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

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

## **JUNIOR WARRIORS BRING HOME TROPHY**

Watchung Hills Junior Warriors mites team season came to an end on Saturday, March 8, 2014 with 5-2 loss in the MCYHL Championship final to Beacon Hill from Summit. T

After two straight Playoff wins against Randolph and Morristown, the Warriors ended the successful season with an 11-5-2 record, and bringing home the team trophy for the Championship game runner up. The Watchung Hills Hockey Club is holding registration for the 2014-15 season on March 21st at the Long Hill Elks from 5:00 - 7:00.



(above) Watchung Hills Junior Warrior Mites

# NINE NAMED TO WATCHUNG HILLS HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

By Eleanor Mathews

Permit #1081

Nine persons have been named to Watchung Hills Regional High School's Hall of Fame. They will be inducted on the evening of Friday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the school's auditorium. Now in its seventh year, the Watchung Hills Regional High School Hall of Fame seeks to honor alumni who have achieved distinction in their fields and others who have served the school with dedication as teachers, coaches. and Board of Education members. The honorees are selected from nominations made by members of the community; they represent a variety of professions. Named to the Watchung Hills Regional High School Hall of Fame, Class of 2014, are the following:

William Apgar, distinguished public servant, served as mayor of Warren Township, recipient of New Jersey and U.S. Army awards and commendations, including the U.S. Army Legion of Merit.

Carol Comune, classical pianist and composer, recording artist, teacher at distinguished schools of music. Mario Diez, thirty-three year supervisor of Hills PE/Health department, six years as Athletic Director; 476 wins as coach, named to NJ Scholastic Coaches Hall of Fame. Gary Di Nardo, fivetime mayor of Warren Township, environmentalist, public servant. Edna D'Elia, established Child Development curriculum and set up the Watchung Hills nursery school program for the benefit of both high school students interested in pre-school teaching and district children. Roy Kortman, twentieth year as head softball coach, with career record of 535-443-2, at a Division I school (Long Island University), honored as Northeast Conference Coach of the year seven times. Christopher Lenzo, in 2013 named Lawyer of the Year in the field of Employment Law-Individuals for the Newark Metropolitan area, and included in Best Lawyers in America since 2006 in the practice area of labor and employment law; author, lecturer in his field. Brian Penn, outstanding runner who led Hills to its first State championship race in 1974, a record held for more than 30 years, a legendary figure in Hills track and cross-country. Nicholas Yonezuka, named to 1980 Men's Judo Olympic Team at age 16; US National Judo Champ five times;1986 Medal winner in Dutch Open Tournament;1986 Bronze Medalist in Dutch Open Tournament; US Olympic Trial Gold Medalist in 1980 and 1984.

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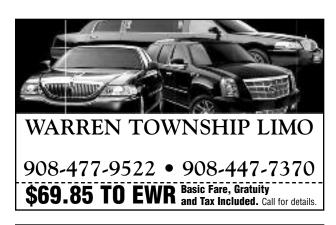
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# GARDEN CLUB OF WATCHUNG PRESENTS GARDEN EXPERT

Bruce Crawford, Director of Rutgers Gardens in New Brunswick, will be the guest speaker at the Garden Club of Watchung meeting on Wednesday, April 2 at 1 p.m. Guests are invited to attend the free program to be held in the Parish Center, St. Mary's Stony Hill Church, 225 Mountain Blvd., Watchung. "Planting for Sensory Stimulation" is Mr. Crawford's topic, most appropriate as we look forward to the spring gardening season.

Mr. Crawford has been The Rutgers Gardens' director for over eight years. He describes the Gardens as "park-like, but it's educational". In addition to the beautiful and diverse gardens, programs include children's educational activities, a farmers' market, and plant sales. A visitor center is in the planning stage. Mr. Crawford says the center "will be about educating the public and the students about plants and environment and ecology and so forth".

Bruce Crawford's wide horticultural experience and his charming manner provide presentations that are both highly informative and entertaining.



(above) Bruce Crawford, Director of Rutgers Gardens in New Brunswick

# SENIORS CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

If interested in joining our club and attending programs call Carolyn 908-279-7809 or Madelyn 908-561-1932.

#### APRIL 9TH - "A TOUCH OF SINATRA".

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#### MAY 14TH - TRIP

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# WATCHUNG REC HS BASKETBALL CHAMPS

Raptors Win 51 to 43 in overtime against undefeated top seeded Trail Blazers in the 2014 Watchung Recreation High School Basketball League Champions. Kyle Mobus MVP scores 32 of 51 points.



(above, standing, l-r) Spencer Savulich (Captain), James Tagliaferro, Kyle Mobus (MVP), Ryan Mobus, and Joe Ettore (knelling, l-r) Brandon Miller, Jason Jeronimo, and Dylan Murphy.

# PROMOTE YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT Community service organizations a

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





# Sciatica, Stenosis and Herniated Discs May Be to Blame for Pain and Numbness in Legs



What are patients saying?

"I have had neck pain and arm pain for seven years from several hemiated discs in my spine. I have tried other chiropractic and physical therapy treatments with little success. I have completed the DRX treatment four weeks ago and I am symptom free. Thanks to Performance Rehab I have gotten my life back."

Melissa Miller, Phillipsburg, NJ

### Who is a candidate for treatment?

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- Leg pain
- Chronic low back pain
  - Sciatica

- Stenosis
- Neuropathy
- Herniated/Degenerated discs

"Hi, I am Dr. Spiaggia, clinic director of Performance Rehabilitation & Integrated Medicine, and if you suffer with back or neck pain, I invite you to try non-surgical Spinal Decompression. Did you know that 30 million Americans suffer from back pain every day? This pain affects everything that you do, from work to play and ultimately your quality of life, i am here to tell you that there is hope. You can get rid of your back pain and get your life back. At Performance Rehabilitation & Integrated Medicine, we have helped hundreds of back pain sufferers just like you. We only affer the most advanced nonsurgical treatments. We are so confident that we can help eliminate your back pain, we are offering one free visit to see if treatment can help you. There is no obligation and the only thing you have to lose is your pain."

- Ron Spiaggia, DC

#### Why pain pills are NOT a long-term game plan

eople often cover their pain by relying on prescription or even nonprescription pain pills. While this may work in the short term, the side effects can be alarming. How many people became necessary to function at all. Countless individuals while initially using them as prescribed.

#### Can time heal pain?

Yes, in some cases time can heal pain but that is not generally the case. At Performance Rehabilitation & Integrated Medicine we have treated too many people that have needlessly suffered for years with back and neck pain. They have also spent a fortune on everything from buying new mattresses to medications. It doesn't have to be that way. The doctors and staff at Performance Rehabilitation & Integrated Medicine have literally helped thousands of local residents relieve their pain without drugs or surgery.

#### Surgery should not be taken lightly

Some severe back injuries require surgery but most do not. At Performance Rehabilitation & Integrated Medicine, we believe that surgery should only be considered when all other options have been exhausted. If your back or neck pain is so severe: that you are considering surgery we invite you to ask yourself this question: "If there is a long-term solution to back/neck pain that doesn't require surgery, is it worth an hour of my time to find out more?"

#### The Truth about Surgery

- Costs can exceed \$100,000
- · Prescription pain medications will be introduced
- · Surgery may not solve your pain problems
- Surgery can lead to even more surgery in the luture.
- Recovery time can be painful and prolonged
- · Surgery cannot be undone if outcomes are not favorable
- Missed time away from work, family, friends
- · Duality of life can be reduced

#### **About Performance Rehabilitation** & Integrated Medicine

The team of medical providers at Performance Rehabilitation & Integrated Medicine understand what individuals in pain are do you know are addicted to pain medications? How did the attention from a seasoned staff of medical doctors, physical therapists gave temporary relief and soon enough, the medication much detail as possible. There is no pressure to accept treatment as has been expended into conventional medicine practices throughout the world. the staff at Performance Rehabilitation & Integrated Medicine strives have been innocently entangled with prescription pain pills to create a relaxed environment by educating patients about their FREE No Obligation Consultation options. The ultimate decision maker is the patient.

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(above) Francesca at Bayberry School with donations to the Center for Great Expectations.

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Submitted by Cara Salas

Watchung Bayberry School's 3rd grade Brownie Troop #65631 completed their first Community Service Project. The Brownies collected almost \$900 in donations for The Center for Great Expectations, a non profit organization that provides residence for homeless pregnant/ parenting women and their children. The girls got to see the facility, tour the daycare and drop off their donations to this wonderful organization. The troop leaders are Cara Salas and Marilyn Cubano.



(above, back, l-r) Troop Leaders, Cara Salas and Marilyn Cubano and Abigail. (front, l-r) Kayla, Isha, Madeline, Ashna, Marisa, Kendra, Francesca









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# HARSH WINTER WEATHER LEAVES LOCAL AUTO DEAL

# Hundreds of Cars Marked Down to Clear Inventory

North Plainfield, NJ- Global Auto Mall, a well-known local automotive sales dealer, has more than just snow piling up. The recent rough weather has left them with a huge surplus of brand new cars, trucks, SUVs that need to be sold. A Snow Emergency Sales Event is being held to clear out their inventory to make room for new shipments.

This special event will have hundreds of cars to choose from ranging from brand new models to pre-owned vehicles all priced to move quickly.

The Snow Emergency Sales Event will feature major brands including: Chevrolet, Hyundai, Jeep, Mitsubishi and a large variety of over 250 pre-owned makes and models.

This big event will be held at: Global Auto Mall, 1099 Rt 22 West, North Plainfield, NJ 07060 or Call: 1-866-645-4337 for easy directions.

The Global Auto Mall Sales team is prepared to move as much inventory as possible to manage this overstock and are offering great deals on their entire inventory to Local Residents like



yourself only. Global's General Sales Manager, Rich Locurto, says, "Our prices are already great and with the added specials it won't be hard to find a great price on the vehicle you want."

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Credit problems are never a problem at Global Auto Mall. All are welcome to call in for information or visit during

this event. A Global financing expert is onsite and available to work out a great loan and financing plans for every customer. Their financing office is prepared to work with any customer's budget.

The Snow Emergency Sales Event is scheduled for a limited time only. Once it's over, it's over! Hurry in to Global Auto Mall today and drive home with the vehicle you've always wanted at a price you'll love. For further information please call anytime at 1-866-645-4337, or visit

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For each program, lunch will be available at 11:45 a.m. and the demonstration will be held at 12:45 p.m. A suggested lunch donation of \$2 is recommended for individuals age 60 and above. The cost of lunch for those under age 60 is \$6.75.

Somerset County senior centers offer a wide range of experiences designed for lifelong enrichment in a social and uplifting atmosphere, intended to positively impact overall health. Many of these programs are funded, in part, through the Older Americans Act.

For more information or to register, contact Manager Gwen Chalker, Warrenbrook Senior Center, at (908) 753-9440.

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## WATCHUNG HILLS POP WARNER FOOTBALL & CHEER REGISTRATION OPEN

Watchung Hills Pop Warner 2014 Football & Cheerleading Season is open for registration. To register and learn more about the program, please visit www.whpw.org

The program comprise children ages 5 to 15 years old who reside in Warren Township, Watchung, Long Hill Township, Bernards Township, Berkeley Heights and New Providence. Teams are organized by strict age and weight requirements ensuring a safe and level playing field for all.

Practice and scheduled games are held at: 101 Old Stirling Road, Warren NJ 07059. The stateof-the-art complex includes a FieldTurf playing surface, strength and conditioning facility and field house designed with film and locker rooms. Rutgers Certification is required for all football and cheerleading coaches and staff who throughout the year will host instructional development clinics for registered participants. Watchung Hills dedicated coaches and staff along with the hard work and talent of their youth has allowed both the cheer and football program to participate in the National Pop Warner Super Bowl competition held in Orlando, Florida.

The Association completed an incredible 2013 season! The Jr. Midget Cheer placed 1st in the Jersey Valley Conference, they are Garden State Champions and finished the season 3rd place in the Eastern Region Conference. The Midget Cheer team is 1st place in the Jersey

Valley Conference and they finished 3rd place in the Eastern Region Conference. The Wolverines Jr. Pee Football team became Jersey Valley Conference finalist and entered the Garden State playoff games. The Pee Wee football team finished the season successfully as Jersey Valley Champions and the Jr. Midget football team became Jersey Valley Conference and Garden State Champions. The team extended their season and advanced to the 3rd round of the Eastern Region Conference.

Impacting local youths for nearly 41 years Watchung Hills Pop Warner is a non-profit organization under the umbrella of the National Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc. (PWLS) consists of approximately 425, 000 youth ranging from ages 5 to 16 years old. The nonprofit organization was established in 1929 and it provides a platform for football, cheer and dance programs for 42 states and several countries around the world. The programs philosophy has been that athletics and scholastics go hand in hand. At every level, Pop Warner programs seeks to develop well-rounded young boys and girls who learn not only the fundamentals of football, cheerleading, and dance but also the importance of education in an atmosphere conducive to developing sound character while having a good time

For more information and to register to become a part of the Pop Warner family, please visit www.whpw.org.



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#### **WATCHUNG LIBRARY**

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For complete program registration information, please check the online calendar (www.somerset.lib.nj.us, then go to Evenys/Programs for Watchung).

Program information is subject to change, look online for updates and additions.

#### **Much More Fun for Munchkins Storytime**

Wednesday, April 23 at 10:30 AM

Presented by: Mrs. Fine. Ages: 2 1/2 to 3 with Caregiver Enjoy books, songs, fingerplays, flannelboard stories, puppets and crafts - of course!

#### From Our Farms: BEANS!

#### Wednesday, April 2 at 10:30 AM

Ages: 3 & up with Caregiver. Presener: Theresa Hanntz, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County You'll explore beans, their seeds and how they grow. In addition to tasting different beans, you'll also have a chance to plant a bean seed of your own to take home to watch it sprout.

#### Miss June's Room

Thursday, April 10 at 4:00 PM

Ages: 4 to 6 Don't miss Miss June! Relax and have fun making a project and hearing a story.

#### Leisa's Lollipop Hour

Wednesday, April 30 at 4:15 PM Ages: 5 to 8. A craft, snack and stories for you to enjoy!

#### **Baking and Books with Doug**

Tuesday, April 8 at 4:15 PM

Ages: 6 and up. Bake something delicious to eat and dig into some great stories!

#### **April 13-19 is National Library Week Community**

building connections are happening all the time at your library. From new moms connecting at storytime to teens meeting up after school, to adults participating in clubs, the library helps foster all types of communities. Visit your library. Lives change @ your library.

#### **Wonder Worms**

#### Tuesday, April 22 at 3:45 PM

Presented by: The EnvironmentalEducation Center, Somerset County Park Commission. Ages: 7 to 9 They have no shovels or pick axes, but these amazing creatures move through the soil almost as easily as we walk on land. Without them, our soil we would be in big trouble. Join a Naturalist as we get up close and personal with worms. Also, find out about VERMICOMPOSTING - Vermi-WHAT!?!

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#### 3-D Paper Egg

Monday, April 14 at 7:00 PM

Ages: 7 to 10. Spring is in the air. Come and make a 3-D paper egg. Let's make it colorful and festive!

#### **LEGO®** Club

Monday, April 28 from 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM Ages: For Grades 1 to 5. We've got lots of LEGO® pieces. We need kids to build stuff! If you like building with LEGO® pieces, come to our club!

#### **Monopoly LIVE!**

Wednesday, April 23 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Ages: For Students in Grades 5 to 12 Bring your friends to play live-action Monopoly! Move yourself around the room-sized game board to buy properties based on popular teen books and movies.

#### Teen Action Group (TAG)

Wednesday, April 9 from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM Ages: For Grades 6 to 12. Your Library Wants You! Bring your ideas to help plan events, select materials and make the library work for teens! You may earn community service hours. New members are always welcome. Registration is not required.

#### **Watchung Writers Group**

#### Thursdays from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Ages: Adult. If you're interested in writing of any kind and want to improve your skills and share your experiences, The Watchung Writers Group would like to meet you. The aim of the Group is to stimulate better writing. We work toward this goal through critiquing,

spontaneous writing and examining the various technical aspects of writing. Any questions, contact Pat Rydberg at pattijeann@aol.com.

#### **Energy Meditation Class**

Friday, April 4, 11 at 10:30 AM

Ages: Adult. Presented by: Patricia Barron This seated meditation will be guided by the instructor with meditative music to circulate your energy and heal on a physical, mental and emotional basis. This class is based on principles of Chinese Medicine. It will inform you how to quiet the mind by using the structure of your

body and the focus on certain points on the body to become more mindful of the present moment. This practice will free up your energy so you will feel calm yet enlivened and rejuvenated. All mediations are done while seated on a chair so all are welcome to participate.

#### Mah Jongg Club of Watchung

Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Ages: All Ages. The Mah Jongg Club of Watchung meets every Monday and Tuesday at Watchung when the library is open. Contact Melanie Novello at Novello1800@aol.com for more information, or to be placed on the distribution list to receive evites for both clubs. No fee - All welcome.

#### **Passage through Pilates**

Monday, April 7 and Fridays, April 18 and 25 Ages: 14 through Adult. Presented by Kelly Robertson Pilates mat class is a form of exercise, created by Joseph Pilates, which uses balanced development of the body through core strength, flexibility, and alignment to support efficient, graceful movement. Join us! Please bring your own mat.

#### **Book Discussion with the Watchung Group** Thursday, April 10 at 7:00 PM:

Ages: Adult. Second Thursday of the Month at 7:00 PM We throw in books you would otherwise never read, but are worth reading! Drop-ins are always welcome.

#### We Need to Talk about Kevin by Lionel Shriver

The mother of a teenage boy who killed seven fellow students and two adults in a high-school shooting writes a series of letters to her estranged husband on their son's upbringing and questions what she fears may be her own part in the tragedy.

#### Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver

Monday, April 14 at 11:00 AM:

Ages: Adult. Second Monday of the month at Tired of living on a failing farm and suffering oppressive poverty, bored housewife Dellarobia Turnbow, on the way to meet a potential lover, is detoured by a miraculous event on the Appalachian mountainside that ignites a media and religious firestorm that changes her life forever.

#### **Social Action Nonfiction Book Club**

Third Thursday of the Month at 7:30 PM for books, 7:00 PM for films Ages: Adult

#### Thursday, April 17at 7:00 PM:

FILM: Darfur NOW

Follows the story of six people who are determined to end the sufferings in Sudan's war-ravaged Darfur. The six - an American activist, an international prosecutor, a Sudanese rebel, a sheikh, a leader of the World Food

Program and an internationally known actor demonstrate the power of how one individual can create extraordinary changes

#### The Oath by Jeffrey Toobin Monday, April 21at 12:00 PM:

Bring a bag lunch and share your thoughts! A dramatic insider's account of what is identified as an ideological war between the John Roberts Supreme Court and the Obama administration, tracing several landmark cases and the strong views that will be shaping the Court.

## **CAPTIVATING CRITTERS COME TO LIBRARY**

Children and parents at Watchung Library had a chance to see some unusual creatures who were visiting from the Environmental Education Center (EEC). Rich Hoffman, a naturalist from the EEC, presented a variety of multi-legged critters to a curious – and sometimes cautious – audience. He described how he cares for them, and what their life is like. Among the captivating critters were a tarantula, frog, scorpion, mantis and beetles. In the end, there were lots of giggles, oohs and aahs.

Next up: Worms! The Environmental Education Center will be returning on April 22 at 3:45 PM to present the program WONDER WORMS for children ages 7 to 9 and their caregivers. The program is free. Register today by phone or online at www.sclnj.org.



(above, l-r) Amai (4) and Julia (6) Diez cautiously handle a beetle.

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