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## **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FORMING COMMITTEE IS STARTING UP**

Several local businesses and organizations have expressed an interest in organizing a Chamber of Commerce in Warren and are inviting others who are interested to join in

There Have been two meetings to discuss the procedures for starting the organization. Those in attendance included Evan Tornquist, Branch Manager of Fulton Bank, Richard D. Zangara, Branch Manager of Wells Fargo Advisors, Cathy DeBerry of the Warren Library and Carolann Garafola, Executive Director of Mt. Bethel Village. Several other individuals have expressed interest and will be attending the next meeting planned for Wednesday, July 24th at 8:30 am at Mt. Bethel Village located at 130 Mt. Bethel Road in Warren.

The meeting is open to anyone who is interested in getting involved with the planning and running of the organization. Evan Tornquist has volunteered to chair the Founding Committee and be the contact person for inquiries. He can be reached at 908-757-9444 ext. 19602.

Tornquist is a frequent attendee of the Somerset Hills Businesses Network monthly meetings which are run under the umbrella of the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce. Gateway oversees and facilitates over ten local chambers and business associations. Both Fulton and Wells Fargo are members of Gateway, which has been active in the planning stages through Gateway's Vice President Kate Conroy. Kate is also available to answer any questions concerning the committee and can be reached by phone at 908-352-0900.



(above) Attendees of the Warren Chamber of Commerce Founding Committee June meeting was hosted by Wells Fargo Advisors located at 160 Mount Bethel Road. (standing, l-r) Rich Zangara of Wells Fargo Advisors, Kate Conroy of the Gateway Chamber and Evan Tornquist of Fulton Bank, (seated, l-r) Cathy DeBerry of the Warren Library and Carolann Garafola of Mt. Bethel Village.

## **WARREN CHAMBER WILL BENIFIT FROM GATEWAY**

Warren Chamber members will automatically be members of all Gateway Chamber of Commerce organizations. This is an added value for local businesses.

Founded in 1911 by John D. Rockefeller, the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce is a business organization that represents and advances the business interests of its members. Headquartered in Elizabeth, it is one of the largest chambers in New Jersey and offers many services and resources to its members, such as networking events, advocacy, discounted business services, seminars, trade shows, and promotional opportunities.

It is the umbrella organization for several local chambers and networking groups including the Kenilworth Chamber,

the Roselle Park Chamber, the Linden Chamber, the Clark Chamber, the Somerset Hills Business Network, the Gateway Association of Business Women and the speed networking group Gateway Today. Every member of the Gateway Chamber is also automatically a member of each of these local groups, at no extra charge.

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## **QUARTERLY DRUG DISPOSAL PROGRAM PLANNED**

Consortiums Gathered Unused Medications in Somerset County Warrenbrook Center

In an effort to prevent prescription drug abuse, the Somerset County Department of Human Services through funding by the New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) collaborated with the Somerset County Sheriff's Office, EMPOWER Somerset and Safe Communities Coalition and with the cooperation of the Office on Aging and Disability Services held a program on July 8, 2013 at the Warrenbrook Senior Center to collect expired and unused prescription drugs. The Sheriff's office collected the unused prescriptions and returned them to the Sheriff's



(above, l-r) Warrenbrook center members giving Sheriff's Officer Nicholas Fazio unused medications for proper disposal Officer Fazio; V.P. Kapoor from Green Brook; Baba and Parsinni Goyal from Warren.

In an effort to prevent prescription drug collection box for destruction. In addition, the Somerset County Department of Somerset County Retired Nurses Society and Single Senior Women's Group presented a "rap" skit about the harmful effects of prescription medication abuse.

The Sheriff's Office is coordinating a quarterly drop-off date and time at the Warrenbrook center where the public could drop off their expired or unused prescription drugs in a portable collection box. An officer would return the items for safe disposal at the Sheriff's Office. The exact dates are still to be determined.



(above) "Rap" skit with two members of Somerset County Retired Nurses Society – (l-r) Susan Anzarki and Joann Ball.



(above) Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Program presenters and attendees.





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## **SUMMER FUN AT WARREN LIONS CLUB EXPO**

Submitted by Charlie Oliva



(above, l-r) Resa Drasin with Alf the Lion.

The Warren Township Lions Club held its throughout Warren Township. The Club has 48th annual EXPO on June 12 and June 15

at the Township Municipal grounds. Well over 5,000 attended the carnival event, which featured rides, games, food, local vendors, a dunk tank sponsored by the Warren PBA Local 135, appearances by Alf the Lion and music from the Charlie "O" DJ Service. There were also many community groups with activities promoting the health, education and safety of children.

The traditional fireworks display, provided by Garden State Fireworks, concluded the festivities on Saturday evening.

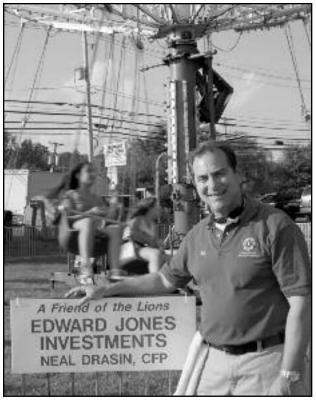
EXPO serves as the Lions Club's major fundraising event; all proceeds are donated to local charities, organizations and events.

The Warren Lions Club was founded in 1948 by a group of local residents and business owners dedicated to improving the quality of life

continued to grow and is now one of the major community service organizations in Warren.

In addition to EXPO, the Warren Lions Club has been involved in many recent community service projects, and has a number of projects and activities remaining for this year. In addition, the club is always interested in exploring new projects and events that will benefit the boys and girls of Warren Township. Each year, the Club offers scholarships to Warren students who will be attending a college in the fall; the scholarships are based on financial need and are selected by a committee of Lions Club members.

The Warren Lions Club is always seeking new members who wish to serve the Warren community. For more information, contact Neal 908-410-6325 Drasin at or warrenlionsclub.org.



(above) Neal Drasin in front of popular carnival swing ride.

Photos by Neal Drasin





(above, l-r) Resa Drasin, Vinny Oliva, Jane DeNoble and Brennan McKay.



(above) Volunteer Bonnie Kaufman working the water gun booth.

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## **AUGUST ADULT PROGRAMS**

#### NJ PALISADES: 7 PM, THURSDAY, AUGUST 8. IN 1524

Explorer Giovanni da Verrazano described the cliffs along the west bank of the Hudson River as 'a fence of stakes,' or 'Palisades''. Join author and photographer Kevin Woyce for a colorful tour of one of New Jersey's most impressive landmarks, from its formation and discovery to the American Revolution and the creation of the Palisades Interstate Park. Discover history along the park's major trails, from abandoned riverfront beaches and ferry landings to a vanished cliff top world of mansions and grand hotels. An ideal program to plan a day trip during the summer! Pre-registration required.

#### **INVASIVE SPECIES: 7 PM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 13**

In New Jersey, there are over 100 invasive plants, ranging in status from rare to spreading rapidly. Many of these plants stem from the landscape industry, such as Chinese silver grass and Bradford pear. This workshop will focus on how to identify and eradicate these plants, and stop their reintroduction in order to prevent the further degradation of New Jersey's natural resources. Melissa Almendinger, Executive Director of NJ Invasive Species Strike Team (NJISST), will present a program about identification and removal of emergent invasive plants, before they become widespread and can cause significant ecological damage Learn what you can do to help our native plants survive. Pre-registration required.

#### **CAN'T STAND THE HEAT?**

Go to the Warren Twp Library, the coolest place in town! On Mondays from 1 to 4 play Bridge at the library. On Tuesdays, Mah Jongg players meet from 1 to 4 pm. And on Friday mornings from 10 am to 1 pm, the newly created Chess Club gets together. No registration is required to attend these players' groups. Spread the word! Just tell your friends and neighbors and enjoy some time playing your favorite games at the library. New players are always welcome, but previous knowledge of the games is preferable.

## **CALLING ALL CHESS PLAYERS!**



(above, l-r) Chess players Brian Wade, Zarah Babakhani and Robert Schlenger. The Warren Twp Library's adult Chess Club meets every Friday from 10 to 1 pm. Bring your chess set and tell your friends! No registration is required.





## **WASHINGTON AND POE**

Maggie Worsdale, from the Traveling Literary Theater, delivered another top-notch performance at the Warren Twp Library on Saturday July 13th. A record 60 people attended the play, "First Ladies according to Martha Washington." The audience learned some little known facts about the First Ladies from Martha Washington to Betty Ford. As usual the multitalented Maggie Worsdale delighted the audience not only with her acting and singing but also with her quick wit and sense of humor.



(above),l-r) Maggie Worsdale as Martha Washington, Marcela Dunham, Adult Program Coordinator and Tom Worsdale as Edgar Allan Poe. Photo credit: Jennifer Konopacki

#### **WATCHUNG-WARREN ROTARY CLUB**

The Watchung-Warren Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at 12:15pm at the Twin Brooks County Club, 600 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung, NJ. For more information about the club and upcoming events, please call Bob Aznar at (908) 755-8724.

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## GIRL SCOUTS EARN GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE AWARDS

#### **GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Ashley Genoese (Troop 65669) organized and ran the Arts & Crafts program for the first Juvenile Diabetes day camp in New Jersey. Ashley tied many of the projects to diabetes, which allowed the kids to have fun while creating crafts related to their common disease. She developed a plan and budget for future camp directors to use. She created a survey for the campers and parents, where she discovered that all campers participated in her program, and many agreed it was their favorite part of camp. This project had a large impact on Ashley, as well as the kids, so Ashley decided to volunteer as a counselor at the camp the following summer.

Elizabeth Heyman (Troop 65198) Libby worked with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to organize an art show that provided her community with locally made art and informational materials to promote discussions of proper mental health and methods of helping those suffering from mood disorders. The event was held at the American Legion Hall in Warren and featured well over a dozen pieces, including one center piece made by the host that was constructed out of slips of paper covered in anonymously submitted secrets, all contributing to the night's theme, "Everyone has a secret that would just break your heart if you only knew".

Monica Mahal (Troop 65252) worked with Warren Middle School students to encourage them to stop littering. She involved them in litter clean-up trips and putting together art displays. She directed an environmental segment on the school news, and created a video called "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle," which was viewed by the entire school. It will continue to be shown to incoming sixth graders. Monica established a recycling-system at the local sports field, and continues to be active in her anti-litter campaign.

Alyssa Puccio (Troop 65278) worked with the Warren Elks Club to prepare a garden-like



entrance way to the Elk's Club, complete with new plantings and a freshly painted sign. Volunteers will continue to maintain the area during special American holidays. The global connection was to promote environmental awareness, pride, and concern for a cleaner environment in our community.

Isabel Kim (Troop 65926) created and led an arts and crafts program for Kindergarteners, to be run during the summer in conjunction with the Kindergarten camp run by Warren Rec. She also researched projects ideas, worked with counselors and created a portfolio of projects for them to use in the future.

Erin Maloney (Troop 65926) planned and led the first annual Warren Family campout for the Warren Rec department. She handled marketing, communication, securing donations, planning program activities, and leading the children and adults at the event. She put together a template document to be used by others to run the event in the future. Her goal was to share her love of the outdoors and camping, as well as to promote the benefits of more "unplugged," outdoor playtime for children and families.

## SILVER AWARDS RECIPIENT Troop 65760:

Kira Bartnick Katherine Genirs

#### Troop 65306:

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## **BRONZE AWARDS RECIPIENT**

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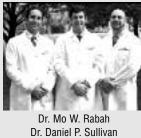
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## **BOY SCOUT TROOP 228**



(above) Boy Scout Troop 228 in attendance for Court of Honor held June 10th. The Court of Honor is where all rank advancements are officially recognized, as well as presenting of merit badges and other miscellaneous awards since the previous Court of Honor.



(above) Scouts departing on their main summer camping trip to Sabattis in upstate NY on June 29, 2013. Twenty-eight scouts from the Troop attended, in addition to 6 adults. A week at Sabattis Adventure Camp is one of the highlights of their scouting career, where they can relax in the middle of the Adirondacks, work on rank advancements, merit badges and other activities, as well as working closely as a patrol and troop.

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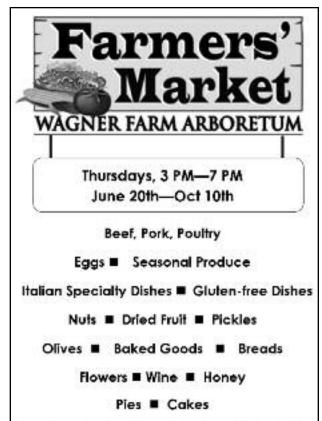
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