community. I like Interact because it makes me feel good knowing that I am volunteering my time by doing something selfless to help others, whether it's through volunteering at a track meet or organizing a blood drive. The feeling received while helping others is inexplicable; words cannot do it justice.

I love helping people, and ever since I joined Interact, my goal was to become a doctor. Doctors save lives, and I think that is the essence of community service. In the fall, I am attending Harvard University, and I plan to major in Molecular and Cellular Biology. Although I am excited to go to college, I will miss North Plainfield High School and Interact Club very much.

Each of the students received a framed certificate that read, in part, "In recognition of your commitment to attain high academic achievement through activities that develop good citizenship at North Plainfield High School." The students were accompanied by Alexandra Pereira, Interact Club adviser and Spanish language teacher at the North Plainfield Middle School.

The Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15 PM at Giovanna's Restaurant in Plainfield.

Anyone interested in serving the community is welcome to attend a luncheon meeting as guest of the Club to learn more about their service opportunities.

More information is available from the Club's website at www.RotaryPNP.org or by phone at 908-822-1441.

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