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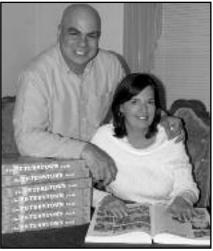
Currently on exhibit at the Watchung Hills Regional High School's Atrium Gallery are collages done to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of President Kennedy's passing. The

students paid homage to his life rather than close scrutiny to his assassination. The project was a joint effort between the history and art departments.



(above, l-r) Jason Hoffman (artwort at right), Warren; Brandon Leong, Green Brook; Michelle Sucre, Green Brook; Lizzie Wexler,Watchung; Kate Stoll, Green Brook; Lois Salzarullo, Watchung; Natasha Hunter, Warren; Brianna Torrisi, Warren; Brianna Martins, Green Brook; Olaia Martinez, Warren.

#### **BOOK RECORDS THE 100 YEAR HISTORY OF AN ITALIAN-AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD**



(above) The Peterstown Book publishers Joe & Tina Renna.

The Peterstown Book is the 100-year history of an Italian-American neighborhood told through stories about the people and families who lived there. The book records the oral history in danger of being lost and illustrates the traditions and customs of the community through thousands of photos, hundreds of recipes, and anecdotes shared by residents past and present.

Every aspect of life is represented in its chapters, especially the dynamics of the family, social clubs and of the church. The book shows the contributions that were made to society in the arts and entertainment fields, sports, science, humanities and of course "the food." Over 200 recipes accompanied by background stories fill a hundred-page chapter.

This book is not only about the greatest generation but also of those who gave rise to them and the generations that followed. It is a nostalgic look at The Great Depression, WWII and Baby Boomers. It also serves as a guide to future generations who, sadly, will not experience the sense of community that was prevalent in these old-time neighborhoods. The Peterstown Book intends to preserve the great Italian-American culture of the past century. *See page 7 for an order form.* 

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#### HILLS MITES OPEN SEASON WITH A VICTORY

The Watchung Hills Hockey Club Mites (4-8 year olds) opened up the season with a 10-0 victory over Denville on Saturday, October 26. The team had a number of spectacular performances but none greater than 2nd year Mite, Sawyer Flynn who scored a goal and assisted on 3 others while playing his new position on defense. It was a team effort as eight different Warriors scored goals including Jess Dai, Peter DaSilva, Bennett Lavoie, Aidan & Michael Wilson, Daniel Gallant and Brady Sifert. Also contributing to the day were Jack Fidacarr and Tim and Cam Jelinek who each assisted on two goals. Nick Alvin played goal and turned away all the shots that Denville threw at him, registering a shutout in his first game as a goalie. This was a nice start to the season for the Mites.

The team was not as fortunate in game 2 on November 2 as they were in game 1 and fell to Morristown 4-2. The score would have been a bit more lopsided if it weren't for the play of 1st-year goalie Nicholas Alvin who turned away 12 shots in the effort including a breakaway. Timothy Jelinek scored his firstever goal as a result of his brother's hard work down low in digging the puck out of the corner. Cam Jelinek not only assisted in that play but had a number of shots on goal. Daniel Gallant scored on an exciting penalty shot after he was taken down on a breakaway and Morristown assessed a penalty. Sawyer Flynn, Brendan Dowd and Michael Wilson rounded out a strong defensive game while Michael Galiani, Jacob Lee, Peter DaSilva, and Aidan Wilson continued to apply pressure upfront for the entire game.

The Mites skated to a heartbreaking 4-4 tie against Beacon Hill on Saturday, November 9? with only 1 tick remaining on the clock, Beacon Hill managed to score the game-tying goal. The Warriors were spearheaded by the excellent play of Dan Gallant, Jess Dai, and Jack Fidacaro who all notched goals in the contest.

The Jr Warriors controlled play for most of the game, with forward brothers Tim and Cam Jelinek, Brendan Dowd, Alekos Antippas, Julian Joglekar and Aidan Wilson keeping pressure on the opposing team in their zone for a majority of the game. Although the Beacon Hill goalie was tremendous, Warrior goalie Nicky Alvin was not to be outdone making several big stops including 3 breakaways.

Sawyer Flynn's physical play on defense kept the opponent honest all morning while teammates Michael Wilson, Brendan Dowd and Peter DaSilva controlled the puck in the box and around the Warrior net. The Warriors move to 1-1-1 with the tie.

Last year's mite team won first place for the regular season and won the playoff champion in dramatic fashion scoring the winning goal with 32 seconds left in the game to edge out Harding Madison 5-4.



(above, back row, l-r) Tim Jelinek, Cam Jelinek, Coach Patrick Alvin, Alekos Antippas, Darin Larsen, Aiden Wilson, Brendan Dowd, Daniel Gallant, Daniel Adams, Michael Wilson (front row) Michael Galiani, Julian Joglekar, Nicholas Alvin, Sawver Flynn, Sam Lopes, Jacob Lee.



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(above) Winner - Most High Adventure: Vacation in Grand Canyon by Wesley



## **BOY SCOUT SUMMER PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS**

Warren Boy Scout Troop 228 held a photo contest this summer. The three categories were "Most Exotic," "Most High Adventure" and "Coolest." One of the requirements was that the Boy Scouts had to be wearing their Class B uniforms in the pictures. These were the three winners in each of the categories, as voted on by the boys in the Troop.



(abovet) Winner - Most Exotic: Vacation in Australia by Michael



(above) Winner - Coolest: Vacation in Paris by Parth



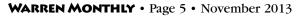
## **HILLS CHEER SQUADS PERFORM AT CITI FIELD**

Junior Warriors Junior Varsity and Varsity Cheer squads performed on Citi Field with the NY JETS Flight Crew in the second annual Cheer and Dance Day. The girls worked hard on learning the routine a month prior to the event

Article and photos were submitted by Tammy Nicastro & Gina Kuijlaars.

On September 28, 2013 the Watchung Hills and were able to meet and practice with a few of the JETS cheerleaders. They made our community proud as they danced with 20 other teams. The new uniforms helped the Varsity girls shine bright amidst the sea of colors on the field.







(above, l-r) Varsity Captains Marisa Nicastro, Natalie Kuijlaars, Sara Schultz enjoying the game.

(left, front, l-r) Varsity Captains: Natalie Kuijlaars, Marisa Nicastro, Sara Schultz (2nd row, l-r) Caroline Geib, Sarah Meijas, Megan Lester, Katie Honnegar, Stephanie Kuijlaars, Erin Pinto & Stephanie Vagelos (3rd row, l-r) Ty'ja Evans, Ashley Lynn, Julianna Miller, Devon Mauriello, Brianna McAuley, Nina Morris & Larisa Perone (4th row, l-r) The Jets Flight Crew Cheerleaders.



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Tickets to Super Bowl XLVIII could be yours when you donate blood to the Super Community Blood Drive, which is coming to our area on Saturday, Nov. 30, 9:30 am to 2 pm, at Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church, 42 Liberty Corner Road, Warren. All eligible participants who donate blood at any of the Super Community Blood Drive locations from now until Jan. 17, 2014, will be entered into a drawing to win two Super Bowl tickets.

Donors to the Super Community Blood Drive must bring a Social Security number plus a signed photo ID and weigh a minimum of 120 lbs. Donors are also advised to eat a meal and drink plenty of water one hour prior to making a donation. For all eligibility information, please contact The Blood Center of New Jersey, 973-676-4700 ext. 132 or www.bloodnj.org.

The Super Community Blood Drive, sponsored by the NY-NJ Super Bowl Host Committee in partnership with Save 3 Lives and The Blood Center of New Jersey, is working to address the severe blood shortage in our area. Super Bowl XLVIII will be held at Met Life Stadium in New Jersey, February 2014. Contest rules available at www.bloodnj.org.

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Please note: Program dates and times may be subject to change.

For complete program information, go to the library's website or call the library.

#### **WARREN LIBRARY CLOSED DUE TO RENOVATIONS**

Beginning Monday, November 11, the Warren Township Library (a branch of the Somerset County Library System), located at 42 Mountain Boulevard in Warren, New Jersey, will close for approximately four weeks for needed painting and renovations, including the women's public restroom. The reopening will be on or about December 7, 2013.

"You know how disruptive it is to paint your house," commented System Director Brian Auger, "this is much worse as all the wallmounted shelving and the books on them, have to come down first. We are very sorry for the inconvenience, but could not find any other way to get the work done quickly and safely."

As a result of the areas being renovated and painted, and the fact that there will be no staff in the building, the book drop will be closed. Materials can be returned to any SCLS branch; the closest branches are Watchung, North Plainfield, Bound Brook and Bridgewater. Staff has been advising patrons to change the pick-up location for their holds to a nearby branch or to "freeze" them until December 7. The following programs will take place at the Warren Court Room, next to the Library:

- Saturday, November 16 @ 2 pm. "Meeting Eleanor Roosevelt" portrayed by actress Linda Kenyon.
- Monday, November 18 @ 6:30 pm. Parent/Teacher Program—Let the Brain Games Begin! Toys and Games to Boost your Brain Power.
- Wednesday, November 20 @ 7 pm. Identity Theft, presented by Kevin Lynch, from the Society of Financial Awareness.
- Saturday, November 23 @ 2 pm. The Music of the British Invasion, performed by the group "Carnaby Street!" led by Chris Roselle.
- Wednesday, December 4 @ 7 PM- Teen Program –Finding Truth in YA Fiction—A Panel of YA Authors.
- Registration is open for these programs through the library website or by calling 908-754-5554.

Staff anticipates welcoming the community back on Saturday, December 7.



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#### HILLS PHYS ED SUPERVISOR TO RETIRE AFTER 35 YEARS

#### By Eleanor Mathews

"Almost 35 years to the day," muses Mario Diez. "It's almost thirty-five years ago that I came to Watchung Hills Regional High School," says the retiring chairperson of the Phys Ed/Health Department as he ticks off the years since December 17, 1979.

And what a career it has been! Diez has not only shaped Hills' phys ed program, but has also become known in wider circles as a winning baseball coach, who has led Hills teams to significant championships: seven at the (Skyland) Conference level; four at the county level (Somerset County Tournament of Champions); and three on the state level.

A graduate of Athens State College (Alabama), and holder of a Master's Degree from Kean College, Diez has been named to the Hall of Fame of New Jersey Baseball Coaches as well as the Hall of Fame of New Jersey School Coaches. But more than that, Diez' philosophy about the function of phys ed as part of the total picture of a student's development has been a model in educational circles. He has been instrumental in developing an elective phys ed curriculum that is progressive and current, one that is student-centered and individualized. Rather than a one-size-fits-all curriculum to which all must subscribe, the Hills physical education course of study offers options that develop life and wellness skills which students can pursue outside of school and beyond school years. Team sports, will, of course, still be

included on the phys ed "menu."

Among options selected by students on a halfsemester basis are such courses as fitness, yoga, dance, judo, power walking, Project Adventure, body sculpting, wellness education, marriage, and more. These are the activities they can still pursue as adults, Diez says.

Students also fill in a "fitness-gram" which helps them assess their aerobic capacity, strength, agility, etc., all of which may play a part in their choice of phys ed courses.

The Hills elective phys ed program, started in the mid-80's, has been both successful and wellreceived by Hills students and has been visited by instructors from other schools.

The physical education offerings in the schools in the local sending district are coordinated with those at Hills.

Diez also acts as supervisor of the Business Arts Department. In addition to overseeing financial, family and consumer-oriented courses, he has been interested in developing courses in sports management and entrepreneurship.

Have students changed much in the 35 years of Diez' tenure? Technology has changed, says "Coach," but kids remain essentially the same. "Kids are still kids. They are a spirited bunch," Diez states. "They love to talk and they're interested in being social. They are facing greater challenges than my generation ever did—but they will overcome these, as every generation does."



(above) Mario Diez

Working at Watchung Hills has been "the thrill of a lifetime," Diez concludes, but retirement will also bring its joys, such as working in his Whitehouse Station garden, playing with his four grandchildren, some informal coaching, fishing, and finding out what else he can learn to do. Retirement will thus be a special adventure, just as teaching was.

Life will continue to be, as it always has been, a "perfect 10" for this retiring department head.

