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LONG HILL'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

Sunday, October 20th was a beautiful day for the annual Halloween Parade hosted by The Long Hill Township Recreation Department and the Long Hill Chamber of Commerce at Riverside Recreation Park in Gillette. As children paraded around the park a team of judges were on the lookout for award winning costumes. Judges awarded prizes to their favorites in the following categories: Ages 2 & under; Ages 3-4; Ages 5 & Kindergarten; Grades 1 & 2; Grades 3 & 4; Grades 5 & up and Best Group Costume.

The following businesses from Long Hill's Chamber of Commerce were present and set up display tables with giveaways for everyone that came:

1. Mary's Your Name Here
2. Long Hill Auto
3. Soo Bahk Do Karate Studio
4. Kings
5. Millington Station Café
6. Bounce Factory
7. Long Hill Library
8. Smile Dental
9. Lombardo Farm
10. Investors Bank
11. Millington Savings bank
12. TMC boutique
13. Smileworks
14. Millington Fire co.
15. Hillview Farm



(left) Our witches: Sydney Moholkar, Emma Marszalek, Amelia Aroneo, and Gillian O'Meara lead the parade contestants by group around the park for judging.



(above) Contestants in our Best Group Contest: Big sister Katie Briggs as the Cookie Monster holds little sister Kyleigh Briggs as Elmo.



(above) Our witches: Sydney Moholkar, Emma Marszalek, Amelia Aroneo, and Gillian O'Meara lead the parade contestants by group around the park for judging. Many thanks to our judges: (l-r) Dennis Sandow, Long Hill Senior Citizens Member; Ken Fullagar, Director Long Hill Police Explorers; Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Rene Rovtar (who dressed up as Super Pixie Dust Fairy); Mayor Guy Piserchia; Chamber of Commerce President Mary Mayer.



(above) The Long Hill Police Explorers hand out sugar pumpkins to all participants in costume. Pumpkins and goodie bags donated by Hillview Farm of Meyersville.



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THE NEXT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENT WILL BE A "SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING WORKSHOP"

Patricia Singer, owner of Follow Me Social Media Consulting will offer some proven tips and advice to help get your brand and business noticed! Showing you how to harness the power of social media and turn passionate followers into dedicated customers and clients. Ms. Singer researched social media sites and strategies and discovered through various networking organizations that many businesses owners and individuals could benefit from her knowledge. Recognizing the need as well as the opportunity, she started Follow Me Social Media Consulting. She has given her insights to many other individuals, companies, non-profit organizations and groups who are realizing the benefits of a social media strategy.

Join us Thursday November 7, at the Long Hill Senior Center, 769 Valley Rd. Gillette, for dessert and business card exchange at 7pm. Workshop will begin promptly at 7:30.

Cost for LHCC members is \$5. Non members are welcome at a cost of \$10. (payable at door)

Advance registration required via email to Mary@marysynh.com

THANKS TO OCT HOST

Soo Bahk Do Karate of Gillette was this month's host for the Long Hill Chamber of Commerce Networking event. Wednesday evening Oct 16. In addition to meeting and exchanging contact info, those in attendance had the opportunity to taste delicious sampling of dishes from the newest Italian restaurant in town, Ancona Bistro of 645 Valley Rd Gillette. During the evening, students, led by Certified Master Instructor Lydia Chu demonstrated Courage, Concentration, Confidence.

Any chamber member who wants to host a networking event should contact Mary@marysYNH.com for the next available date.

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(above) Kristina Woo, 15, of Watchung executes ajump front kick at the Meet and Greet sponsored by the Long Hill Chamber of Commerce and held at Soo Bahk Do Karate of Gillette on October 16th. Holding the board are Michelle Cavett of Califon, Anurag Aiyer (front), 13, of Stirling, and Itamar Sten-Gilady (back), 14, of Watchung. The demonstration was conducted by Certified Master Instructor Lydia Chu.

PROMOTE YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT

Community service organizations and sports teams are encouraged to submit news of upcoming events or highlights and photos on recent events.

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CUB SCOUTS PACK 59

Cub Scouts of Pack 59 at St. Vincent de Paul School in Stirling, NJ experimented with the principles of physics by designing contraptions to protect an egg dropped from various heights. Ingenious devices included balloons, bungees, jello, flour and peanut butter!



(above) Wolf Leader Rich Weddle checks for cracks on Wolf Scout Cole Schickling's egg.

GIRL SCOUTS COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey are collecting donations of nuts and candy products to distribute to servicemen and women through the Blue Star Mothers of America.

Girl Scouts in Bergen, Morris, Sussex, Passaic, and northern Warren counties are currently selling 12 nut and candy products through their fall sale program that runs through Oct. 27. Members of the public can visit any of the Girl Scout service centers in Paramus, Randolph, or Riverdale and purchase items to donate to those serving in the military. All donations will be given to the Blue Star Mothers of America for distribution.

Proceeds from the sale directly benefit local Girl Scout troops and council activities. The sale is a leadership development experience for girls, who learn to work together, set goals, and work as a team so they can reach their goals.

The fall product sale includes Peanut Butter Bears, Deluxe Pecan Clusters, Fruit Slices, Cranberry Nut Mix, Dark Chocolate Mint

Penguins, and Honey Roasted Peanuts, which are selling for \$6, Chocolate Covered Raisins, which are selling for \$7, and Whole Cashews, Pistachios, Chocolate Covered Almonds, Chocolate Covered Pretzels in a Penguin tin, and Double Chocolate Truffles in a Girl Scout flowerpot tin, which are selling for \$8.

Girls will also be selling magazine subscriptions as part of the fall sale program.

For information about Girl Scouts selling in the area, contact Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey at (973) 248-8200 or visit our website at www.gsnnj.org.

Service centers are located at 300 Forest Avenue in Paramus; 1579 Sussex Turnpike in Randolph; and 95 Newark Pompton Turnpike in Riverdale.

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FALL FEST ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Written by Evie Ernst, LHCC President



(above, l-r) Presenting Trophies John Doherty, Millington Savings Bank Rep.; Evie Ernst, Pres. LH Community Center; George Ernst, Pres. Watchung Mnt. Chapter AACA.

The Long Hill Community Center in conjunction with Watchung Mountain Chapter Antique Auto Club of America held their largest fundraiser on Sunday, October 6th. It was the 7th Annual Fall Fest Antique & Classic Car Show on the grounds of its host, The Stirling Hotel, on Main Avenue, Stirling.

The Center strives to bring to the community a show that will delight both car entrants and spectators alike. Together, along with our host and all the many businesses that so generously gave their support, we have succeeded!

We especially thank Tom & Dori Baldesarre, owners of The Stirling Hotel, for hosting all seven of our shows, and providing a free burger and soda to all car entrants. The popularity of the show grows each year, and all who attend praise the location, friendly atmosphere and variety of vehicles, making it one of the most favored car shows.

We also want to thank all the following businesses including: Michael Shriner, Executive Vice President of Millington Savings Bank, for providing all the beautiful large trophies throughout all seven shows and to Janet Lucinao of Investors Bank, Stirling, for sponsoring the grand prize of our Raffle, a 32" HD TV; to JMK Sales of Springfield, for sponsoring our DJ, Mike Gelnovatch of Cranford, and to Jaeger Lumber, Stirling; Long Hill PBA #322, Stirling; Long Hill Auto Body, Millington; Millington Auto Body, Wavelength Innovations, Watchung Mnt. Chapter AACA, Stirling; Nadine & Bob Tokash, Berkeley Heights; L & S Air Conditioning, Stirling and Valley Automotive, Stirling. Our Gold

Sponsors: George C. Bott Plumbing & Heating, Stirling; Mark's Auto Service, Gillette; and Humphreys Insect Control, Stirling; Our Silver Donors: The Berkeley Plaza, Berkeley Heights; Pinnacle Motor Works, Stirling; Triangle Communications, Berkeley Hardware, Berkeley Heights; Hall's Garden Center & Florist, Berkeley Heights; Chimney Rock Inn, Gillette; High Gear Cycle, Stirling; and Stirling Hallmark Shops, Stirling. Door prizes for car entrants were donated by: Associated Auto Parts, Berkeley Heights; Murphy's Garden Center, Stirling; Rock Auto and Mother's Polish.

Some of the winning vehicles chosen by spectators were: Best In Show and Host's Trophy, 1958 Ferrari, owned by Graham Long; 1900-1930, a 1926 Chevy Coupe Landay, owned by Bob Benson; Model A stock, 1930 Ford Model A, owned by Michael Leblond; Best Foreign, 1952 Bentley MK IV, owned by Ben Abbate; Best Truck, 1964 Chevy ElCamino, owned by Ray Sanderson; Best Military, 1941 Dodge Command Car owned by Jack White; Oldest Truck, 1925 Ford Model T, owned by George Ernst; and Oldest Car, 1922 Ford Model T, owned by Bob Cacchio.

Since the LH Community Center is not funded by the township, it relies solely on its fundraising events, programs and rentals to help cover the high cost of maintenance, overhead, insurance, and our renovation project. To date, previous car show proceeds, in part, helped provide new windows, lighting, new sheet rock walls and paint. The proceeds this year are designated for helping fund a new suspended ceiling, replacing the original, dating back from the Center's inception.

Thanks to the combined efforts of the Long Hill Leader, Lynn Sjurset, Editor, and Echoes-Sentinel, Dennis Kelly, Editor, Long Hill Township Police Department, Stirling Hotel, and all local businesses, volunteers and members of the LH Community Center, Watchung Mountain Chapter AACA, and DJ, Mike Gelnovatch, and abundant spectators, the Fall Fest Antique & Classic Car Show was another popular, fun event in Long Hill, for all to enjoy. We are looking forward to presenting the 2014 car show.



(above) Winner: Best in Show, 1958 Ferrari 250 TR, owned by Graham Long (in car) of Millington, NJ. Winner: Host's Trophy – Favorite Car in Show pick by Tom Baldesarre (standing), host and owner of The Stirling Hotel, Stirling, NJ.



(right) 1952 Bentley MKIV, owned by Ben Abbate, Basking Ridge.

Photos by Evie Ernst



(above) 1947 Willys Jeep, owned by Arley Ramnez, Basking Ridge



(above) 1965 Excalibur #3, owned by Morgan & Julie Woods, Chatham

OH WHAT A NIGHT!

Oh what a night! On Saturday, October 19th, the library was filled with friends, family, fun, food and fairy tale characters! Over 200 people partied at A Night at the Library Benefit. Partygoers enjoyed wine and delicious gourmet hors d'oeuvres while talking with friends. They explored the vast collection of silent auction baskets & bid on their favorites, played Guess the Story Book Character, and listened to the Matt Jardim Trio. There was even a chance meeting of two people who hadn't seen each other since high school in 1952!



(above, l-r) Arlene Kaplan; Michele Perricci; David Kaplan, Library Board Member. All are volunteers on "A Night at the Library Committee."



(above) "A Night at the Library" committee volunteer, Theresa & Frank Fillipone



(above, l-r) Attendee with Mayor Guy Piserchia



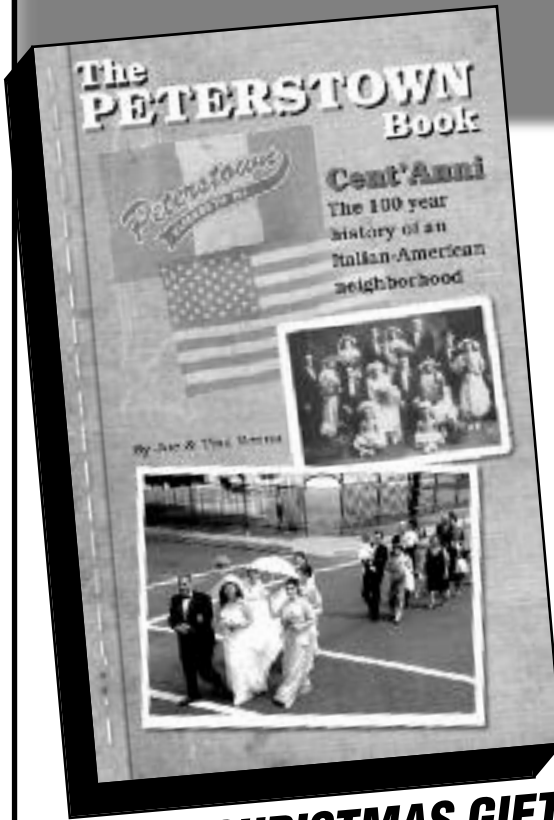
Mary Ann Dau (left) with friends



(above, l-r) Story Book Characters: Vicky Kulikowski, Alice; Elizabeth Szabo, Madeline; Amelia Stapperfenne, The Lorax; Alex Bird, Dr. Watson; Connor Magidson, The Cat in the Hat; Angela Celeste, Ginny Weasley; Natasha Bird, The Last Unicorn; Kaylie Petras, Hermione; Stella DeMizio, Katniss; Samantha Soldan, Dorothy; Jessica Buban, Rapunzel; Not Pictured: Marygrace Luderitz, Cinderella's Fairy Godmother and Chris Buffa, Daisy from the Great Gatsby.

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GIRLS JUNIOR FIELD HOCKEY IN SECOND SEASON

Long Hill's Junior Field Hockey program is in their second season with the Mid Jersey Youth Field Hockey League. The league was formed by several local municipal recreation field hockey organizations to foster fun and competitive field hockey in the area. Teams

from Long Hill, Berkeley Heights, Branchburg, Chatham, Glen Ridge, Madison, and Millburn participate in the league. Girls from Long Hill, Warren and Watchung currently play on the 5/6th grade team, as well as a 7/8th grade team that serves as a feeder program to the Watchung

Hills High School program. To date, the team is about halfway through their fall season and having a lot of fun. The next home game will be played at The Matthew G. Kantor Memorial Park Fields (formerly known as Riverside Park) on Sunday, October 20th vs. Chatham.



(above) Long Hill's Girls Junior Field Hockey 7th/8th Grade Team: (back row, l-r): Julianna Russotti, Emma Litra, Melissa Hertzberg, Morgan Sena, Hannah Abere, Meghan Ciullo, Jade Singh, Emma Genovese, Maggie Farrell, (middle, l-r): Michelle Zoppi, Alexis Beechner, Lauren Murray, Colleen Farrell, Ava Neiman, Clara Citarella, Sarah Wilson, (front row, l-r): Maria Shanahan, Molly Davis, Grace Shanahan, Rebecca Dickerson, (front) Katelyn Carroll. (Not Pictured) Player Megan Ekert; Head Coach and Program Coordinator Courtenay Butler; Assistant Coach Sharon Carroll; High School Senior & Technical Advisor Shannon Butterm (Photo by Courtenay Butler)

FORCE TIGER TRACKS 5K RACE

The 5th Annual FORCE Tiger Tracks 5K Race was held on Saturday, October 5th. This annual event serves as a major fundraiser for the FORCE (Focusing Our Resources on Children's Enrichment) Foundation, which supports the Long Hill Township School District. Camilla Morch served as this year's race director with Matt DiGiorgio managing the race day logistics. There were 118 registered participants for the race. While the weather Saturday morning brought some drizzle and humid conditions, the runners performed well on the challenging course. A new course record of 18:03 was set by Pete Rovtar, 23 of Bernardsville. Rovtar, the son of Long Hill Superintendent of Schools René Rovtar, has won the race four times. Laura Baeyens, 11, of Stirling, was the overall female winner with a time of 22:03. This race has become a true celebration of the talented runners of the local area, with many residents earning individual and team honors in the numerous award categories.



(above) Father-Son First Place Winners: Matt and Joe Wagner.



(above) Father-Daughter First Place Winners: David and Stella DeMizio.

BINGO KNIGHT BONANZA

St. Vincent de Paul School in Stirling, NJ, will host a night of bingo on Saturday, Nov 2. There will be cash prizes, a 50/50 and a jackpot game in the evening.

There will be two game times: 2 PM - 4PM for early bird games and 7 PM -11 PM for more competitive play. The early bird session has a \$10 entry fee, including coffee and snacks and the evening hours costs \$30 and includes pizza and music. The evening session is BYOB.

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