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WARRENBROOK SENIORS "GET INTO THE ACT"

Warrenbrook Senior Center celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Older Americans Act by getting into the act. The month of May is designated as Older Americans Month and this year's theme was "Get Into The Act." The Older Americans Act is a government Act which funds the Nutrition Program and health promoting activities offered at senior centers along with many other community services for people age 60+.

Members "Got Into The Act" by giving back to overseas military families by collecting manufacturers' coupons, prepared eating utensil packs for a soup kitchen meal program, performed acts of kindness to others and became a part of a Young At Heart Cabaret Show.

With the help of the community (students and community residents were invited to collect and drop off coupons during the month), manufacturer coupons valued at \$66,265.44 were collected and will be send to military bases overseas. In conjunction with the Overseas Coupon Program, coupons were collected, sorted and counted and will be sent to military bases overseas for military families to use in the PX, BX and Commissary.

The 50th Anniversary theme of the Older Americans Act featured ways in which people 60+ could make a positive impact in their community by showing acts of kindness to others. Members performed 27 positive acts of kindness. Some of the kindness acts that were posted on the "Together We Can Fly" butterfly poster were:

- Light Grocery Shopping for Disabled Person
- Installed Flags on five cemetery graves of Veterans in Warren
- Made cookies for senior day care center
- Took a friend out to dinner

Members assembled 295 eating utensil packs for the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (SHIP). These packs are given to those receiving meals at Ship's Galley (a soup kitchen), SHIP's Mobile Soup Kitchen and SHIP's Holiday Meals programs. In addition to the required knife, fork, spoon and napkin, each pack was given a copy of the grace that the center uses before meals and a special hand-made "thinking of you greeting card."

In honor of Older Americans Month's 50th Anniversary theme, "Get Into The Act," the Warrenbrook Senior Center hosted a "Young At Heart Cabaret" that featured members of the center and the North Plainfield High School Women's A Cappella Group, under the direction of Amy Six, Director of Choral Music at North Plainfield High School. The mother and daughter team of Adrienne Graubard (mother) and Amy Six (daughter) teamed up to provide the musical direction for an entertaining and funfilled program. The Warrenbrook Senior Center entertainment included hand-bells, harmonica and piano presentations. The choral music included several solos.

When the hand-bell presentation included "It's a Grand Old Flag," the A Cappella Group sang along. When Paul Horwath, fron Warren, played "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands" on his harmonica, everyone sang along.



(above) Warrenbrook Hand Bell Members – Paul Horwath, from Warren, Veronica Kissell, from Martinsville, V.P. Kapoor, from Green Brook, Vivian Hamer, from North Plainfield and Alice Freiday, from Warren



(above, l-r) Dieter Wunderlich and Jeff Bennett, both from Warren, posting their acts of kindness on the butterfly poster



(above, l-r) Tara Patel, from Green Brook and Chadan Bhavsar from Warren making and signing greeting cards



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ROTARY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO FOUR DUNELLEN GRADUATING SENIORS

Submitted by William M. Robins

At our annual Scholarship Recognition Luncheon held at the Dunellen Hotel on June 11, 2015, the Dunellen-Green Brook Rotary Club awarded scholarships to four Dunellen graduating seniors: Megan Bollenbach, Jillian Breckenridge, Carolyn Doyle and Herg Zhang; and four students from Watchung Hills Regional High School: Mark Armanious, Nicholas Berger, Kaila Davis and Isabella Perone.

Dunellen High School Guidance Counselor Randi Axelrad assisted with the presentations, as did Club member and chair of the Club's Scholarship Committee, Bill Mundy.

Over the past 42 years, the Dunellen-Green Brook Rotary Club has awarded over \$260,000 in scholarships to 398 graduating seniors so that they can attend college or technical schools. Our Club considers education a number one priority and we are pleased that we can help so many deserving young people.

Rotary membership is by invitation of local clubs. If you would like to be considered for membership by our Rotary club, contact Joe Spera at 732-522-6732, or go to our website: www.dunellengreenbrookrotary.org.



(above, l-r): Club member Bill Mundy, Mark Armanious (Watchung Hills Regional H.S.), Isabella Perone (Watchung Hills Regional H.S.), Nicholas Berger (Watchung Hills Regional H.S.), Herg Shang (Dunellen High School), Carolyn Doyle (Dunellen High School), Jillian Breckenridge (Dunellen High School), Megan Bollenbach (Dunellen High School), Club President Joe Spera. (not pictured, Kaila Davis, WHRHS).









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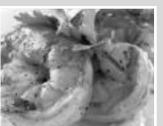
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IRENE E. FELDKIRCHNER SCHOOL HONORS DECEASED STAFF MEMBER

dedication was held at the Irene E. Feldkirchner Elementary School in Green Brook for deceased staff member Denise Chirco.

Mrs. Denise Chirco began her work in the Green Brook School District in 2004. In his address to the crowd gathered for the dedication ceremony, Mr. Armand Lamberti – Principal of IEF School - noted: "During her years of service, Denise provided excellence in classroom aide services to the classrooms and students to whom she was assigned. Denise is originally from Middlesex; yet she resided in Green Brook for over thirty years. Denise passed on from this earthly plane in mid-

On Tuesday, June 2, 2015, a memorial October 2014. Behind her, she has left us with fond memories of the wonderful person she was." Denise is survived by a beautiful/loving family: her husband Ricci Chirco; her older daughter, Candice Testa, her husband, John and their son Angelo; and her younger daughter, Ashley Papcun, her husband, Kevin and their daughter Amelia.

> During the dedication ceremony, a Flowering Cherry Tree was planted on the school ground in her honor. Additionally, a dedication plaque will be affixed near the tree. To conclude the ceremony, the following poem was read, and a framed edition presented to Mrs. Chirco's husband and daughters.



(above) Mr. Lamberti presents the poem he composed for Denise Chirco to Ricci Chirco, Candice Testa, and Ashley Papcun. IEF Staff members Pam Capparelli, Kathy Paltjon, and Diane Abbatemarco, also present for the ceremonious watering of the Flowering Cherry Tree.









MATH TEACHER AND MEDIA SPECIALIST CHOSEN AS TEACHERS OF THE YEAR AT WHRHS



(above) Watchung Hills Regional High School Superintendent Elizabeth Jewett, left, and Principal George Alexis, right, congratulate this year's two recipients of the Teacher of the Year Award: Math Teacher Susan Van Doren, second left; and Media Specialist Vivian Swartz, second right. This is the second time that Van Doren has been selected as Teacher of the Year at Watchung Hills. She was also selected for the honor for the 2001-2002 School Year. By coincidence, both honorees are retiring this year. Teacher of the Year candidates are nominated by students, parents and faculty, and selected by a committee that includes the previous year's Teacher of the Year.

HILLS' STYS WINS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Timothy Stys

Timothy Stys, Business Administrator and Board Secretary at Watchung Hills Regional High School, was among six school business officials in New Jersey to be honored with a Distinguished Service Award by the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials (NJASBO) during the group's Annual Conference, Wednesday, June 3, in Atlantic City.

The recipients were presented with a plaque recognizing, "Distinguished service during his career as a School Board Official," and a personal check for \$100. As part of the award, Stys was also given a scholarship check in the

amount of \$1,000, which will be presented to Anthony Garcia, a graduating student.

Stys is an active Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and has been a School Business Administrator for more than 20 years.

During his 20 year tenure as Business Administrator, Stys has been involved in serving the NJASBO community on various committees, including legislative, accounting and budgeting. He has also served as president of Somerset County ASBO on two separate occasions.

He received his associate's degree in Business from Raritan Valley Community College, a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Rutgers University School of Business, and a master's degree in education administration from Rider University.

Stys and his wife of 26 years, Patti, are graduates of Hillsborough Township High School. He has coached ice hockey, baseball, basketball, and soccer, mostly with his son, Randy. He said he has become a "dance dad" as a result of watching his daughter, Natalie, dance.

HUNDREDS OF HILLS' STUDENT SINGERS PERFORM AT SPRING CONCERT

Supporters of the Vocal Music program at Watchung Hills Regional High School flooded the Performing Arts Center on Friday, June 5, to hear hundreds of student singers bring down the house at the annual Spring Vocal Concert.

Some 64 singers performed in the Watchung Hills Chorus at the Vocal Concert, while 127 sang in the Advanced Choir. Many of the members of both choirs sang in select vocal ensembles and/or in senior solo performances. musicians performed Ten student accompanists.

The Vocal Concert was conducted by Vocal Music Teacher Angela DiIorio Bird.

Two nights earlier, a packed Performing Arts Julia Golkin and Jaytin Gupta. Center gave retiring Music Teacher David Udell several standing ovations as they witnessed his last concert as conductor of the String Orchestra, Concert Band and Wind Ensemble as they performed 11 compositions at the annual Spring Instrumental Concert on Wednesday, June 3, at Watchung Hills Regional High School.

Some 28 students performed in the String orchestra, 71 in the Concert Band, and 61 in the Wind Ensemble at the instrumental concert.

Two seniors were recognized at the Spring Concert for their dedication to the extracurricular group vocal ensembles. They are:

The selection of songs performed included voice solos performed by Sarah Kelly, Mariella Zijdel, David Kim, Hannah Melillo, Silas Baker Michael Weinfeldt, Amelia Stepperfenne, Allison Horvath, Katrina Dumapit, Brianna Valente, Jonathan Reid, Stephen Schwartz, Julia Golkin, Krishti Bhaumik, Veronica Mu, William Steffe, Julia Sluyter, Rejy Drayton, Veronica Mu.

Dance solo performed by Courtney Zawodniak, and a monologue was performed by Judy Tounsi. Percussion solos by Joe Bouffard and Matt Renzo.



(above) Vocal Music Teacher Angela DiIorio Bird, center, conducts the Advanced Chorus at the Spring Vocal Concert, Friday, June 5, at Watchung Hills Regional High School. The concert included performances by the Advanced Chorus, the High School Chorus, select ensembles and senior soloists. For the last selection of the evening, in a Watchung Hills tradition that goes back for years, alumni, friends and family who are familiar with the piece were invited to join the student singers in performing The Hallelujah Chorus by George Frederic Handel.

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but there was lots of fun and laughs too.

United Soccer Academy trainer Adam Lowdon commented, "I had a lot of fun with this program, the Boys and Girls enjoyed it, and so did I – it was great fun for me too."

This program will continue in the fall and is open to Boys and Girls (grades 9th through 12Th) from Warren, Watchung, Longhill and Green Brook.

Congratulations to all 37 Boys and Girls and thank you for helping make the inaugural season of this program a success!

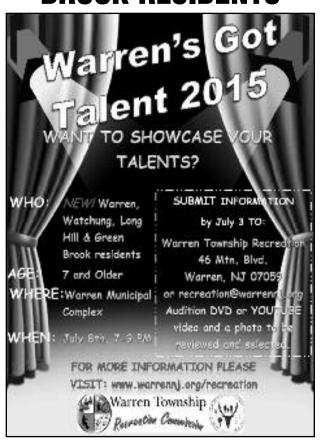


(above, top row, l-r): William Gitoneas, Jonathan Fessock, Jash Soni, Matthew Ransom, John Oliveira. (bottom row,l-r): Henry Engel, Joe Conant, Alex Mammone, Adam Lowdon - USA Soccer Academy Trainer, Christian Novoa, Jason Krakower, Gavin Van Skiver, Shane Checko.



(above, l-r): Alexandra Terry, Lizbeth Torralba, Melanie Vitorino, Adam Lowdon - USA Soccer Academy Trainer, Daisy Portillo, Jen Walpow, Olivia Molnar, Mary Hardy

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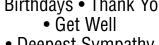
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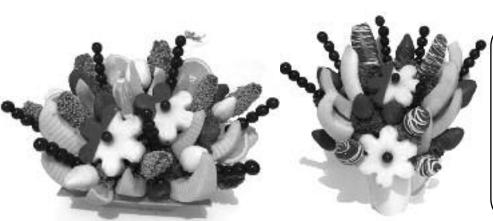


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