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America's veterans, particularly those from Fanwood who have served or are currently on active duty, were honored Wednesday, Nov. 11, in Veterans' Day ceremonies at the Fanwood Memorial Library.

Jointly sponsored by American Legion Post 209 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10122, the ceremonies featured speakers, an eight-person joint color guard from the two organizations, the laying of memorial wreaths and a rifle salute.

Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr delivered remarks to the crowd and presented families of Fanwood residents now serving in the military with service flags featuring a blue star on a red and white background. The banner, which dates back to World War I, is for display by families who have members serving in the Armed Forces during any period of war or hostilities.

Those honored included Navy Petty Officer Francis Celardo, Army Sgt. 1st Class Colin Craig, Army Lt. Michael Lubinski and Army Ranger Tom Sutter.



(above) Mayor Colleen Mahr, center, and Council members Kathy Mitchell and Tom Kranz, pose for a photo with VFW and American Legion officials and family members of Fanwood residents now serving in the military during the Veterans' Day ceremony in Fanwood, NJ, Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015. Photo by Brian Horton

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(above) American Legion color guard captain Thomas Keane, a Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam era, delivers a salute as Taps are played.





(left) VFW Post 10122 commander Earl Pavlik, an Army veteran of the Vietnam War, delivers a salute after placing a wreath at the memorial *in front of the library.*





(left) Veterans listen to the speakers during the Veterans' Day ceremony in Fanwood, NJ,

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Lori Theiss is the liaison to the Fanwood community and will be responsible for collecting news of community service events. organizations Communty service encouraged to contact Lori to promote upcoming events and report on past happenings.

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STUDENTS ATTEND THE CONGRESS OF FUTURE **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LEADERS IN BOSTON**

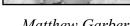
Sean Meisch and Matthew Garber, both senior students at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, were selected as Delegates to the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Lowell, MA from June 28th to June 30th, 2015.

The Congress is an honors only program for high school students who are passionate about science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM). The purpose of this event is to honor, inspire, motivate and direct the top students in the country who aspire to be scientists and technologists, to stay true to their dream and, after the event, to provide a path, plan and resources to help them reach their goal.

American hero and astronaut Buzz Aldrin, Science Director of the National Academy of Future Scientists, nominated both Sean Meisch and Matthew Garber to represent Scotch Plains-Fanwood High school based on their academic achievement, leadership potential and passion for science and technology.

During the three-day congress, Sean and Matthew joined students from across the country and heard Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science winners talk about leading scientific





Sam Meisch Matthew Garber

research. They were given advice from deans of the world's top tech universities and they were inspired by fellow teen science prodigies. They also learned about cutting-edge advances and the future of science and technology.

Richard Rossi, Executive Director, National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists said, "Focused, bright and determined students like Sean Meisch and Matthew Garber, are our future and they deserve all the mentoring and guidance we can give them."

HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES 2016 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALISTS

Daniel Zheng (left) and Shona Jain (right) have been named Semifinalists in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Competition. Officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 61st annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,400 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be offered next spring.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalist must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalists level of the competition. About 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist

standing, and about half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.



SERVICE LEAGUE THRIFT SHOP SCHEDULE

The FSPL Service League Thrift Shop, 1441 East Second Street, Scotch Plains, still has all you need for the season. In our boutique style shop, for children's delight we are well stocked with toys, games, dolls. The shop has housewares and home goods for this and every season. The Collectors' Corner has unique gift items and antiques. All this in addition to the usual selection of new and gently used clothing and accessories for the whole family. Remember clothes for those special parties and get togethers.

The Thrift Shop is hosting the ever popular Christmas Boutique. We have new never used gift items with original price tags for that special someone. All items are reasonably priced. This year the shop will include brand new clothing for men, women and children for special holiday parties, get togethers and family celebrations. The Christmas Boutique will run until December 23rd. Thrift Shop Hours are Tuesday thru Friday 10:00am to 2:30pm and Saturday, 10AM to 1:00PM. Please note: The Thrift Shop will be closed December 24 thru January 2, reopening January 5, 2016.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that has served our communities since 1974. Since its founding, the League has donated over \$1.1 million for local causes.

Anyone interested in learning more about the League or League membership is invited to call 908-322-5420, visit our website www.scotchplainsthriftshop.weebly.com or speak to any of our volunteers at the shop. Check out our Facebook page "Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League" and give us a "Like."



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the invocation was given by Deacon John Lynch of Immaculate Heart of Mary RCC. Local Columbus monument historian Tom Donatelli gave the pledge to the flag. The American National Anthem was played and the Italian National Anthem was also played once again sang by Romano Del Roio, a past President of the Italian American Club of Scotch Plains. Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Seth McQuillan spoke on the knights and Father Michael McGivney, and Chapter President Paul Raphael spoke on the importance of Columbus Day traditions.

UNICO National together with the Italian

American Club of Scotch Plains and the Knights

of Columbus Council #5730 held a Columbus

Day ceremony on 10/10/15 at the town hall

After a great welcome by emcee Sal Perillo,

plaza in Scotch Plains.

The chapter had two essay winners, both 7th grade students at St. Bartholomew Academy. They were Meghan Mahaffey and Giovanni-Young Annunizato. They each were given an award for their efforts. Kevin Glover, Mayor of

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood chapter of Scotch Plains spoke on the many accomplishments of the Italian-Americans that settled in Scotch Plains after coming from the town of Montazzoli in the Abruzzi region of Italy. He also read a proclamation adding the name of Montazzoli Plaza to the street where the Italian American club hall is located.

> The Scotch Plains-Fanwood chapter was very much honored to have as our main speaker the President of UNICO National, Dr. Ann Walko. Her very timely and inspiring words were well received by all in the audience.

> A floral wreath was presented at the monument and the benediction was given by Deacon Lynch. Member Sal Perillo introduced the Westfield Community Band Brass Ensemble who entertained everyone with Italian music selection under the direction of Ed Rommel. The Italian American Club provided sandwiches and water and UNICO provided coffee and donuts for all to enjoy. Emcee Sal thanked everyone in attendance and those that helped make the event a success. The program was organized by chapter members Carmen Ponzio (Chairman of the event) and Jeff Blanck.









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WHITE CASTLE SCHEDULES MORE BOY SCOUT CHESS TOURNAMENTS

The Scotch Plains Baptist Church was the site for the latest Boy Scouts Chess Tournament sponsored by White Castle. The tournament was open to all registered Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers. This was the second annual tournament for the Watchung Mountain District.

Robert Mehorter of Scotch Plains won third place honors. Second place was won by Harrison Hahne-Lum of of Springfield and first place went to Kevin Cavicchia of Summit, who won all four of his games.

White Castle purchased 20 sets, boards and clocks for the Boy Scouts and will continue to sponsor tournaments in all seven Boy Scout Districts in New Jersey.

The company covered expenses for running the tournament including trophies for the top three winners and ribbons for participants. They also supplied lunch for all players and spectators. White Castle will continue to support the Boy Scouts and the Chess program. The Program is coordinated by Joe Renna of Renna Media, a Chess Merit Badge Counselor.

Boys and girls who are Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers are invited to play in all districts. The next scheduled tournament will be in Cranford on Saturday, Febuary 27, 1016.

SAVE THE DATE

Munsee District Chess Tournament will be on Saturday, February 27 in 2016. Get details from your Scout Troop leader.









(above, l-r) Fanwood Scouts William Leitner, Thomas Agueros, and Tristan Doll

(left, l-r) Joe Renna of Renna Media and Jasmin Arroyo of White Castle with tournament players and Charlean Mahon, Boy Scouts of America District Executive.



(above, l-r) First, second and third place finishers Kevin Cavicchia, Harrison Hahne-Lum, and Robert Mehorter.

Photos of this and other events can be found at www.rennamedia.com and on the Fanwood Post Facebook page. Feel free to "Like", "Tag", and "Share".





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SPFHS MARCHING BAND FINISHES SUCCESSFUL 2015 SEASON

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Marching Band wrapped up the 2015 season with a November 7 performance at the USB ands Open Class National Championships, held at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ. The band achieved its highest score of the season, 93.900. SPF faced stiff competition in its category against six bands from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Virginia, five of which received higher scores. The top score in the group was 97.200 received by Norwin Senior High School from North Huntingdon, PA.

For the 2015 season the 180-member SPF band was reassigned from USBands Group 6A to the more competitive Group 6-Open. In its first

season at this level, the band's scores increased John Gillick and color guard director Jackie steadily over six competitions. In the New Jersey State Championship on Oct. 31 the SPF band placed second in its group, received the award for Best Percussion, and won the Cadets Award of Excellence, presented to the band that best reflects overall effect, creativity and pursuit of excellence.

"This has been a phenomenal journey," said SPF band director Durand Thomas. "It's especially fulfilling to have the senior class lead as they have – they create the magic." Student drum majors for 2015 were Kaavya Krishna-Kumar, Mary Catherine Stovall and Melody Weigel. Band staff also includes assistant director

Tumolo.

The 2015 show was titled "Chance Love -Tales Beneath a Persian Moon" and featured music from Scheherazade by Nikolai Andreyevich Rimsky-Korsakov, Samson and Delilah by Camille Saint-Saëns, and Cleopatra by Alex North. Soloists were Shay Blechinger-Slocum on flute and Kevin Sonpar on baritone horn. In addition to USBands competitions the band performed at many Raiders football games.

USBands, a program of Youth Education in the Arts, is a competitive circuit for scholastic band programs nationwide and has a membership of more than 700 high school marching bands.





UPCOMING SCHOOL CONCERTS

(all concerts appear at respective schools as listed)

December 9

Park Winter Band Concert Grades 5 & 6 - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Grades 7 & 8 - 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Terrill Winter Choral Concert 2 Shows: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. & 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

December 15

Park Choral Concert Grades 5 & 6 2 Shows: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. & 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

December 16

High School Winter Concert 7:30 to 10 p.m.

December 22

Terrill Instrumental Winter Concert Grades 5 & 6, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Grades 7 & 8, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

SPF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

Investing Club (FLTI) enjoyed learning about the

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School student inner workings of the banking system on their members of the Financial Literacy Through recent tour of the Federal Reserve Bank of New



(above) Members of the Financial Literacy Through Investing Club, along with club advisor, Mr. Bill Konig posed before the Charging Bull Statue.

NOTES FROM 11/16 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Fanwood Council honored Joe Nagy as the has spent so many hours volunteering. volunteer-of-the-month borough's and Councilman Dan Levine bid farewell at the group's meeting Monday night at Borough Hall.

Nagy, a Fanwood resident for more than 50 years, has served in a wide variety of volunteer positions, including helping to start TV35 and the Fanwoodian and being Fanwood's historian.

Many a local school student has heard about Fanwood's history during tours Nagy conducts of the museum in the historic north side train station. Mayor Colleen Mahr presented Nagy with a framed print of the train station where he

In a heartwarming thank you to the council, Nagy related that he had been honored to give back to the borough that had given his family a great place to live.

Council also bid farewell to Levine, who leaves the group at the end of the year. Levine has been the chairman of the Administration and Finance committee and has been an integral part of the borough's budgeting process. Mahr and each member of the council individually thanked Levine for his service.

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(above) Councilman Dan Levine smiles as other Council members thank him for his service to the borough at his last regular meeting.











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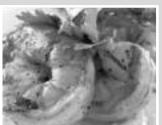
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