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SAMANTHA DONATES HAIR FOR GOOD CAUSE

By Melissa Noble

When is a haircut more than just a fashion statement? When the clippings are harvested to provide natural hair wigs for women living with cancer. On February 28th, 8 year old, Samantha Noble from Green Brook IEF Elementary School walked into Melanie's Salon in Dunellen to get her hair cut in hopes of helping someone she had never met through a difficult time.

Samantha had been growing her hair for 2 years with the intent of donating it to Pantene Beautiful Lengths, a charity that uses pony tail clippings of 8 inches or longer to create real-hair wigs for women with cancer. According to Pantene's website, the organization has donated 24,000 free real-hair wigs to date to the American Cancer Society's wig banks. These wigs get distributed to cancer patients across the United States.

After her cut, Samantha commented, "I got a really nice haircut and I got to help someone else too." Samantha wants to spread the word about donating hair in hopes of getting others to join her in the cause. "It takes 8-15 ponytails to make a wig for someone, so we need people to share their hair" said Samantha. "It will grow back and you'll help someone feel better about themselves."

Samantha's parents couldn't be more proud of their little girl. "Samantha was a little worried about what her friends might say about the change before getting her hair cut short," said Melissa Noble, Samantha's mother. "When I asked her if she wanted to cancel the appointment, she told me that she wanted to go through with it because it was important."



(above) Samantha Noble

Melanie Tirpak, proprietor of Melanie's Salon, knows how big a deal it is for a woman or a child to lose their hair. "Samantha's kindness has made a difference in someone's life. She is an extra special little girl and I was honored that she allowed me to make the cut."

If you would like to join Samantha in her crusade to help women with cancer through hair donation, visit <http://pantene.com/en-us/brandexperience/make-the-cut>.

GRAND OPENING OF SHOOT ME ON APRIL 25TH

Kathy Facciponti is inviting the public to the grand opening of her business Shoot Me Photography on April 25, 2015.

Her studio is located at 204 North Washington Avenue in Dunellen, New Jersey. She is sharing the location, a grand old Victorian home with Ponti's Petals, her mom Kathy's floral shop. Two Kathy's will offer cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and live music from 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

*(right, l-r) Mother and daughter duo;
Kathy (Sr.) Ponti of Ponti's Petals and
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Organizations who are interested in submitting content can email Lynn Sjurset at lynn@rennamedia.com.



GIRL SCOUTS GO TAHITIAN AT WORLD THINKING DAY

Submitted by April Larsen

Green Brook Girl Scout Troop 65023 participated in the Green Brook & Dunellen Girl Scout World Thinking Day on February 27. Girls from many troops represented different countries and focused on the wonders of culture. The troop demonstrated a traditional Tahitian dance called Tamure Tamure. For anyone interested in Girl Scouts please go online to www.GSHNJ.org

(right, front. l-r) Grace G.,
Madison C. and Keria L.
(back, l-r) Andrea Y., Jada R.,
Gianna D. and Kaitlyn Z.



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Monday, April 12 / 7:00 pm

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Dunellen Library Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 15 / 7:00 pm

Dunellen Historical Society Meeting

Wednesday, April 11 / 7:00 pm

Book Discussion Club

Thursday, Apr. 22 / 1:45 pm

The book chosen for discussion at the April meeting is "The Soldier's Wife" by Margaret Leroy.

New members are always welcome.

Movies at the Library - All movies begin at 1:00 pm

Friday, April 10 - "Notorious"

Wednesday, April 15 - "Into the Woods"

Friday, April 24 - "Henry V"

The library is happy to partner with the Barnes and Noble in Somerville to present a BookFair on Saturday, April 18 from 9:00am to 5:00pm. There will be craft programs and story times for children. The store will be giving out vouchers for purchases and the library will receive ten percent of the sales during the day. All ages are welcome. Please come out and support your library.

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