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WATCHUNG PACK 32 SCOUTS EARN ARROW OF LIGHT

Watchung's Cub Scout Pack 32 gathered together for their annual Blue & Gold Banquet recently to celebrate the birthday of Scouting. More importantly, it was to recognize the achievement of a select group of 5th grade boys, who reached the pinnacle of the Cub Scout Trail, by earning their Arrow of Light badge. Dozens of Pack 32 families and friends were on hand to witness the ceremonies awarding these scouts a wooden honor arrow, which was marked with their numerous achievements over the years, and their Arrow of Light badges, the highest recognition that a Cub Scout can earn. The boys stood proudly as their supportive parents pinned their badges onto their uniform and their ever-ready Den Leader, Beth Mattiassi, stood by their side. These boys have laid an important stone in the foundation of skills they will build in life. Even as they can now join a Boy Scout Troop with a running start, they should always remember the Cub Scout Motto is to "Do Your Best!"



(above): Retiring Den Leader Beth Mattiassi receives flowers from her son, Michael, while Cub Master Joanne Cort speaks about the positive impact that Mrs. Mattiassi has had on her scouts, her fellow leaders, and the pack at large. Mrs. Mattiassi has steadfastly guided Den # 7 along the Cub Scout trail for the last 4 1/2 years.

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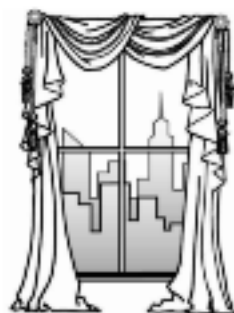
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(above, l-r): As each boy proudly displays their own Honor Arrow, the honorary Akela for the ceremony, Scout Master Richard Pease from Troop 32, reminds the boys of the significance of their achievement. Scout Master Pease, Michael Mattiassi, Elhanan Wilson, Wil Kinder, Dariush Modaressi, John Santucci, and Thomas Lazzaro.

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WATCHUNG-WARREN ROTARY CLUB MEETS MONTHLY



(left, l-r) Watchung-Warren Rotary Club president; Pamela Singh thanks Publisher Joe Renna who was a guest speaker at the January monthly meeting held at Water & Wine Ristorante Tavern in Watchung. For more information about the club and upcoming events, please call Bob Aznar at (908) 755-8724.

Borough Of Watchung Now Accepting 2015 FALL FARMER'S MARKET APPLICATIONS

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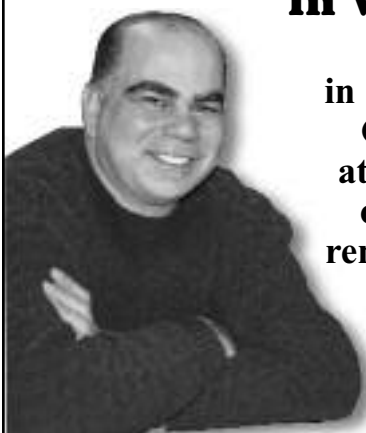
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WATCHUNG STUDENTS "SOARED" AT FUTURE CITY COMPETITION

Submitted by Jasmine Cui and Rohil Navani, Valley View School

Valley View students from the 6th and 8th grade S.O.A.R. (Seeing Our Achievements Rise) program participated in the NJ Future City Competition held at Rutgers University on January 17.



(above, l-r) Amerrs Zebra Him, Jasmine Hwang, Jasmine Cui and Ariana Huang

With guidance from the S.O.A.R. educator, Mrs. Elaine Chesebro, and their engineer-mentor, Mr. Todd Hay, students created their own cities that could actually exist in the near future. The topic for this year's competition was to find two food sources to support the city for at least one growing season. One had to be a protein, and the other, a vegetable. One of Watchung's very own teams, Ville de Saine, won third place overall, while others won special awards. Each group wrote an essay, a narrative, created a presentation, built a model, and designed a virtual city using SimCity software.

Ville de Saine (Annika Schmidt, Isabel Vala, and Jacqueline Lee) is based in present-day Detroit, Michigan. The city's problem was obesity from overeating unhealthy foods. To solve this, the students replaced junky foods

with a protein of chicken, and a vegetable of broccoli. It wasn't easy, though, and they faced many challenges along the way, but in the end, they amazed the judges with their knowledge of engineering, agriculture, and most importantly, teamwork.

When asked what the competition taught her and her peers, Azade Modaresi, 13 (from team Amida), said, "Future City is a competition that provides political perspectives and allows students to explore some of the problems our world is faced with today." Teammate Jeremy Cui, 13, added "I learned that teamwork is only possible when all the members are allowed to do what they do best. Some are better at hands-on projects, while others are better at writing essays. Utilizing those skills of each person is incredibly essential."

VALLEY VIEW'S TEAMS INCLUDED:

AMIDA, BASED IN TURKEY: Jeremy Cui, Azade Modaresi, Yajur Sriraman, grade 8

VILLE DE SAINE, DETROIT: Jacqueline Lee, Annika Schmidt, Isabel Vala grade 8

JIVANI KA SAHARA, INDIA: Rohil Navani, Hans Parikh, Anthony Roca, Marshall White, Wesley Tseng, grade 6

SAIN, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI: Abby Langer, Charlie Margulies, Tristan Sampedro, Olivia Volpe, grade 6

PUR VILLE, MADAGASCAR: Jasmine Cui, Ameera Ebrahim, Ariana Huang, Jasmine Hwang, grade 6



(above, l-r) Charlie Margulies, Tristan Sampedro and Behind: mentor Todd Hay



(above, l-r) Azade Modaresi, Yajur Sriraman and Jeremy Cui

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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.

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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).



(above, l-r) High School Open Champions with our officials and sponsor. Coach Chen, Former Chinese National Team Coach; Sponsor Mr. Luke Liang, President of Savona Tile, the tournament sponsor; Adar Alguetti (Champion); Sean Gao (2nd); Joseph Baptista (3rd) and Coach Lily Yip.

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(above, l-r) Pennsylvania K9 handler with her police dog and Rick Fittin. Front (l-r): Pennsylvania Governor Thomas Corbett and Somerset County Sheriff Captain Tim Pino



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