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## CENTRAL SCHOOL'S YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS IN JA BIZTOWN

By: Mary Ann McGann

On a recent weekday, JA BizTown Mayor Jonah Segal stops to answer a question as he visits local businesses.

The hardest part of being mayor is "the busy schedule and signing everything. All of the attention. All of the distractions," says Segal, a fifth grader at Central School.

"Mayor" Segal is among a group of young city executives, CEOs, CFOs, bank tellers, utility pipeline engineers, customer service reps and other key business professionals charged with running JA BizTown, a hands-on, simulated community offered by Junior Achievement of New Jersey (JANJ).

The program combines in-class learning with a daylong visit to the JA BizTown facility in Edison. Central School fifth graders and their teachers spent 3 ½ months preparing for the visit, with 12 required in-class lessons on topics ranging from bank accounts, debit cards and free enterprise to applying for a job, the costs involved in running a business, and setting prices for goods and services.

"Our rates and coverage are the best available," says 10-year-old MetLife Chief Executive Officer Julia Clemente as she addresses the JA BizTown community on Feb. 26.

The simulated mini-city boasts 14 storefronts including a bank, a credit union, a radio station, city hall, and such national businesses as Walmart and UPS.

The eagerness of the young entrepreneurs is evident as JA BizTown manager Angela Celeste (a real grown-up) reviews the day's events, including 10-15 minute required breaks for community members to deposit paychecks, get wellness checkups and run other business-related errands.

"While on break, can we go back to work?" asks Nicholas Pringle, a youthful "asset manager" for MetLife who is dressed in khakis and a light blue, button down oxford shirt and tie.

"I would encourage you to enjoy your break," Celeste advises, with a smile.

The Junior Achievement of New Jersey website ([janj.org](http://janj.org)) describes the program as "a



(above) U-Design-It "Chief Financial Officer" Samantha Traister examines payroll expenses.



(above) Central 5th grader Samara Harmatz (R), "sales manager" for Walmart assists customers Cynthia Ming and Kayla Cullinane.

(right) "Pipeline Engineer" Theodoros Pyrsopoulos (L) and "Utility Engineer" Arion Ulaj get ready to lay some pipe.

Photo Credit: Mary Ann McGann



(above) "Mayor" Jonah Segal addresses Central School fifth graders during a visit on Feb. 26 to JA BizTown, a hands-on, simulated business community in Edison offered by Junior Achievement of New Jersey.



standards-based 21st Century experiential learning curriculum designed for fifth and sixth grade students to learn the importance of work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy."

Because JANJ partners with corporate sponsors, the program is provided at no cost to the district. In addition, JANJ provides Citizen Guide workbooks, checkbooks and teacher guides to help prepare for the visit. Woodland fifth graders plan to visit on May 31.

"The day wasn't about perfection," says Central Grade 5 teacher Jennifer SanAntonio. "It was about empowering the children. It was about showing them what the real world looks like and offering them the opportunity to experience it for themselves. It was about enhancing their collaborative skills and teaching them that teamwork is the key to a successful business. That's exactly what they did!"



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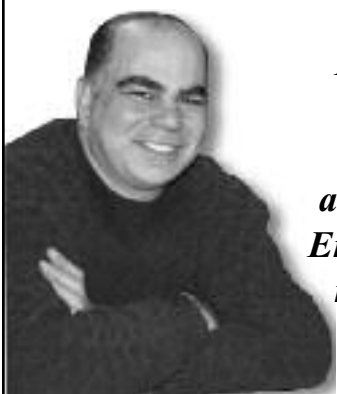
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## READ LIKE A TEEN

By: Mary Ann McGann

As we celebrate Read Across America Day, it seems appropriate to mention a unique book club that meets once a month at Warren Middle School. Members of the "Read Like a Teen" Book Club do just that... selecting a new teen or young adult book each month to read, review and share with their students and fellow staff.

Book club members might choose, for example, between a graphic novel or a popular nonfiction title, a fast read or one that doesn't often get checked out, a tear jerker or a work of science fiction.

"We want our kids to see that all of us are readers. It's not just language arts teachers or me," says library media specialist Cynthia Cassidy, who started "Read Like a Teen" last fall.

The group of 20+ middle school staffers, including Principal Bob Comba and Dean of Students Max Achtau, meets before school to discuss the books and whether they are appropriate for middle school readers. In addition, "Read Like a Teen" members write short reviews on a collaborative website called Padlet.com that is as informative as it is visually



(above) Teacher standing/addressing the room is Warren Middle School Library Media Specialist Cynthia Cassidy. Photo Credit: Mary Ann

appealing.

"I loved watching the Padlet grow," Cassidy says. "It's chockful of beautiful pictures and thoughtful reviews. If this doesn't encourage someone to read, I don't know what will."

Cassidy shares the site with middle school students and their parents.

"Dear Ms. Cassidy," an enthusiastic parent wrote recently. "WOW!! I can't say enough about how awesome the "Read Like a Teen" reviews are. Thank you and all of the WMS staff who are taking their time to create this wonderful site. For my son, knowing one of his teachers has reviewed a book and enjoyed it will give him just enough incentive to read it!"

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Forty-seven 8th graders at Warren Middle School won top honors in the regional competition of the prestigious 2016 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Six of the students received Gold Key awards and will be considered for national recognition, with national medalists to be announced on March 14.

"It is an amazing honor to have 47 eighth grade students from our school win awards," says language arts teacher Christine Cirrotti who, with fellow LA teacher Dannine Albanese, submitted their students' creative writing to the contest. "This national writing contest is for students in grades 8 through 12, so our students are among the youngest writers."

### GOLD KEY RECIPIENTS ARE:

1. Ruitao Chen, Humor  
- "Math Camp: Uncensored"
2. Niharika Iyer, Flash Fiction - "The Annex"
3. Sana Mamtaney, Poetry - "Zero Tears"
4. Pramity Shah, Poetry - "Keys and Locks"
5. Jessica Sindel, Poetry - "The World"
6. Elizabeth Wilcenski, Personal Essay/Memoir  
- "Jack"

### SILVER KEY RECIPIENTS ARE:

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### HONORABLE MENTION WINNERS ARE:

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(above) Forty-seven 8th graders at Warren Middle School won top honors in the regional competition of the 2016 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Six will advance to the national competition.

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The National Signing Day for high school graduates intending to play football and soccer in college was Wednesday, February 3, and four seniors at Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS), signed letters of intent that day notifying the colleges they plan to attend that they do intend to compete in football or soccer. All live in Warren Township.

The football players are: Mark Ball, quarterback, son of Mark and Nicole Ball, who plans to attend and play for Pace University, New York City, N.Y.; Tyler Helbing, defensive end, son of Fred and Katrina Helbing, who plans to attend and play for Alderson Broaddus University, Phillippi, W.Va.; and Frank Rica, wide receiver, son of Frank and Lisa Rica, who plans to attend and play for Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y.

In soccer, Ally Grunstein, forward, daughter of John and Helene Grunstein, plans to attend and play for Quinnipiac University, Hamden, Conn.

Attending the letter signing ceremony from WHRHS were Principal George Alexis, Athletic Director Christopher Van Vliet, Head Football Coach Mike Katz, and Girls Soccer Coach Brian Figueiredo.

Also attending were siblings of the students signing letters of intent: Senior Matt Grunstein, twin brother of Ally Grunstein, also a soccer

player, who plans to attend, but pursue other extracurricular interests at Tulane University, New Orleans, La., as well as Freshman Andrea Rica, who plays Girls Lacrosse and is a cheerleader at WHRHS, and Sophomore Joseph Rica, who plays Boys Lacrosse at WHRHS.

In November, 10 students at WHRHS declared their intentions to attend and play lacrosse, softball, baseball, or swimming next year at colleges or universities.

To play lacrosse: Gabrielle Burton of Warren Township, who plans to attend LaSalle University, Philadelphia, Pa; Lindsey Carroll of Warren Township, Radford University, Radford, Va; Tyler Furlong of Warren Township, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa; Sean Mullaney of Warren Township, The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass.; Kelsey Reed of Stirling, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va.; and Kiera Vrindten of Warren Township, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H.

To play baseball: Brian Reiss of Watchung, Monmouth University, West Long Branch.

To play softball: Amanda Hopeck of Green Brook Township, Monmouth University; and Madison Scuderi of Warren Township, Fordham University, The Bronx, N.Y.

To be on the swim team: Kayla Purcell of Millington, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va.



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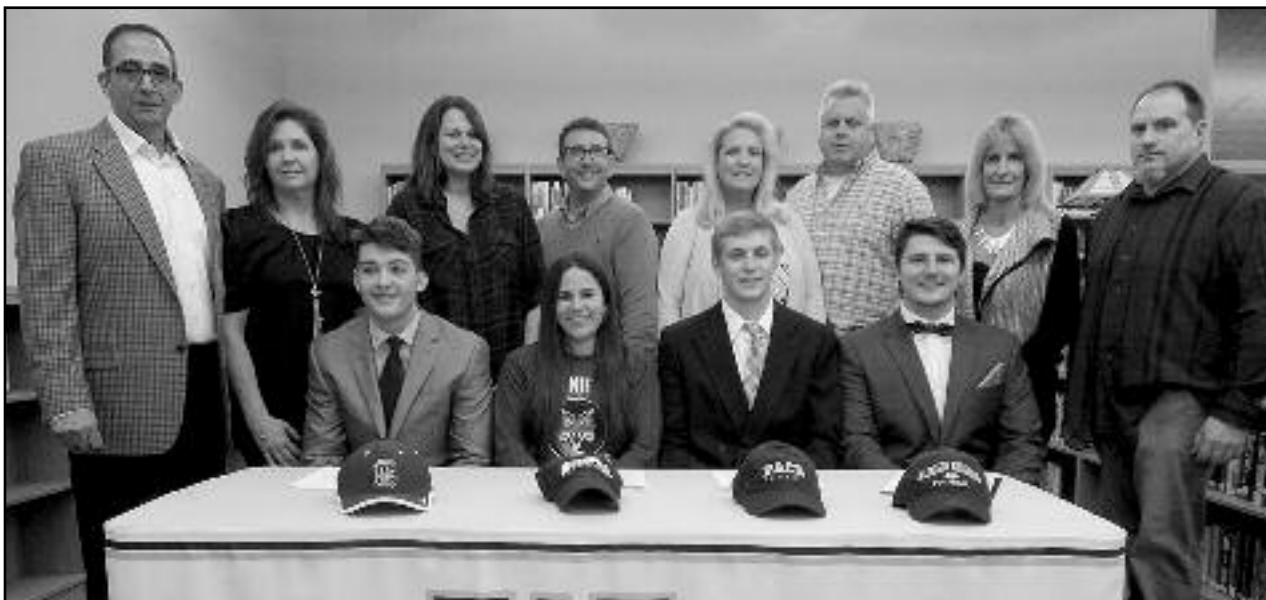
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Jimmy has been living in Warren for almost 20 years and formerly lived in Watchung since 1964. Jimmy is happily married to Kim for the past 5 years. As a Captain of the Washington Valley firehouse for the past 7 years, Jimmy was named Firefighter of the Year. As an Elk member for the past 5 years, Jimmy was named Elk of the Year in 2012.

When you see the banners across the roadway in town, it's because Jimmy gets the ladder truck and hangs the banners every time. He has been doing this for several years and typically hangs 10+ banners per year. Warren Township Recreation Commission appreciates the time Jimmy donates to help not only Recreation but the entire Township. Warren Township is so fortunate to have people like him in this community.

### ALYSSA PUCCIO



Alyssa has a phenomenal voice, stage presence and over the years has been singing at many of Recreation's events such as the Bonfire, So You Think You Can Sing, Warren's Got Talent and many summer concerts. In the summer of 2015, Alyssa initiated "Mic Night" for the teens. Single-handedly she organized this event running it once a week. She will also hold Mic Night this summer on Thursday nights in August. Warren Township is very fortunate to have such an outstanding and talented young lady committed to this community.

## 2015 JR. VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

### MADISON BARKOW



Madison is currently a sophomore at WHRHS, a consistent Honor Roll member & Student of the Month. Madison volunteered as a Counselor in Training (CIT) for the Playground Program helping Arts n Crafts and 5th grade campers. She tallied up over 113 hours of volunteer service. She provided the campers with a memorable experience and was a caring volunteer. Madison attended a local Warren camp for many years and learned the value of a CIT so she wanted to give back. She is also pursuing other voluntary opportunities. Madison enjoys creative arts, dancing and singing.

### SYDNEY BARKOW



Sydney is currently a sophomore at WHRHS and a consistent Honor Roll member. Last summer, she volunteered as a Counselor in Training (CIT) at the Playground Program for 5 weeks totaling over 113 hours. She was always happy to help out, kind & caring. Sydney attended Camp for 7 years and experienced the value of a CIT and wanted to provide that for other campers. She is a Tae Kwon Do student and brings that love of sports to camp. Sydney was very helpful this past summer and we hope to see her and her sister again this summer.

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State Senator Christopher "Kip" Bateman, R-16, and New Jersey Assistant Agriculture Secretary Alfred Murray came to the Chelsea at Warren assisted living residence to help launch Horticultural Therapy Week, a statewide observance of the benefits of horticultural therapy for the overall health and well-being of people of all ages. Bateman was a co-sponsor of the enabling legislation which was signed into law in 2015 by Governor Christie.



(above) Joining Bateman and Murray was Laura DePrado of Final Touch Landscaping, a registered horticultural therapist who led a group of about 50 Chelsea residents and neighbors in a flower arranging exercise, followed by a vegetarian lunch.



(left) Secretary Murray reminded everyone that agriculture is New Jersey's number 3 industry with more than 9,000 farms statewide.

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We work on our own projects as well as create hats, blankets, scarves and mittens for numerous charities in Central New Jersey. We donate to the

Market Street Mission in Morristown, the Community Food Bank's Kids Resource Program in Hillside and St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth. We have also donated hats to the Long Hill Township Library, for sale, which have amounted to thousands of dollars over the years to sponsor programs. In 2015 we raised more than \$600 for the library.

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## WARREN MIDDLE SCHOOL SIXTH GRADERS CREATE VIRTUAL ANCIENT GREEK AGORA

Alexander the Great (a.k.a. Warren Middle School Principal Robert Comba) visited a virtual ancient Greek agora (open air marketplace) on March 18, as part of a creative sixth grade social studies unit.

Under the guidance of library media specialist Cynthia Cassidy, 6th graders were tasked with creating a modern day business plan for a

mythological Greek god or goddess, including what products/services would be offered and where in the agora the storefront should reside. (Feuding gods/goddesses might not make the best neighbors, for example.) Businesses in the 6th grade agora include Poseidon's Amazing Aquarium and Artemus's Sporting Goods Store.



(above) Toga-clad sixth grade teachers Leslie Ortega (L) and Jennifer Benn look on as Alexander the Great (a.k.a. principal Robert Comba) visits a virtual ancient Greek agora (open air marketplace) created by their students.

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The Watchung Green Team, in conjunction with the Warren Green Team and support of the Somerset County Planning Board will sponsor the annual Green Fair on Saturday, April 30th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event will take place at Bayberry Elementary School at 113 Bayberry Lane. There will be activities, environmental information and recycling collections of hard to dispose of items.

Local community groups and businesses are invited to participate and must contact the Watchung Green Team if interested.

Participation is free however the following criteria must be met: Participants must be able to demonstrate a connection to environmental awareness and provide some information or goods of value to the public that is compatible with a Green Fair. Be able to provide table, chairs and display. Must be available for set up at 9:00 a.m. for duration of the fair and clean completed by 1 p.m. on April 30. And must not create any refuse that is not recyclable.

All interested groups and businesses are invited to send a brief proposal of participation (including space considerations) with contact information. Groups hosting a recycling activity will be required to submit a tonnage report. Creativity and interactive proposals are encouraged. The deadline to submit proposals is April 4th. Participation may be limited by space considerations.

**COLLECTION OF HARD TO RECYCLE ITEMS:** Items collected at the Green Fair last year included: styrofoam, papers to be shredded, electronics, ink and toner cartridges; scrap metal; crayons, bottle caps, shoes new or gently worn, eyeglasses and textiles and clothing.

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Proposals and inquiries can be submitted to Shelini Parikh at [sparikh@watchungnj.gov](mailto:sparikh@watchungnj.gov) or Bill Hance at [Bhance@watchungnj.gov](mailto:Bhance@watchungnj.gov), or 908-756-0080 Ext. 221/216.

## BOY SCOUT SUNDAY SERVICE FOR TROOP 228

Boy Scouts celebrate Scout Sunday every year, and this year it was held on February 28th at Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church - our sponsor for the past 50 years. Two members from Warren Pack 182 joined us.

The "Scout Sunday" tradition was started to mark the founding of Boy Scouts in the US, and to show our appreciation for the support and

commitment of our chartering organization. It makes people in houses of worship aware of Scouting, and allows Scouts to live out their "Duty to God" pledged each week. The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and all Scouts promise to do their "Duty to God". These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith.



(above, front, l-r) Matthew Fogarty (Cub Scout), Nolan Brunner (middle, l-r) Mike Cantone, Austin Cantone, Pastor Teresita, Andrew Cantone, Nick Rodrigues, Matthew Rodrigues (Cub Scout) (back, l-r) Mike Fogarty (Scout Master, Tony Rodrigues (Cub Master), Peter Fogarty, David Cantone, Parth Patel

## ANOTHER PROJECT FOR TROOP 228

Submitted by Lesley Duncan

Boy Scouts and adults from Troop 228 built and donated two picnic tables to Warren township as part of its 50th anniversary.

The picnic tables have been placed in the area

adjacent to the baseball field and playground in the Warren Recreational area behind the township library for the enjoyment of all Warren residents.



(above l-r) Peter Fogarty, John Trovato, David Cantone, Chris Trovato, Mike Fogarty (Scout Master)

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## ALT STUDENTS RECEIVE FIRSTHAND LESSON ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Fourth graders at Angelo L. Tomaso School recently received a firsthand lesson on how local government is run. At the invitation of Grade 4

teacher Amanda Gordon, Warren Township Committee members Mick Marion and Gary DiNardo visited on March 18 to talk about their

responsibilities as local elected officials. Lieutenant Eric Yaccarino of the Warren Twp. Police Dept. was also on hand.

Photo credit: Mary Ann McGann



## KATHIE LIANG NAMED NEW JERSEY NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC STATE BEE SEMIFINALIST BY NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

*Submitted by Mary Ann McGann*

Kathie Liang, Warren Middle School 7th grader, has been notified by the National Geographic Society that she is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2016 New Jersey National Geographic State Bee. The contest will be held at Rowan University Tohill Theater, 201 Mullica Hill Road, Glassboro, NJ 08028 on Friday, April 1, 2016.

This is the second level of the National Geographic Bee competition, which is now in its 28th year. School Bees were held in schools with fourth- through eighth-grade students throughout the state to determine each school champion. School champions then took an online qualifying test. The National Geographic Society has invited up to 100 of the top-scoring students in each of the 50 states, District of Columbia, Department of Defense Dependents Schools and U.S. territories to compete in the state Bees.

Each state champion will receive \$100, the National Geographic book "The National Parks: An Illustrated History" and a medal, and will journey to Washington, D.C., to represent their state in the National Geographic Bee Championship at National Geographic Society headquarters, May 22-25, 2016. The national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship and lifetime membership in the National Geographic Society. The national champion will also travel (along with one parent



or guardian), all expenses paid, on a Lindblad expedition to Southeast Alaska aboard National Geographic Sea Lion, including Glacier Bay National Park, in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. Travel for the trip is provided by Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic. Visit [www.natgeobee.org](http://www.natgeobee.org) for more information on the National Geographic Bee.

The 2016 National Geographic Bee Championship final round, moderated for the first time by journalist and humorist Mo Rocca, will air on the National Geographic Channel and Nat Geo WILD on Friday, May 27, at 8 p.m. ET, and later on public television stations. Check local television listings for air date and time in your area.

## HAPPY PI DAY!

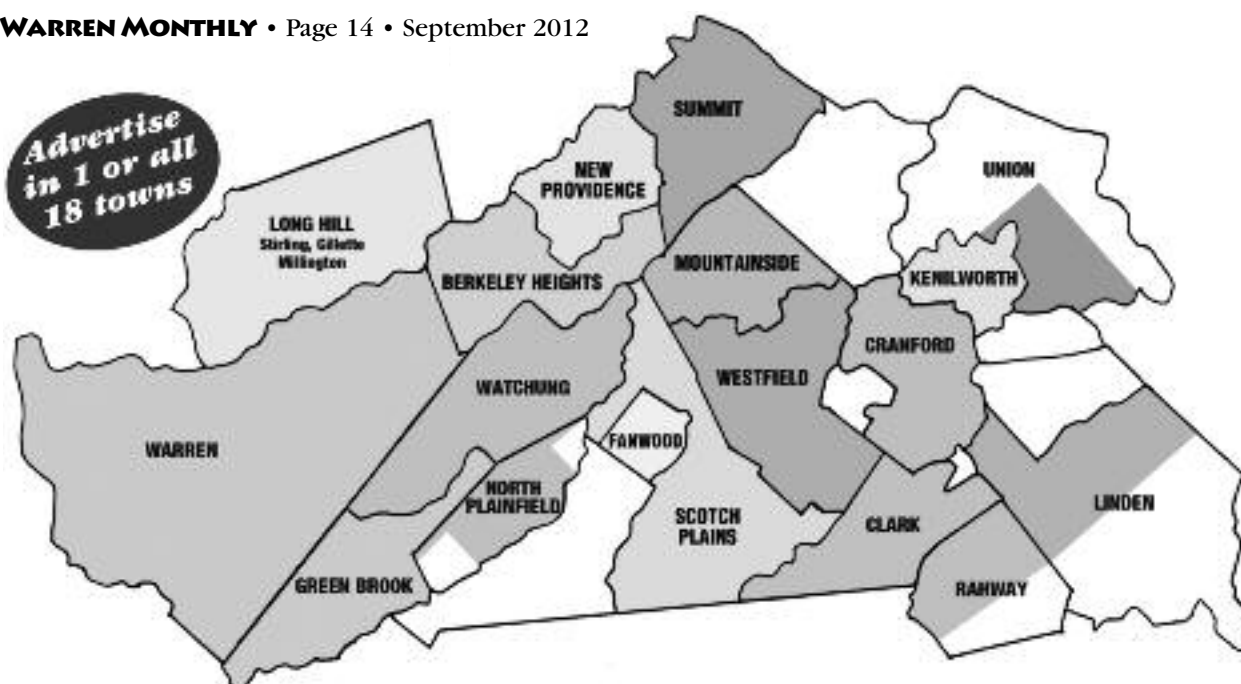
*by Mary Ann McGann*

Pi (or 3.14) represents a mathematical constant -the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. To celebrate Pi Day on 3/14, Central School 5th graders measured the circumference and diameter of bike tires, paper plates and other circular items. "Students were able to discover that the relationship was always about 3 (plus a little) times the diameter equals the circumference - hence Pi!," says Reach teacher Jill Zimmer, who worked with math teacher Mary Beth LeBlond on this relevant curriculum.



*(above l-r) Central School 5th graders Samantha Traister, Lauren Rich, and Claire Gillenwater measure the circumference and diameter of a Frisbee to celebrate Pi Day on 3/14.*

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## LIBRARY HOSTS NJ MAKERS DAY

On March 18, 2016, small business owners, entrepreneurs, and leaders were invited to Be a Business Maker at SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch, located at 42 Mountain Blvd. in Warren Township. This event was hosted in cooperation with the statewide NJ Makers Day events held March 18-19, 2016.

Participants participated in four seminar sessions covering a variety of relevant topics, networked over lunch, explored the Warren Township Library branch and its resources, entered raffles, and more.

To attend the next SCLSNJ Office on the Go program and/or program series, visit [SCLSNJ.org/s/Officeonthego](http://SCLSNJ.org/s/Officeonthego).



(above) Raffle winners Erika Palmucci and Samantha Jacik show off their prizes alongside Warren Township librarian Catherine DeBerry. Erika (pictured right) won a \$25 gift card graciously donated by Provident Bank, and Samantha (pictured left) won a book and \$25 dollar Starbucks gift card bundle graciously donated by Infogroup/ReferenceUSA.



(above) Paul Sant'Ambrogio, Assistant Vice President at Provident Bank, presented an informational session on Raising Cash & Managing Cash Flow.



(above) Carolann DeMatos, Director of Marketing and PR at SCLSNJ, presented an informational session on How to Make a Marketing Plan.



(above) Kim Pearlstein, Founder & CEO of Pearlmark Virtual Consulting, presented an informational session on Social Media Marketing.



(above) Diane S. Thieke, APR, President of Simply Talk Media, presented an informational session on Content Ideas for Small Businesses.

## BROgrams: THE POWER GAME: GOLF AND POLITICS

BROgrams\* is back at the Warren Township Public Library with some exciting programming. April's meeting (Tuesday, April 26, 2016; 7:00-9:00pm) will be The Power Game: Golf and Politics, presented by Susan Wasser, Assistant Director of the United States Golf Association (USGA) Museum, in Far Hills, NJ.

The Power Game: Golf and Politics focuses on and highlights the connection between Washington and the game of golf from 1909 to present day. A short film and artifacts from various Presidents will be featured as part of the presentation.

This promises to be a really interesting meet-up. Space is limited to the first 25 to register. Please RSVP on MeetUp.com to ensure your entry: [www.meetup.com/Warren-NJ-Men-Driven-to-Expand-Their-Outside-Interests](http://www.meetup.com/Warren-NJ-Men-Driven-to-Expand-Their-Outside-Interests)

\*"BROgrams" are open to all men who are enthusiastic about sharing their personal interests and pastimes with others, as well as eager to expand their worlds. The group meets monthly at the Warren Township Library (42 Mountain Blvd, Warren, NJ) to discuss the "topic" of the month. The topic – itself driven by members – may be any hobby, sport, or recreational pastime that has popular appeal among members, and of which one of the members is knowledgeable and eager to share his passion. Previous BROgrams have covered topics as diverse as: Photography, Archery, Lock-picking, Raspberry PI, Warren Township's K-9 Unit, the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, and Drones.



## "THE SHAPE OF CLAY" EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY WARREN TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

"The Shape of Clay," an exhibit by advanced ceramics students from the Center for Contemporary Art in Bedminster, will be on display this March at SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch, located at 42 Mountain Boulevard in Warren, NJ.

Led by instructor John Reinking, who also teaches at Raritan Valley Community College and the County College of Morris, students work independently following specific themes and assignments as they support and learn from each other. Reinking encourages students to submit pieces to juried shows around the country.

Fun facts: Kelly's interest in pottery and ceramics started when she began digging up clay from a sewer pipe in her native England at the age of 11, which made her mother quite unhappy! Nierenberg ran the flying school at Princeton Airport for over 45 years, and was indulging in her love of ceramics whenever she could take a break from the interesting métier.

"The Shape of Clay" will be on display at SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch until March 31. For more information about this display, contact SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch at 908-754-5554.



(above, l-r) Artwork by students Gill Kelly, Naomi Nierenberg, Larry Quirk, and Blanche Somer, are included in the display.

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