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A CALL TO DUTY AT NPHS

On Wednesday May 2, students and teachers from North Plainfield High School gathered outside before the start of the school day to hold their own tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. In her opening remarks, Dr. Hope Blecher spoke of the origins of the Memorial Day holiday 146 years ago, when it was called 'Decoration Day' – a community event in Waterloo, New York where residents would dutifully decorate the graves of soldiers killed in the Civil War.

The "Avenue of Flags" ceremony was a veritable sea of red, white and blue outside of NPHS. Members of the North Plainfield JROTC carried and arranged flags donated by individuals and organizations in honor of fallen soldiers in a long row, as Thomas Kasper of the North Plainfield Board of Education read the names of those being honored. Following the flag ceremony, Ms. Evita Sylvester (NPHS '13) sung the Star-Spangled Banner.

The event concluded with a rendition of "Taps", performed by Kyle Finnegan North Plainfield High School class of 2013.



(above) Members of the North Plainfield JROTC march in the Avenue of Flags ceremony.



(right) Kyle Finnegan performs "Taps."

NORTH PLAINFIELD'S 11TH ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE JULY 4TH, 2012 - 10:00 AM

The North Plainfield Mayor's Special Events Committee invites all to attend the 11th Annual Independence Day Parade. The theme of the parade is "Honoring our Veterans and their Families, Then and Now".

The parade will commence at the corner of Wilson Avenue and Greenbrook Road. Registration will take place at the front doors of North Plainfield High School located at 34 Wilson Avenue. The parade route will be run along Wilson Avenue, onto Greenbrook Road, Somerset Street, Lincoln Place and Grove Street, stopping at the Memorial Library's Veterans Monument in honor of Louis A. Caruso. The Parade will continue along Grove Street onto Greenbrook Road ending at the reviewing stand in front of Fromm Field across from the Middle/High School Parking Lot.

After the parade has concluded, trophies will be presented. Food Vendors will be located in the parking lot at Fromm Field before, during, and after the parade. Street Vendors will follow the parade route and be

available at Fromm Field at the conclusion of the parade. Food Vendors will also set up at the field during and after the parade.

FIREWORKS

Saturday, July 7, 2012 – 7:00 PM

The Annual Concert and Fireworks will take place on Saturday, July 7th at the West End School Field located on Greenbrook Road. Concert & Festivities will begin at 7:00 PM with fireworks to follow at dusk. Food vendors will be located on the field. The Special Events Committee will be selling "Glow Sticks" during the event. (A Rain Date has not been set)

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

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I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to those who participated in our Borough's Memorial Day Services. It was heartening to see so many of our residents gathered to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. I would especially like to thank our Master of Ceremonies, Council President Skip Stabile, for doing such an excellent job and I would like to thank Freeholder Patrick Scaglione for attending the services at Memorial Park.

We could not have held this event without the participation and support of the American Legion, Ball Kirsh Post 265 and VFW Storr Richie Post to help us remember our troops, who, even now, are in harm's way defending our freedoms. We are grateful to those of you who have served in the armed forces, and are humbled by those who do so today.

The support and participation of the entire Borough Council was very much appreciated. Our Public Works, Fire and Police Departments did a great job preparing the venues.

There was an excellent representation of young people from the North Plainfield Schools and Scout Troops. Cub Scout Pack #135, Boy Scout Troop 17, and Boy Scout Troop 235 all took part in the Flag Ceremonies at each site. The Girl Scout Troops presented flowers at both Vermeule Cemetery and Washington Park. The R.O.T.C. demonstrated their dedication to purpose and their serious intent. The NPBS trumpeters did their jobs perfectly. The NPBS soloist sang the National Anthem and God Bless America most impressively bringing much delight to both the veterans and the civilian audience.

There were many children taking part in the observance who took a flower to the Memorial Stone and placed it in memory of those who helped make this country free and strong for them. Children from each of the North Plainfield Schools were asked to represent their individual school in the "Walk of the Children."

Many of our local organizations presented floral wreaths and arrangements at each of the Memorial Sites. The Washington Park Association lined the path at Memorial Park with Flags and presented bouquets of flowers. The North Plainfield Business Association presented a beautiful spray of flowers. The American Legion, VFW, Borough Council, Democratic Club, Republican Club, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Plainfield Elks, North Plainfield Senior Citizens' Club, North Plainfield Citizens for Community Rights, and many others presented an array of potted plants, cut flowers, and floral wreaths.

The solemn and poignant ceremonies in North Plainfield remind all of us that Memorial Day is much more than day off making the beginning of summer. Rather, it is a day that we reflect and honor those who helped secure the blessings of liberty for our great country.

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Michael Giordano Jr., Mayor

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(above) NPHS student Eric Dodd at the Memorial Park Ceremony.



(above) Young scouts take part in the "Walk of the Children", placing flowers on a grave site in loving memory.



(above) Master of Ceremonies and Council President Skip Stabile speaks at the Memorial Park ceremony, as Pastor Tom Dickerson from Calvary Chapel looks on.



(above) Members of the NP Fire Department and EMS gather at Fire Bell Ceremony on Somerset Street.



(above) Christine Holman and Dick Blundin, represent Revolutionary-era patriots.



(left) Skip Stabile and Gail Cain look on as Councilwoman and President of the Friends of Vermeule, Mary Forbes, speaks at Vermeule Cemetery.



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NORTH PLAINFIELD ACHIEVES SUSTAINABLE JERSEY CERTIFICATION

Submitted by Councilman Doug Singleterry

North Plainfield has achieved the 2011 bronze level certification from the state-wide Sustainable Jersey initiative. Sustainable Jersey is a certification program for municipalities that want to go green, save money and improve the quality of life at the local level. It is operated out of the Municipal Land Use Center at the College of New Jersey in partnership with the NJ League of Municipalities and NJ Department of Environmental Protection.

Councilman Doug Singleterry, who also chairs the Borough's Green Team Committee which oversaw the certification effort, said "This recognition demonstrates the borough's commitment to sustainability principles and the fundamentals of good governance." To become certified, the borough submitted documentation demonstrating that it completed the required

sustainability measures on a point based system, acquiring the required 150 points to become certified at the bronze level.

Specific local initiatives include completing energy audits on four owned municipal buildings, including the recently renovated Municipal Building. North Plainfield has an active Shade Tree Committee which oversees the borough's Community Forestry Plan in corroboration with Public Works. Every year, the borough provides funding for the planting of trees throughout the borough. The Committee provides advice on Street Scape plantings and input on the overall conditions of public trees, and responds to private inquiries on the proper maintenance of trees.

The borough has an expanding farmer's market which operates on Somerset Street every

Saturday from July through October. The Green Team is currently working with consultants to incorporate a sustainability element to the borough's Master Plan. Moreover, the borough council recently passed a Green Building Design Ordinance encouraging new developments to implement green building and energy standards.

In addition, North Plainfield is hosting an Electronics Recycling Day on May 19th, from 8 am to 12 noon at the Vermeule Community Center, 614 Greenbrook Rd, where residents can drop off electronic equipment for recycling.

The Green Team Committee normally meets the first Monday of the month at the Vermeule Mansion and is open to the public. Anyone interested in attending a meeting should contact the Clerk's office at 908-769-2910 to confirm the meeting date.

REC DEPT WANTS YOU TO "CATCH THE FUN"

Submitted by Christopher Tarver, Recreation Administrator

With the school year ending, the Recreation Department would like to congratulate the NPMS & NPHS Classes of 2012. Thank you to those graduates who have volunteered over the years and helped make the Recreation Department's programs a huge success.

The fun and excitement get started on June 25th – August 10th as Summer Camp, 8am – 5pm at the Vermeule Center is here for another exciting season of trips and events. We also have Summer Playgrounds (9am – 1pm) at East End School. This year we have added some events and trips to this established program. Make sure

you join the campers and staff as they defend their Camp Olympic Trophy on July 10th at Columbia Park in Dunellen, NJ for the 4th Annual Summer Camp Olympics. This year we have a plethora of trips that will take campers to beaches, water parks, swimming, baseball games, bowling and more.

We have events for seniors as North Plainfield & Dunellen Recreation Departments will host a trip to Bally's Casino on Wednesday, June 20th. The fun doesn't stop there as UK Elite Soccer comes to West end School for a week long soccer clinic July 9th – 13th. We also have US

Sports Institute will host a Sports Camp July 16th – 20th At West End School.

The Recreation Department is constantly looking for ways to improve our service and communication with residents. Please like us on Facebook under the North Plainfield Recreation Department and Parks Commission. You will find weekly updates as well as program information.

We hope residents will take advantage of all the programs and events for all ages, and that they will "Catch the Fun" in North Plainfield this summer!

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“HISTORIC” NPBA MEETING AT THE VERMEULE MANSION

Submitted by Peter K. Eddy, President, NPBA

The North Plainfield Business Association met on Wednesday June 13 at the Vermeule Mansion in a historical, first-time joint meeting with the South Plainfield Business Association, the Plainfield Chamber of Commerce, and the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.

The event, a “meet-and-greet business card exchange”, was very successful. Nearly 100 business owners and professionals from around the area attended and had the opportunity to introduce themselves and their businesses. Johanna and Domenick Salvemini, North Plainfield residents and owners of Johanna’s Creations, graciously hosted the event. Both members and non-members of the NPBA attended. Professionals from throughout the Plainfield area had the chance to expand their networks, share ideas, and make new connections. Many attendees donated door prizes which were given out throughout the evening. I would like to offer a special thanks to La Strada Ristorante and T&L Leon’s Catering, who donated food for the evening.

The goal of the NPBA is to stimulate North Plainfield’s local economy through our businesses. Events like the meet-and-greet at Vermeule are a great way to discover new businesses and resources right in our backyard. It is our hope that residents will try to support the local business community.

As in the past, the NPBA will be planning and getting involved in town functions, such as a 5K Run/ Walk, the annual Street Fair, 4th of July festivities, and a winter holiday party. We are planning on holding quarterly meetings (with guest speakers), and we will be keeping everyone interested in joining us informed through email.

We were thrilled with the fantastic turn out at our meeting at Vermeule, and hope to continue working with South Plainfield and the Tri-County

Chamber in the future. Anyone interested in joining the NPBA should attend the next meeting of the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce on July 18, 2012 at Jack Pederson Realtors, 30 South Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 at 7:00 PM.

Please RSVP to Peter Eddy at (908) 757-1909. I hope you join us -- to help yourselves, and North Plainfield!



(above, l-r) Jack Pedersen (President, Tri-County Chamber of Commerce), Mayor Michael Giordano, Peter Eddy (NPBA President), Johanna Salvemini (Johanna’s Creations), Nancy Grennier (SPBA President), and Robert K. Graham, Plainfield Chamber of Commerce.

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On Saturday, June 9th, North Plainfield held its annual Street Fair on Somerset Street. It was an enjoyable day filled with local vendors, food, and entertainment. Hundreds of residents, families, and local organizations turned out for a great celebration of the community.



(above) The North Plainfield Lions Club hosted a beer garden at the fair.

(above) Mayor Michael Giordano prepares for a turn in the dunk tank!

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STUDENTS' "LITTLE CORNER OF THE WORLD"

Submitted by Lisa Marie Gabriel, East End School

Young students at East End Elementary School in North Plainfield have been studying all about their town and its history. “Our Little Corner of The World” was the theme given to a project that has embraced by students and staff over the past two years. Kathleen Herrmann, Principal of East End School along with the members of the school-based planning team whose members include Francesca Cardona, Sharon Egan, Lisa Gabriel, Alexis Holbrook, Rachel Padian and Angela Phillips, helped the staff this theme across the disciplines.

Members of the committee dressed in attire representing the early settlement of North Plainfield to the present. An assembly highlighted the different cultures who settled in North Plainfield throughout the various eras of

history from Native Americans to the first children who attended East End School to the present day multi-cultural population.



(above) History is alive at East End School.

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In addition to the classic cars, the car show provided an enjoyable afternoon of food, music and oldies music. Perhaps most importantly, the event raised money for North Plainfield High School's Project Graduation, the Plainfield Area Humane Society, and wounded soldier Brendan Morocco, who lost both arms and legs fighting in Afghanistan.



(above) Larry Van Winkle's 1958 Impala won the coveted 'People's Choice' award.

CAR OF THE MONTH

Car of the Month - '73 Malibu

This month's car is a 1973 Chevy Malibu, owned for eight years by Car Nutz member Al Bender of North Plainfield. A true survivor, Al's Malibu is all-original, and he purchased it from its original owner (who drove the car when he was well into his eighties!)



(above) Car Nutz member Ted Black allowed this editor's grandma to sit in his restored 1931 Ford Model A!

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The North Plainfield Fire Department and the North Plainfield Police Department are organizing a softball tournament.

This tournament is being held to help raise funds for Al LaJeunesse and his family. Al recently retired after 25 years of service with the North Plainfield Fire Department. Al received a Medal of Valor for his service.

Al is currently battling cancer, and has numerous bills for his medical treatment. A fund has been established for Al and his family, and all proceeds for the softball tournament will go towards the fund.

We, the North Plainfield Fire Department, have challenged the North Plainfield Police Department to the first softball game, a.k.a.:

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NORTH PLAINFIELD POLICE EVENTS


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3. We will be assisting with Project Graduation for High School Seniors.
4. On July 4th the department will have a departmental photo taken. The last departmental photo was taken in 2001.

North Plainfield Police Chief William Parenti is pleased to announce that the Borough's STEP, (Summer Teen Evening Program), is set to begin on Tuesday, June 26, at the North Plainfield Middle School gymnasium at 34 Wilson Avenue. The program will run from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The program allows borough youth to gather in a safe and secure environment for pickup basketball games, soccer, and conversation. Refreshments are also provided.

Funding for the program is provided by the Municipal Alliance and the Youth Services Commission. Volunteers from these organizations and personnel from the Board of Education and the Police Department are always present.

This year will be the program's 13th year in operation and is considered a huge success. "We usually have about 50 youth attend but some nights we have had as many as 75, it's a great example of community organizations and the Borough's youth coming together", Chief Parenti said.

The program will run every Tuesday and Thursday, from June 26 to August 16, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The program culminates on the last night, August 16, which will be a barbecue style picnic. All borough teens are welcome to attend for more information, contact Det. Alex Kuga at (908) 769-2949.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

*Submitted by William F. Eaton,
Fire Chief/Director*

During the past month the department said goodbye to two longtime, dedicated members who have retired. Captain Allen Smith and Captain Mark Ciarlariello have both retired from the fire department, leaving two vacancies at the Platoon Commander level. Captain Smith finished his 25-year career in April, and Captain Ciarlariello just finished 30 years of service in May. Their experience and leadership will truly be missed. With those vacancies, and thanks to the SAFER federal grant program for firefighter staffing, we were able to fill these voids by promoting Robert Beattie and Jeffrey Firling to the position of Captain. This left two openings at the bottom of our ranks, so FF/EMTs Ryan Valentino and Brendan Kinney were sworn-in to those probationary positions.

This past month we were also fortunate to welcome four new callforce/volunteer firefighters. Brian Piccola, Chad Makowski, Lisa Del Negro and Jawwad Mohammad were all sworn-in as probationary firefighters within our callforce program.



(above) Captain Firling



(above) Lisa Del Negro, a new callforce-volunteer firefighter, is sworn in.

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(Suggested for birth to age 4)

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CREATIVE KIDS

(Suggested for Grades K-3)

Friday, July 13th at 11 AM - 12 PM

Come and do a fun craft with Miss Mona!

YOSI'S PAJAMA PARTY

(Family Program—All ages welcome)

Tuesday, July 17th at 3:30 PM.

Getting ready for bed in our PJ's was never so much FUN! Award-winning children's recording artist & entertainer, Yosi, rocks the house with a humorous & interactive Pajama Party! Dancing, singing and a cozy bed-time story make this the perfect family concert!

GET MOVING, GET HEALTY

(Grades 1-5)

Thursday, July 19th at 11 AM.

Registration begins July 5th.

Fun activities and games will get kids up and moving. We will also learn about making healthy food choices.

PRE-SCHOOL OF ROCK

(Family Program—suggested for ages 3-8)

Saturday, July 21st at 11 AM.

Pool too crowded? Need to beat the heat? Then come by the library and rock out with 'Preschool of Rock!'

Your morning will be filled with great music where children will discover, improvise, perform, and have fun!

POPCORN AND A MOVIE

(Grades K-5)

Tuesday, July 24th at 2 PM.

Hugo, Rated PG.

BUGS AND INSECTS AND ARACHNIDS, OH MY!:

YOUTH STAGES PRESENTATION

(Suggested for Ages 3-9)

Thursday, July 26th at 3:30 PM.

Registration begins July 12th.

Dr. Katy Did will dispel fears concerning bugs through story and song. Come and sing songs like the Itsy-Bitsy Spider, The Ants Go Marching, Little Miss Muffet, I'm Bringing Home a Baby Bumble Bee, Eric Carle's The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

WORMS WITH A WIGGLE

(Grades K-2)

Friday, July 27 11 AM. Registration begins July 13th.

Watch worms turn your garbage into compost to feed plants. Presented by the Somerset County 4H.

THE RELUCTANT DRAGON: LIONHEART PUPPETS

(Suggested for Ages 4-11)

Monday, July 30th at 11 AM.

What happens when Harold, a young village boy, discovers a dragon in the mountains? Can Harold convince the villagers that the dragon just wants to be friends? Based on the story by Kenneth Grahame, The Reluctant Dragon is a great way to introduce children to literary adaptations, as well as loyalty and the arts.

TEEN PROGRAMS

STEPHEN DAVIS -

STAGE COMBAT AND MONSTER MAKE UP

Grades 6-12

Wednesday, July 11 at 3:30 PM

Join Professor Stephen Davis and learn the secrets behind a believable stage fight. Come develop the tools you need to make a stage fight look realistic. Street brawls, hair pulling, and punches are choreographed with the precision of ballet and the safety of the participants always in mind. Of course, once you learn how to fake a slap/choke/hair pull/punch, you will need to have the bruises to show for it! In the second part of this program, you will learn how to apply trauma simulation makeup - and even get a chance to look like you just stepped out of an action movie! This is a hands on, physical activity, so be dressed comfortably and ready to move.

MARK SKY MIND READING

Grades 6-12

Wednesday, July 18 at 3:30 PM

Want to know what someone is thinking? Or move objects with your mind? Wonder what the future has in store for you? Join Marc Sky and find out how to develop your psychic powers. In this fun, informative, and entertaining program, you will discover how to send and receive thoughts, move objects with your mind, get answers to questions about your future, astonish your friends, and much more.

You won't believe how much fun you'll have.

MOVIE AFTERNOON -

JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND

Grades 6-12

Wednesday, July 25 at 3:30 PM

Join us and as we watch the new action adventure "Journey 2", a sequel to "Journey to the Center of the Earth" starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Josh Hutcherson, and Vanessa Hudgens. Popcorn and drinks will be served.

ADULT PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to adults and youth 12 and up accompanied by an adult. Registration required for all programs. Please talk to a staff member for assistance registering.

MOVIE & POPCORN.

SHERLOCK HOLMES: A GAME OF SHADOWS

Thursday, July 12th @ 6:30-8:30pm

Sherlock Holmes and his sidekick Dr. Watson join forces to outwit and bring down their fiercest adversary, Professor Moriarty.

ELECTRONIC GADGETS & LIBRARY DOWNLOADABLE

E-BOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS

Thursday, July 26 @ 7:00-8:00pm

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BASIC YOGA WITH JILLIAN

Wednesday, August 8 @ 7:00-8:00 pm

If you have been curious about taking a yoga class here is your opportunity! This class is also suited for those of you who have yoga experience and would like to relax and unwind. Please practice on an empty stomach, wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or large towel. Jillian Keller is knowledgeable, compassionate, and has a peaceful demeanor. She is a registered yoga teacher with over 500 hours of training.

MOVIE & POPCORN. ONE FOR THE MONEY

Thursday, August 16 @ 6:30-8:30pm

A proud, born-and-bred Jersey girl, Stephanie, has plenty of attitude, even if she's been out of work for the last six months and just lost her car to a debt collector. Desperate for some fast cash, she turns to her last resort - convincing her sleazy cousin to give her a job at his bail bonding company as a recovery agent.

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ROTARY CLUB AWARDS \$24,800 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Submitted by Michael Townley, Secretary, Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield

The Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield recently awarded \$24,800 in scholarships to graduating seniors from North Plainfield High School and from Plainfield High School.

The local Rotary Club sponsors its own F.S. Mathewson Scholarship, awarding a total of \$7,800 to students in the two high schools in its service area. "Six scholarships were awarded in memory of Matty Mathewson, the first member of our club to serve as District Governor," said club president Dr. Marilyn Birnbaum, superintendent of schools in North Plainfield. "Matty was an active member of our club from 1928 until his death in 1993 at the age of ninety-eight. We honor Matty's memory through our community service activities, including these scholarship awards to assist students as they continue their education. Candidates for this award must demonstrate a mix of academic achievement; financial need; community service; school service."

Recipients of the F.S. Mathewson Scholarship Awards from North Plainfield High School were Mohammed Arsalanudden, Katherine Guarnizo, and Marissa Sarfati. Plainfield High School

recipients were Karla Calderone, Ayesha Johnson, and Kamaria Holness.

"We were also very excited to award three Interact Club Scholarships at North Plainfield High School this year," said Dr. Birnbaum. "The Interact Club is a youth program of Rotary. The members work hard on many service projects of their own, including highly successful blood drives, community youth activities, food bank support, and many others. The members also help us raise money during the year for our scholarship program, giving rise to recognition of that hard work with these special scholarships." The Interact Club Scholarships were presented to Shanon West, Jorge Regalado, and Cong David Zhu. "All three of the recipients were dependable Interact members, instrumental in Interact's many successes as well as being regular participants at fundraising events for the Rotary Club," said Dr. Birnbaum.

The Club also awards scholarships on behalf of the Plainfield Foundation, a community-based non-profit that awards funding to benefit local community groups. This year, the Rotarians awarded \$2,000 from the Leo Albert Friese Scholarship Fund to North Plainfield

High students Zonia Menendez and Jacob Watters. The Friese Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who will pursue a major course of study in science.

In addition, the Club also awards PHS Alumni Association Scholarships and J. Wilbur Tovell Scholarships to Plainfield High School seniors on behalf of the Plainfield Foundation. The PHS Alumni Scholarship Fund was established in 1986 when the PHS Alumni Association, prior to disbanding, asked the Plainfield Foundation to award their scholarships. The Foundation established the PHS Alumni Scholarship Fund. Candidates demonstrate academic achievement, participation in school activities.

Recipients of the \$4,000 in PHS Alumni Scholarship awards were Alicia Macknowsky, Diesha Roach, Razia Wazid, and Rachael-lee Smith.

The J. Wilbur Tovell Scholarship Fund was established as a bequest from Plainfield resident and alumnus of Plainfield High School. J. Wilbur Tovell (1893-1974) graduated PHS in 1911 and New York University in 1915. His bequest stipulates that scholarship candidates must be male students only, with academic achievement and participation in school activities.

Recipients of the \$3,000 in J. Wilbur Tovell Scholarships this year were Andre Green, Andres Cordero, Marlon Ruales, Moussa Dukuray, Theophile Nkenfack, and Justin Sears.

Finally, the Rotary Club also administers the Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship Fund. This fund was established in 1988 by a \$1 million bequest in the will of the late Plainfield author Adele DeLeeuw. The Club has worked with other Rotary clubs in the area to see that the annual income from the bequest is awarded to students who pursue a course of study in poetry, art, journalism, writing, or engineering. A total of \$994,500 has been awarded over the seventeen years that the Rotary Club has administered the program.

This year, the Club awarded \$8,000 in Adele DeLeeuw Scholarships to past graduates and current college sophomores Nicholas Salvemini from North Plainfield and Chanelle Sears from Plainfield, and to college senior Jonathan Valencia from North Plainfield.

The Rotary Club's Plainfield Scholarship Committee was chaired by Tom Reedy, assisted by Negar Farakish, Victoria Griswold, and Michael Townley. The North Plainfield Scholarship Committee was chaired by Mary Forbes, assisted by Linda Persichino and Janice Allen.

JOIN THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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.

Anyone who is interested in getting involved with the North Plainfield Business Association should contact President Peter Eddy at (908) 757-1909.



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