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SALLY CURCI HONORED BY CRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR SHINING STARS PROGRAM

Three years ago, Sally Curci created the Shining Stars variety show for special needs students. Little did she know it would turn into one of the most popular and anticipated events in Cranford each year.

With another sold out and exhilarating show fresh in their memory, the Cranford Board of Education, lead by Superintendent Dr. Gayle Carrick, recently honored Curci with a special proclamation for her inspiring work and dedication to these students and their families.

"Sally's desire to showcase the talents of our special needs students has been immeasurably successful in making an entire community embrace and realize the talents and potential of these very special individuals," said Dr. Carrick.

Curci, who spends months organizing and preparing her talented cast and crew, leaves no doubt it's been a labor of love.

"I began the show three years ago as a forum for the kids to shine. Every child deserve the chance to have a spot in the limelight."

The 2014 version of Shining Stars was held at Hillside Avenue School, and featured 30 acts with singers, dancers and several piano solos. This year's theme was "Anything is Possible When You're Unstoppable" — and they proved it again, with the audience dancing, laughing, crying and singing along to one show-stopping number after another.

For Curci, it's the culmination of hours upon hours of rehearsal, which the students love. And when the stage lights go on — the smiles on their faces are brighter than the spotlight.

"My first and foremost goal is for each child to feel like they are a true star, inside and out, and that with hard work and dedication, they too, can achieve anything. My secondary goal is to convey to the audience that all children have abilities, and to change any preconceived notions otherwise. Usually the first timers come



(above) Sally Curci with her family: Son Brian, husband Mike, daughter Nicole, son Michael and daughter Courtney.

in without high expectations, but when they leave, they are blown away with all the talent and energy in the room. That is what I strive for each and every year - to make each show better than the next. I want everyone to have a good time and walk away feeling "Wowed."

Proceeds from the show go to the Arc of Union County, a non-profit organization serving those with developmental disabilities for the last 60 years. Because of the success of this year's show, Shining Stars will be able to donate close to \$4,000.

While Curci has so many people to thank, including her assistant director Beth Wolfe, the Cranford Elks, Cranford Jaycees and all the PTA's for their generous donations, she's just happy that these special students have a chance each year to show off their gifts, making everyone who attended happy that they were a part of something so special.

"I am truly humbled by this honor and want to sincerely thank Dr. Carrick and the Board of Education for their continued support of the Shining Stars program.



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CHAMBER CHATTER: MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Chamber would like to thank Brooklyn Pizza for hosting our April Networking Lunch. The food and atmosphere was outstanding. We would like to thank our guest speaker, the new Police Chief, Jim Wozniak. It was great to hear how the police plan to stay active and open in the business community. The emergency services provided to the business community in Cranford are second to none. So, again, we thank Chief Wozniak for coming out and speaking to the group.

We would like to thank Mark from the Garlic Rose for hosting our Easter event "Breakfast with the Bunny". As always, the event was a tremendous success for the community. The Chamber also sponsored pictures with the Easter Bunny at the Gazebo and Centennial Village. I would like to thank all the volunteers from the Chamber and Centennial Village for making the

wonderful event possible.

On May 4th the Chamber hosted our town-wide street fair and again it was a huge success.

We would like to take this time to thank guest speaker Kathleen Prunty, Director of DMC, for speaking at the May Networking Lunch that was held at the The Office Restaurant. Also, thank you to the managers and staff of The Office Restaurant.

May also marked the beginning of 4 Classic Car Shows in downtown Cranford. If you are a fan of classic cars, you surely do not want to miss these events. Our next Car Show is slated for Thursday, June 12th.

In addition, June will be very busy month for the Chamber. We are hosting a Golf Outing at the Suburban Golf Course on Thursday, June 5th to benefit the Scholarship Fund.

Our next Networking Lunch will be Wednesday, June 18th and will be held at The Atria Assisted Living, located at 10 Jackson Drive. Our speaker will be Dr. Matthew Giangrante, of Vanguard Medical Group. Please RSVP to the Chamber office at (908) 272-6114, at your earliest convenience, these events always sell out quickly.

And not to be forgotten, The Zerbini Family Circus will be performing Tuesday the 24th through Thursday the 26th on the Hillside School grounds. Tickets are available at area businesses. Please contact the Chamber for ticket locations.

Any questions on times, locations or tickets of events you can call the chamber office 908-272-6114 or look up the chamber online at <http://cranford.com/chamber>. Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing everyone at one of our events or on the streets.

Kurt Petschow

President

Cranford Chamber of Commerce



(above, l-r) Brittany Hush General Manager of The Office, host of the Chamber's May meeting with Kathleen Janssen Marketing Manager, guest speaker Kathleen Prunty, Director of DMC and Chamber President Kurt Petschow.



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(above) Brian Niemysyk and Lynne Davis, President and Vice President of the Cranford Education Association, present Nancy Waldner (center) with a check in the amount of \$1000 towards Project Graduation. Project Graduation is a party provided to graduating high school seniors after their graduation ceremony. It provides a safe, fun place for the graduates to celebrate. Many events are held throughout the year to raise funds to cover the cost.



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Crane's Ford Chapter of the DAR honored two Good Citizens at the annual awards day given by the NJ State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution held on April 25, 2014 at Princeton, NJ. Erin Alexander from Mother Seton High School in Clark, NJ and Annalee Gallo from Cranford High School were the winners sponsored by the Crane's Ford Chapter.

The DAR Good Citizen contest promotes the work of our youth. The students possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.



(above, l-r) Erin Alexander, Annalee Gallo and Carolyn Youngs, Regent of Crane's Ford Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution.

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PARKS AND REC ANNOUNCES SUMMER TENNIS CLINIC

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department would like to announce a new Summer Tennis Clinic for Boys & Girls Ages 13-18. The clinic will take place at Hillside Avenue Tennis Courts on Thursdays, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm starting July 10th and ending July 31st. The fee is \$45.

The clinic is designed for girls and boys interested in taking their game to the next level. Whether it's your first time picking up a racket or you're a returning High School player, the lessons will be tailored to fit your needs. Instruction will be given by Lisa Williams, Cranford High School's Boys & Girls Head Coach. Registered players should come with your own tennis racquet, wear sneakers and bring plenty of water!

Please register by Thursday, July 3rd at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. For more information please call the Recreation Department at (908) 709-7283. Cranford Residents Only.



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CRANFORD WEST RE-OPENING FOR SUMMER

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department is pleased to announce that Cranford West will be re-opening on the July 4th weekend. Cranford West is a rustic style camp located in Hope, New Jersey. Cranford residents have the opportunity to unwind after a long week to enjoy fishing, boating, hiking, picnicking and the local scenery and attractions the area has to offer. Reservations will begin on Friday, June 20th at 9 a.m. for the 4th of July weekend. Reservations will continue for other weekends in July through Labor Day, two weeks prior to the weekend requested. The Community Center is open to take reservations Monday through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Cabin and tent sites are \$25.00 per night. Residents must be 21 and older and show proof of residency.

CRANFORD ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT JULY 28, 2014

The 24th Annual Cranford Rotary Golf Tournament will take place on Monday, July 28, 2014, at the Echo Lake Country Club, Westfield, NJ. The beneficiaries of this years tournament are the Cranford First Aid Squad, the Cranford Police Athletic League and the Cranford Rotary Scholarship Fund. The annual golf tournament offers an opportunity to enjoy a fun day of golf at one of New Jersey's premier golf venues while supporting worthy causes. The shot gun format offers an opportunity for golfers of any skill level to compete for numerous golf prizes, as well as closest to the pin, longest drive and hole in one contests. Those who do not play golf can support the outing by publicizing your business or organization by sponsoring a hole. Holes are \$150, \$300, or \$500. For more information contact Gene Matics (908-931-0050) or Bruce Bergen (908-276-8855).

Keep up-to-date with Cranford Rotary on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/CranfordRotary](https://www.facebook.com/CranfordRotary)

SUMMER REGISTRATION FOR REC PROGRAMS

The Cranford Recreation & Parks Department would like to remind everyone that registration for summer programs will begin on Saturday, June 14th at the Community Center. In-person and online registration are occurring simultaneously starting at 9:00am for ALL programs. At this time, we will be using a number system. The first person, with all their paperwork completed, will be the first to sign up for ALL classes, followed by the 2nd and so on.

Our summer brochure was mailed to every Cranford household mid-May. The brochure can also be found online at www.cranford.com/rec. If you have any questions, please call 908-709-7283(option 2). These programs are for Cranford residents only.

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You may attend all sessions, a few, or just one week. Make your own schedule. Kidz Klub is designed for three age groups: 5/6 years old; 7/8 years old; and 9/10 years old. You must have a paid pool membership to participate.

The hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:30pm. Earlier drop-off at 7:00am and later pick-up at 6:30pm is available for an additional fee: \$5.00 per hour.

Registration packets are available at the Cranford Pool & Fitness Center or online @ www.cranford.com/pool. Space is limited – Register early!

For additional information, please call Sally or Anne at 908-709-7260, Ext. 2307. Parent orientation will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 6:00pm.

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Connolly, Quentin.....	053
Waters, Roan.....	057
Holleran, Mike.....	060
Howard, Connor	063
Digiovanni, Luke.....	067
Murray, Colin.....	070
Hecht, Chris.....	073
Howard, Robert	077
Holleran, Matt.....	080
Kanterman, Evan	083
Korzeneski, Tom.....	083
Nock, Max	087
Petgrave, Arjun	090
Katz, Connor.....	102
Renna, Thomas	110
Alpaugh-McLean, Justin	240



(above) The team led by Head Coach Kevin Murray, Jamie Shriner, Steve Van Dam, Robert Kanterman, Mike Katz, Tom Korzeneski, and Howie Markovitch were recently recognized for their outstanding season during a Cranford Township Committee meeting.



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Featuring a cast of students from grade 3 through 7, this family friendly show is being

directed by Cranford's Becky Randazzo and choreographed by two talented sisters, also from Cranford, Erica and Katie Morreale. Erica is a recent graduate from Cranford High School and Katie is currently a student at CHS. Don't miss the chance to see this wonderful show at New

Jersey's Oldest Community Theatre, Cranford's own CDC Theatre, located at 78 Winans Ave. Visit www.cdctheatre.org for information and tickets. This production is made possible in part through the generosity of the Investors Foundation wing of Investor's bank.



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The auditions are for the lead singing roles of Prince Michael and the Angel Shayla. Choir, or vocally trained actors are encouraged. We are looking for young stars with an exceptional voice. Musical actors, that are a quick study, with timing, pitch, tone and something special.

The auditions will be held at the New Jersey Center For Media Arts, located at 1203 West St. Georges Ave, Linden, NJ 07036, on Saturday, June 28, 2014 from 2-5 PM. Contact Joe Kurasz, at joe.k@njcfma.com to set up an audition. For more information call 908-587-2787.



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All auxiliary police officers receive basic training at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains, J. In addition, members of the department are continually trained on police procedures within the department.

All applicants must be at least 18 years of age and must either reside in Cranford or a municipality within 5 miles that does not have an auxiliary police unit. Applicants must be able to commit to training and attendance at the academy, with mandatory attendance 3 times per week during the basic course.

Interested parties can download an Auxiliary Police Application from the Cranford Police Department website at cranford.com/police. The application can be found on the Forms page. All applications must be received prior to 4:00pm on September 1, 2014.

Questions may be directed to Detective Sergeant Richard Vitale at 908-272-8989.

POLICE MAKE ANOTHER SPECIAL DELIVERY

On Monday May 19, 2014 at 5:35 am the Cranford Police Department received a 911 call reporting a woman who was going into labor at the intersection of North Avenue at Carpenter Place. Officer John Rattigan, Officer Nadia Jones, and Officer Steven D'Ambola arrived and assisted the woman, Jaqueline Elliot, of Linden, who was seated in the front passenger seat of her car. Officer Rattigan, who is a Paramedic, assisted the woman and guided the baby girl during delivery. He then directed the father, George Elliot, to cut the umbilical cord.

The newborn and her mother were transported

to Newark Beth Israel Hospital by EMS and all are doing well.

Chief James Wozniak stated, "I am proud of the officers who assisted in this delivery. This is the type of call that reinforces the fact that quality education and training in law enforcement is paramount."

This is the third time in as many years that a Cranford Police Officer has delivered a baby. In August 2012 Officer Matt Nazzaro delivered a baby on Lincoln Avenue and in March 2014 Officer Nelson Hearn delivered a baby on James Avenue.

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The Cranford Police Department is proud to announce they will be hosting the Eight Annual Cranford Police Youth Academy this summer. The Academy will begin Monday, July 7th and conclude Friday, July 11th. Classes run daily from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This law enforcement educational experience is for students graduating grades 7-8 this month.

The primary goal of the Cranford Police Youth Academy is to encourage open communication between the youth of Cranford

and members of the Cranford Police Department. The program gives Cranford youth the opportunity to see multiple aspects of the Cranford Police Department and law enforcement in general, including demonstrations by a police K9 unit, SWAT team, water rescue team, etc. Attendees will also be shown basic criminal investigative procedures, police procedures, basic first aid and more.

Applications for the Cranford Police Department Youth Academy can be found at the

front desk of Police Headquarters or on the department website: www.cranford.com/police in the Forms section. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, June 17th at 3:00 p.m. There is a \$60 registration fee, which includes camp related materials and a Cranford Police Youth Academy uniform. Space is limited and applications will be accepted on a first come/first served basis.

Questions may be directed to Patrolman Steven D'Ambola at (908) 272-2222.



(above) Cranford Police Youth Academy class of 2012

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For companies with only a few staff members requiring training, IBI offers these same classes on an open-enrollment basis. These are held at Cranford and Elizabeth on Wednesdays and

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The grant also includes classes in Written Communication, Verbal Communications, Spanish for the Workplace, English as a Second Language, Customer Service and Basic Mathematics and Measurement. IBI has combined these skill programs and technology workshops to form 2-day programs to cover, for example, MS PowerPoint and Verbal

Communications in a Public Speaking program. This is a very flexible program because in today's business world, it has to be," says Hiscano. "Small business owners and entrepreneurs have sent employees to our open enrollment workshops, and our mobile lab continues to be in high demand. We have partnered with local chambers of commerce and industry associations who see the value of this. A company can host and invite employees from partners, vendors or their own clients to attend.

Call the Industry-Business Institute at 908-965-2359 or 908-527-7207 to book the mobile lab for your employee training program or for information and registration on open-enrollment classes. Or, email IBI@ucc.edu.

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(above, standing, l-r) Volunteers Claire Ciemniecki, Jen Schneider, Corinne Savvlich, Caitlin Torrico, Mary Kate Winter, Leahh jayne, and Tory Nichnadowicz.
(kneeling, l-r) Erin Meixner and Greg Reilly.

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The festivities will begin at 8:00am with canoe races scheduled at the Cranford Canoe Club. Registration will be immediately before the races at 7:30am on July 4th at the Canoe Club. The races will include the following categories: 10-13 years; 14-20 years; 21 years & older; Ma & Pa; Mother & Child; Father & Child; Marathon 13-17 years; Marathon 18 years and older

Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category.

The Jaycees will conduct their Annual Firecracker Run beginning with a one-mile Fun

Run at 8:30am and a four-miler at 9:00am at Nomahegan Park. Registration is open until race time. For more info regarding the race go to www.cranfordjaycees.com.

The Bike Decorating Contest at Nomahegan Park starts at 1:30pm for the following age groups: 4 & under, 5-7 years, and 8-10 years. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies will be awarded for each age group.

Fun games for all ages will begin at 2:00pm starting with an Egg Toss followed by our Backwards Race (Parent and Child). Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each game. Every child will receive a participation ribbon.

There will be food vendors in the park offering zeppoles, pork & beef barbecue, sausage and hot dogs, ice cream and assorted drinks from 2:00pm until 10:00pm.

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BROADWAY IN MY HEART

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library are very pleased to present "Broadway in My Heart," an evening of classic and current Broadway show tunes featuring vocalist Karen Luschar.

The program will take place on Wednesday, June 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. Ms. Luschar has performed

in 49 states. Her background encompasses Broadway, Off-Broadway, Lincoln Center, national tours, performing arts venues, Japan, Canada, Las Vegas, regional and stock theater, cruise ships, commercials, cast albums, television, film, cabarets, benefits, and conferences, as well as the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid and an appearance at the U.S. Capitol. Her theatre credits include Phantom of the Opera, Brigadoon, Oklahoma, Carousel, Cabaret, West Side Story, Baby, My Fair Lady, and The Student Prince. She spent three years performing with Sandy Duncan in Peter Pan and three years in Camelot with Richard Harris and, later, Robert Goulet and other show business luminaries. Admission to the program is free and all are welcome.

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The Friends of the Cranford Public Library are pleased to sponsor a program by organizing expert and bestselling author Jamie Novak entitled "5 Minute Organizing Ideas for a Fresh Start." Jamie will provide organizing tips and tricks that will help to purge piles of paper, clean closets, and streamline lives. Because people are so busy these days, the ideas that Jamie will present can all be done in five minute increments. The program will take place at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue, on Wednesday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, but registration is required.

Her tips have been seen in national magazines, such as Woman's Day, American Baby, Parents, and Family Circle. She is the author of 1,000 Best Organizing Secrets, 1,000 Best Time Saving Strategies, Stop Throwing Money Away: Turn Clutter to Cash, Trash to Treasure, and The Get Organized Answer Book.

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Teens are invited to come to the Library and read for prizes as well as to take part in special events offered throughout the summer.

The program kicks off at 2 pm on Tuesday, June 24 as we celebrate the beginning of summer with the annual Teen Summer Reading Program Movie Bash – join us as bash a movie voted on by teens, eat snacks, hurl popcorn, and

have a riotous time!

Other special events this summer will include weekly movies, crafts, and assorted programs. Beginning June 16, teens ages 12 -18 or entering grades 7-12 can register for the program at the Reference Desk on the 2nd floor. All teens who participate in the program can attend an end-of-program Pizza Party, with lots of prizes awarded, on Thursday, August 21.

Open to all teens but REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED – To register or for information contact Teen Librarian Fran Houston 908-709-7272 or email: cranfordlibrary@gmail.com.

ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Why should kids have all the fun? The Cranford Public Library is pleased to announce that it will be conducting its fifth annual adult summer reading program. Adults eighteen and older are encouraged to register at the library's main desk beginning Friday, June 6.

Each participant will receive a reading log, program instructions, and rules. Participants will then submit their reading logs from June 16 to August 13.

There will be weekly random drawings for prizes and, on August 14, grand prize drawings for \$75 gift certificates to four Cranford restaurants, Cranford Hotel, Kilkenny House, 100 Steps Supper Club, Romalo's Seafood & Grille, courtesy of the Friends of the Cranford Public Library, and a \$100 gift certificate from Restaurant.com. Whether you read a little or a lot, stop by the library to register and join the fun.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A USED BOOK SALE

The Cranford Public Library Children's Department will hold a used book sale on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, June 16, 17, and 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and on Thursday and Friday, June 19 and 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The book sale inventory numbers hundreds of donated children's books, all in good condition. Prices range from \$.25 to \$.50 per book. Games and videocassettes will also be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Department book budget.

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HOLOCAUST DAY OF REMEMBRANCE A SUCCESS

CRANFORD IS LOOKING FORWARD TO HOSTING THE EVENT AGAIN NEXT YEAR

About 150 people of all ages attended the 20th annual Holocaust Day of Remembrance on April 30th. The event, held at Hillside Avenue School, 125 Hillside Ave, Cranford, in the auditorium, focused on the theme Confronting the Holocaust: American Response, as set forth by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC.

The event, a part of the National Days of Remembrance April 27th to May 4th, consisted of presentations from Cranford Public School students, St. Michael's School students, Holocaust survivors, and a presentation from Dr. Natasha Zaretsky, Aresty Visiting Scholar at the Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life at Rutgers University and teacher of the class Genocide, The Holocaust, and Legacies of Violence. Students from various schools contributed artwork, which was on display in the hallway before and after the event. The main message of the night was to never forget what

occurred and to make efforts to never allow it to happen again.

"In Israel, on Holocaust Remembrance Day, sirens sound and everyone just pauses," stated Pastor Tom Rice of the Cranford Clergy Council and Pastor of the Cranford Alliance Church, in his welcoming. The audience participated in their own moment of silence to extend respect to those affected by the genocide.

Mayor Andis Kalnins was also present for the event, presenting the Township Proclamation for the Day of Remembrance. Superintendent of Cranford Public Schools Dr. Gayle Carrick proceeded with opening remarks, proclaiming that Cranford was at that moment "one community, one beating heart, one collective conscious." She touched upon the current anti-Semitic propaganda being distributed in the Ukraine, advising all Jewish people to register in the country and pay a tax, or face deportation with loss of property.

President of the Cranford Clergy Council and Rabbi of Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim Ben Goldstein then spoke, stating that "Our memory is supposed to spur us to action," but then reminded the crowd of the current genocides happening in the world. "We say never again and yet we see it over and over."

Principal of Hillside Avenue School Dr. Curtis Fogas, Principal of St. Michael School Sandy Miragliotta, Holocaust survivor Kurt Steiner, Cranford First Aid Squad member Arthur Nathan, Holocaust survivor Mollie Sperling, Cranford Human Relations Committee member Linda Leifer, and Cranford High School student Sara Matlosz participated in a candle-lighting ceremony before Dr. Zaretsky's speech, On the Borders of Memory: Confronting American Responsibility and Response to the Holocaust.

Zaretsky focused on the imagined borders between the self and others, identifying it as one

of the roots of the Holocaust. She challenged the audience to think about what remembrance means, and reflected upon the various genocides occurring throughout the world now.

Survivor Mollie Sperling presented a poem A Mountain of Shoes, written by an unknown Holocaust survivor.

Students from Cranford High School and St. Michael's School then presented readings and reflections both on the night and on hearing survivors speak in their classes. Emotions varied but all reflected on the impact that hearing actual survivors had upon them. Cranford High School student Sabrina Huwang helped to bring the program to a close by playing Beethoven's Pathetique Sonata 2nd Movement.

Finally, Supervisor of Social Studies, Business Management and Information Systems of the Cranford Public Schools Judith Podbelski closed the program, mentioning that next year, Cranford will be hosting the State Holocaust Day of Remembrance.

ABOUT INTERFAITH HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CRANFORD CLERGY COUNCIL:

The Interfaith Human Relations Committee of the Cranford Clergy Council consists of members from all houses of worship in Cranford, and Osceola Church in Clark. The group has sponsored anti-bullying events, service days, and interfaith religious services. In 2013, the group held the Sept 11th Memorial Service, an interfaith Thanksgiving service and raised \$10,000 of funds for the Cranford CROP Walk. This year, the group plans to hold many interfaith events meant to foster tolerance and peace.

To learn more about the Interfaith Human Relations Committee of the Cranford Clergy Council, contact Cindy Hannen at cindy.hannen@patwin.com, or call her at (908) 272-9133.

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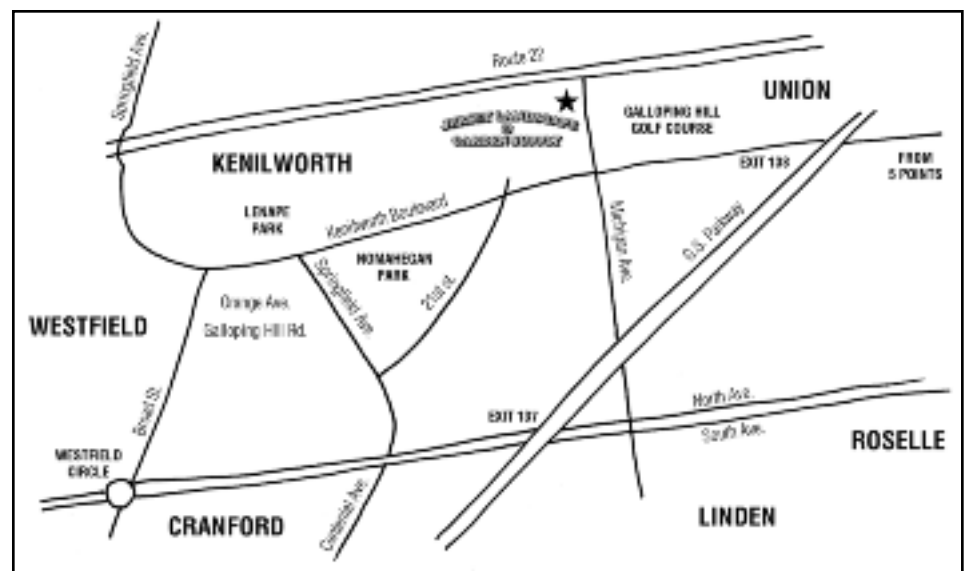
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