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SIX POLICE CHIEFS DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS

Across the nation during the month of March, local officials are taking part in Meals on Wheels America campaign to raise awareness for isolation and poor nutrition among older Americans. Five police chiefs and one lieutenant from Berkeley Heights, Mountainside, New Providence, Summit, and Springfield gathered together at SAGE Eldercare on March 16 to deliver meals to residents in their respective towns.

“It is our 50th anniversary this year and is vitally important to the people we serve that law enforcement officials meet these individuals,” stated Marianne Kranz, Director of Meals on Wheels for SAGE. “The relationship and communication between local police departments and a community-based organization such as SAGE is critical so that older residents are looked after and protected. The annual “March For Meals” campaign established by Meals on Wheels America provides a great opportunity for us to enlist the help of local officials by visiting older residents, listening to their concerns and getting to know their circumstances.

In addition to local police chiefs, SAGE has enlisted the involvement of local elected officials, EMTs, and community groups. “It is vital for these decision-makers within the communities we serve to have an understanding of the homebound residents in their towns – often times, our volunteers are the only people checking in on them,” added Kranz.

About fifteen times a year, SAGE has to turn to the police to do welfare checks on clients who don’t respond, and about five times a year, a SAGE Meals on Wheels volunteer calls 911 when finding a client in need of immediate professional and/or medical assistance.

“Not only does SAGE rely on us to check on the safety and wellness of our older residents, but we also rely on SAGE’s professional staff when we find someone who needs their assistance and services. Our partnership ensures that isolated older residents are getting the help they need,” noted New Providence Police Chief Anthony D.



(above, l-r) New Providence Police Chief Anthony D. Buccelli, Jr., Berkeley Heights Police Chief John DiPasquale, Summit Police Chief Robert Weck, Mountainside Police Chief Allan V. Attanasio, Mountainside Lieutenant Tom Murphy, and Springfield Police Chief John Cook. They delivered meals to older residents in the area on March 16 as part of the Meals on Wheels America’s “March For Meals” annual campaign, which is coordinated by SAGE Eldercare in Summit.

Buccelli, Jr.

For more information on the Meals on Wheels program, or if you would like to become a volunteer for SAGE Eldercare, please contact Marianne Kranz at 908.273.5554.

For the past 60 years, SAGE Eldercare has been helping make the communities it serves an amazing place to age. The organization provides a wide array of information, support, and services designed to help individuals lead the most independent and active lives possible. From helping with errands, to exercise classes, community programs, and home health care, SAGE’s expertise helps older adults remain independent in their own homes. SAGE is committed to being the leading provider of programs and services to meet the changing needs of older adults, their families, and caregivers throughout Union, Essex, Morris, and Somerset Counties. For more information, please call 908.273.5550 or visit www.sageeldercare.org.

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The League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit will be hosting Rev. Fletcher Harper, Executive Director of Green Faith, at our Thursday, April 7th meeting. The title of his talk is: Faith and Action on Climate: From Trenton to Paris and Beyond. April is traditionally the month in which we highlight the Environment. We are pleased to open this meeting up to the public. It is free. We

meet at the De Corso Community Center 15 East 4th Street in New Providence at 7:30pm. Come earlier and partake in light refreshments. If you have any questions call 908-898-0565. The LWV is a non-partisan political organization that works to increase understanding of major public policy issues. You can learn more about Green Faith at : <http://www.greenfaith.org.%c2%a0/>

BOOKS FOR SALE!

The Book Sale is about to begin! The annual Summit College Club (SCC) Book Sale will be held from April 19 through 24, 2016, at the American Legion Hall, 257 Elkwood Avenue, next to the library in New Providence.

The first day of the sale is aimed at book dealers and has a \$20 admission charge. On the next five days, Wednesday through Sunday, April 20 through 24, there is no admission charge, and tens of thousands of books are sold, the vast majority of them for fifty cents, a dollar, or two dollars.

The Summit College Club is a branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), an organization that promotes equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Membership is open to all women and men holding the associate degree or higher.

To volunteer for the sale or for more information about donating books, please e-mail summitcollegeclub@yahoo.com or call 908-464-2540. For information about membership or an application form, email jimles59@verizon.net.

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NEW PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION TO HOST PASTA DINNER APRIL 3

Third annual family event raises funds to support neighbors in need

The Community Service Association of New Providence (CSA) , together with the New Providence Lions Club, will host its 3rd Annual Pasta Dinner on Sunday, April 3, 2016. This fun, family-friendly event will take place at the DeCorso Community Center, 15 East Fourth Street , New Providence , NJ . Pasta, meatballs, and dessert will be served from 2pm-6pm. Tickets are \$12 per person; children five and under are free. Cash and checks will be accepted at the door. (No credit cards, please.)

There will be a big basket raffle featuring local vendors and more as well as a 50/50 drawing. The annual Pasta Dinner is the CSA's main fundraising event of the year.

The Community Service Association of New Providence is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that assists New Providence Boro residents with financial needs while respecting the dignity and

anonymity of the assisted individuals and families. This could mean helping a family with medical bills, paying utility bills or rent, clothing assistance, transportation, and more. The CSA also organizes an annual Thanksgiving food drive with support from the Boy Scouts as well as a Christmas gift drive. The food and gifts are given to New Providence residents in need.

The CSA was established in 1954 and is believed by longtime members to be the first organization of its kind in the country. New Providence residents who would like to get involved are welcome to the CSA meetings on the second Wednesday of each month.

Residents in need of the CSA's help, or anyone wishing to get involved in supporting or volunteering, can call (908) 665-8254 or email <mailto:csanewprovidence@gmail.com?subject=CSA>.

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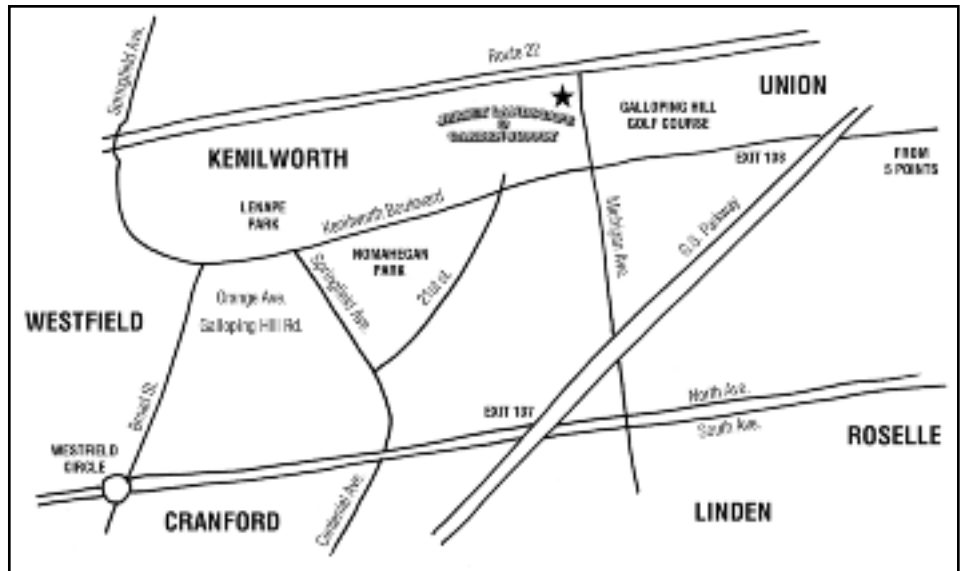
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Goldfinch is the literary journal of Women Who Write, Inc. Members submit original works including short stories, poetry and other works to a panel of judges and Goldfinch showcases the winning submissions.

Women Who Write, Inc. is a regional women writers' organization and nonprofit corporation with writing groups that meet throughout New Jersey. Any woman who writes may join Women Who Write, Inc. Members include writers of short and long fiction, poetry, plays, journalism, essays, autobiography, science, mystery, history, romance and children's literature.

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