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## FIRST AID SQUAD VOLUNTEER BARBARA RAGONE MOURNED

*Submitted by: Joan A. Nathan, Secretary, Cranford First Aid Squad*

Barbara I. Ragone, 79, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 9, 2014.

Born in Queens, New York, Barbara moved to New Jersey in 1975. Barbara was active in numerous community organizations amongst them were the Rosary Society at St. Theresa's Church in Kenilworth, the Catholic Daughters of St. Theresa's Court, Kenilworth Senior Citizens, a member of the Cranford Senior Talent Show (most recently performing for the Clark Recreation Senior Citizen's Group), Cranford Senior Citizens, the Cranford Action Committee on Underage Substance Abuse, Assistant Treasurer of the Second District of the New Jersey State First Aid Council for many years, and President and 40-year member of the all-volunteer Cranford First Aid Squad (CFAS).

"My relationship with Barb goes back almost 30 years and I have many fond memories. The impact her volunteerism had on the community and her dedication to the Township of Cranford will be her legacy, which, will live on for years to come. God Bless her" . . . Chief James Wozniak, Cranford PD

"Barbara is going to be greatly missed. Please join The Cranford First Aid Squad and The Second District, New Jersey State First Aid Council in keeping her spirit alive by remembering her and her family in your thoughts." . . . Second District of the New Jersey State First Aid Council

"I don't think there is anyone in Cranford that didn't know her directly or indirectly. She was also very active in other organizations, but her love was the First Aid Squad. She was the glue and the driving force that kept the Squad going! We have enormous shoes to fill. . . The Cranford First Aid Squad

Barbara is predeceased by her husband Andrew Ragone who passed in April 2014, and also by her daughter Lisa Ragone. Surviving are three children: Andrea Lewis and her husband Craig, Robert Ragone, and Barbara Cicalese and her husband Thomas. In lieu of flowers the family asked that donations be made to Capital Health Neuroscience Fund in Trenton, NJ.

The all-volunteer Cranford First Aid Squad has set up a Scholarship Fund in Barbara's name so her 40 years of volunteerism and dedication will continue to live on through others. The CFAS scholarship will be awarded annually to deserving volunteers of the Cranford First Aid Squad who are pursuing a career in the medical arts field. Donations can be send to: Cranford First Aid Squad, P.O. Box 1771,



Cranford, NJ 07016.

Barbara Ragone's family and the Cranford First Aid Squad were deeply appreciative and overwhelmed by the massive non-stop turn out of those who came to give their last respects to Barbara. We would also like to extend our sincerest thanks to all the Cranford, Kenilworth and Roselle Park Police, the Motorcycle Divisions, the Cranford Fire Department, the 2nd District of the New Jersey State EMS Council, and Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Summit, Westfield, Garwood, and Winfield Park EMS that were part of Cranford's shift coverage or showed up to say their final good-bye to Barbara.

It was extremely impressive when the funeral procession slowed down by the Cranford First Aid Squad building for Barbara's last pass-by. All the police, fire and surrounding EMS town rigs were lined up. When the funeral car passed by, all the emergency lights went on and the horns blasted to say good-bye to Barbara for a job well-done! . . . She will be missed!

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# CRANFORD DAR ESSAY CONTEST

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The Cranford Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) awarded prizes to twelve 2014 American History Essay Contest winners at the close of the school year. Four students also won at the State level NJDAR contest, more than any other DAR chapter in NJ. Statewide there were 1,476 essays from 49 schools participating.

Essay contest chairwoman, Barbara Krause, indicated "The students seemed to enjoy the required topic 'The Lives of Children during the American Revolution'. They used creativity, understanding of and insight into various hardships families endured." The judges praised excellent writing skills that were very improved

over previous years.

Each essay is read and scored by three non-DAR judges at the local and state level. Cranford had a total of 180 entries in grades 5 through 8; and 50 students scored 90 and above. The first place Cranford winners receive a DAR History Medal. State winners, along with their parents, were honored at a NJDAR award luncheon in April in Princeton.

Mary Leonard, essay contest co-chairwoman, said "We appreciate the hard work and enthusiasm of the students and teachers to bring such excellent results. We are proud of all our participants."

## THE WINNERS AT EACH GRADE LEVEL WERE:

**GRADE 5**, 1st place- Kate Bracke, St. Michael School (also 1st place NJ DAR);

2nd - Caitlin Turner, St. Michael School;

3rd - Alexa Joy, St. Michael School.

**GRADE 6**, 1st - Claire Callahan, Orange Ave. School (also 2nd place NJ DAR);

2nd - Alexis Brophy, Orange Ave. School;

3rd - Allison Licks, Orange Ave. School.

**GRADE 7**, 1st place- Alexa Adubato, St. Michael School (also Honorable Mention NJ DAR);

2nd - Claire Shubeck, St. Michael School;

3rd - Lauren Sillito, St. Michael School.

**GRADE 8**, 1st Place - Sara Ferro,

St. Michael School (also 2nd place NJ DAR);

2nd - William Lentz, Orange Ave. School;

3rd - Katherine Stoeche, Orange Ave. School.



(above, l-r) Mary Leonard, Essay Contest co-chairwoman; Alexa Joy; Caitlin Turner; Katharine Bracke; Alexa Adubato; Lauren Sillito; Claire Shubeck; Mrs. Miragliotta, Principal St. Michael's (absent Sara Ferro)



(above, l-r) Mrs. Vella, Principal Orange Ave. School; William Lentz; Alexis Brophy; Claire Callahan; Katherine Stoeche; Barbara Krause, Crane's Ford DAR (absent Allison Licks)

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## CRANFORD NOVELIST TO VISIT LIBRARY

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library are very pleased to sponsor an appearance by novelist and Cranford resident Joe Colicchio on Wednesday, August 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center.

Mr. Colicchio will talk about and read from his novel *As Told by Monk*. Originally published in 1980, it was re-issued in November 2013 by Octobre Press. Mr. Colicchio is the author of two other novels, *High Gate Health and Beauty* (Creative Arts, 2000), and *The Trouble with Mental Wellness* (Bridge Works, 2004). *High Gate Health and Beauty* was named a top-ten novel of the year by MostlyFiction.com, and *The Trouble with Mental Wellness* was designated a recommended book by Library Journal. Mr. Colicchio grew up in Jersey City, which is the setting for all three of his novels. He has completed two residencies at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, received two Geraldine R. Dodge grants, and two New Jersey State Council on the Arts grants, including the Distinguished Artist Award, the highest the state bestows. He is an Associate Professor of English at Hudson County Community College in Jersey City. Copies of Mr. Colicchio's novels will be available for purchase and for signing. Admission is free and all are welcome.

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## 31 TITLES ADDED TO LIBRARY'S DVD COLLECTION

Thanks to the generosity of its Friends of the Library group, the Cranford Public Library recently added 31 titles to its Great Courses DVD collection. The series now totals more than 180 full-length video courses on a wide variety of subjects. The courses are taught by prominent professors from many of the country's most prestigious schools, including Georgetown, the University of Chicago, Stanford, Williams College, Brown, Dartmouth, Notre Dame, and the University of Pennsylvania. The newly added courses include "Optimizing Brain Fitness," "Fundamentals of Photography," "Experiencing Hubble," "Understanding Investments," "Our

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## INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library's international film series continues with *Wadjda* (Saudi Arabia, 2012, 98 minutes) on Monday, August 18, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue. The film tells the story of Wadjda, a 10-year-old Saudi girl, who is determined to acquire a bicycle of her own despite the various societal and economic obstacles lying in her way. In his

review of the film in the New York Times, A.O. Scott noted, "With impressive agility, Wadjda finds room to maneuver between harsh realism and a more hopeful kind of storytelling. There is warmth as well as austerity in Wadjda's world, kindness as well as cruelty, and the possibility, modestly sketched and ardently desired, of change." Admission to the screenings is free and all are welcome.

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## JOHN DAQUINO AWARDED \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to John Daquino. The Friends have been awarding scholarships to Cranford residents pursuing post-graduate degrees in library studies since 2005. Mr. Daquino is currently enrolled in the Masters of Library and Information Science (M.L.I.S.) program at Rutgers and expects to receive his degree in 2015. Upon receiving his M.L.I.S., he hopes to work in the area of digital collections. Mr. Daquino holds an M.A. in Art History from Purchase College. In addition to pursuing his library degree at Rutgers, he works as both a Library Associate at the Rahway Public Library and an Alternate Format Text and Assistive Technology Assistant at Rutgers' Office of Disability Services. The next application period for the Friends' library studies scholarship will begin in March 2015.

Applications will be available at the library's Reference Desk. In addition to awarding an annual library studies scholarship, the Friends of the Cranford Public Library, founded in 1979, support the library in many other ways. They fund nearly all of the library's adult programming, as well as the library's highly popular children's summer reading program. They purchase equipment for the library and materials for use by the public. Some recent examples include passes to ten area museums, including the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum and Ground for Sculpture, Nook e-book readers, and The Great Courses DVDs. The Friends also make a major donation to the library book budget on an annual basis. For more information about the Friends of the Cranford Public Library or, to become a member, visit them on the Web at [cranford.com/library/friends/index.asp](http://cranford.com/library/friends/index.asp).

## AUTHOR BARBARA STEINGAS TO VISIT LIBRARY

The Cranford Public Library is pleased to sponsor an appearance by author Barbara Steingas on Wednesday, August 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center.

Ms. Steingas will talk about her book *Germans Are Funny Too!* Ms. Steingas grew up in New Jersey speaking English and German and has traveled to Germany to visit family many times. *Germans Are Funny Too!* includes anecdotes about her grandparents, mother, aunts,

uncles, and cousins. Although the book is primarily humorous, it includes some somber stories, such as the account of how her grandfather opposed the Nazis and survived by singing opera in a concentration camp. Ms. Steingas, a physical therapist for nearly 28 years, is also the author of *The Healing Puzzle: Overcoming a Chronic Illness Through Unconditional Love*. Admission to the program is free and all are welcome.

## BOOK SALE AUGUST 6TH

Looking for some good summer reading at bargain prices? The Friends of the Cranford Public Library invite you to visit their used book sale in the Friendly Book Cellar at the Cranford Public Library, on Wednesday, August 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Items for sale include more than 10,000 adult and children's books, as well as CDs, DVDs, and recorded books. Prices range from \$.25 to \$2.00, except for vintage and autographed volumes, which are specially marked. Entrance to the sale is through the side door, just off the main parking lot. The sale is wheelchair accessible. Proceeds from the sale benefit the library.

## 1ST ANNUAL PIZZA TASTE-OFF

In July the Cranford Public Library Teen Department hosted its first annual Pizza Taste-Off. In addition to tasting the pizzas, 32 teens also voted by judging the donated pizzas five different ways. The categories of the blind taste test were: Best Crust, Best Sauce, Best Cheese, Best Appearance and Best Overall Pizza. The event was part of the ongoing 2014 Teen Summer Reading Program. In addition to the blind taste test in which teens voted for their favorite pizzas in each category, teens also participated in a Pizza Trivia Contest.

Seven Cranford Pizzeria/Restaurants generously donated pizza for the Pizza Taste Off – Brooklyn Pizza, Calabria Restaurant, Il Giardino Pizzeria, Pizza House Pizza Chef, Scaturro's Pizzeria, Tony's Café, and Vinny's Pizzeria.

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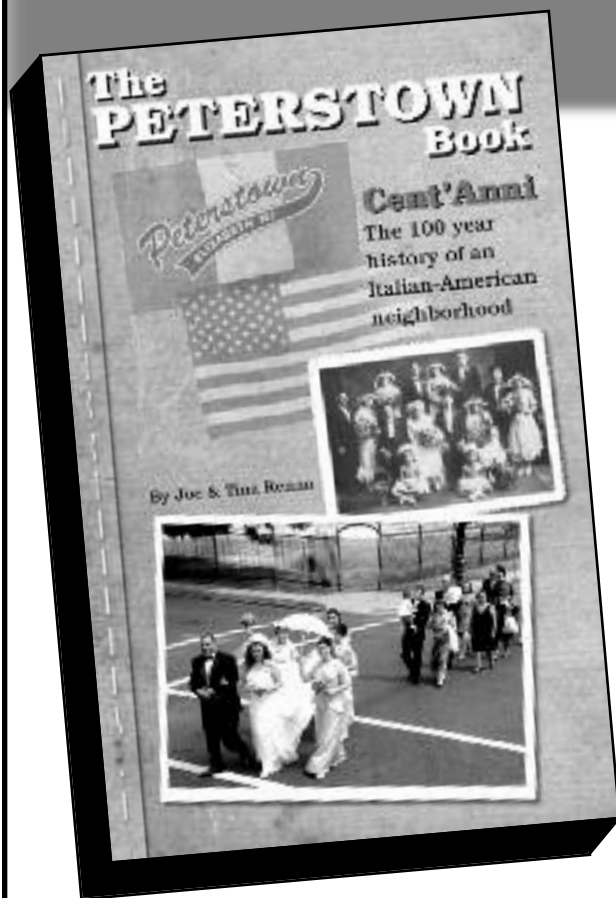
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Pairings Palate & Plate, located at the corner of Walnut and South Avenue, hosted the July meeting of the Cranford Chamber of Commerce. The Guest speaker was Dr. Robert Felberg, Medical Director at Overlook Medical Center and spoke on how to spot a stroke and what to do when detected.

The Cranford Chamber's networking events are very popular, with approximately 45 people attending each event. These events will be held monthly at various business locations. Because they sell out quickly, it is recommended that you RSVP to the chamber at 908-272-6114 if you would like to attend. The cost for chamber members is \$10.00, non-members \$15.00.



(above, l-r) Robin Preisler of Union County Economic Development Corporation, Carol Murphy Clyne, Chef/Owner of Pairings and Pairings Front of the House Manager Fernando Lozano Jr.



(above, l-r) Dr. Robert Felberg with Mark Mayer, who attributes Dr. Felberg with saving his life in the wake of his stroke.

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(above, l-r) New members of the Cranford Chamber of Commerce are recognized at monthly meetings. New members attending the July 2014 meeting were Danila & Nuria Kartashov, Arthur of Murray Dance Studio, Kathy Kirkpatrick of Hope Pediatrics, Henry Yeung of Wei's Buffet, and Pricilla and Richard Young of BMR Properties LLC.

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## RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES RENEWS GRANT SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMS AT TRINITAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Children in need of intense therapy for psychiatric issues who receive treatment at Trinitas Regional Medical Center will benefit from a \$5,000 grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities, New York Tri-State Area and Ronald McDonald House Charities Global.

The Ronald McDonald House Charities grant will support Project Serenity designed to help children ages 7 – 17 who are unable to function within a regular classroom setting or home environment. The grant will provide these children with access to therapists and clinicians who will help them develop their social skills and communications skills. Further, due to the nature of the trauma that many of these children have experienced, Project Serenity will provide therapeutic supplies that encourage movement as an outlet for these children as valuable coping skills. In addition, the grant will fund the replacement of furniture and therapeutic items

found in a Comfort Room where these children can reduce their stress levels and learn how to use and develop their own self-calming abilities. Finally, the grant will support education and training for parents to understand their children's psychiatric illness, learning disabilities and the tools needed to communicate better and cope more constructively with their behaviors.

Previous grant funding from Ronald McDonald House Charities New York Tri-State Area and Ronald McDonald House Charities Global totaling \$47,000 was given to Trinitas Health Foundation in 2009, 2010 and 2013.

"Trinitas mental health professionals and clinicians are dedicated to helping the children they serve who suffer from traumatic physical, mental, emotional and sexual abuse," explains Nadine Brechner, Vice President and Chief Development Officer. "Thanks to Ronald

McDonald House, we are better able to address the challenging needs of these children by equipping our professional staff and the children themselves with vital therapeutic tools."

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## CRANFORD 5TH GRADERS ARE SMARTER!

The signs were pink and yellow and green and blue. They were big and they were small. But they all had one thing in common – they cheered on their favorite students during “Are You Smarter Than A Cranford 5th Grader” at Orange Avenue School this spring. In keeping with Cranford Rotary’s focus on the education and well-being of our town’s youth, this was the sixth year that Cranford Rotary sponsored this event. “It turned out to be the best yet, with the biggest audience of supporters to date” said Joe Carney, Rotary member who has lead the event for Rotary since its inception.

Students from four primary schools in Cranford had gone through a preliminary round of testing in order to advance to this final event. Each school had a parent representative answering the questions with the aid of the student participants, just like the TV program.

Bernie Wagonblast, who served as the emcee for the third year, added to the evening, keeping the pace going and the audience as well as the contestants engaged.

Questions had been drawn up by the Principals and Assistant-principals Michelle Vella, Mike Klimko, Curt Fogus, Felipe Luis, Kevin Deacon, and Leslie Martinez. Considerable credit has to be given to School Superintendent, Gayle Carrick, who was the driving force behind the program. Joe Carney served as the Rotary representative.

The Hillside Avenue School team consisted of parent Mr Goldfeder and students Jacob Sokol, Drew Goldfeder, and Joseph Carrea. The Orange Avenue School parent was Ed O’Connell with students Harrison Timberlake, Nora O’Connell, Kevin Keogh, and Sinead Cuminsky. Brookside Place School students were Ryan DeLong, Isabella Zissler, Robert (RJ) Kelly, and Lee Rosenthal, with parent Stu Rosenthal. Livingston Avenue School students were Michael Logue, Robert McNamara, Aaron Tolomeo, Eric Miklencic, Harry Brown, Nate Atwan, Amanda Newport, and Luke Infante, (Sophia Tolomeo had qualified but was ill), with

parent Ann Marie McNamara.

There was no declared winner, but each student and parent who participated received an honorarium, and more importantly, enjoyed an educational and fun night.

The Rotary Club of Cranford was established in 1923 and serves the Cranford community through service projects, sponsorships and scholarships. Close to \$250,000 in scholarship funds have been awarded over the last twenty years. Past beneficiaries of other Rotary support include Cranford Project Home, Cranford Family Care, Cranford Fund for Educational Excellence, Cranford United Way, Cranford Historical Society, Cranford PAL and the Rotary International Foundation. The Cranford Rotary Club meets every Thursday morning at 7:45 am at the Cranford Community Center. Any business or professional, active or retired, is cordially invited to attend our meeting. For additional information, please contact Membership Chair Mike Flynn at 908 272-2827.

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Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and either live or work in Cranford. Academy students will receive interactive classroom lectures and hands-on demonstrations encompassing many aspects of law enforcement, including computer crimes, narcotic enforcement, traffic stops, and juvenile laws.

Classes are two hours in duration and have been tentatively scheduled to meet Wednesday evenings beginning on September 24th and ending on November 5th.

To download an application, please visit the Cranford Police Department website at

<http://www.cranford.com/police/> and look under the forms tab.

Applications must be received by August 22, 2014 at 3:00pm. Instructions on how to submit the application are on the form. For more information please contact Detective Lieutenant Stephen Wilde at 908-709-7358 or [s-wilde@cranfordnj.org](mailto:s-wilde@cranfordnj.org).

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Cantor Kintisch has planned exciting and progressive learning experiences for the 2014-15 school year including differentiated instruction, a "lab-style" school structure, communal prayer and singing, a "grandparent in the classroom" program, choice workshops, and more.

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## CRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR WITH ARTHRITIS THANKS LOCAL MERCHANTS FOR DONATIONS AND SUPPORT

My name is Caroline Eimer, I am a junior at Cranford High School, and I would like to thank many of the local businesses in downtown Cranford, New Jersey.

This past spring myself and some supportive friends went door to door in almost every store and spoke to the managers of local shops telling them about juvenile arthritis, which I live with, and asked them to donate money to the Arthritis Foundation's annual Walk to Cure Arthritis. The Arthritis Foundation helps fund research and support, just to name a few.

I would specifically like to thank Simply, Bell's Pharmacy, Vinny's Pizza and Pasta, The Cranford Barber Shop, The Atlantic Beach Soap Company, Il Giardino, The Cake Artist Cafe, Rockin' Joe, Dinner in a Pinch, Sweet and

Fancy, Periwinkles, Old City New Grill, Kilkenny House, and Dream Kitchen Designs for lending me their ears and time when I spoke out about juvenile arthritis, as well as for donating money which helped me raise over \$3,000 this season.

To add, I would like to thank the employees from several local businesses who made personal donations. I would like to thank the Cranford Vanilla Bean Creamery for their generous ice cream and Italian ice donation for the Arthritis Walk.

Thanks again to all those who supported this important cause, especially the Cranford families, and I hope one day our world can find a cure for this taxing disease so all suffering from it can feel relief.

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## CRANFORD OFFICERS DEPLOY NARCAN IN EFFORT TO PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS

On July 1, 2014, as part of a countywide program, Cranford Police officers began carrying a powerful medication capable of reversing the often-fatal effects of heroin overdoses. The medication, Narcan, was distributed to police officers countywide, acting Union County Prosecutor Grace H. Park said Tuesday in a joint announcement made with the Union County Police Chiefs Association and its various members.

The Prosecutor's Office distributed a total of 200 Narcan kits among the county's 21 municipal departments, with all of the kits available for immediate use. All front line patrol vehicles in Cranford are equipped with the medication kits. An aerosol form of the drug naloxone, Narcan is administered to sufferers of a heroin overdose nasally through use of a device known as an atomizer.

The kits were priced at approximately \$30 per unit, and federal forfeiture funds used to cover the costs. Officers in every department already have undergone training illustrating precisely how to administer Narcan, and the kits are being deployed in patrol vehicles countywide.

"The Union County Police Chiefs Association applauds and supports the aggressive approach by Prosecutor Park in addressing this growing problem," association president and Roselle Park Police Chief Paul Morrison said. "This Narcan procedure reverses the effects of a heroin overdose and will surely prove to be a lifesaving tool in the fight against heroin addiction."

Union County recorded 42 fatal drug overdoses in 2013, with 45 occurring in 2012 for a two-year total of 87. Thirty-nine of those 87 fatal overdoses involved heroin, according to records compiled by the Union County Medical Examiner's Office.

Cranford Police Chief James Wozniak believes that the program gives his officers another tool to save lives. "Our community is

certainly not immune to the reality of heroin and prescription drug abuse and the detrimental effects it has on families in our community," he stated. "If by deploying these Narcan kits one or more of our residents benefits, then tragedies are averted and locally the program is a success."

Plans for police to utilize Narcan in Union County started being formulated early this year. During a press conference held last month, Governor Chris Christie said that police in all 21 New Jersey counties soon will start administering Narcan to overdose victims, as a pilot program launched in April in Ocean and Monmouth counties has been credited with reversing more than 40 overdoses to date. Acting New Jersey Attorney General John Jay Hoffman announced during the press conference that the New Jersey State Police also are moving forward with the Narcan initiative, with 900 kits having been ordered to ensure that every State Police patrol vehicle is equipped.

The distribution of the Narcan kits will supplement continuing outreach efforts by the Prosecutor's Office to spread awareness about the harmful effects of heroin addiction and addiction to prescription painkillers – office representatives have organized or participated in informational forums addressing the topic in half a dozen Union County municipalities during the last year.

"During these forums, we routinely hear firsthand accounts of how addiction of this nature destroys lives and leaves entire families devastated. In a word, it's heartbreaking," Park said. "The use of Narcan has proven to save lives. And although it's not a cure to the powerful disease of heroin and opiate addiction, it gives us a chance to prevent the many tragic and senseless deaths that stem from this addiction. This is one step toward fighting the growing epidemic of heroin overdoses in this state."

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The Cranford Police Department will be participating in the 31st Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Patrolman Robert F. Hand Plaza and on the front lawn of the Cranford Police Department headquarters. This free nationwide event, developed by the National Association of Town Watch, began in 1984 as an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods were organized and fighting back against crime. The event provides an excellent opportunity for residents to interact with members of the Cranford Police Department in an informal setting. Residents and visitors may also obtain information about the Department's many youth, educational, safety and public awareness programs.

Numerous police and emergency vehicles will be on display, including a marked police patrol car, a zodiac jet powered rescue boat, a police motorcycle, emergency services unit utility vehicles and equipment from the Union County Office of Emergency Management. Public Safety personnel will be on hand to answer questions or demonstrate equipment.

A DJ, face painter, and magician will be on

site to provide entertainment for children and adults, and the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway and the Westfield YMCA will be handing out literature and giveaways. In addition, the Cranford Taekwondo Center will be conducting a free demonstration.

For the 6th year in a row, a blood drive will also be held during National Night Out. This year the drive is being held in recognition of the men and women of the Cranford Police Department, Cranford Fire Department and our Emergency Medical Services.

As in the past, members of the Cranford PBA Local #52 will be on hand to provide refreshments to all in attendance.

Cranford Police Chief James Wozniak believes the National Night Out program provides an excellent chance for residents to meet with officers and other public safety personnel. "One of our most important jobs is maintaining a strong relationship with the community we serve," he stated. "This event, on a local scale, helps us build a bond with our residents that is based on trust and understanding."

Chief Wozniak noted that Cranford's National Night Out event is being coordinated by Det. Robert Montague. Det. Montague can be reached at 908-709-7344.



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