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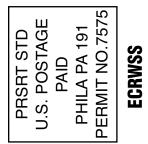
#### GREEN BROOK CULTURAL, HERITAGE & HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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#### **'WINTER CABARET' GIVES DRAMA PROGRAM STUDENTS A CHANCE TO STRETCH THEIR PERFORMING TALENTS**

The weather outside may have been frightful, and patrons may have been still sore from shoveling themselves out of a record-breaking blizzard four days earlier, but the stage of the Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) was transformed into a cozy "Winter Cabaret" on Wednesday, Jan. 27, to hear some 17 acts, mostly singers and musicians, but also some actors delivering monologues, a stand-up comedienne delivering jokes, and an 'improv' comedy troupe that sent scores of audience members home with smiles on their faces.

Winter Cabaret was presented by the Script and Cue student acting troupe of the WHRHS Theater arts program. Theater Arts Teacher Doug Eaton, who introduced all the acts, said the Winter Cabaret was meant to: Raise a little money to augment funding for theater programs and give a talented groups of WHRHS theater



(above, l-r) Greeting patrons who attended the Winter Cabaret, are Senior Angela Celeste of Millington, Senior Judy Tounsi of Green Brook Township, and Senior Ryan Prestera of Stirling.



(above, l-r) Leads in the WHRHS Spring Musical, "She Loves Me," rehearse after school, Junior Jackie Romankow of Gillette, Senior Alex Bird of Millington, Senior Judy Tounsi of Green Brook Township, Sophomore Sam Sinnott of Millington, Senior Julia Sluyter of Gillette and Senior Ryan Prestera of Stirling.

arts actors, singers and musicians opportunities to perform before a live audience.

Students welcomed patrons to Winter Cabaret, thanking them for their support with a suggested \$10 donation, and offering them related fund-raising paraphernalia, such as Theater Arts Department stuffed animals and T-Shirts.

Eaton said the Theater Arts program at WHRHS has many "very talented students," who have helped to build a "wonderful program." The program offers entertaining performances while helping the students to learn the craft of acting, along with all the various other skills and experience that go into stage productions. "I am a teacher," said Eaton. "We do this for the young people, the students."

Performers, in order of appearence, included Nikhil Bhat, Anthony Speros, Matt Renzo, Jenna Stetz, Blake Shapiro, Allison Horvath, Owen DiDonna, Hannah Melillo, Veronica Mu, Victoria Magali, Peri Martins, Carly Macmanus, Kyra Anthony, Jackie Romankow, Judy Tounsi, Hannah Melillo, Julia Sluyter, Judy Tounsi, Ben Allgor, Sam Sinnott, Amelia Stapperfenne, Alex Bird and Charles Buscarino.

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#### **RENS PETER EELMAN, 85**

Submitted Jim Koch

On December 22, 2015, the Green Brook community lost one of its valued members, Rens Peter Eelman. Rens had been Fire Chief, Scoutmaster, active in Elks and as a volunteer. He had an interest in local history and as a member of the Township Historic Commission, was invaluable in teaching us how places and things had changed over time.

He was talented working with wood and built models of signal beacons and one of the mills that had dotted the Green Brook in early days.

#### THE GREEN BROOK SENIOR CITIZENS MEET ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

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Green Brook resident Wali Sohail represented Boy Scout Troop 129 at annual chess tournament. The Cranford Community Center was the site for the Third Annual Boy Scouts Chess Tournament sponsored by White Castle. The tournament was open to all registered Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers.

White Castle purchased 20 sets, boards and clocks for Munsee District Boy Scouts. The company also 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.



(above) Green Brook resident Wali Sohail represented Boy Scout Troop 129.



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#### **CUB SCOUTS ANNUAL PINEWOOD DERBY**

Submitted by: David Shreck

A highlight on the Cub Scouts yearly calendar is the annual Pinewood Derby where participants combine wood working, design, artistic expression and Physics with friendly competition to see which homemade car is the fastest in a series of downhill races. More than 65 racers, with their families cheering them on, enjoyed the carnival-like atmosphere as food, beverages, and race-themed deserts were available. For the first time in Pack 129 history an invitation was extended to local Girl Scouts troops from Green

A highlight on the Cub Scouts yearly calendar Brook and Dunellen - Service Unit #62 to the annual Pinewood Derby where participants participate.

This invitation was enthusiastically accepted and the event was a complete success.

Cub Scout Pack 129 Committee Chairman, Brent Cheshire commented "It was great having the Girl Scouts involved this year. Both the Girls and Boys enjoyed the day. I look forward to having the camaraderie back again next year".

"The Pinewood Derby reinforces to Girl Scouts that they can do anything as witnessed on

the event day in each car design and the girls' sportsmanship. The Girl Scout troops of Green Brook and Dunellen are grateful to Cub Scout Pack 129 for giving our girls the opportunity to participate in the race and build the community." Marie Hartlieb, Girl Scout Leader, Troop 65452.

Cub Scouts Pack 129, based in Green Brook, is open to all boys aged 7-10 (grades 1-5). For information about Pack 129 you may visit pack129greenbrook.scoutlander.com or contact Brent Cheshire at (908) 222-3320.



(above) Cub Scouts Pack 129 invited Girl Scouts troops from Green Brook and Dunellen to participate in the 2016 Pinewood Derby.

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WHRHS NEWS SHE LOVES ME

By Denis J. Kelly

"She Loves Me," this year's Spring Musical at Watchung Hills Regional High School

(WHRHS) will be presented at

7 p.m., Thursday, March 17,

Friday, March 18, and Saturday, March 19, and at 2 p.m., March 19,

in the WHRHS Performing Arts Center (PAC), Stirling Road.

A free dress rehearsal performance for Senior Citizens and 8th grade students in Green Brook Township, Long Hill Township, Warren Township, and Watchung will be presented at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 16, in the WHRHS PAC.

Tickets for all other performances are \$15 orchestra, \$10 rear orchestra and balcony, and \$5 for students, are available for purchase at the box office on the day of the performance or online at www. Booktix.com. All are invited.

The musical is a performance of the WHRHS Drama Department's Script and Cue Student program, directed by Drama teacher Douglas

Eaton, with musical direction from Choral Music teacher Angela Dilorio Bird.

Eaton and DiIorio Bird said that the WHRHS production of She Loves Me involves the participation of some 45 students in the cast, another 20 in the orchestra, 20 among the crew, and countless others in set design and ancillary assistance.

Student leads in the play include Jackie Romankow as Amalia Balash, Sam Sinnott as Georg Nowak, Ryan Prestera as Seven Kodaly, Julia Sluyter as Ilona Ritter, Judy Tounsi as Arpad Lazio, Anthony Speros as Ladislav Sipos, Alex Bird as Mr. Maraczek, and Charles Buscarino as Waiter.

The story line for She Loves Me has been adapted for film three times in the past: For the 1940 film, titled "The Shop Around The Corner," starring James Stewart and Margaret Sullivan; for the 1949 film, titled "In The Good Old Summertime," starring Judy Garland and Van Johnson; and for the 1998 film, titled, "You've Got Mail," starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL TO STAGE BUGSY MALONE JR.

Green Brook Middle School set to stage Bugsy Malone Jr. on Thursday and Friday March 10th and 11th at 7pm (doors at 6:30pm).

"Bugsy Malone is a fast-paced, fun-loving spoof of a 1920's gangster film. The show is centered around Bugsy Malone (played by Bennet Gudaitis), a former boxer who gets pulled into a turf war between rival gang bosses Dandy Dan (Adam Noble) and Fat Sam (Andrew Moberly)," said director William Alzaher. "Fat Sam's Gang gets splurged (with silly-string shooters) one by one until he and his right hand man Knuckles (Julie Ashare) are the only ones left. Amidst the splurging and pie throwing, Bugsy falls for Blousey (played by Christine Tanko), a small town girl trying to make it as a singer in the big city where Lena Marelli (Jordan Pincus) is the premiere diva. The Grand Slam Girls (lead by Michelle Chavanne) will dazzle you with their unforgettable jazz numbers while the chorus dances and sings to set the mood for this lively speakeasy."

The show will be performed at the Green Brook Middle School auditorium at 132 Jefferson Ave in Green Brook N.J.

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#### YE'S OPENING

its neighbors in Green Brook to announce their opening. Ye's Asian Bistro opened its doors in February 2016. Owners, Kevin and Yan Dong offer a unique mix of Vietnamese and Chinese Cuisine for lunch and supper. Ye's is located at 41 Mountain Boulevard.

Balancing out the Vietnamese portion of the restaurant are several dishes from other traditions, like appetizers Peking Duck Steam Buns, Indian Pancake with Chicken Curry Dipping, and Hawaii Shrimp Rolls. There are also many spicy dishes like their Rock Shrimp Singapore Vermicelli and Mandarin Fish.

Ye's drink specials are a popular attraction. Their assortments of Bubble Teas are satisfying by themselves, but Yan explains it is common to drink them with a meal. They also offer a variety of Smoothies, fresh juices, flavored teas and coffee.

Prior to opening in Warren, Kevin and Yan owned and operated Arber Asian Bistro in the SoHo Section of Manhattan for six years. They were living in Brooklyn at the time. They saw a listing for the vacant space on Craigslist.com and after visiting the location made plans to

M. Asian Bistro

A new restaurant in Warren is reaching out to relocate. They were impressed by not only the restaurant space but by the town itself. Kevin and Yan now live in Warren and look forward to becoming part of the community. They have two children, three and ten years old.



(above, l-r) Kevin and Yan Dong



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