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# **CRANFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NETWORK IS GROWING**

Submitted by Kurt Petschow, President, Cranford Chamber of Commerce

March is upon us and Mother Nature's hard winter is losing its grip. It's a great time to get out and network with fellow businesses and the Chamber of Commerce. On March 12 at 12 noon, we have our Networking Lunch at Lidia's Cuban Kitchen located at 117 North Union Avenue. Our guest speaker will be Nancy Burke, Marketing Manager Union County College Industrial-Business Institute.

Please RSVP to the Chamber office by phone

(908) 272-6114 or email Cranfordchamber@comcast.net. We would like to thank Dave Carracino and the staff at the Cranford Hotel for hosting our Kickoff Party. Pictures of our very successful event are below.

March marks our Big Membership Drive month. If you haven't already sent in your dues, please do so. If you are thinking about joining the Chamber, please feel free to attend our upcoming events and see what we are all about. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you and here's to an early spring!!



(above and below) Photos from the Cranford Chamber of Commerce monthly networking event hosted by the Cranford Hotel.





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# **CRANFORD WRESTLING TEAM WINS DISTRICTS**

The 16-5 Cranford Varsity wrestling team won the District 11 2014 tournament. The team is Coached by Head Coach Pat Gorman, Asst Coach Justin Bonitatis, and JV Coach Julian Campo.

The team was lead by the five champions and other 6 placers listed below.

113 Freshman Tom DiGiovanni champ,

- 120 Freshman Chris Scorese champ and awarded the tournament Outstanding
  - Wrester award,
- 132 Freshman Brian McGovern champ,

- 138 Junio Gavin Murray Champ (two timer),
- 160 Sophomore Niko Cappello Champ (two timer)
- 106 Freshman Anthony Capece 2nd place
- 145 Sophomore Andrew Tompkins 3rd place,
- 152 Senior Corey Birch 3rd place,
- 182 Junior Nick Ballas 3rd place,
- 220 Senior Mike Pastor 3rd place,
- HWT Senior Jon El-Khoury 3rd place.

The Cougars still have 113 Tom DiGiovanni, 138 Gavin Murray, and 160 Niko Cappello competing in the state tournament.





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Please bring non-perishable food items for donations to Cranford Family Care (In need of coffee/tea, mayo, ketchup, canned meats, snacks, canned milk, breakfast items, kids snacks, juice boxes)

> PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH 7:30 AM to 12 PM CRANFORD VFW

479 South Ave. \$7: adult • \$5: child • \$20: entire family Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage/Bacon, Coffee, Juice Proceeds to benefit Cranford First Aid Squad Easter Bunny will be present at both events!

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### MAX GLAZER HONORED FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Submitted by Mr. Rui Dionisio, Principal, Cranford High School

Max Glazer, a senior at Cranford High School, was recently honored for his exemplary volunteer service with a Certificate of Excellence from The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, and with a President's Volunteer Service Award granted by the program on behalf of President Barack Obama.

The Prudential Spirit Community Award honors young people across America for outstanding volunteer service. Certificates of Excellence are awarded to the top 10 percent of all Prudential Spirit of Community Award applicants in each state.

The Service Awards recognize Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country. Cranford High School nominated Max Glazer for national honors this fall in recognition of his volunteer service.

Max founded a non-profit organization called "Books for the Bayou" which has ensured that tens of thousands of books (more than 3 tons) have streamed into the Lower 9th Ward of New Orleans to help replace what that community lost to Hurricane Katrina, and in an effort to support rebuilding. This project began when Max was 12 when his Synagogue sponsored a trip to New Orleans, working to rebuild from Hurricane Katrina. An avid reader, Max was dismayed that few books could be saved and there was no longer a working library. Max came up with the idea of getting books for these people. He started with a collection at his middle school in 2010 and was able to send 20 boxes of books for the children and adults in the Lower 9th Ward. Max has not stopped since. He has held many community collections, created a partnership with a publishing company, and has written grants to help pay for shipment of the more than 3 tons of books. Max has returned to New Orleans every year since his first visit. Max's most recent book collection has been to support schools and communities in New Jersey devasted by Hurricane Sandy. Congratulations to Max Glazer for going above and beyond in his volunteer service.



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# SOUP FOR SOUPER BPWL AT OAS

Submitted by Angel Eimer

Orange Avenue School is the 2014 Division 4 Winner of the Students Change Hunger food drive for the Community Food Bank of NJ! Students and families supported the food drive from September until Thanksgiving and again in January during our Soup for Souper Bowl food campaign donating more than 3,000 items for the hungry. Students in third through eighth grade supported and participated in Students Change Hunger. The 6th grade students under the leadership of the 6th Grade Team of teachers at the school participated in a team building day in October. They learned about hunger in New Jersey through a presentation by Laura Sodano, an outreach leader at the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. Students in Ms. Ross's and Mrs. Eimer's classes collected and counted the food weekly. Ms. Sandgran and Mr. Reppert updated school thermometers to let the students know how much food was arriving each week! Mr. Deacon, Mrs. Fontana, and Mrs. Pavlak participated in a Pie in the Face assembly as an award to the grades donating the most cans during the initiative. The project provided students with experiences in volunteerism and leadership through service.

# **REGISTRATION FOR RECREATION PROGRAMS**

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department would like to remind everyone that registration for Spring Programs (Session 3) will begin on Monday, March 10th at the Community Center. Registration for Cranford Residents only can be done in person or on-line. Most programs start the week of April 7th.

#### PRESCHOOL AND KINDER PROGRAMS

Mommy and Me Music, Preschool Arts and Crafts, Science Matters, Sing A Song, Spanish Enrichment, Stretch-n-Grow, US Sports classes, Kinder Book Club, Kinder Yoga and Kinder Cooking & Arts and Crafts.

#### **YOUTH PROGRAMS**

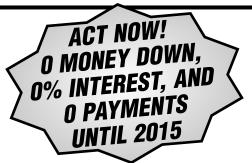
Elementary Cooking, Golf for Juniors, Intro to Rock, Keyboard 101, Guitar 101, Science Matters, Junior Ceramics, Trendy Threads, Kid Safe Self Defense, Lights! Camera! Kids! Action!, Junior Scientists, Little Bakers, Intro to Robotics, Art Class, Mannerations, Creative Art Lab, Jewelry Design, Young Magicians and Astronomy Stargazers.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS (all programs for adults age 18+)

Adult Self Defense, Adult Beginners/ Intermediate Tai Chi, Adult Ceramics, Golf for Women, Pilates, Astronomy Stargazers, Yoga (Mondays and Wednesdays), Body Barre (Wednesdays and Fridays), and Zumba. For more details on these programs, please go to our website www.cranford.com/rec, click on INFORMATION and click on our brochure.

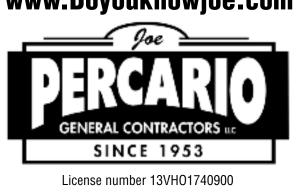
Registration can be done in person at the Community Center or online at https://register.communitypass.net/cranford. For further information, please call the Recreation Department at (908) 709-7283.





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I [26 VV]Z Friday & Saturday APRIL 4 & 5, 2014 7:00 pm DAVID BREARLEY HS 401 Monroe Ave, Kenilworth, NJ

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The Wiz is a retelling of L. Frank Baum's The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, which features music and lyrics by Charlie Smalls and a book by William F. Brown. **Call (908) 931-9696 for more information.** 

# DAVID BREARLEY THEATER 'EASES DOWN THE ROAD' WITH THEIR NEXT SCHOOL MUSICAL

Students of David Brearley Middle & High Schools will present The Wiz on April 4 & 5, 2014 at 7pm.

The Wiz is a retelling of L. Frank Baum's The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, which features music and lyrics by Charlie Smalls and is based on a book by William F. Brown.

Come watch as Dorothy (Vanessa Sierra) is swept away by a tornado and must find her way back home. Along the way, she befriends a brainless Scarecrow (Andrea Gaines), a heartless Tinman (Jenna Zimmerman), and a cowardly Lion (Orion Stubbs).

Will Dorothy be able to avoid the clutches of the Wicked Witch of the West, Evillene (Mariah Pogue)? Will the Wiz (Michael Mossucco) show her how to get back home?

Find out on Friday, April 4 and Saturday April 5 at 7pm! Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door. Call (908) 931-9696 for more information.



(above, l-r) Orion Stubbs, Andrea Gaines, Vanessa Sierra, Jenna Zimmerman, Michael Mossucco (Mariah Pogue not pictured).



# **AUDITIONS FOR CDC THEATRE'S 95TH SEASON PRODUCTION OF "DOUBT, A PARABLE"**

CDC Theatre, New Jersey's oldest community **CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS:** theatre, announces auditions for "Doubt. A Parable" at CDC Theatre March 16-17.

Auditions will take place at the Cranford Dramatic Club 78 Winans Ave. Cranford., on Sunday, March 16 and Tuesday March 18, both at 7 p.m., with callbacks on Thursday, March 20 at 7 p.m. if needed.

Performance dates are May 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17 at 8 p.m. and May 11 at 2 p.m.

Rehearsals will begin with a read thru on Sunday, March 23 at 7 p.m.

Thereafter rehearsals will be held on most Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., with two Saturday afternoons in addition.

Synopsis: Winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award, Doubt is set in a Catholic school in the Bronx in 1964. This thrilling drama follows the suspicions of the schools strongminded principal, Sister Aloysius, that new priest Father Flynn might be making improper advances toward its first African-American male student. She enlists the aid of a young teacher, Sister James, in her efforts to validate her concerns and confront Father Flynn. Flynn is as adamant in his denial of any wrongdoing as Sister Aloysius is certain that he is guilty. With Sister James and the student's mother, Mrs. Muller, caught in the middle, the priest and principal face off in a battle of wills.

- Sister Aloysius The head nun and principal of St Nicholas School. In her fifties or sixties, she is watchful, reserved and unsentimental. She's a no-nonsense, hardened administrator. determined to maintain order and tradition.
- Father Flynn A new priest at St. Nicholas. His background is working class. In his thirties or forties, he is well-liked and particularly popular with the boys that he coaches in basketball. He's rather liberal and "modern" in his religious views.
- Sister James A young nun in her twenties who is an enthusiastic but inexperienced eighth grade teacher at St. Nicholas. She is reserved, but cares about her students and wants to think the best of everyone.
- Mrs. Muller The mother of St. Nicholas student Donald Muller. She is an African-American woman, late thirties to forties, working class, weary and wary of the world. She has learned to accept what she has to accept and work with it.

Funding has been made possible in part by the NJ State Council on the Arts, Dept. of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs.





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# **CRANFORD SCOUTS FINISH FIRST AND THIRD IN** WHITE CASTLE SPONSORED CHESS TOURNAMENT

America hosted their first Chess Tournament open to all registered Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers. The tournament was generously



(above, l-r) First, second and third place finishers of the 2014 White Castle / Munsee District BoyScout Chess Tournament, Nicholas Riggins, Thomas Brockman, and James Sweeney.

The Munsee District of the Boy Scouts of sponsored by White Castle and was held on February 22, in the Cranford Community Center. This was the first tournament since the Boy Scouts of America introduced the Chess merit badge. Thirty-one players participated, playing four games each. Twelve players were from the host town of Cranford.

Nicholas Riggins of Cranford's Troop #80 won all four of his games and finished in first place, beating out second place finisher Thomas Brockman of Millstone. Brockman also won all four of his games but lost to Riggins in tiebreaker points. Third place with three wins was Cranford's James Sweeney.

White Castle purchased 20 sets, boards and clocks for Munsee District. The company also covered expenses for running the tournament including trophies for the top three winners and ribbons for participants. They also supplied lunch for all players and spectators along with gift bags. White Castle will continue to support the Boy Scouts and the Chess program.





# **TOMKOVICH AND CHESS TEAM TIES FOR FIRST IN WORLD TOURNAMENT**

Greg Tomkovich of Cranford plays third board on the The Kenilworth Chess Club Niners. The team tied for 1st among U1900 teams at the World Amateur Team Championship, duplicating their 2013 result.

Since 2007 the tournament has grown in size and is now the biggest amateur team tournament in the world, about 1,300 players and almost 300 four-player teams participate. The tournament was recognized by the World Chess Federation (FIDE) as a world championship.

The average of all four players is used to determine the team average. Aside from the overall open winner, prizes are awarded for each 100 rating level from under 1000 to U2100. All teams must enter with an average rating of under 2200.

Each team plays six times over a three day period. The Kenilworth team lost just 4 games out of the 24 they played in the tournament held in Parsippany, NJ over the President's Day weekend. They did not suffer a single defeat in the last 3 rounds.

Life Master Mark Kernighan led the way on board one by drawing GM Larry Kauffman in the opening round and winning his last 5 games. Third board Greg Tomkovich and alternate Dan Komunicky also turned-in plus scores. Second board John Moldovan struggled in rounds 3 and 5 but nicked FM Allan Savage for a draw on Saturday afternoon and finished at 50%. Fourth board Geoff McAuliffe also finished with an even score.



(above, standing, l-r) The Kenilworth Chess Club Niners with ratings, Dan Komunicky (1475) and Greg Tomkovich (1671). (seated, l-r) LM Mark Kernighan (2251) and John Moldovan (1816). (not pictured) Geoff McAuliffe.

(right) Cranford resident Greg Tomkovich.

In the Open catagory the team lead by Kenilworth Chess Club member Steve Stoyko which included club member Scott Massey tied for fourth place overall.

Established in 1972, the Kenilworth Chess Club is a fun and active club with both beginner and master chess players. The Club meets every Thursday night beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Recreation building at 575 Kenilworth Boulevard in Kenilworth, NJ. Enter through the rear door. All are welcome, membership is not required to play and chess lessons are available.





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# **BOY SCOUT TROOPS 80 AND 75 REPRESENT CRANFORD KLONDIKE DERBY**

A 65-year Boy Scout tradition continued this year at Watchung Reservation on February 8th. The Klondike Derby is a yearly competition between area Boy Scouts that allow them to showcase their scout skills as they travel from town to town in a rustic winter theater. The Klondike Derby is based on the heritage of the Klondike gold rush and the Iditarod sled competition in Alaska.

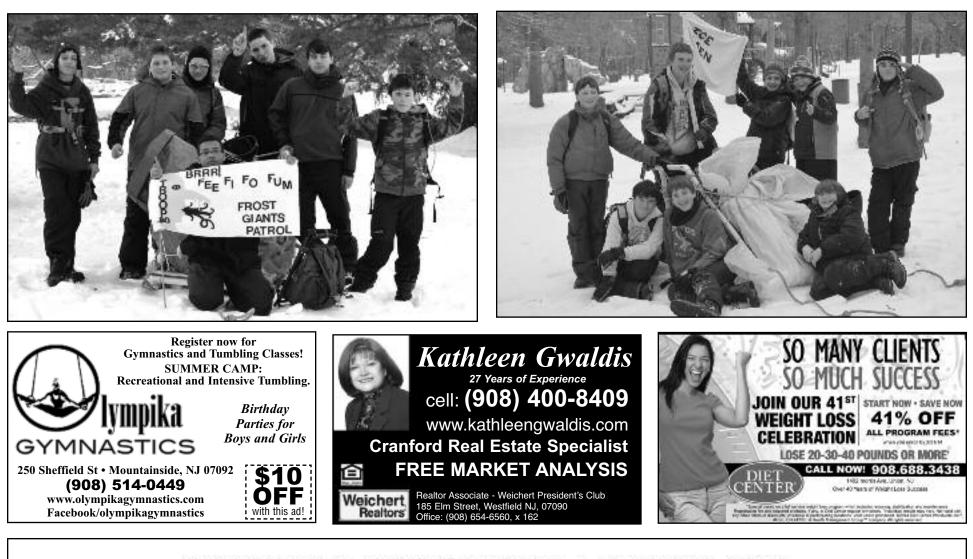
The Boy Scouts, 150 in all representing 11 local troops, traveled by sleds being pulled by the scouts themselves. At each town the scouts were given a task that required them to perform the many scout skills that they have acquired throughout their scouting life. Veteran and new scouts are joined in their sled teams to allow on

the job training for the rookies. Some skills that they pulled their sleds over plenty of frozen were tested at the 10 towns are: primitive fire building, with no matches, knot tying and lashing, winter rescue, map and compass skills and cooking. The scouts must pack their sled strategically as they can only use the items on their sled to perform each town's task. Points are awarded at each town in accordance with their proficiency. After the grueling 6-hour course the points are tallied and the winning teams are awarded medals for their efforts.

Many years the course is done on mud and gravel when Mother Nature has not provided the winter bed of snow that we would usually expect in February. However, the extreme cold this winter provided the Scouts with less friction as ground cover in the loop area at Watchung Reservation.

Each Boy Scout Troop has a home base set up to support their boys. A warm camp fire and hot food are a welcome reward for the hard working scouts. The event is a strong opportunity for the boys to show team building and leadership as well as their scouting skills. The Kondike Derby is one of many tools that Boy Scouts of America offer their membership as they advance in rank toward Eagle Scout and ultimately become productive members of our communities and society.

For more information about Boy Scouts visit our website at www.troop80-bsa.com/



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FEATURE PHOTO: Mike Guarriello of Cranford, slam dunks 2 points against Newark's North Star Academy on Thursday, February 20, 2014 at the Martin Gymnasium at Cranford High School.



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The Friends of the Cranford Public Library are offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a Cranford resident who is currently pursuing or intends to pursue a graduate degree in library science or media specialist. The award is not based on need. The candidate must furnish proof of acceptance to an accredited university, a letter of reference, and an essay. Applications are available at the Cranford Public Library reference desk. Completed applications must be returned to the reference desk by May 14, 2014.



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# **CRANFORD'S HISTORY IN COLOR**

The Cranford Historic Preservation Advisory Board has created a fascinating map providing a new perspective of Cranford. The map shows each lot in town and is color-coded according to the era in which each building was built. Houses built in each 25 year period are assigned a different color.

"You can really see how the town developed" said Maureen Strazdon, chair of the Cranford Historic Preservation Advisory Board. "The center of town – the bull's-eye - is predominantly shades of blue, meaning it was developed between 1825 and 1899. The next circle around the bull's-eye has a lot of brown, indicating construction between 1900 and 1924. Then the next circle out is chiefly orange and yellow, meaning it was developed between 1925 and 1963."

Only one house, the Norris-Oakey House at 1119 Orange Ave. near the Kenilworth border, is red, indicating it was built between 1700 and 1799. It is the oldest remaining house in Cranford, first built in 1750, but changed considerably with an addition in 1820.

Cranford was laid out by brothers Alden, William and Charles Bigelow of the firm Dayton, Eastman, and Bigelow in 1865. It consisted of a two block square between Holly St. (named for the Bigelows other brother, Theophilus) and Union Ave. Alden St. (named for Alden Bigelow) bounded one side and Springfield Ave. the other. The developers built more than 30 residences within this area and on the map they are light blue, indicating they were built between 1875 and 1899.

The development of Central Ave. by Dr. Phineas P. Lounsbury, inventor of "Dr. Lounsbury's Malt Extract" patent medicine, and Forest Ave. and Cranford Ave. by Sylvester Cahill, followed. Starting in 1888 Eugene

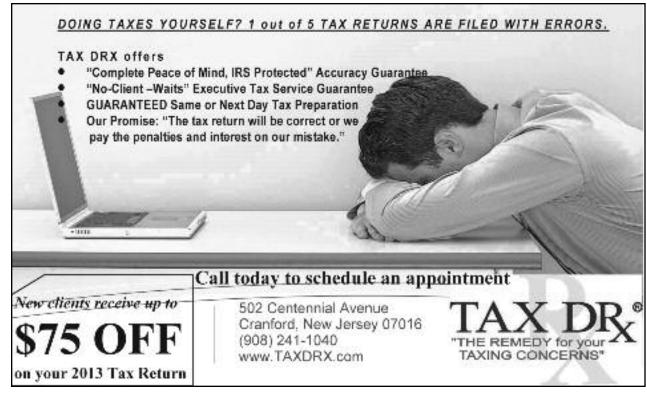
The Cranford Historic Preservation Advisory Austin developed several pieces of real estate on twenty acres near North and Forest Avenues, so there is a lot of blue in that area.

Another thing that becomes apparent are neighborhoods or developments, like Sunny Acres that is solidly orange, having been built in 1940. A total of 170 homes were built on seven streets in the area by Sears, Roebuck and Company, offering 12 designs, oriented differently for different looks. The houses were built from kits shipped in via the nearby railroad. But unlike most Sears houses that were built by owners, these were built and sold by the Company.

"The map also highlights what we have lost" said Strazdon. Yellow patches in the center of town - indicating construction between 1950 and 1963 - show where buildings were torn down and replaced.

The maps are available at the Artist Framer at 17 North Ave in Cranford. They are \$10 unframed, \$50 framed. Money raised from the sale goes to funding other Historic Preservation projects.





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#### "American Quilts and Their History" With Gail Small

Sunday, March 16, 2014 - From 2:00 - 4:00 pm The program will begin at 2:15pm. This quilting program will be presented during three different times in American history. Here about the first designs used in

American history. Hear about the first designs used in patchwork blocks. Learn why the colonial women loved quilting bees and what they talked about during the Migration Westward from 1830 to 1860. During the American Civil War, hear how women on both sides raised money for the war. In addition, find out when the first sewing machine was patented and the availability of the first mail-order catalogs. And finally, find out why the 1920's was an exciting time for women but how

things changed during the depression of the 1930's. Hear how the sewing machine was modernized and the first

publication of quilt patterns in the newspapers. Gail Small is a member of the State Quilt Guild of New Jersey, professional speaker, quilter and historian. She will show several of her most unique quilts and explain the various techniques. Gail has taught classes in her home, sold quilts and demonstrated quilting at the

Middlesex County Fair for several years. Admission is free. Reservations are required.

#### My Doll and Me

Sunday, March 23, 2014 at 2:15 pm Bring a doll and talk about it with other children. Play games and win prizes. Make something for your doll. Enjoy tea and cookies with your doll. **Contest:** Enter a contest to name our Victorian doll. The winning name will be picked that day at random. Admission is free.

#### "Early American Art Glass: Tiffany, Quezal, Durand" With Vic Bary

Sunday, March 30, 2014 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at The program will begin at 2:15pm

Art glass, hand-blown vases and lamp shades made for decorative purposes, flourished from the turn of the 20th century to the Great Depression. Its earliest incantations were influenced by the Art Nouveau movement, and sought to mimic natural forms, such as the jack-in-the pulpit, gourds, and various flowers. It also drew from the forms used by historical cultures and from recent discoveries of ancient Egyptian burial sites. Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848-1933) was the earliest and most prominent force in the production of American art glass,

aided by an artistic eye and a family fortune. Cranford Historical Society Trustee and art glass

collector Vic Bary will lead an historical and visual tour through the output of these three important American art glass firms with copious visuals and a few examples. Admission is free. Reservations are required.

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Raritan Valley Line Rail began operating its new one seat ride service on March 3rd. The service is available Monday - Friday on eastbound trains starting from either High Bridge or Raritan train stations and arriving at Penn Station New York between the hours of 10:09 a.m. – 2:13 p.m.

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# **TRINITAS HOSTS DRUG OVERDOSE FORUM**

Key Union County and State Partners also involved in April 4th event

The Behavioral Health and Psychiatry Department of Trinitas Regional Medical Center will host a half-day program to address issues surrounding the drug overdose epidemic that is affecting communities nationwide, statewide and in Union County.

"Pills/Heroin = Overdose: Defining the Epidemic & Implementing Strategies to Reduce Overdose" will take place on Fri., April 4, 9:00 am - 12 noon in Grassman Hall at the New Point Campus of Trinitas, 655 East Jersey St. in Elizabeth. Registration and breakfast begin at 8:00 am. Trinitas has partnered with the Union County Prosecutor's Office; the Union County Department of Human Services; the City of Elizabeth Department of Health & Human Services; the Local Advisory Board on Alcohol & Drug Agency; Prevention Links; the New Jersey Commission of Investigation, and the Division of Consumer Affairs of the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General to present this forum to reach leaders in elective office,

The Behavioral Health and Psychiatry community agencies, health and municipal epartment of Trinitas Regional Medical Center alliances, education, and parents from the 21 municipalities of Union County.

James Lape, Senior Vice President of Behavioral Health & Psychiatry at Trinitas, will welcome forum attendees. Panelists who will define the epidemic include John D'Angelo, MD, Medical Director of Emergency Services at Trinitas; Grace Park, Esq., Acting Union County Prosecutor; Philip J. Degnan, Esq., Executive Director of the New Jersey Commission of Investigation; Pamela Capaci, Executive Director of Prevention Links, and a parent dealing with the drug overdose death of a child. Joining these panelists in a discussion of strategies to address the epidemic will be Jim Milo, Division of Consumer Affairs, Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP); Joseph McTernan, Senior Director of Community and Clinical Services at Trinitas, and Michael Litterer, Director of Community Prevention at Prevention Links.

Those interested in attending this forum may contact Michael Capko at Prevention Links via email at mcapko@preventionlinks.org or by phone at 732 381 – 4100.

There is no charge to attend but reservations are strongly recommended.

#### ABOUT TRINITAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Trinitas Regional Medical Center (TRMC), a major center for comprehensive health services for those who live and work in Central New Jersey, is a Catholic teaching medical center sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth in partnership with Elizabethtown Healthcare Foundation. With 10 Centers of Excellence across the continuum of care, Trinitas has distinguished itself in cardiology, cancer care, behavioral health, renal care, nursing education, diabetes management, wound healing and sleep medicine. For more information on Trinitas Regional Medical Center, visit: TrinitasRMC.org or call (908) 994-5138.



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# AARP OFFERS FREE TAX HELP

The Cranford Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with AARP Tax Aide is offering free appointments for 2013 income tax preparation at The Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey, Room 204. The preparation sessions are held on Monday and Friday afternoons from 12:00pm to 4:30pm.

Appointments are made at 12:00pm, 1:30pm, and 3:00pm. The last day for tax preparation will be Friday, April 11, 2014.

This service is for residents of Cranford and Garwood, and is geared to senior citizens and area residents with low to moderate income. Filing assistance is provided for federal and NJ state income tax returns, and the Property Tax Reimbursement Program (PTR 1 & 2). Federal and state returns are filed electronically.

In order to assure the accuracy and completeness of the return filings, and to expedite the appointments, it is vital that all taxpayer participants bring the following: Copies of the 2012 federal and state returns; return booklets received in the mail, especially the PTR booklet; all 2013 reporting forms for wages, interest, dividends, capital gains, social security, etc. from banks, pension distributors, etc. (Forms 1099, 1099R, 1099B, W-2's, SSA for example).

Please be sure to have opened and checked these forms before you bring them in.

If you receive a pension or annuity please bring the date that you began to receive payments. A photographic form of identification showing name and address is also required.

If requesting direct deposit of a refund, please bring your bank routing number, and bank account number. A personal check will show this.

Please call 908-709-7283 if you would like to make an appointment.

# **ST. JOSEPH & ST. PATRICK FUND RAISER**

Supporting the Westfield FMBA # 30 & Police Fallen Members Fund



The Westfield UNICO Chapter is sponsoring a St. Joseph & St. Patrick's Celebration Fundraiser in support of the Westfield FMBA # 30 & Police Fallen Members Fund. The event will be held at the Westwood, 438 North Avenue, Garwood, NJ on Sunday March 23, 2014 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm and will feature the very popular Willie Lynch Irish Band for your listening and dancing pleasure. The Buffet Menu Includes: Salad, Fresh Fruit, Corned Beef, Chicken Franchisee, Ziti Bolognese, Parnassian Roasted Potatoes which will be followed by a table service of Apple Cobbler with Coffee or Tea. Wine and Beer are included in the cost of \$60 per person in advance and \$65 per person at the door. A cash bar will be available. For tickets, please contact Vinnie Tomasso on 732585-6857, Gino Jannotti at 908-301-1123 or visit Benvenuti's 512 North Ave. Garwood 908-389-9999. Please come out and support the Westfield FMBA # 30 & Police Fallen Members Fund and have an enjoyable day of food, fun and music. Westfield UNICO is a chapter of UNICO National, which was founded in 1922 in Waterbury, Connecticut. UNICO National volunteer members support charitable, educational, and community service projects while promoting Italian heritage and combating negative stereotyping. For information or to join Westfield UNICO National, please call the chapter president Anthony Bengivenga at 732-968-9838 or the membership director, Gino Jannotti at 908-301-1123. You may also visit us on Facebook.



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# **CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEATH AT BROOKSIDE**

Cranford dentist Dr. Kurt M. Krause visited Pierce, Sztanesko and Mr. D'Amico learned Brookside Place School to volunteer for the ADA Children's Dental Health Month in February.

The third grade classes of Ms. Higgins,

about caring for their teeth and avoiding dental problems. Dr. Krause also told the students that he had once been a student himself at Brookside School.



# **JUNIOR LEAGUE COLLECTING DRESSES** FOR YOUNG WOMEN

The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield is now accepting lightly used prom dresses and formal wear for its annual "Glass Slipper Boutique" that will begin with a "preview night" on Friday, March 28th 7:30pm and all day on Saturday, March 29th. Dresses are being accepted now through March 22nd and will be sold for \$25 each at The Jumble Store.

The "Glass Slipper Boutique" is a special formal wear sale held at The Jumble Store every year so that young women have the opportunity to purchase a prom dress at a very affordable price. The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield owns and operates "The Jumble Store", a nonprofit thrift store, located at 110 Walnut Avenue in Cranford that serves to raise the necessary funds for the league's charitable programs.

The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield helps families in crisis in Greater Union County and is part of the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. which is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. It is a group of women that are catalysts for lasting community change and is exclusively educational and charitable.





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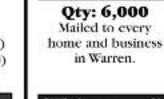
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# **BOY SCOUTS' "GOOD TURN" BENEFITS OSCEOLA CHURCH FOOD PANTRY**

Osceola Presbyterian Church Elder James Dietze was quite appreciative of the Munsee District Boy Scouts Klondike Challenge "Good Turn". Mr. Dietze is quite familiar with the aims and purposes of Scouting as the parent of an Eagle Scout and committee secretary of Boy Scout Troop 145 and knows firsthand how important the food pantry is to the many individuals and families who depend upon its services.

Patriots' Path Council, BSA proudly provides continuing support to the National Scouting for Food Good Turn. This program embodies one of the highest ideals of Scouting-service to the community-by meeting the local needs of the hungry through the practical application of the "Daily Good Turn."

More than 30 million Americans, including 6 million children, go hungry at some time every month. Today there are more hungry people in our country than at any time during the past 40 years. Emergency food providers across New Jersey report an increased demand for services over the last three years, increasing their distribution from 5%-40% a year since 2000.

"With the downturn in the economy we are seeing more and more working people than ever before coming for food. It is hard to buy food when your limited funds must go for escalating shelter costs, increased utility and fuel costs, childcare, and healthcare because your lowpaying job doesn't have health insurance benefits. At the same time, donations to food pantries have declined. This is a very challenging time for emergency food providers. Many people now struggle with having to make decisions between paying bills or putting food on the family dinner table" said Dietze. The recent delivery of food was an unexpected benefit for the pantry's bare shelves.

The Munsee District Klondike Challenge 2014 was designed as a Scout skills competition set in a winter environment of the Watchung Reservation Loop Area to emulate the conditions of the Yukon Gold Rush. Each Boy Scout Patrol had to carry all of their equipment and to be self-sufficient. As part of the check-in process of each Boy Scout Patrol Klondike Sled, the patrol leader was required to deliver 10 cans of food per participant to the "assayer's office". The food brought by the Scouts was representative of the one-year food supply that the "Klondikers" were mandated to bring with them to prevent starvation in the Yukon while prospecting for gold.

This year's Munsee District Klondike Challenge 2014 organizers Pat Lewis and Drew Baumann, who are also Scoutmaster and Committee Chairman of Boy Scout Troop 68, respectively, sponsored by Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church in Union, NJ, directed that the food be delivered to food pantries in Union County rather than their own church's food pantry to spread the good will. They recognized the growing needs of food pantries and markedly raised the threshold of expectation from one can to ten cans per Scout with this year's event.

The Osceola Food Pantry accepts donations of canned or non-perishable food on a yearround basis.

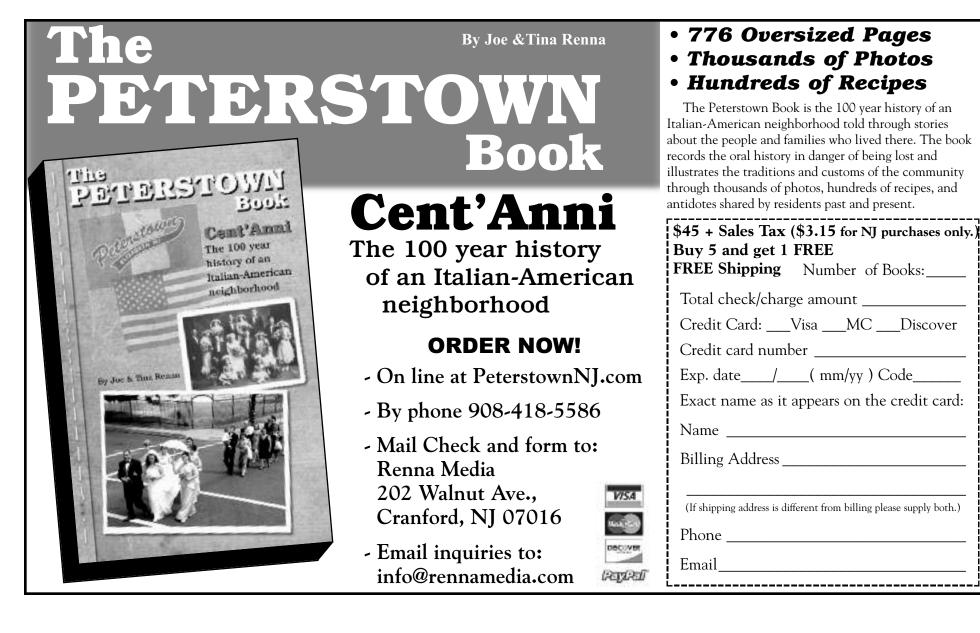
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### **FREE JOB READINESS PROGRAM BEGINS APRIL 1st IN ELIZABETH**

Project Ready will be accepting applications on the first day of its six week job preparedness program on Tuesday, April 1st 2014, at 9:30 a.m. Applicants should be prepared to stay until 12 pm. The program will run Tuesday through Friday from 4/1/14 - 5/15/14 (no class week of 4/14). The six week program is offered at no cost to people seeking to improve their skills as they search for employment. Students receive training in basic business and computer skills. Volunteer business and education professionals teach courses such as resume writing, job search techniques, interviewing, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and use of the Internet. Class size is limited, reserve your spot. Project Ready is located within St. Joseph Social Service Center at 118 Division St. in Elizabeth.

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