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ATRON (D, NJ 07016 The Rotary Club of Cranford honored two outstanding members of the Cranford Community at their Rotary meeting held on June 16. The Edward M. Coe Award was awarded posthumously to Art Nathan of the Cranford First Aid Squad

posthumously to Art Nathan of the Cranford First Aid Squad (FAS), and Cranford faculty member Brian Niemsyk received the Vincent F. Sarnowski Award. "Each year Rotary's Vocational Awards program honors two professionals representing varied vocations who exemplify the very best of their chosen vocations," said Jamie Miller, Chair of Cranford Rotary's Vocational Awards Committee.

*Art Nathan (in Memoria) Accepted by Joan Nathan and Kent Lucas, Captain of Cranford Volunteer First Aid Squad.

Art Nathan had served on the Cranford First Aid Squad from 2011 until his death in November, 2015. Kent Lucas, current Captain of the FAS, spoke about how Art was instrumental in getting the organization back into operation after Hurricane Irene, and indicated that the Squad wouldn't be where it is today without Art's help and support. The honorarium of \$250 associated with the Edward M. Coe award was accepted by Art's wife, Joan, who donated it to the First Aid SquadThe Edward M. Coe Award is given to an individual in public services on a rotating basis, on recommendation of the appropriate Municipal Chief or other Cranford Official. Dr. Coe was a member of the Cranford Rotary from 1949 until his death in 1997. He was past President of the Rotary and a founding member of the Cranford First Aid Squad.

School Superintendent Dr. Marilyn Birnbaum presented Brian Niemsyk with the Vincent F. Sarnowski Award. Mr. Niemsyk is president of the Cranford Education Association and is the head of the middle school program at Lincoln School, where he teaches students in grades six through eight. He is retired from the Air Force and has served as a volunteer with the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless. He is a 1984 Cranford High School graduate. Mr. Niemsyk has asked that the \$250 honorarium that is associated with the award go to Cranford Family Care.

The Vincent F. Sarnowski award is given to a Cranford Educator as recommended by the Cranford school system. Mr. Sarnowski was Superintendent of the Cranford Public Schools until 1973 and was a Past President of the Cranford Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club of Cranford was established in 1923 and provides diverse programs that support education, and other community services. Past beneficiaries of Rotary support include Cranford Schools and Scholarship Recipients, Cranford First Aid Squad, Cranford Family Care, Cranford



(above) Rotary President Joe Starkey (second from right) and Rotary Vocational Awards Committee Chair Jamie Miller (far right) present Coe Award to First Aid Squad Captain Kent Lucas (far left) and Joan Nathan.



(above l-r) Jamie Miller, presenting the Sarnowski Award to Brian Niemsyk.

Cerebral Palsy League, Cranford United Way, Cranford Historical Society, Cranford PAL and the Rotary International Foundation. The Cranford Rotary Club meets every Thursday morning at 7:45 am at the Cranford Community Center. Any business or professional, active or retired, is cordially invited to attend our meeting. For additional information, please contact Membership Chair Rich Feder at 908-500-4318.



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CRANFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES \$1,000 GRANT

The Cranford Fire Department is the proud for it" said Chief Czeh. recipient of a generous grant made possible by local agency owner Ron Murtha. Ron's office, through The Allstate Foundation, sponsored an application by the Cranford Fire Department to the Foundation. Chief Czeh was on hand to accept the \$1,000 grant at Fire Headquarters. "We're so appreciative of Ron's support and that of the Allstate Foundation" said Chief Czeh. The funding will be allocated to the Department's comprehensive community risk reduction program. Specifically, the grant will support an initiative to supply smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to seniors and low-income residents of the Township. "We started the program last year and saw a lot of interest, and the continued need

Mr. Murtha has been a supporter of Cranford public safety in the past, most recently obtaining grants for the Cranford Police Department and Cranford First Aid Squad.

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(above l-r) Lt. Matthew Lubin, Fire Official; Ron Murtha, Allstate; Angelina Drejaj, Allstate; Chief Daniel Czeh, Fire Chief.

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ENSIGN KEVIN STROTZ

Ensign Kevin Strotz graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD on May 27, 2016 and was commissioned as an Officer in the U.S. Navy. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Honors Systems Engineering and a minor in German. Following a short term assignment in Annapolis, MD, Ensign Strotz will report to Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in South Carolina prior to joining the Navy's Submarine community.



(abover) Ensign Strotz is a 2012 graduate of Cranford High School.

CITADEL ANNOUNCES JOSEPH VICCI AS MEMBER OF SUMMERALL GUARDS



Earning the title Summerall Guard is one of the highest honors that can be achieved by a member of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets at The Citadel. Each winter, cadets who are juniors endure weeks of rigorous physical training and drilling in an attempt to be named a member of the famous platoon for their senior year.

Consisting of 61 members, all of the Summerall Guards were chosen for their physical stamina and drill proficiency. The platoon's purpose is to exemplify, through a unique series of movements based on the old German closeorder drill, the exactness and thoroughness with which a cadet is trained. The drill, which has never been written down, is performed to a silent count. Each year's platoon takes responsibility for teaching the precise drill to the upcoming unit.

Joseph Vicci of Cranford was among 60 other cadets selected to the Class of 2017 Summerall Guards.

Membership is considered a high honor at the military college. Created in 1932, this unit has performed nationally at Disney World, the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C., Mardi Gras in New Orleans and St. Patrick's Day in Savannah, Georgia.

The platoon is named for General Charles P. Summerall, former Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army and Citadel president from 1931 until 1953.

(left) Joseph Vicci of Cranford was selected to The Citadel Class of 2017 Summerall Guards.

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CRANE'S FORD DAR INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Submitted by: Mary Leonard

At a meeting held on June 11th at the Hanson House in Cranford, the Crane's Ford DAR chapter held the installation ceremony of new officers for the 2016-2019 term. The following officers have been installed, Regent, Mary Leonard of Roselle Park; Vice Regent, Betsy Vary of Plainfield; Recording Secretary, Valeri Shafer of Winfield Park; Corresponding Secretary, Diane Racinos of Rahway; Chaplain and Librarian, Judy Panagakos of Cranford; Historian, Barbara Krause of Cranford; Registrar, Patti Campanelli of Clark; Treasurer, Nancy Hatfield of Westfield.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a women's volunteer service organization dedicated to historic preservation, education and patriotism. For membership in the DAR a woman must prove her lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. DAR volunteers are always willing to provide guidance and assistance with your search for ancestors. The Crane's Ford chapter Registrar, Patti Campanelli, can be reached by email at patushkat@aol.com or the National DAR at dar.org for more information on membership.

The Crane's Ford chapter was organized in March of 1944 in Cranford. Our meeting are held from October to June each year. Programs include guest speakers giving presentations on Conservation, Historic Preservation, and American History, visits to the VA facility in Basking Ridge, and the annual holiday party when we collect school supplies for DAR sponsored schools.





(above l-r) Mary Leonard, Regent; Nancy Hatfield, Treasurer; Valeri Shafer, Recording Secretary; Patti Campanelli, Registrar; and Barbara Krause, Historian





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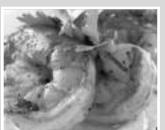
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CRANE-PHILLIPS HOUSE MUSEUM GETS A NEW ROOF

Submitted by Christine Glazer, Assistant Curator, Historian & Trustee

The Crane-Phillips House Museum is a small Victorian cottage in the architectural style of Andrew Jackson Downing. It provides a rare glimpse of life for a modest family in the Victorian era of opulence and illustrates that period as the era of invention by way of the property's second owners, the Phillips family. The first owners of the property were the Crane family, who were among the first settlers to cross the Rahway River and establish a homestead

Indians more than a thousand years ago, the and millers in the early 18th century. It highlights communities in our County and State were transforming into Victorian towns and later into the modern suburban communities of today.

There is an old country saying that "a barn is only as strong as its roof is sound." This is also

around 1715. Located near the Rahway River, the center of Cranford's history since the Lenni Lenape Crane-Phillips House Museum touches upon Cranford's beginning as a community of farmers the second half of the 19th and early 20th centuries when Cranford and many other

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true of a house or cottage. The previous cedar shingled roof had lasted since the early 1960's. Cedar is naturally resistant to insects, mildew, dampness, heat and cold. All of which are important qualities for a structure in a damp river environment, such as along the Rahway River in Cranford. The roof was beginning to deteriorate. Despite repeated repairs over the last five years (2010-2015), the cedar shake roof of the Crane-Phillips House Museum had continued to leak. The Cranford Historical Society applied for a 2015 Preserve Union County Grant through the Union County Historic Preservation Trustee

Fund. In December 2015, the Society received the good news that they received a matching grant of \$10,000.

Many thanks to Edrich Remodeling of Cranford, who expertly restored the museum roof with cedar shakes this spring. We would also like to thank our members, volunteers, donors and the Township of Cranford for their support.

The Crane-Phillips House is currently closed for the summer and will re-open again in midwebsite September. Check our www.cranfordhistoricalsociety.com in August to see our schedule of programs for the Fall.



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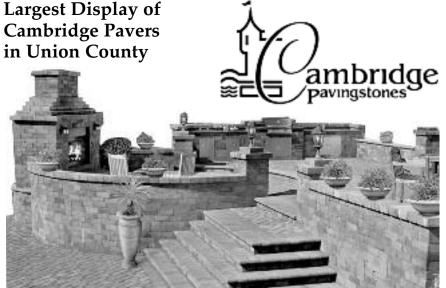


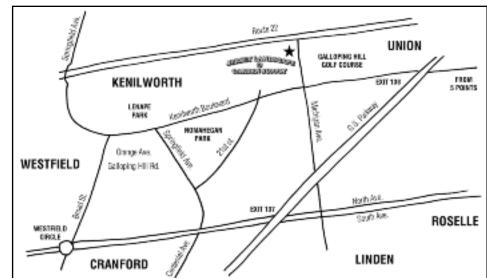
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WILLIAM CURTIS RECOGNIZED BY CRANFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Submitted by Cranford Historical Society

President Margaret Gerlach and the Board of Trustees of the Cranford Historical Society are proud to recognize Trustee William "Bill" Curtis for his continued work and volunteerism with the Society.

Bill has lived in Cranford for over 52 years and joined the Cranford Historical Society in 1997. Being a "Jack of All Trades" and wearing many hats, he was assigned to take care of the Buildings and Grounds Department along with Trustee John Dreyer at the Hanson House and Crane-Phillips House Museum.

Bill was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2000 and has been a great asset to the Society. Besides repairing things around the Hanson House and Crane-Phillips House Museum, he also volunteered to participate in our annual third grader school tours at the museum. Known as "Handyman Bill," he shows students what life was like in the Victorian Era without electricity or plumbing in addition to showing how people worked the land using historic tools that we have in our collection. Through his working display of historic tools, he has amazed, delighted, and even frightened them a bit about life in Cranford long ago. Every year, the Historical Society receives over a hundred thank you notes in childish script praising his hands-on talks. It's not easy to keep a child's attention with 19th century tools in the age of I-pads, but every year, Bill succeeds.

Additionally, Bill also contributes historical articles for the Society's newsletter "The Mill Wheel," which are always informative and educational. When it is time for the Cranford Memorial Day Parade, Bill makes sure our replica of the Crane-Phillips House Museum is cleaned and ready to go for all to see. For many years, he has helped put together our Veterans Day displays to honor all veterans for their bravery in protecting our country. Bill proudly served our country in the Navy during the Korean



(above l-r) Mary Curtis presented her husband, William Curtis, with the Cranford Historical Society's Award of Outstanding Merit.

War. He has worked for many years to honor 1962 by renowned artist Leslie Crump, to its Cranford's most decorated World War II veteran, Curtis Culin, whose invention allowed tanks to travel quickly through the farmlands of Normandy. His original research has been used by the History Channel, the NJ National Guard Museum in Sea Girt as well as independent researchers throughout the United States. Bill has also researched the twelve streets throughout Cranford named for World War I and World War II veterans.

William Curtis was instrumental in the restoration of the historic flagpole in Cranford's center, which honors all of Cranford's veterans. His hands built a flagpole model and he encouraged many to donate to this effort. Bill's contributions to the historic character of Cranford have been myriad. In 2004, Bill Curtis restored the original wet plaster township seal, created in original condition. The 40-pound seal was created at about the same time the municipal building was constructed. The seal was in disrepair and stored in the basement since the early 1990's. It now hangs in council chambers. In 2004, Bill was also instrumental in obtaining and installing the intact 200-year-old millstone in front of the Crane-Phillips House Museum. This stone was found on Centennial Avenue at the property of Mario and Frances Ferreira. Bill personally arranged their generous donation to Cranford in memory of their son, Adam. Adam's stone has become an integral tool in teaching school children the early history of our town.

Bill, we congratulate you and are so happy to have you a part of the Society. We look forward to working and volunteering with you for many years to come.





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CRANFORD JAYCEES DONATE TO FRIENDS OF CHS GYMNASTICS

The Cranford Jaycees presented a check for \$5,200 to the Friends of CHS Gymnastics Team on July 7 to help in the purchase of a new spring floor for the high school gymnastics team. The check represented two fundraising events hosted by the Jaycees in the month of June, the annual Pride of Cranford Softball Tournament that raised \$1,500 and the annual Jaycees Golf Outing which raised \$3,700.

On hand were Brian Bendert, Sean Gorman, Brian Wing and Kevin Cumiskey of the Jaycees who presented the check to CHS gymnastics head coach Michele Hulse and Friends of CHS Gymnastics president Christine Larrabee. "We are incredibly grateful to the Jaycees for their support, this is a huge contribution, it would not have happened without their support" said Hulse.

The Jaycees host fundraising events every year and have donated the proceeds to many organizations throughout Cranford. Hulse reached out to Wing and Bendert and informed them of the need for updated, safer equipment for the girls.

With the proceeds from the softball game earmarked for the gymnastics team, Bendert and Gorman decided the team would also benefit from the annual golf outing. "Recognizing the health and safety concerns for these young athletes, it was a very easy decision to make to support the Friends of CHS Gymnastics and the Cranford High School gymnastics team," said Gorman.

A big draw at the golf outing was the "Beatthe-Pro" challenge hole, which was manned by Hulse and Larrabee who encouraged the golfers to help. At \$20 a shot, the hole raised and extra \$800.

"With unbelievable support from the community as a whole, it was the Cranford Jaycees who took an avid interest in this mission and helped the FCHSG raise the last crucial funds, as well as extra money that will go towards additional safety equipment needed for the team. They were by far the largest donors and supporters of the cause, and the FCHSG could not have been so incredibly successful in their



(above l-r) Kevin Cumiskey, Michele Hulse, Brian Bendert, Christine Larrabee, Brian Wing and Sean Gorman in front of the Martin Gymnasium, where the Cranford high school gymnastics team practices and holds their home meets.

fundraising efforts without the Jaycees," said team." Larrabee.

In addition to the Jaycees contribution, the Friends of CHS Gymnastics held fundraisers throughout the year to combine to earn the more than \$18,000 for the floor and its upkeep including: the my event site webpage, a Flapjack Pancake Breakfast, two apparel sales, canning at the Rustic Mill, a mum plant sale, a poinsettia sale and the girls on the team cleaned the pit at Surgent's Gymnastics for a donation.

The new spring floor is 42' x 42' in Cougar Blue and Gold and is set to arrive in early August, in time for the gymnastics team to begin its season on August 24. The team will host the Cougar Invitational on Thursday, October 6. "I am so excited my girls will be able to practice and compete on a safe floor," said Hulse.

Larrabee said, "Our hope is that with the addition of the spring floor, this annual event will attract more schools to participate and the intention is for the FCHSG to turn this into not only an incredible evening of competitive gymnastics, but a fundraising opportunity for the

"The Cranford Jaycees are glad to be able to support the Friends of CHS Gymnastics and be able to help them reach their fundraising goal that will have an immediate impact on the high school gymnastics program. We look forward to seeing their new spring floor," said Gorman.

According to Larrabee, The Friends of CHS Gymnastics (FCHSG) officially formed in January as a non-profit hoping to spread the word about the need for safer equipment for high school gymnastics teams, and specifically to raise money for the CHS gymnastics team to get this necessary equipment - a spring floor costing about \$18,000. With the tireless efforts of just 10 families, two dedicated coaches and most importantly, the girls on the team, the FCHSG was able to meet and even exceed their fundraising goals.

You can follow the Friends of CHS Gymnastics on Facebook. For more information Cranford Jaycees visit www.cranfordjaycees.org and you can follow them on Facebook as well.



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pleased to welcome the University of the Philippines Alumni & Friends Rondalla. A rondalla is a string ensemble composed of plucked instruments from the lute and cittern families. The rondalla originated in medieval Spain and was introduced to the Philippines by Spanish colonizers in the 15th century. Associated with prominent universities and social institutions, the rondalla remained part of the mainstream urban culture of the Philippines

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library are through the first half of the 20th century. However, with the rise of pop culture and the growing preference for choral music in schools and government offices, interest in the rondalla waned. Nonetheless, the tradition has been kept alive among large Filipino communities living abroad as a means of expressing their cultural identity. The program will take place at Wednesday, August 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue. Admission is free and all are welcome.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

holding the 7th session of the Citizens Police Academy in September 2016. The Citizens Academy is part of the ongoing effort for the Cranford Police Department and the community to work together and develop a lasting relationship. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and either live in or work in Cranford. Academy students will receive classroom lectures and hands on demonstrations in many areas of interest, including computer crimes, narcotic enforcement, traffic stops, and juvenile

The Cranford Police Department will be laws. Classes are two hours long and will meet Wednesday evenings beginning in mid-September and end in late November.

To download an application please visit the Cranford Police Department website at http://www.cranford.com/police/ and look under the forms tab. Applications must be received by September 8th. Instructions on how to submit the applications are on the application.

For more information please contact Detective Lieutenant Stephen Wilde at 908-709-7358 or swilde@cranfordnj.org.

CDC THEATRE INVITES DIRECTOR'S SUBMISSIONS

CDC Theatre in Cranford NJ is New Jersey's longest continuously producing community theatre and we are looking for Director's submissions for our 2017-1018 season. We will consider directors within a broad range of experience and are looking for people who will bring their enthusiasm to our theatre and the community.

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The deadline for submissions is September 1st. Directors who have submitted a project that is of interest to CDC Theatre will be contacted via email on or about October 1st so that we might schedule an interview.

Forms and additional information may be website found by visiting our www.cdctheatre.org.

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AUDITIONS FOR JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH AT CDC THEATRE

Open auditions for a musical version of James and the Giant Peach will be held at CDC Theatre. 78 Winans Ave. in Cranford on Monday, August 29 and Thursday, September 1.

Children will be seen from 7-8pm and adults from 8-10pm. Call backs will be by invitation only on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 7:30pm.

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COLLEGE WOMEN'S CLUB OF CRANFORD SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The College Women's Club of Cranford awarded more than \$10,000 in scholarships to graduating Cranford seniors at its annual awards banquet on Tuesday, June 14 at the Westwood in Garwood. Marge Szymona was the banquet chairperson and Arline McCloskey is the club president.

The College Club awarded scholarships to Alyssa Carosi, Jennifer Shore, Isabella Speer, Kacey Waleski, and Jillian Walter. Christina Finn received the award for the highest ranking senior girl. Rebecca Cucuzzella and Travis Williams were the recipients of the Tribute Award. All of the recipients are Cranford High School graduates who throughout their high school careers have maintained a high GPA while taking honors and AP courses..

Alyssa Carosi will be attending the College of New Jersey as a five year B.S./M.S. Special Education/Elementary - Math major and she will participate in TCNJ's iSTEM certification program. While at Cranford High School she has taken honors and AP classes and has been on the Honor Roll. Her extracurricular activities include Future Educators of America, serving as president during her senior year, Peers Rooted in Integrity and Developing Excellence Leadership Program, Special Olympics Young Athlete Program, The College of New Jersey Bonner Summer Fellows Program, volleyball, women's chorus, and the concert choir for three years. She has also been a member of the Principal Advisory Council and has been a teacher assistant at Trinity Episcopal Day School, and participated in Kean University Urban Teacher Academy Program during the summer.

Jennifer Shore will be attending Rutgers University in the honors Arts and Science program. While at Cranford High School Jennifer was a member of the National Honor Society and the Mathematics Honor Society. She was a member of the University Program and the Science Academy. She was the recipient of the Brandeis Book Award, as well as a NJ Stars and an AP Scholar recipient. She was also awarded the Girl Scout Silver Award. Jennifer's



(above l-r) Christina Finn, Jennifer Shore, Kacey Waleski, Travis Williams, Tribute Award recipient, Isabella Speer, Jillian Walter, and Alyssa Carosi.

community service includes volunteering as a dispatcher for the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, math tutor, coach for the Cranford 8U softball team, and a clinic supervisor and coach for the Cranford Softball League. She was a four year starter on the CHS softball team, a PRIDE leader, a DECA officer, and a member of the Student Government Club.

Isabella Speer will be enrolling at Penn State University pursuing a double major in Math and Math Education. While at Cranford High School Isabella was an active member of the University Program, the National Honor Society, the French Honor Society, Student Council, Future Educators of America and the Math and French Clubs. Isabella was an AP Scholar and NJ Stars. She has been a PRIDE facilitator who mentors freshmen and tutors a young high school student every week. She has been a member of the CHS Track team and the Girls Basketball program. As

a member of her church youth group Isabella has traveled to West Virginia to help with projects to alleviate the extreme poverty in Osage County. She has volunteered at a soup kitchen and a women's shelter, has been a student teacher and tutor at CHS. She was a member of PRIDE, the peer leadership group and secretary of the Student Council.

Kacey Waleski is headed for Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Kacey has been involved with the Girl Scouts since kindergarten and received the Gold Award which is the highest award given by the Girl Scouts.

Her volunteer work includes Autism Awareness Walk, Relay for Life, Veteran's home Bingo night, and the Rotary Interact Club. Kacey has been on the varsity volleyball team for three years. She was a member of PRIDE, the Student Council for three years serving as president during her senior year.



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COLLEGE WOMEN'S CLUB (CONTINUED)

She was a member of the National Honor Society, the Model United Nations, a member of the yearbook staff for three years, serving as editor during her senior year, and an Executive Council member.

Jillian Walter will be attending Villanova University where she will be a business major. Jillian was a member of the National Honor Society, the Math National Honor Society, the University Program, an AP Scholar with Distinction, and the Science Academy. At Cranford High School Jillian was a member of the Cross-country and the Spring Track Varsity team, the Golden C Business Club, the Math League, PRIDE and the PRIDE Steering Committee, and DECA, a national business club. Jillian was a member of the St. Michael's and St. Theresa's Youth Group and took mission trips to West Virginia each year to help build homes and spread faith during spring break. Jillian cocreated and ran Jillian and Amanda's summer camp for 4th through 6th grade girls.

The award for the highest ranking senior girl was presented to Christina Finn who will be attending Georgetown University majoring in Biology with plans to become a physician. While at Cranford High School Christina was a member of the State/Regional, National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, a NJ STARS Scholarship Recipient and the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award Recipient. Christina volunteered at Children's Specialized Hospital helping disabled children with a modified swim class.

She was also a PRIDE Leader, a Relay for Life participant. Christina was the first-ever high school intern at JFK Medical Center where she shadowed professionals in the Brain Trauma Unit. She was CHS Visions President, a member of the Science Academy, University Program, and the Prologue Club.

She was a four year member of the cheerleading squad and was the captain for her senior year.

The College Women's Club of Cranford has a number of fundraisers throughout the year including the Annual Community Calendar sale and the spring garage sale. All the money raised is used to fund the scholarships awarded annually to Cranford seniors.



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CRANFORD GIRL SCOUT TROOP 40668 VISITS THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Submitted by Casey Wischusen

On June 27 my Girl Scout troop, along with two other troops, departed for the Dominican Republic where we had an amazing opportunity to work with the Mariposa Foundation.

What started out with just a few girls in a small

apartment, the Mariposa Foundation has now grown into a large organization that gives Dominican girls a chance to break out of their impoverished lifestyle. The ages range from eight years old to 18 years old and the girls have the

chance to attend various academic and extracurricular classes and receive health and lifestyle care.

Our EF Tour group worked with the Mariposa for two days and we all wish that it could have been more. On the first day, we spent the morning rotating with the girls through their classes, which included gym, art, and math. After they left, our group of volunteers completed a list of various service work around the Mariposa center including painting benches, cleaning and repainting walls, and organizing and setting up a music room.

The second day at the Mariposa Foundation, we were able to actually teach the girls instead of having them go to their normal classes that day. Each of the three troops got to plan and teach their own class and the classes included an Olympic themed class, an art class, and a team building-game class.

Being able to work with the group of Dominican girls was truly a once in a lifetime and life changing experience. Our materialistic lives in New Jersey were not genuinely appreciated until we saw how little these girls have. They were all sincerely grateful for the time we spent with them which they proved by voluntarily giving each and every one of us hugs when we first arrived and before we left. I know that this is an opportunity that we will never forget.

For more information on this wonderful organization, please visit www.MariposaFoundation.org.



(above l-r) Lauren Campbell of EF Tours (CHS Class of 2009), Ryan McGovern, Casey Wischusen, Rebecca Durant, Lisa Durant, and Amy Wischusen.



(above) Some of the younger girls of the Mariposa Foundation



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MOTHER LAUNCHES LOCAL AUTISM SEARCH DIRECTORY

Officially launched this past April, NeedQuest.com is an innovative take on something that's become quite familiar in the 21st century: the online local search directory.

However, what sets NeedQuest apart from other similar websites is two-fold. In addition to being a community-building site that directly connects parents of special needs children in the greater Westfield area with reputable service providers located right in their backyards, this new website is also founded by a local parent of a special needs child.

"My 14 year-old son, Jack, was diagnosed at age three with an autism spectrum disorder," says Leslie Crowe, Founder of NeedQuest LLC. "At that time, I was told by our public school district in Brooklyn to locate a Special Education Itinerant Teacher (SEIT) on my own. It was quite a jarring experience because I didn't know where to begin! The internet? The yellow pages? Our pediatrician? I really had no idea."

For Crowe and her son Jack, it took four more months before they could find an appropriate professional. Thereafter, locating an appropriate school for Jack took another three years. Over time, as Jack grew, so did his needs. From therapy to after school programs, summer camps and more, the list of concerns that Crowe found herself combing the Internet in search of answers for, as well as her own anxiety and despair steadily increased.

"I know there are a lot of special needs parents looking for resources for their children," Crowe says. "However, I could not fathom that there wasn't a more efficient tool to navigate the Internet while searching for local providers to meet our children's needs. Eventually, after years of personal frustration, in 2015 I founded NeedQuest.com and committed myself to filling this void for the special needs community."

When it comes to affirming the need for Crowe's mission, the numbers don't lie.

According to the 2012 National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs (NSCSN), nearly 14 percent of children under 18 years of age in the United States, or approximately 10.2 million children overall, were estimated to have special health care needs. In New Jersey, the same study uncovered that out of the state's 1.5 million school-aged children, the number of children reported to have a disability is 4.5 percent, or 67,772 children overall.

32 percent of parents spend more than 40 hours per week with their special needs child or the amount of time equal to a second full-time job.

As such, helping her fellow special needs parents ease these kinds of concerns has become a driving force for Crowe.

"Parents are looking for services and providers at a time in their lives when they have the least amount of energy," she emphasizes. "With NeedQuest, we're aiming to be a catalyst for change when it comes to northern New Jersey special needs search - and hopefully, we'll make everyone's life, both parents and providers a little easier."

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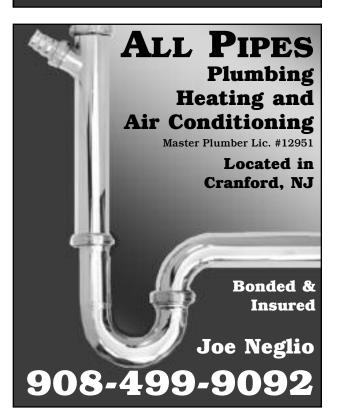


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Twelve of the artists chosen will also be featured on the Arts Guild New Jersey website www.agnj.org as an "Artist of the Month" for one month each beginning in January 2017. The selected artists' monthly web page will feature a dozen images of their artwork, a statement and current exhibit resume. Each artist selected will also receive a free 1 year listing on the "Artist Registry" (at ConnectionsForArt.com). Additionally, an announcement for each Baker's Dozen listing will be sent to our e-mail lists and promoted on all of our social media sites.

The exhibition is open to all artists working in any media. Artists must be a minimum age of 18 to enter. Work must have been completed in the past 5 years, and may not have been exhibited

previously at Arts Guild New Jersey. Judging will be conducted by Arts Guild New Jersey's Executive Director, Lawrence Cappiello as well as additional artist jurors, to be announced. All media will be considered for this exhibit, with the exception of crafts, such as jewelry, pottery and glass

Interested artists can visit www.agnj.org to review the Prospectus, complete an online entry form and upload up to six images of recent work. Images uploaded for the judging process must be formatted and labeled as indicated in the Prospectus. There is a \$20.00 entry processing fee which can be paid by credit card at the time of entering.

The deadline for submitting artwork is Friday, September 23, 2016. Submitting artists will be notified by November 18, 2016 on the status of their application, and the program will commence on the Arts Guild's website in January, 2017. The order in which the twelve winning artists are presented does not reflect a particular rank. Winners are assigned to a month at the discretion of the judges.



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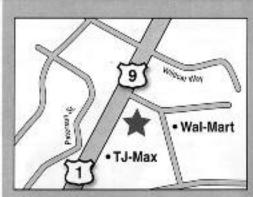
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