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ART STUDENTS DELIVER HOLIDAY CARDS TO NURSING HOME

The National Honors Art Society, under the direction of Art teacher Kim Nydick, designed and crafted hundreds of original holiday cards, and delivered them personally to the 170 residents of the Hartwyck at Cedar Brook Nursing Home, Park Avenue, Plainfield on the morning of December 22nd. The administrators and residents at Hartwyck were impressed by the

professional looking, handmade cards. The residents were visibly touched by the visit, many of whom shared tears of joy with our students. Our students, also visibly moved, expressed the desire to return for another visit in the future. The holiday card project was a fund raiser that raised money for the materials to make the cards, and the remaining money, \$170.00 was donated to Hartwyck.



(above) Resident Barbara With student Samantha Adoptante (gr.12)



(above) Resident Tom with NPHS student Amelie Baijnath (gr.11)



(above) Resident Martha with student Lessly Deleid (gr.12)

NPHS PRINCIPAL SPEAKS TO ROTARY

Members of the Plainfield-North Plainfield Rotary Club enjoyed a detailed presentation by North Plainfield High School principal Dr. Jerard Stephenson at their January 14 meeting.

The Rotary Club enjoys a special relationship with the high school through its sponsorship of the school's Interact Club, a service-based club for students from freshman through senior years.

Interact members have been working enthusiastically and diligently with Rotary club members at the Rutgers basketball concessions to raise money for Rotary scholarships and other service projects.

Dr. Stephenson updated the club members on the progress that the high school has enjoyed in furthering educational objectives, as well as the status of on-going activities.

The school is planning a career day in the spring which will allow students to visit with people that work in different careers. Anyone interested in participating is asked to contact Dr. Stephenson at 908-769-6000, ext. 3103.

The Rotary Club welcomes new members who have an interest in serving others as their guest. The club meets Wednesdays at 12:15 PM in Giovanna's Restaurant, 1462 South Avenue, Plainfield.

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CHIEF PARENTI: NPCCR NEXT GUEST SPEAKER

The next meeting of the North Plainfield Citizens for Community Rights (NPCCR) will be Thursday 5 March. Our guest speaker will be North Plainfield's Police Chief William Parenti. Chief Parenti will tell us about some of the programs available to the public, what is currently going on in the boro, how you can help, and what things should be reported to the police. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions. If you have a question or concern about a specific incident, please have the time, date, and how this incident was reported.

NPCCR posts all current police reports and council meetings. To view these reports and meetings go to npccr.org. All are invited to our meetings. If you have a topic that you believe might be of interest to our residents e-mail them to communityrights@gmail.com

CHIEF PARENTI: NPCCR SPRING SPORTS SIGN-UPS

Spring Sports Signups will be on February 11th thru 13th from 7-9pm at the Vermeule Community Center located at 614 Greenbrook Road. Additional signups will be March 4th thru 6 from 7-9pm and Saturday March 7th from 9am-12pm. Spring sports include Tball, Coach Pitch, Baseball and Softball.

At this time the Recreation department will also be registering for Adult Co-Ed Volleyball and Co-Ed Softball. In order to be eligible to participate in our adult programs, you must be 18 years old, live in town or be a current borough employee.

In addition to the sports programs, you can take advantage of our "early bird" special by enrolling your child/children in our Summer Camp and Playground programs.

For more information, please refer to our website www.np-recreation.com and like us on Facebook or call our recreation office at 908-756-0247.

WHITE TIGER NEEDS A HOME

Submitted by The Plainfield Area Humane Society

PROMOTE YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT

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



The Plainfield Area Humane Society has been uniting pets and people since 1933. We are located at 75 Rock Avenue, Plainfield. Our phone # 908-754-0300.

Our current website is www.pahs.petfinder.org and we're on Facebook and Instagram too.

We always have a wide variety of dogs and cats looking for homes. We even have 2 Guinea Pigs! All of the animals are vaccinated and tested; dogs for Heartworm, Lyme and E-Canis, cats for feline leukemia and feline aids. All animals (except the Guinea Pigs) are spayed or neutered and micro-chipped before they go home.

We are open to the public on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 12-4; Thursday 12-6; Saturday 12-3 and Sunday 12-2. We are closed on Mondays and all legal holidays.



(above) a young Shepherd mix that we named White Tiger. He's not a tiger! He was found as a stray at the White Tiger laundromat, with no tags or microchip. He is about 2 years old, and a nice dog that would do well with a family.

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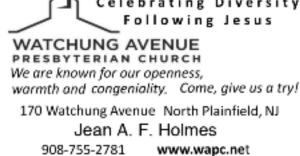


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LILY YIP TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Lily Yip Table Tennis Center in Dunellen recently held their January 2015 School Championships. This tournament had two major categories. The first was the school division which was split into school teams and individuals. The top High School was West Windsor and the winner of the individuals was Adar Alguetti from Tenafly. LYTTC members Sean Gao and Joseph Baptista finished second and third respectively. The school tournament was sponsored by Savona Tile of Green Brook. The singles finals was an intense match between Sean Gao, who was coached by New Zealand's World Hopes Team Coach, Matt Hetherington and Adar Alguetti coached by his father Eyal. The winner of the Open Event was Ruichao Chen from China. Ruichao Chen is a young upcoming superstar and will be coming to train at the LYTTC this April 2015 and hopefully represent the US in the future.

On February 18 at 7:00PM there will be a Chinese New Year Pot Luck Party and free training for our members at 8:00PM. This will also be an Open House for anyone and guests can play all night for only \$5.

Lily Yip Table Tennis Center,

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(above) Group photo with US Open Under 10 Champion and LYTTC Junior Star, Jayden Zhou (center) with his coach Matt Hetherington (standing behind Jayden).

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(above, l-r) Open Champion Ruichao Chen with US National Finalist Cory Eider at the LYTTC



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MUSIC AT THE MANSION

The Friends of Vermeule Mansion invite you to attend Mardi Gras at North Plainfield's historic site. The concert by the Somerset Brass Quintet, on Sunday, February 15, at 3:00 PM, at 614 Greenbrook Road, is part of our Music at the Mansion series. The Quintet will perform in the Fleetwood Camera Museum housed in the Mansion. Refreshments will be served in one of the period rooms. Costumes are optional and a prize will be given for the best one. Admission is free.

The Vermeule Mansion is a Greek Revival style home which was probably constructed in 1840. In 1870 Jeremiah Van Derventer enlarged and remodeled the home in the Second Empire style, adding a mansard roofed third story. Van Derventer was a successful businessman who served as president of the First National Bank of Plainfield as well as the president of Plainfield's gas company. He served on the Plainfield Township Committee and was a member of the County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

In the early 20th century the home was again enlarged, this time by Van Derventer's grandson, Augustus J. Brunson, who was an attorney and president of the First National Bank of Plainfield. In this remodeling, Colonial Revival fireplaces and features were introduced. The site, owned by North Plainfield and operated by the Friends of the Vermeule Mansion, currently houses the Fleetwood Museum of Art and Photographica.

CAPTAIN TUFARO RETIRES AFTER 29 YEARS

Submitted by North Plainfield Police Department

2015 after 29 years of service with the North Plainfield Police Department. Captain Tufaro was a second generation North Plainfield Police officer, his father, Joe Tufaro, retired from the North Plainfield Police Department in 1990. Captain Tufaro started his police career with the Dunellen Police Department in 1984. During his tenure with the North Plainfield Police Department, Captain Tufaro served as a Patrol



(above) Officer Joe Tufaro at work before retiring in 1990.

Captain Brian Tufaro retired on January 31, Officer; Detective; Patrol Sergeant; Training Sergeant, and as Commander of the Records Division. He was promoted to Captain in 2003, and had served as the Executive Officer ever since. Chief Parenti said: "Captain Tufaro served with great distinction in the Department, he made great contributions to the Department's success. He will be missed by all. We wish him great success and happiness in all future endeavors."

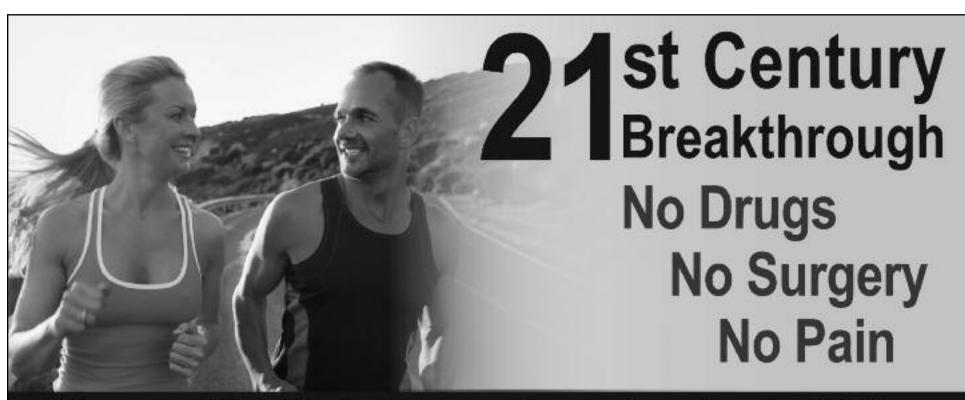


(above) Captain Tufaro smiles while reviewing reports during his last week of work.

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The North Plainfield Schools are proud to announce that North Plainfield HS senior Mateo Gilsilvetti has committed to Princeton University, having previously received acceptance and the offer of a full-scholarship for four years.

School Counselor, Shane Repman and Director of School Counseling Services, Linda Remolino were asked to share some thoughts regarding Shane:

Mateo Gilsilvetti is the type of person you hope your own child can emulate, both academically and personally. His grades have never been lower than an A in high school and his rank has remained steadfast at #1 in his class. Mateo's previous and current course load is the most demanding offered at North Plainfield High School; consisting of a variety of both AP and honors classes. Remarkable grades are just the tip of the iceberg in painting a vivid picture of this fine young man. Throughout high school, Mateo has been immersed in extra curricular activities from leadership roles, musical endeavors, athletics, underclassmen mentoring, community service, part-time employment and advanced college level research writing. Aside from Mateo being an incredibly balanced, multitalented student, he is genuinely a nice person. He's polite, mature, conscientious, humble, a loving son and a true, reliable friend to his peers.

Mateo is fully committed to Princeton for the fall semester of 2015. Additionally, he is thinking about applying to medical schools after Princeton, which includes his dream of getting into Harvard Medical School. Mateo sets the bar high in every aspect of his life, and always crafts an effective strategy of achieving his goals.

Mateo Gilsilvetti was asked to share some of his personal thoughts relative to his recent acceptance and scholarship award from



(above) Mateo Gilsilvetti, North Plainfield HS Senior, Commits to Princeton University

Princeton University:

"When I was accepted to Princeton, I felt it wasn't just my accomplishment, but rather the accomplishment of the community in North Plainfield. It shows it doesn't matter where you come from, and if you believe and work hard enough you will be able to accomplish your goals. It hasn't really hit my mom yet. It doesn't seem real to her, although I know it's a weight off of her shoulders. My mom has inspired me my whole life, and I feel this is a golden opportunity to repay her for that sacrifice. Princeton is going to open many doors for me. In the future, I want to go to Harvard Medical School. It is critical that I don't forget where I come from. I want to give back to a community that has given me so much. Everybody from the teachers, staff and students have been incredibly supportive and I will always be grateful for that."



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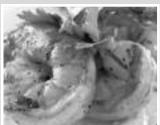
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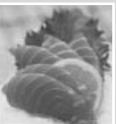
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