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6TH ANNUAL SUMMER CAR CRUISE

The 6th annual Summer Car Cruise was held on Monday, July 18th on Somerset Street in North Plainfield. The free event was sponsored by the Mayor's Special Events committee and was hosted by Car Nutz Car Club.

Save the date for the 11th Annual Car Nutz Car Club Car Show to benefit NPHS Project Graduation and other local charities. It will be held on October 1, 2016 (rain date: October 8th); from 11am – 4 pm at North Plainfield High School.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend out next big show, Saturday, October 1, 2016 at North Plainfield High School.









(above, l-r) Car Nutz Car Club members Ed Schaefer, Vice President; Dan Battista, President; Al Bender, Past President showing a '65 GTO



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Organizations who are interested in submitting content can email editor@rennamedia.com or call 908-418-5586

NORTH PLAINFIELD POLICE YOUTH ACADEMY

North Plainfield Police Department recently held the second annual Police Youth Academy in July. The Chief said 14 middle school age students graduated from the program on July 15, after a thirty hour training program that included physical conditioning, and lectures on criminal investigation, criminal law and visits from the North Plainfield Fire Department, the Somerset County SWAT team, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office, the New Jersey State Police, the New Jersey Fire Marshall's Office, and the FBI.

A participant in the program, Jimena Torres, a student at the North Plainfield Middle School spoke at the graduation ceremony. Chief Parenti wanted to share an excerpt from her speech: "The junior police academy has been a great experience for not only me, but also the other cadets here as well. Through this great program we have been able to see through the eyes of a police officer and get a taste of what they do in

Police Chief William Parenti announced the an actual police academy. Although the police training we were put through may have been exhausting, it was worth it, because we pushed ourselves and we improved each and every day. We also learned discipline and pride as we learned to march. In just five days we were shown marching and all the other aspects that come with.... All the things we witnessed and experienced were worth all the physical exertion and heat and yelling early in the morning because after it all, we saw some amazing things that will always stay in our minds and hearts, all because these men took the time to teach others what they love and do every day. And we thank you all very much: Chief Parenti, Officer Rogers, Detective Everett, Lieutenant Flynn, Detective Segeda, Sergeant Speck, and the two men who looked over this program the entire time Detective Fowler and last but not least, Detective Domizi and others who came here and there to help out. Thank you all so much."



(above) Police Chief William Parenti and Mayor Michael Giordano Jr. address the students during the second annual Police Youth Academy held in July.

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ROTARY CLUB CAWARDS HONORARY MEMBERSHIP TO DR. HARRY ALLEN

Plainfield celebrated another successful year with their annual dinner at Giovanna's Restaurant. thirty-two members and guests to the special dinner meeting.

Williams, Mike re-capped the year's activities, including the following; 17th Annual Wine Tasting Dinner, raising money for scholarships; Service Above Self Award presented to North Plainfield Mayor Mike Giordano; 89th Annual Track and Field Meet; Successful fundraising at Rutgers University basketball games; Support for the Rotary International Polio Plus project to eliminate polio from the world; Support for a foster son in Ecuador through Homes of Hope Sponsor Me Project; Induction of five new supporting our North Plainfield High School Interact Club; Supporting North Plainfield High School Project Graduation; Establishing the inaugural Early Act Club at Stony Brook School in North Plainfield; Awarding over \$23,000 in scholarships to North Plainfield and Plainfield high school seniors; Presenting Student of the Month Awards to North Plainfield High School Alexandra Pereira; Growing fresh vegetables for those in need at the Giving Garden in the Wagner Farm Arboretum in Warren; Hosting a free Pancake Breakfast for senior citizens in Plainfield and in North Plainfield; Donating food to the Star Fish Food Pantry in Plainfield on a monthly basis; Packaging and delivering holiday meals for twelve families for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter through the Star Fish Food Pantry Holiday Meals Program; Earning the Rotary International Bronze Presidential Citation for achieving goals of both Rotary International and the club; Presentation of free dictionaries to third grade students in both North Plainfield and in Plainfield; Hosting a special meeting of all Rotary Clubs in Somerset County, where invited, Interact Clubs gave presentations on their activities; Donation to Courier News Wish Book to assist recreation needs of residents at the Park

The Rotary Club of North Plainfield and Hotel in Plainfield; Presentation of Certificate of Outstanding Achievement to Eagle Scout Max Rohrer; Hosting four dinners for the homeless President-elect Mike Castoral welcomed the staying at the Plainfield YMCA shelter; Developed and launched a new club website; Donated back-to-school supplies to the Standing in place of Club President Ravenell Netherwood Heights Neighborhood Association for children in need at Cook School; and Sponsored tickets for Interact Club students to attend a Somerset Patriots baseball game

> The Club then presented a Rotary International Presidential Citation to Alexandra Pereira, adviser to the North Plainfield Interact Club, for the club's accomplishments during the 2015-2016 Rotary year. The Interact Club was one of the few clubs in Rotary District 7510 to achieve the special recognition.

The annual meeting also was an opportunity to members during 2015-2016; Working with and recognize volunteers who helped out at many of the club's projects over the year. Projects such as Rutgers basketball concession duty, the Track and Field Meet, the Pancake Breakfast and others were supported by the North Plainfield Interact Club and by friends of the club. Interact Club members attending the dinner were Yanqing Liang, Brenda Okereke, Matthew Cabrera, Clarissa Zabala, Genesis Ramirez, Jiovanni students, selected by Interact Club Adviser Rivas, Marisol Hernandez, Brendan Cheung, Nikita Forrester and Kevin Forrester.

> One of the Club's faithful friends and supporters is Harry Allen of North Plainfield, husband of Rotarian Janice Allen. Harry was recognized by the club with the presentation of a framed "Certificate of Membership" as an honorary member of the club. The certificate recognized him for "his commitment to the Rotary Ideal of Service, his faithful support for the club, and his endearing friendship."

> Officers for the current year are all continuing in their positions for the 2016-2017 year. They include President Ravenell Williams; President Elect Michael Castoral; Vice President Roberta Smith; Secretary/Treasurer Michael Townley; Sergeant at Arms Tom Reedy.

> The Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield welcomes new members who have an interest in serving others while developing new friendships.

The club meets Wednesdays at 12:15 PM in Giovanna's Restaurant, 1462 South Avenue, Plainfield. Come as a guest and see what Rotary is all about.



(above r-l) Rotary President-Elect Michael Castoral presents a "Certificate of Membership" to new honorary member Harry Allen, accompanied by his wife, Janice.



(above) Rotary President-Elect Michael Castoral presents a Rotary International Presidential Citation to Alexandra Pereira, North Plainfield High School Interact Club adviser, in recognition of the club's accomplishments in 2015-2016.









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Teen Game Days

August 15, 22, & 29, 3:30-5 p.m.

Moving Kiddos

(6 months - 2 years old) August 16, 10-10:30 a.m.

Get into the Game:

Sports Theme Cooking for Young Adults

(tweens & teens)

August 16, 3:30-5 p.m, 17, 10-11 a.m.

Dungeons & Dragons

(tweens & teens)

August 17, 24, & 31, 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Baby Bounce

(0-18 months old)

August 19, 10-10:30 a.m.

Preschool Yoga

(2-5 years old)

August 12, 10-10:45 a.m.

Mini Ninja Warriors

(3-5 years old) August 16, 2-3 p.m.

English Conversation Group Meetup

August 15, 22, & 29, 7-8:30 p.m.

Morning Knitting & Crochet Meetup

Storytime Under the Sky

(2-4 years old)

August 20, 11-11:30 a.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

English as a Second Language Series

August, 15, 22, & 29, 6-8:30 p.m. &

August, 17, 24, & 31, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Adult Basic Education Series

August, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, & 31, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

August 16, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Citizenship Class

August 18, & 25, 6-8:30 p.m.

Vegan Cooking

Appetizers & Snacks on August 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

End of Summer Reading Party

August 18, 2-3:30 p.m. North Plainfield Library Book Sale: \$2 for a bag of books on

August 26 & 27, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

AUDITIONS ANNOUNCED FOR JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH AT CDC THEATRE IN CRANFORD

Open auditions for a musical version of James only on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 7:30pm. 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

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THE GIVING GARDEN

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The Giving Garden is part of the Wagner Farm Arboretum. They have a large garden area where they rent out plots of various sizes in half of the garden; the other half consists of plots that are 4 X 40 feet each. Volunteers grow vegetables of all types in these plots and then harvest them for area food banks and pantries.

The Rotary club maintains four of these plots. The Interact Club at North Plainfield High School helped us prepare and then plant the plots before they finished the school year. About 15 kids went up to the Garden once a week after school to work for two to three hours.

In addition to working the four plots, two of our Rotary club members pick up harvested vegetables every Thursday and take them to the Star Fish Food Pantry, the Salvation Army, and to several senior citizen housing buildings in Plainfield.



(above) Rotary Club member Vicky Griswold with some of the 37 pounds of carrots she harvested at the Giving Garden in Warren.

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THE NORTH PLAINFIELD CITIZENS FOR **COMMUNITY RIGHTS MEETING**

Citizens for Community Rights (NPCCR) will be held on Thursday September 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the North Plainfield Community Center, 614 Greenbrook Road, Clinton Avenue.

The guest speaker will be from the Somerset County Sheriff's Department and will speak about gang activity in our area. When the presentation is completed there will be a question

The next meeting of the North Plainfield and answer session. If you have any questions or concerns about gang activity, you may vocalize those inquiries at the meeting

> NPCCR meetings are open to all. If you have a topic that you believe would be of benefit to our residents, please email your suggestions to communityrights@gmail.com. NPCCR records, all council meetings. and police reports can be viewed by visiting www.npccr.org.



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NPBA JULY MEETING

The July meeting for the North Plainfield Business Association (NPBA) was held on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at Best Friends Pet Care at 825 Route 22 West in town. The meeting was sponsored by Steve Randoph of True Payroll, with Eddy's Kitchen providing the food and refreshments. The guest speaker was Susan Wilcox, owner of Dynamic Marketing who is the President of e-Dynamic Marketing, LLC. She gave a presentation on E-mail Marketing and Constant Contact. The next North Plainfield Business Association meeting will be at the Vermeule Mansion on September 27th. The meeting will be sponsored by Johanna Salvemini of Johanna's Creations. Please visit the facebook page for updates www.facebook.com/NPBusinessAssociation.

There will be no August meeting. NPBA membership remains free, so tell your friends. There are elevated membership levels of \$100-\$300 annually that include benefits and the NPBA can speak to Pete Eddy 908-256-1273, Danny Dominguez 908-447-2468, or Bruce Heyman 908-755-4700.



(above l-r) Guest speaker Susan Wicox, and Bruce Hyman, President of Fabricland.



(above) The Staff of Best Friends Pet Care and some friends.



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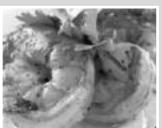


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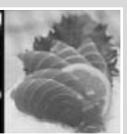


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