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HISTORICAL **SOCIETY OF SCOTCH PLAINS/** FANWOOD FEBRUARY 23RD 4th Tuesday evening of the month starting at 8:00PM SCOTCH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB Plainfield Ave. & Jerusalem Road Scotch Plains, NJ (unless otherwise specified) "Remembrances of Frank Terry and the former Terry Lou Zoo" remembered by Pete Terry.

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7TH ANNUAL MLK SERVICE

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The seventh annual Martin Luther King Day of Service drew several hundred volunteers to more than two dozen events throughout the area Monday as people made it, "a day on, not a day off" by taking part in a wide range of activities.

In Fanwood/Scotch Plains, there was something for everyone as kids made cards for other kids who are sick, made sandwiches for the homeless and drew Valentines for the troops. Adults gave blood, made mittens from old sweaters, took part in a round-table discussion and contributed by





donating clothes and sneakers for the less

The day-long event was organized by Michele

Shapiro Abraham, Courtney Agnello and

Amanda Barnett. The three Fanwood women first

started the event seven years ago and have

(above, l-r) The three organizers of the Martin Luther King Day of Service, Courtney Agnello, Amanda Barnett, and Michelle Shapiro Abraham.

(above, l-r) Volunteers at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church show off the mittens they made from old sweaters, Kris Adams of Fanwood, Meril Davies of Scotch Plains, Cena Pollitt of Fanwood, and Eileen Morris of Fanwood.



(above) A full house in the gymnasium of the Jewish Community Center listens to the Terrill Middle School choir who sang in honor of Martin Luther King.





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RENNA MEDIA IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT LORI THEISS HAS JOINED ITS STAFF

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

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MLK DAY OF SERVICE COLLEGE CLUB PARTICIPATES IN "SHARING LUNCHES"

In an effort to honor and respond to one of Dr. Martin Luther King inspirational sayings "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?", the College Club of Fanwood Scotch Plains made 70 lunch bags for the Salvation Army program called "Sharing Lunches".

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ill and opportunities for underprivileged children. The lunch bags contained a sandwich, small snack of chips, pretzels or granola, a piece of fruit, a juice box and a few cookies. The members of the club donated supplies and assembled the bagged lunches for delivery to the Salvation Army unit in Plainfield, NJ.

The College Club performs a monthly outreach to local community needs and also offers, on the 3rd Monday in the months of September through April at The Chelsea in Fanwood, free programs on various topics that are open to the public. For more information about our monthly programs, go to collegeclubfsp-org.doodlekit.com.

The next program on February 15th will spotlight local historian George Pierson, who will present stories of two veterans of the American Civil War - while soldiers in the same conflict, they had very different experiences and memories about the United States and its struggles from 1860 to 1865.



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STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Each semester for the past 4 years, dozens of students from Scotch Plains Fanwood High Schools have been volunteering to help new immigrants as they strive to become citizens and productive members of their communities.

Working with El Centro Hispanoamericano, a nonprofit organization located in Plainfield, the students conduct food and toy drives, help immigrants to learn English, help immigrants prepare for the US citizenship test, and most recently helped run the organization's annual Christmas Fiesta.

At this year's holiday event back in December. SPFHS student volunteers helped bring holiday joy to over 100 children and their families. The students collected toys that Santa distributed to children, helped with arts and crafts as children created Christmas cards and decorations for their parents, and helped prepare lunch for nearly 250 guests.

"For many of the children we serve," explained Silvia Hernandez, executive director of El Centro, "this is their only Christmas. Most of the families we serve endure severe poverty as they go about preparing for citizenship and adjusting to life in their new communities."

Hernandez thanked not only the SPFHS students who contributed so much this year, but also the dedicated staff at the high school who coordinate student participation at their end. "We especially want to thank Spanish teachers Daniela Davidzon and Mary Verlangieri, as well as school administrators Linda Materna, World Language Supervisor and Dave Heisey, Principal." Ms. Hernandez added that "The Scotch Plains Fanwood community has every reason to be very proud of these students for their willingness to engage in community service, helping the less fortunate members of our communities."

El Centro Hispanoamericano is a non-profit organization created in 1984 to provide legal and humanitarian assistance to needy immigrants from Latin America. For more information, please call 908 753 8730.

APPLICATIONS DUE FOR DELEEUW SCHOLARSHIP

Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship should obtain applications now from their school guidance office. The scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Deadline for submission of applications is March 11, 2016.

Previous DeLeeuw scholarship recipients already in college are also eligible to apply. They must submit complete official transcripts of college grades with a new application.

This is the twenty-first year the scholarships have been offered. To date, the Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship Fund, which is a fund of the Plainfield Foundation, has awarded over one million dollars. The awards are made in accordance with the terms of a bequest from Ms. DeLeeuw, author, journalist and arts activist.

The Plainfield Rotary Scholarship Foundation, headed by Michael R. Townley, acts as selector for the scholarships. Area Rotary Clubs assist in

High school seniors wishing to apply for the the selection process. Only students attending high schools in Plainfield, North Plainfield, South Plainfield, Warren, Watchung, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Edison are eligible. Location of high school, not student's residence, is the qualifying factor. The student must also be accepted to an accredited college or university.

> Applicants must plan to major in one of the following areas of study: art, poetry, writing, journalism or engineering. They must demonstrate the scholastic aptitude and interest to pursue study in one of these specified areas. They must also prove financial need.

> Interested students should consult their guidance counselors to obtain the necessary application information or go to the Plainfield/North Plainfield Rotary Club website at www.rotarypnp.org. Questions may be directed to Johanna Salvemini, Scholarship Administrator, at (908) 755-8098.

FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS SERVICE LEAGUE SEEKS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League is League or League membership is invited to call now accepting applications for scholarships from Fanwood-Scotch Plains resident seniors graduating high school 2016, and those residents currently attending college or post high school training schools. Applications can be obtained from Scotch Plains - Fanwood High School (SPFHS) guidance office. Submission deadline is Monday, February 15, 2016.

Recipients are selected with particular emphasis on demonstrated commitment to volunteerism and community service within the community while in high school and college. Financial need, outside employment, and demonstrated ability to do succeed at post-high school studies are also part of the decision making process.

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.

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- "Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League" and give us a "Like."
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Thursday/Friday 10-2:30 and Saturday 10-1. Free parking on the street and in the rear of the building (enter parking lot via Willow Ave.).

COLLEGE CLUB MEETING

The College Club of Fanwood Scotch Plains meeting announcement for our February 22nd program, the topic is "American Civil War Revisited" presented by George Pierson.

The meeting is held at the Chelsea on 295 South Ave in Fanwood. Refreshments start at 7:30pm and the speaker will begin at 7:45pm. The meetings are free and open to the public.



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PARTING GIFTS GIVEN AT JAN COUNCIL MEETING

Historic Preservation Commission member Joan Skubish were honored at Tuesday night's borough council meeting.

Levine, who stepped down at the end of 2015 after completing a three-year term, received a framed borough seal and the thanks of Mayor Colleen Mahr and the Council.

The Mayor and Council also honored Skubish as the borough's volunteer of the month for her work on the Historic Preservation Commission



Mahr presented Skubish with a framed print of Fanwood's historic train station, where the museum is located.

The meeting also was the first for new Councilwoman Erin McElroy Barker, who takes the place of Levine.



(above) Former Councilman Dan Levine thanks Mayor Colleen Mahr and the Council after he was presented with a framed borough seal at a borough council meeting in Fanwood, NJ, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016. Levine stepped down at the end of 2015 after serving a threeyear term on the Council. Photos by Brian Horton



(above) Joan Skubish, left, a longtime member of the Fanwood Historic Preservation Commission, gets congratulations and a framed print of Fanwood's historic train station from Mayor Colleen Mahr at a borough council meeting in Fanwood, NJ, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016. Scubas was honored as the borough's volunteer-of-the-month at the meeting for her work in historic preservation in the borough and her guidance of the Fanwood Museum's program for grade school kids. The museum is located at the old train station which made the print more meaningful for Skubish, she said.

MOMS HELPING MOMS

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Imagine not being able to meet your baby's basic needs. Unfortunately for some parents this is reality. Bridget Cutler, a New Providence mother, founded Moms Helping Moms Foundation to help families facing financial hardship provide their babies with the essential supplies they need.

Moms Helping Moms collects diapers, wipes, toiletries and clothing for children three years old and younger. The organization serves families by providing access to these supplies and connecting them with key social services to support them during pregnancy and parenting. If you are interested in donating baby items or would like additional information about the foundation and how you can help, please visit their website http://www.momshelpingmomsfoundation.org/h ome.html.

Moms Helping Moms hosted their second annual Snow Ball on Friday, January 29, 2016 at Stone House at Stirling Ridge in Warren, New Jersey. This event featured live music from Brian Kirk and the Jirks, along with an open bar, appetizers and a silent auction with amazing prizes.









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