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### **FANWOOD RESIDENTS AMONG NEW FOSTER CHILD ADVOCATES**

On December 14, 2016 Union County Superior Court Judge Daniel R. Lindemann administered oaths to two graduating classes of community members — among them Katherina Abreu and Karen Flood of Fanwood — who've stepped up to serve as extra eyes and ears for Family Court judges on cases involving the county's abused, neglected or abandoned children currently in foster care. Of the two classes, one had 19 participants, including CASA of Union County's new executive director, Marla Higginbotham. The second is the result of the nonprofit offering for the first time a five-session, intensive day training at its offices, and included nine volunteers.

The new CASA volunteers completed 30 hours of training. After performing the oaths, Judge Lindemann stepped off the bench and personally thanked each advocate for committing to serve children in need of a voice. Members of the organization's board participated, and each new advocate received a commemorative pin and certificate. During celebratory luncheons that followed, advocates were matched to their new case and learned about their youth.

Volunteers with varied backgrounds and experiences make successful advocates, and these classes are no exception: They range in age from 22 to 75 and most have no prior knowledge of the foster system. They include parents, non-parents and empty-nesters; a recent college graduate and recent retiree; careers include health professionals, school personnel, counselors, legal professionals, former military, business entrepreneurs and homemakers. Languages spoken in addition to English include Spanish, German, French and Yoruba.

Several experienced abuse in their own childhoods.

William "Joe" Goodson of Plainfield, a CASA volunteer years ago who returned to help another child now that his own schedule allowed, said this work is a calling. "I know the situation in the African-American community, and I want to give back. I've been there and done that. We need more positive role models for these children who need us. I can make a difference and be someone they relate to, and that's what I'm looking for." Goodson added that on Thanksgiving, his CASA youth weighed heavily on his mind: "I'm looking at a table full of food and family and thinking of him, wondering, 'Is he ok, today?'"

CASA volunteers have court-ordered access to all parties in a child's life, including foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists and teachers, and incorporate into court reports findings from these contacts as well as time spent with the youth. Volunteers advocate both in the community and court to ensure their youth's needs are met and time in care is as short as possible. There are 600 Union County children currently in foster care; CASA of Union County serves approximately one-third of those and its mission is to provide an advocate for every child that needs

For details on future training sessions, several of which incorporate new, flexible options and timeframes, contact Lisa at 908-527-7048 or lporis@casaofunioncounty.org. To inquire about other ways to support CASA of Union County, contact Marla 908-527-7041 marlah@casaofunioncounty.org.



(above) New CASA volunteers include Katherina Abreu and Karen Flood of Fanwood; Mureen Allen and Padmini Bagchee of Linden; Anne Bristow and Phyllis Dunlop of Westfield; Quanae Chambliss of Rahway; Julie Exarhakos of Cranford; Aáse Forbes of Union; Julie Goldman of Short Hills; William "Joe" Goodson of Plainfield; Nataly Gutierrez of Elizabeth; Maryann Higgins of Mountainside; Marty Jeiven, Carol Pinkus and Maria Rodriguez of Scotch Plains; Katherine Taylor of Somerset; and Ashley Trotter of Piscataway.



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### **PROMOTE YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT**

Community service organizations, schools and sports teams are encouraged to submit news of upcoming events or highlights and photos from recent events.

### **Organizations who are** interested in submitting content, please email editor@rennamedia.com

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### **PUBLIC IS INVITED TO** FREE HEALTH AND WELLNESS EXPO

Area Chamber of Commerce (GWACC) is hosting the Trinitas Regional Medical Center Health and Wellness Expo from 11 a.m. -5 p.m. at Snuffy's Pantagis, 250 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. The Expo is free to all attendees.

"With the limitless choices of health and wellness practitioners, we thought the public would benefit from learning about local organizations and businesses that can provide valuable resources right in their back yard," said Gene Jannotti, Executive Director of the GWACC.

In addition to exhibitors, the expo will feature demonstrations and speakers. The keynote will be delivered by Dr. Ben Michaelis, a Manhattan clinical psychologist, author of "Your Next Big Thing", and frequently featured as a mental health expert on The Today Show, Fox News, and MSNBC as well as numerous national publications. Members of the Trinitas staff will also be holding educational sessions on a variety of health topics.

The GWACC has more than 120 member businesses in the wellness industry alone, including yoga studios, personal trainers, juice bars, gyms, holistic practitioners, therapists, life coaches, chiropractors, nutritionists, dentists, and more. Practitioners will be on hand to present information on their products and services.

Exhibitor spaces are only available to members of the GWACC. For more information about this

On Sunday, February 26, the Greater Westfield event, including exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities, visit www.geaccnj.com/trinitashealth-expo, contact Heather Bryant at hbryant@gwaccnj.com or call the GWACC at 908-233-3021.



(above) Dr. Ben Michaelis, a Manhattan clinical psychologist will be the keynote speaker.



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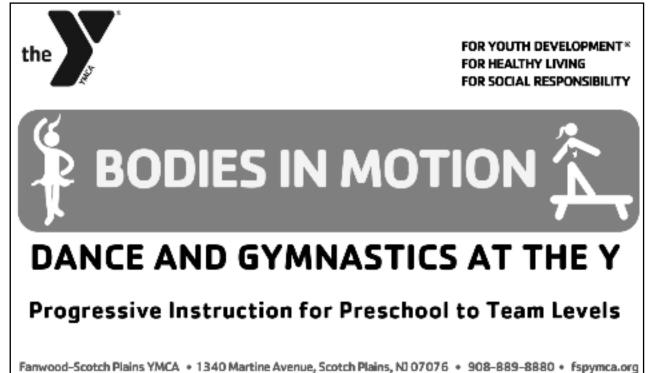


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Summer Recreation offers structured programs tailored for specific age groups in a safe, neighborhood environment right here in Fanwood's own La Grande Park! Experienced counselors lead children in the fun-filled activities.

### The program begins on June 26

and continues for eight weeks.
It is open to children entering grades kindergarten through 6th grade in the fall. For more information and to register (beginning on January 31st), please go to

fanwoodrecreation.org

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team spent a Saturday morning washing Fanwood's fire engines, ambulances and police cars and Scotch Plains police cars. The event, held outside Fanwood Fire Headquarters, was a community service project spearheaded by wrestling head coach Marc Fabiano and Fanwood Police Officer Dan Piccola. The wrestling team currently has 52 members in grades 9-12.









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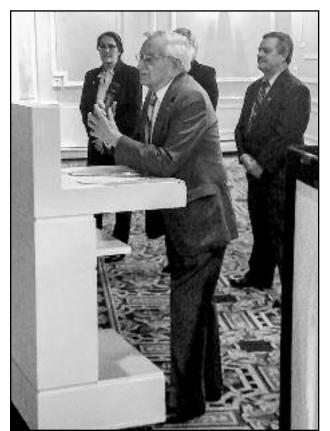
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At the annual Fanwood Rescue Squad/Fire Department awards dinner held on Saturday January 21, 2017 Bob Kruthers spoke about his 60 years serving the Rescue Squad. Kruthers, 90, joined in 1957, the year mouth to mouth resuscitation and later CPR became part of first aid.

Today, at age 90, Bob remains active as the squad's treasurer.



### APPLICATIONS DUE FOR DELEEUW SCHOLARSHIP

High school seniors wishing to apply for the Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship should obtain applications now from their school guidance office. The scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Deadline for submission of applications is March 8, 2017.

Previous DeLeeuw scholarship recipients already in college are also eligible to apply. They must submit complete official transcripts of college grades with a new application.

This is the twenty-second year the scholarships have been offered. To date, the Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship Fund, which is a fund of the Plainfield Foundation, has awarded over one million dollars. The awards are made in accordance with the terms of a bequest from Ms. DeLeeuw, author of 75 books, journalist and arts activist

The Plainfield Rotary Scholarship Foundation, headed by Michael R. Townley, acts as selector for the scholarships. Area Rotary Clubs assist in the selection process. Only students attending high schools in Plainfield, North Plainfield, South Plainfield, Warren, Watchung, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Edison are eligible. Location of high school, not student's residence, is the qualifying factor. The student must also be accepted to an accredited college or university.

Applicants must plan to major in one of the following areas of study: art, poetry, writing, journalism or engineering. They must demonstrate the scholastic aptitude and interest to pursue study in one of these specified areas. They must also prove financial need.

Interested students should consult their guidance counselors to obtain the necessary application information or go to the Plainfield/North Plainfield Rotary Club website at www.rotarypnp.org/cs- adele-deleeuw-scholarship.php. Questions may be directed to Johanna Salvemini, Scholarship Administrator, at (908) 755-8098.

## COLLEGE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15TH

The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains 2017-2018 scholarship application forms can be obtained from the SPFHS Counseling Office or at www.spfk12.org or at collegeclubfsp.org.

Scholarships are awarded annually to women who are 1) high school seniors or 2) college students, and who plan to pursue a Baccalaureate Degree at a four-year college. Scholarships totaling \$27,750 were awarded for the academic year 2016-17.

To be eligible for consideration, high school

applicants must be residents of Fanwood or Scotch Plains. College applicants must be local residents of Fanwood or Scotch Plains at the time they graduate from high school. Scholarships are awarded based on three primary characteristics of the applicants: financial need, academic achievement, and; character of the applicant.

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### **FANWOOD RECEIVES ROID GRANT AWARD**

The Borough of Fanwood has received a Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities for 2017 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. The grant will fund additional programming to include children with disabilities in sports programs and teen social nights, building on the success of Fanwood's existing program.

The project unites Fanwood and Intensive Therapeutics, a Fanwood based non-profit, charitable organization that provides group and individual occupational therapy services to children with special needs. Executive Director Scott Matthews added "We are thrilled to expand our services and programming to meet more of the needs of children with special needs in Fanwood and the surrounding areas. The support of Mayor Mahr and the community of Fanwood has been tremendous and it is greatly appreciated by the children and the families we serve."

With peer-mentors and the collaborative efforts of the local leagues coaches, the program will provide opportunities for children and teens with disabilities to be successful in participating in a variety of recreational programs within their own community. The program creates cost-effective recreational alternative for parents and will focus on building skills for children to participate in mainstream programs.

"I'm thrilled to get this grant again." said Mayor Colleen Mahr, "It will go a long way to ensuring this vital program continues to grow and provide safe, affordable, and positive recreational programs for children with disabilities".

Fanwood has operated a successful program

for several years, with over 50 children each year participating and roughly 75% of children interested in sports programming moving forward with a mainstream league once they feel comfortable and able.

Previous programming had focused on active recreation alongside Occupational Therapy (OT), however the Borough recognized a need to expand passive recreational opportunities. Based on the needs and desires of participants, Intensive Therapeutics and the Borough of Fanwood developed social activities for older students in 2015. "Teen Nights" have become unprecedentedly popular and attract students of all ages to participate and socialize with other disabled children throughout Northern and Central New Jersey.

The goal of this program is to increase recreational opportunities for individuals with disabilities year-round, so various components of this program must operate independently of one another.

These programs include youth soccer, youth basketball, and bicycle riding skill-building lessons. Finally, teen social nights will take place monthly in coordination with the Borough of Fanwood, the Borough of Scotch Plains, Intensive Therapeutics and representatives from an organization formerly known as 'Autism Family Times'. The program enables disabled and non-disabled children to comingle during inclusive recreational activity, and allows for access of active and passive recreational opportunities year-round.

Details and registration for the programs can be found at intensivetherapeutics.org.



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Open to students in grades 4-8, there is no audition required to be a part of Mulan, Jr. but space is limited and registration is on a first come

visiting www.cdctheatre.org.

To register contact Andrea Redmount at andrearedmount@yahoo.com.

Curtain Call classes begin on February 27, and run on Mondays and Wednesdays after school: Mondays for grades K-3 and Wednesdays for grades 4-8.

During the spring, classes focus on movement,

basis. Additional information can be found by acting and singing as students prepare a one of a kind cabaret performance of some of Broadway's biggest hits on May 20 at 12:00 and 3:00 pm. Details at www.cdctheatre.org.

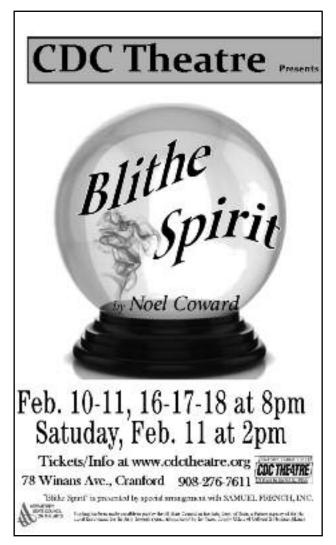
> Students in grades 8-12 are invited to sign-up and audition for Rent on March 25 and April 1.

> Visit www.cdctheatre.org for information and sign-up details.

> > Photo By Elizabeth Lynch Photography



(above) The cast of CDC Theatre 2016 Young Artist Program production of Footloose





### **AUDITIONS FOR THE MUSICAL 9 TO 5** AT CDC THEATRE IN CRANFORD

CDC Theatre in Cranford, New Jersey's oldest continuously producing community theatre, will be holding open auditions for the musical 9 to 5 at the theatre's 78 Winans Ave. home.

Auditions will be Wed. 2/15 7:30 -10pm and Sat 2/18 2-5pm with Callbacks on Tues. 2/21 7:30-10pm. The show will run from May 5-20, 2017.

Interested performers are asked to prepare 32 bars of a song of your choice. There will be no initial dance audition. Additional information can be found by visiting www.cdctheatre.org.

9 to 5 The Musical, with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and book by Patricia Resnick, is based on the seminal 1980 hit movie. Set in the late 1970s. This hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era is outrageous, thought-provoking and even a little romantic. Pushed to the boiling point, three female coworkers concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot they call their boss. In a hilarious turn of events, Violet, Judy and Doralee live out their wildest fantasy – giving their boss the boot! While Hart remains "otherwise engaged," the women give their workplace a dream makeover, taking control of the company that had always kept them down. Hey, a girl can scheme, can't she?

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Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey announced in Innovators, Risk-takers, Leaders)™ as they learn January the celebration of the 100th season of Girl Scouts selling cookies. A century ago, girls started participating in what would evolve into the largest entrepreneurial training program for girls in the world: the Girl Scout Cookie Program®, through which girls learn the essential skills they need to become effective leaders, manage finances, and gain self-sufficiency and confidence in handling money. To commemorate this banner year for the organization, the highlyanticipated Girl Scout S'mores<sup>TM</sup> cookies are now available, joining classics like Thin Mints and Trefoils/Shortbreads.

Girl Scout Cookies not only help Girl Scouts earn money for fun, educational activities and community projects, but also play a huge role in transforming girls into G.I.R.L.s (Go-getters,

essential life skills that will stay with them forever. Continue to enhance the girls journey, when you see Girl Scout selling in your town, support their efforts.

The celebration of 100 years of Girl Scouts selling cookies will kick into high gear during National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend 2017. From January to April, Girl Scouts in your town may be hosting events and cookie booths for cookie enthusiasts to get their hands on the iconic treats and join in the fun.

To find cookie varieties available locally or learn more about the history of Girl Scout cookies and the Girl Scout Cookie Program, visit www.girlscoutcookies.org.

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SPFHS' Model United Nations dub attended their annual conference in Hershey, PA from January 6-8, sou. Members spent three days debating resolutions in their UN committees, working as part of a press corps, or arguing briefs in front of the International Criminal Court or International Court of Justice. Senior Alison Zimmerman served as the Vice Chair of the

International Court of Justice while Deblina Mukherjee and Henry Lewand, also seniors, served as the chairs of the Legal committee and Security Council. Zimmerman was also invited to the Conference on National Affairs (CONA), a conference only a limited number of students are invited to, in North Carolina over the summer. Mukherjee was selected as an alternate to this

conference. Additionally, Justin Greenman, grade 12, took home the award for Premier Delegate in the International Criminal Court. Juniors Alex Joshua, Matthew Lozito, and Vaishnavi Ramanan all won awards for Outstanding Country Research Paper in their respective committees. After all the hard work and dedication, the entire delegation was awarded Outstanding Delegation.





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The Thrift Shop at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church opened on Wednesday January 4th with freshly stocked clothing. There is a large selection of winter coats and clothing for children of all ages and featured at this time is a good selection of clothing for large women. Many of these items for sale are new or nearly new.

The volunteers who work at the Shop have been busy and will be filling the shelves and racks continually.

The Shop will be open each Wednesday from 10am to 4pm.

The Thrift Shop is located on McDermott Place at the rear of the Church complex. For further information and directions please call the church office at 908-889-8891 or e-mail admin@fanwoodpc.org.

### **FANWOOD SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMITTEES**

One of the hallmarks of this community is the active participation of our residents on the many committees and boards that work for us all to ensure a good quality of life and to provide services that support local needs.

If you have time for one meeting a month and the interest to work with your neighbors to maintain and improve the Borough of Fanwood, we have a spot for you! There are currently openings on the Recreation Commission, Historic Preservation Committee and the Environmental Commission.

If you have questions or wish to apply for a position, please contact the Mayor's Office

at mayor@fanwoodnj.org or call (908) 322-8236 x 124.



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## LENAPE CULTURE: AN INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN INDIAN LIFE IN NEW JERSEY

The Lenape occupied New Jersey, southeastern New York, eastern Pennsylvania and northern Delaware at the time of European exploration and colonization. This lecture, the monthly meeting the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood held on Tuesday evening February 28th, presents a variety of authentic artifacts, crafts and clothing to explain Lenape daily life, beliefs, history and creative expression. It also explains the special relationships between the people, the animals and the forest preceding contact with Europeans. The speaker, Beverly A.

Lenape occupied New Jersey, Friend, of Cherokee heritage, will make her tern New York, eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware at the time of European ion and colonization. This lecture, the American Indian Council of New Jersey.

Everyone is invited to this special meeting on the Lenape generous funding of the New Jersey Council for the Humanitie The meeting starts at 8:00PM on Tuesday February 28th. The meeting is held at the Scotch Hills Country Club located at Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains. Refreshments and fellowship follow the meeting.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SCOTCH PLAINS AND FANWOOD

The public is invited to attend the monthly meeting of the Historical Society of Scotch Plains, to be held on February 28th, 8 p.m., at the Scotch Hills Country Club on Plainfield Ave. and Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains.

Beverly A. Friend, of Cherokee heritage, will present a variety of authentic artifacts, crafts and clothing to explain Lenape daily life, beliefs and history. She will also explain the special relationships between the people, the animals of

the forest preceding contact with Europeans. The Lenape occupied New Jersey, southeastern New York, eastern Pennsylvania and northern Delaware at the time of European exploration and colonization.

The meeting is free and open to everyone.

It is made possible by the funding of the NJ Council for the Humanities' Horizons Speaker Bureau.

Refreshments follow the meeting.

### **CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER SET FOR FEB 10TH**

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club will hold a Casino Night Fundraiser on Friday, February 10th at 7pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scotch Plains. Tickets are \$60 per person and include a buffet dinner and \$100 in casino play money. All attendees must be at least 21 years of age. Doors will open at 6:30pm and gaming will occur between 7pm and 11pm. Tickets can purchased on Eventbrite (Eventbrite.com). Or mail a \$60 check to the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary, PO Box426, Fanwood 07023, RE: Casino Night. For further information about the event, including sponsorship opportunities, contact Donna D'Annunzio at dannunzio 22@gmail.com.

The fundraiser will support the many charitable activities managed by the Fanwood-

Scotch Plains Rotary Club, a thriving organization with over 50 members. The club currently sponsors local and international causes, as well as scholarships for Fanwood-Scotch Plains High School students. As the club continues to grow, it plans to expand its service initiatives and support for non-profit organizations.

### THE FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS ROTARY CLUB

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club has been serving the community since 1938. Meetings are held on Wednesdays at noon at the Stage House Restaurant and at 6pm at Darby Road on the last Wednesday of the month. Guests are invited to attend and learn about the good that Rotary is doing worldwide. For further information, go to fsprotary.org.



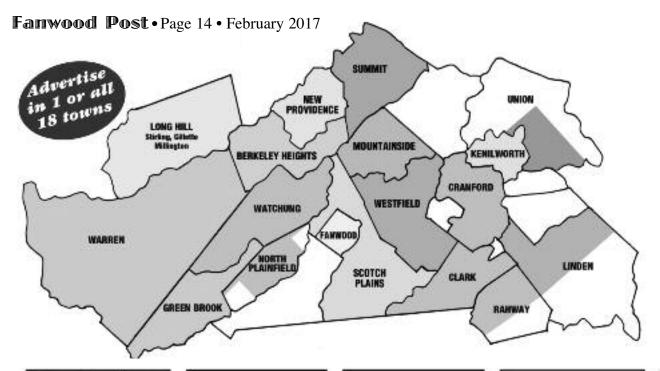












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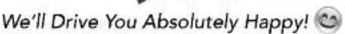
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