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ART AUCTION & SALE TO BENEFIT RAPHAEL'S LIFE HOUSE

A “Taste and See” Art Auction & Sale to benefit Raphael’s Life House, will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at Simply Art & Framing, 11 N Union Avenue, Cranford.

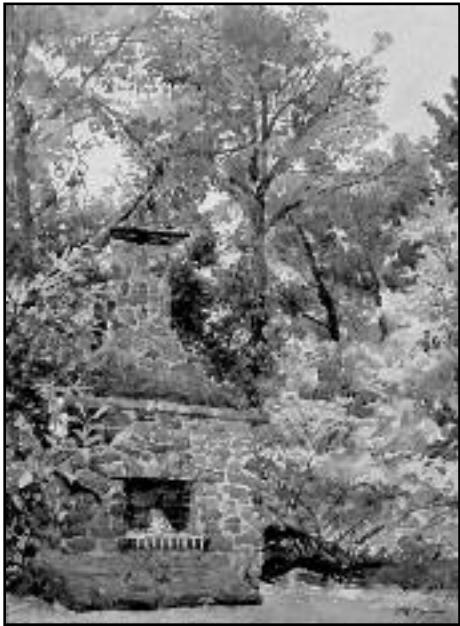
Talented artists from the tri-state area and beyond will display and sell their work, and donate a portion of their proceeds directly to Raphael’s Life House. Participants include local artists that have participated in the Cranford Plein Air Event, as well as artists from other parts of the country. Some of the mediums to be displayed include watercolor, abstract, photography, intaglio, vintage brass sculpture, printed wool and much more.

Additionally, Martin Jewelers, located at 12 N Avenue West, Cranford, and a longtime supporter of Raphael’s Life House, will donate a silver and diamond bangle bracelet for silent auction. Simply Art & Framing will donate 20% of their sales during the event to Raphael’s. PSE&G is also a generous sponsor of this event.

Local eateries and merchants have donated appetizers, desserts and beverages to enjoy during the auction and sale. “Taste” and enjoy the



Watercolor, Frank M Costantino
(above) *Canoe Club /
Red, Blue and Canoe*



Watercolor, Frank M Costantino
(above) *Historic
Hearth Hanson House*
(above) *Samples of artwork that have been sold by one of the
participating artists depicting Cranford scenes.*

refreshments and “See” displayed artwork and merchandise available for purchase to benefit this worthy cause.

Raphael’s Life House, founded by Cranford resident Edith Coogan and former resident, Mary Orrico, is Covenant House New Jersey’s Mother Child program, created to provide non-sectarian housing to homeless and pregnant young women and their babies when born, for up to one year. The goal is to assist the women in establishing an independent living situation for themselves and their babies. The women in the program are ages 18-23, alcohol and drug free, mentally and physically capable of caring for themselves and their baby, and willing to obey the house rules while either working or attending school. Raphael’s Life House shelters 12 women at a time; each mother shares quarters with her baby in a safe and homey environment.

Staff and talented volunteers provide classes to assist moms with prenatal care, parenting skills, building esteem, job seeking, educational and vocational opportunities and other critical life skills. Volunteers also participate as baby-sitters, host community monthly dinners, coordinate baby showers and fundraising events, and much more. Founded in 1993, Raphael’s has provided transitional housing and support for over 700 young mothers and their babies. Learn more at www.raphaelshouse.org.

Simply Art & Framing will present Taste & See Art Auction and Sale on April 1 between the hours of 1 - 4 PM. Entry tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. Information and tickets are available at cmcmullan2969@gmail.com.



(above l-r) *Raphael’s Life House founders
Cranford resident Edith Coogan and former
resident, Mary Orrico.*

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MYRA SCHURER SEP. 23, 1928 - DEC. 1, 2016

Myra Schurer died peacefully in her sleep on December 1, 2016, surrounded by love. Born September 23, 1928 to Viola and Herman Lowenstein, Myra lived a long and full life. She was a daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, friend, artist, speech pathologist, bookkeeper, Girl Scout leader, gardener, community volunteer, actress, world traveler, theater goer, fashion designer, writer, food lover, and good cook!

She was raised in Weehawken, New Jersey, spent most of her adult life in Cranford, NJ, and moved to Harbourfront in Toronto, Canada to be near her grandchildren. She later settled at Wynmoor, Coconut Creek, Florida, and her final residence was at Peregrine's Landing in Atlanta, Georgia to be near her son.

She is mourned by her loving children Sandy, Marcia, and David; her son-in-law Phil; daughter-in-law Donna; grandchildren Jared, Rachel, and Shawn; great-grandchildren Santiago and Juliana; brother Bob; and many nieces and nephews. She lived a good life and we all should be that lucky.



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CRANFORD HIGH SPRING MUSICAL PRODUCTION: THE SECRET GARDEN



(above) Cranford High School Spring Musical Production: *The Secret Garden* March 3, 4 at 7:30 PM & March 5 at 2:00 PM. The cast in the Cranford High School production are: Lili Rebelo as Mary Lennox, Noah Wohlsen as Archibald Craven, Maggie Manhardt as Lily Craven, Tom Dineen as Neville Craven, Jordan Burd as Martha, Andrew Gordon as Dickon, Max Wisnefski as Colin Craven, Niamh O'Donovan as Mrs. Medlock, Brenden Scalea as Ben Weatherstaff, Haley Baranowski as Mrs. Winthrop, Charlie Bernstein as Albert Lennox, Pria McNeill as the Fakir, Mikayla Herz as Ayah, Alex Whitmore as Lieutenant Shaw, Matthew Mallick as Lieutenant Wright, Bobby Morris as Major Holmes, Katrina Wischusen as Claire Holmes, Kelly McMahon as Alice, Garrett Kennedy as Major Shelley and Erica Moreno as Mrs. Shelley. Members of the Ensemble include: Rose Michetti, Madeline Simone, Eilidh Brady, McKenna Flynn, Julia Saginario, Kaitlin Young and Jacob Adams.



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ANDREW LABRUTTO TAKES THIRD PLACE IN BOY SCOUT CHESS TOURNAMENT

Cranford resident Andrew LaBrutto finished third in a field of 35 chess players in the Fourth Annual Chess Tournament hosted by Renna Media for The Munsee District of the Boy Scouts. The tournament was held on February 25, 2017 at the he Cranford Community Center and was open to all registered Boy Scouts,

Venturers and Explorers and non-scouts as well. White Castle sponsored the event, and purchased the 20 chess sets, boards and clocks for the Munsee District Boy Scouts. The company also supplied lunch for all players and spectators. Of the thirty-five players who participated, fourteen were from Cranford.



(above, l-r) Joe Renna of Renna Media, sponsor of the fourth annual Munsee District Boy Scout Chess Tournament presents Andrew laBrutto with the third place trophy along with Jim Parlapiano, event coordinator for the Boy Scouts.



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CRANFORD PAL CENTRAL JERSEY A TEAM VICTORIOUS

The Cranford Police Athletic League (PAL) Central Jersey A Team wrestled South Plainfield under the spotlight on February 16, 2017 for the championship and were victorious in an exciting match.

Program Director Kevin Murray said, "In an unbelievable match the Cranford 'A' team won the CJYWL Dual Championship last night with a hard fought 40-37 win over South Plainfield."

The Cranford High School Wrestling Squad under the direction of Coach Pat Gorman came out and supported the Central Jersey squad during the championship match. "They were not just there because they 'had to be' - they were genuinely engaged in the match and the kids," said Program Coordinator Rob Kanterman. "I really believe that the enthusiasm and electricity that they provided was a big difference in the match."

PAL Executive Director Matt Nazzaro thanked the many volunteers who have made this season a success for all PAL Wrestlers. "We are fully supported by volunteer coaches, parents, and

cops", said Nazzaro. "My thanks to Coaches Daly and Schultz, Program Coordinators Kanterman and Hooley, Program Director Kevin Murray, and CHS Coach Gorman for bridging the gap between our feeder program and our successful high school program."

The Cranford PAL is a not-for-profit youth sports organization which offers wrestling, basketball, cheerleading, football, and flag football to Cranford youth. For more information, visit www.cranfordpal.org.



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By: James McGlew II, Esq.

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Generally, there are two sets of rules which the Social Security Administration applies to determine whether or not an individual will qualify. The first applies if your former spouse is living; the second applies if they are deceased. The interpretation of these rules can sometimes be complicated and is often necessary to have an experienced family law attorney review not only the rules applied by Social Security but the settlement agreement signed at the time of the divorce.

In the first scenario, where the former spouse is still living, the preliminary criteria which need to be met are: (1) your prior marriage lasted for 10 years or more; (2) you are not currently married; and (3) you are 62 years of age or older. Just as important is whether you are entitled to receive Social Security benefits based on your own prior work history. If you are, the amount which you are entitled to receive for your efforts must be less than what you are entitled to receive based on your prior marriage. No individual is entitled to collect both benefits.

A second set of rules apply if an individual's former spouse has already died. Under these circumstances, you would have to be 60 years of age or older, have to have been married to your former spouse for more than 10 years, and cannot be entitled to a retirement benefit which would be higher than what could be claimed based upon your former spouses work record. Finally if you have remarried before the age of 60, you may not be able to receive this benefit. If you remarry after the age of 60, you would probably be entitled to receive it.

It is also important to note that ex-wives and ex-husbands are treated the same under the Social Security statutes, that it does not matter if your former spouse is now remarried and that any benefit you are entitled to receive as the divorced spouse will have no effect on the amount of the benefit your former spouse is entitled to receive based upon his or her work history. Lastly, bear in mind that if you should elect to receive your benefits before your full Social Security retirement age (which you can determine at www.ssa.gov) you will permanently reduce the amount you are entitled to receive.

There are other rules that may apply to divorced individuals. If you subsequently remarry, you generally are prohibited from receiving benefits based on your former spouse's work history unless your later marriage ends (whether by death, divorce or annulment). If your former spouse has not applied for retirement benefits, but has met the qualifications to receive them, you can receive benefits on his or her record if you have been divorced for at least two years. Differing rules apply for those who have been married multiple times.

There are other qualifying factors and determinations which need to be considered to confirm what benefit a former spouse is eligible to receive. It is always best to contact an experienced family law attorney who can discuss your qualifications to receive such benefits. At Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper, our practice includes diverse experience in related areas including tax law and elder law which we utilize to provide comprehensive legal advice to individuals who are or have dissolved a marriage. Our New Jersey divorce lawyers represent people throughout the state in all areas of family law, including child custody and support, alimony, asset distribution, and more.

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GIRL SCOUTS OF CRANFORD HOST 4TH ANNUAL PINEWOOD DERBY

On Saturday, January 28th, the Girl Scouts of Cranford (48) Cadette Troop 40444 of Hillside Avenue School hosted 184 racers - a record breaking number - at the organizations 4th Annual Pinewood Derby Day. Racers of all ages gathered at the Cranford United Methodist Church throughout the day to put their hand-crafted cars to the test, competing for one of the top prizes. The 4 finalists are as follows:

4th place: Nicole Garcia, Troop 40272

3rd place: Charlotte DiPaolo, Troop 40688

2nd place: Madison Zarzecki, Troop 40894

1st place: Charlotte Ferruggia, Troop 40836

Other award categories included most humorous, most detailed, most bling, best engineered car, best wedge car, best use of glitter, most original, best movie and TV themed car, and best in show.

Erin Esteves and Stephanie Patterson, the Cadette Troop 40444 leaders, spearheaded the Girl Scout Pinewood Derby four years ago to help encourage STEM learning for the girls within our community. STEM is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — in an interdisciplinary and applied approach.

“Encouraging our girls to think outside of the box, to combine engineering and mathematics when designing their cars, adds to the fun of the day”, said Ms. Esteves. “Each scout is given the same block of wood to start with. What they create from there is up to their own imaginations. We’ve seen some amazing inventiveness and craftsmanship over the years and we look forward to making it bigger and better each year.”

Cadette Troop 40444 also collected canned goods throughout the event to be donated to Cranford Family Cares, a non-profit organization that provides temporary assistance to individuals and families in Cranford, NJ. Funding is provided for food, shelter, education and medical assistance when needed.

The Girl Scouts of Cranford boasts over 1,139 Girl Scout Members in 67 troops and Juliette’s making it one of the largest non-profit

organizations in town. The Cranford Service Unit is a part of the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey (GSHNJ) Council which is part of the Girl Scouts of the USA.

If your family is interested in learning more about local Girl Scouts or to find out more information on the Girls Scouts of Cranford, please visit www.cranfordgirlscouts.com.



(above l-r) Top: Dakota Brown-Howard, Kiera Mason, Melissa Collins, Anna Waller, Eva Salvatore, Leila Cader, Olivia Heidgen; Bottom: Olivia Azcarraga, Maeve Boger-O'Bryan, Gwyneth Esteves, Ava Campos, Kyra Patterson, Isha Agni, Isabelle Van Poznak, Azcarraga



(above l-r) Leila Cader, Melissa Collins, Olivia Heidgen, Anna Waller, Ava Campos, Lindsey Stevens.



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As part of the Little Hats, Big Hearts program, babies born at Trinitas during the week of February 7 received a red knitted or crocheted hat, and a kit full of heart-healthy information for mom and baby. The kit includes tips on raising healthy children, heart-healthy workouts that can be done at home, recipes, and information on congenital heart defects.

"More than 40,000 infants are diagnosed with congenital heart disease each year. At Trinitas all

of our newborns receive a critical congenital heart disease screening before they go home, but some heart defects don't become known until the child is months or years old," states Gary S. Horan, FACHE, President & CEO of TRMC. "This is why we are so pleased to be part of a program that educates parents on congenital heart disease and informs them of symptoms they should look out for as their child ages."

Trinitas distributed nearly 100 kits during Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week. Congenital heart defects are structural problems with the heart present at birth. They result when a mishap occurs during heart development soon after conception and often before the mother is aware that she is pregnant. Defects range in severity from simple problems, such as "holes" between chambers of the heart, to very severe malformations, such as complete absence of one or more of the heart's chambers or valves. According to the American Heart Association, it's possible to fix most congenital heart defects and there are an estimated 2 million CHD survivors in the United States.

Trinitas maintains a full-service cardiac facility as well as facilities for the intensive nursing care of patients with cardiac disease. These include a cardiac care unit, intermediate coronary care unit, cardiac catheterization lab, non-invasive cardiology services, full-service emergency department, and cardiac rehabilitation services. Trinitas and the American Heart Association hope to spread awareness about the advantages of a heart healthy family lifestyle to new mothers and families during American Heart Month in February.



(above) Babies born at Trinitas in February will receive a red knitted or crocheted hat, and a kit full of heart-healthy information for mom and baby!

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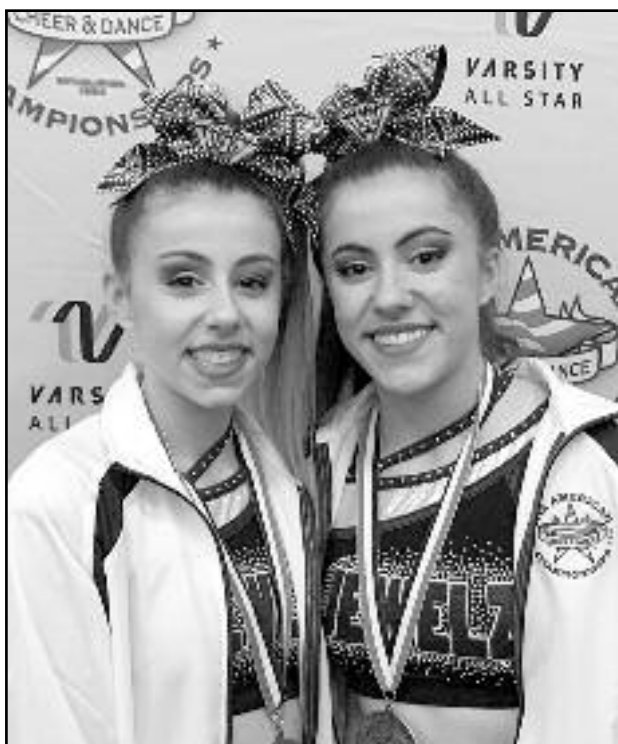
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BESHAR SISTERS WIN NATIONAL COMPETITION

Georgia Beshar, a Junior at Cranford High School and her sister Daniella Beshar, 8th grader at Orange Avenue School in Cranford, are both members of an all-star cheerleading travel team called Jerzey Jewelz, out of Surgents Elite Gym in Westfield, NJ.

Their team, called "Platinum" is a Level 3 Senior team. The team won the National Championships at The American Masters in Baltimore, MD on February 5, 2017.



Trinity Episcopal Church, 119 Forest Avenue, Cranford, is pleased to announce it has called the Reverend Andrew Kruger as their Priest-in-Charge. Following an exhaustive 10-month Discernment process the Trinity Vestry unanimously approved the Discernment Committee's recommendation of Reverend Andy for Priest-in-Charge. His selection was enthusiastically supported by the Right Reverend William H. Stokes, the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey. "We are so pleased that Reverend Andy has accepted Trinity's call to lead our parish", said David Burnett, Senior Warden Trinity Episcopal Church. "Father Andy brings a number of gifts to Trinity that include a strong understanding of our liturgy, a personal approach to pastoral care, a sharp intellect, not to mention and great sense of humor and humble demeanor", Mr. Burnett continued.

Rev. Andy is from South Africa and was ordained an Anglican priest in November 2011. Since January 2014 he has been the Rector of the Parish of Umkomaas with Scottburgh, SA. In 2013 he served as Assistant Priest of the Parish of St. Faith's, Durban, SA. In 2011 and 2012, he was Curate at the Cathedral of St. Michael and St. George, Grahamstown, SA. In 2008 – 2010, he was Youth Pastor in the Parish of Kirby Hilton, Hilton, SA. Rev. Andy has a Masters in Theology from the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa. He is an avid student of Liturgical Renewal. He was coordinator of the Liturgical Task Team for the Diocese of Natal and since 2013 Rev. Andy has been a member of the Secretariat of the Anglican Church of Southern



Africa's Prayer Book Revision Committee. Rev. Andy has broad experience in intergenerational pastoral care, youth ministry, and parish growth. He can speak three languages and read four including New Testament Greek. His wife Heather recently began her doctoral studies in Astrophysical Sciences at Princeton University. They both enjoy music and Heather plays the flute. They have a husky named Shir. Rev. Andy and Heather are very excited about joining the Trinity Cranford family. "I was drawn to Trinity by the positive energy of the parish that was so evident during the interview process", Reverend Andy said. "Heather and I were moved by Trinity's welcoming nature when we came to a service. We are eager to join the Trinity family and participating in God's work in the world," he continued.

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"A CELEBRATION OF STAR TREK - THE ORIGINAL SERIES"

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library are pleased to present "A Celebration of Star Trek - The Original Series" on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue.

Star Trek celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 2016, and its popularity - as well as that of the dozens of movies and television series based on the original - continues to this day. Paul Cirillo of AstronomyNJ.com will take a look back to 1966 and share some of the highlights of the show, talk about the cast, and reveal some interesting facts, including the impact Star Trek has had on scientists and explorers of today. And, of course, there will be some trivia questions for

die-hard fans!

Following the presentation, there will be an open discussion period for all to share their Star Trek memories, experiences, and memorabilia. Paul Cirillo is a board member of the New Jersey Astronomical Association, which operates the largest public observatory in New Jersey. He was also the founder of Somerset County's 4-H Space & Astronomy Club and its leader for ten years. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Rutgers and is an outreach "Ambassador" for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Admission to the program is free and all are welcome. To see other upcoming programs sponsored by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library, visit Web page at cranfordlibrary.org.

LIVE COMEDY AT THE CRANFORD LIBRARY

Looking to liven up your week? Join us for an evening of interactive fun as the Cranford Library presents Dr. Gameshow Live! The program—which started as a weekly radio show on WFMU—blends improvisational comedy, experimental games, and plenty of audience participation. Comedians Jo Firestone and Manolo will present some games they have played on the air in the past, assisted by our boldest audience members. Not big on being on stage? No worries, watch others think on their feet! If The Price Is Right met Pee Wee Herman, you'd end up with Dr. Gameshow. Come join the fun on Monday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center's A/V Room.

This free, all-ages event is open to everyone—children and adults alike—but is best suited to participants ages 10 and up. No registration is required. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

LIBRARY MUSEUM PASSES

The Cranford Public Library recently added the International Center of Photography Museum (ICP) to its museum pass program. Located at 250 Bowery in New York City, ICP is the world's leading institution dedicated to the practice and understanding of photography and the reproduced image in all its forms. Since its founding in 1974, ICA has presented more than 700 exhibitions. The library also lends passes to the Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial, the Frick Collection, Grounds for Sculpture, the Guggenheim Museum, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University, the Montclair Art Museum, the Morris Museum, the Museum of the City of New York, the Museum of the Moving Image, Newark Museum, and the Stickley Museum. Purchased for the library by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library, the passes can be borrowed by adult Cranford Library card holders and adult members of the Friends of the Cranford Public Library with MURAL borrowing privileges. Passes circulate for two days and are available on a first come, first served basis. They cannot be reserved or renewed. To see if a pass is available, search the library catalog (catalog.cranfordlibrary.org/polaris) by museum name. For more information about the library pass program, go to cranfordlibrary.org and click on the Museum Passes tab. Also, if you present your valid Cranford Public Library card at Liberty Science Center, you will be entitled to a \$3.00 discount off the price of admission.



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The College Women's Club of Cranford scholarship applications are available beginning March 1, 2017. Any Cranford high school senior is eligible to apply.

Cranford High School students who are members of the Class of 2017 may obtain the Community Scholarship Application at the Cranford High School Guidance website at www.cranfordhighschoolguidance.com. The

applications are also available at the Cranford Library on Walnut Avenue at the Reference Desk. Cranford students who attend local private high schools should go to their school Guidance Office for an application.

The deadline for submitting the applications is April 1, 2017. The applications should be sent to Mrs. Susan Dooley, 117 Severin Court, Cranford, NJ 07016.

GRIEF IS A JOURNEY AND A PROCESS, NOT SOMETHING "WE GET OVER"

A free eight-week seminar - "Journey to Wholeness- Healing the Grieving Heart" will be held on Sundays evenings from April 23, 2017- June 11, 2017 at The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, 11 Springfield Ave., Cranford, NJ.

Patti Williams, R.N., and certified pastoral bereavement counselor, and Virginia Waters, PhD. Psychologist, will lead the sessions from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Thompson Youth Center of the church. Patti and Virginia have offered this seminar for 17 years now, and have helped about 2500 people experience healing, find a new purpose for their lives, and feel joy once again. This is an experience like no other.

The sessions include learning about the stages of grief and understanding the tasks of the

grieving process, coping strategies, deal with loneliness, building a support system, etc.

Both of the leaders and all of the facilitators have experienced loss within their lives and share from "the inside out". It does not matter if your loss is divorce, death, or job loss; loss is loss- it must be grieved. It does not matter how long ago you experienced loss. Bring family members and friends. All faiths are welcome. Teen group available. To register for this life changing event, please call 908-709-1341. No fee is charged.

The seminar is dedicated to Patti's late husband, the Rev. Dr. Bruce D. Williams who had a vision for this program wanting to help others deal with their pain and suffering during their time of loss.

CITIZENS ACADEMY SEEKING PARTICIPANTS

The Cranford Police Department will be holding the 7th session of the Citizens Police Academy in March 2017. 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 laws. Classes are two hours long and have been

tentatively scheduled to meet Wednesday evenings beginning on March 15th and ending in mid-June.

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 March 20th.

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CUB SCOUT PACK 75 PINWOOD DERBY

Submitted by: Orest Hrycak, Cubmaster Pack 75

The Cranford Cub Pack 75 2017 Pinewood Derby took place on January 21st at the Cranford United Methodist Church. A total of 64 Cub scouts of all ranks participated in our annual event. The scouts did a great job designing, building and racing their cars. The top 4 finishers from each rank had an opportunity to race in the Pack 75 finals which resulted in top 4 finishers overall. Each rank had their cars judged by other cub scouts and awards were received for all cars.

Arrow of Light Scouts (5th graders) were visited by the Boy Scout Transition

Patrol from Troop 75. A letter of invitation was presented individually to each AOL scout inviting them to join Troop 75 in March after the Blue and Gold dinner.

Outgoing Pinewood Derby Committee Chairs Bryan Karant and Mike McCarthy were thanked for their 5 years of service running the event for Pack 75. Incoming Pinewood Derby Chairs Dan

Rogers and Paul Kimball plan to continue to plan, organize and run a fun filled event for the next 4 years.

I wanted to thank the Pinewood Derby committee for organizing and running the event, and the parents for helping their cub scouts with the build of the cars. And we have to thank the Cub Scouts for doing a great job and for showing great competitive spirit while also cheering on their fellow cub scout.

Top 4 finishers from each rank plus the design and workmanship award winners are eligible to participate in the Munsee District Pinewood Derby, which takes place on March 4th, 2017 at Rahway Middle School, 1138 Kline Place,

Rahway. Please contact your den leader if interested.

If your first thru fifth grade boy would like to participate in the scouts, contact the Cubmaster of Pack 75 at Orest.w.hrycak.civ@mail.mil.



(above) A Wolf wins a trophy during the Pinewood Derby



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Sign-up early on our website, www.hansonparkconservancy.com, as registration is limited. The cost is \$35 for members of the Hanson Park Conservancy (\$40 for non-members). Payment is due at time of registration and is non-refundable.



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Everyone knows the soups at the church's annual Christmas Shoppe and Soup Fest are out of this world. They are gone early in the day even though each year more soup is made. If you missed out or just want more (who doesn't?), why wait until next December? Now is your opportunity to get some of those soups to take home. No cooking, no mess....just enjoy the best soups in town.

Pints and Quarts of the following soups and chilis will be available for \$4 and \$8 each: Tomato Basil Soup, Potato Cheddar with Bacon Soup, Potato Cheddar (no bacon), Smokin' Beef

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There is plenty of free parking. Questions? Please call Marti at (908) 276-0936 or send an email to office@cranfordumc.com.

HOLLYWOOD IN CRANFORD

Rehearsals are ongoing for the production of "Shining Stars Goes Hollywood". This is the sixth show for the group and will be held on Friday and Saturday nights, April 7th and 8th at Orange Avenue Middle school in Cranford. This musical showcase of Cranford's special needs students, peers, buddies and siblings offers incredible entertainment. Be prepared to laugh, cry and enjoy an uplifting evening of entertainment.

The show will donate proceeds to the ARC of Union County, a nonprofit group serving those with developmental disabilities, and to a scholarship fund for special needs students who plan on furthering their education.

Shining Stars is a non-profit tax-exempt group organized in 2012 by a staff of volunteers and comprised of Cranford special needs students

who love to act, sing and dance. The group provides an avenue for these special children to enhance their theatrical skills and to participate in months of practices and rehearsals in preparation for a night of true entertainment. The group strives for inclusion and their goal is to educate and raise awareness and funds to enhance the lives of people with developmental disabilities. Most of all we strive to give these amazing, talented children a platform of their own to truly shine, which isn't always possible within a mainstream environment. Over the past several months our children have been working very hard to give their audience the most amazing show possible.

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For their 4th engagement at the Roadhouse Café, Piktors Metamorphosis takes you on a journey back to the huge, solid sounds of the Jazz/Rock fusion era injecting their incredible improvisational craft.

Piktors will be performing classic compositions spanning Pat Metheny, Return to Forever, Mahavishnu Orchestra, Jan Hammer, Barry Miles, and David Sancious & Tone. PIKTORS METAMORPHOSIS is: Neil 'NAIL' Alexander (Piano/Synths), Danny Pagan (Drums), Brian Mooney (Basses), Monroe Quinn (Guitars)

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More exciting ways to win including Tricky Tray raffle, 50/50, and a "Super Sassy" high-end handbag raffle. Additional Bingo packets available for purchase.

Bring a personal care item donation

(toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, etc.) to benefit St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth and be entered to win a "Mystery Gift."

Advanced registration forms and payment in full must be received by Monday, March 20th, to reserve your spot. Include, name, full address, phone, email, # of tickets @25.00 each and enclose a check payable to St. Michael HAS. Please submit to St. Michael School 100 Alden Street Cranford, NJ 07016.

For additional information, please contact: saint.michael@Verizon.net or (908) 276-9425.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD HIGHLIGHTS 2016 ACTIVITIES

This past December, the Cranford Historic Preservation Advisory Board (HPAB) completed an inventory of historical resources in Cranford, a 980-page report with descriptions, maps and supporting materials detailing many of the

significant buildings and other assets throughout town. This is the first phase of a planned comprehensive survey, and it includes resources identified in studies done by various government and private organizations over the years. "Phase I Cranford Historic Resources Survey: Review of Existing Documentation, Baseline Inventory, and Survey Updates" includes an overview of Cranford's history and development, a comprehensive review of existing cultural resources surveys, National Register listings and other documentation, current status updates for existing resources, and recommendations for future survey activity.

HPAB member Kinney Clark, who compiled the inventory, noted that it follows the US Department of Interior guidelines and provides a valuable document for use by the Township. He stated that while HPAB has been working on a variety of identification and designation efforts over the last several years, this comprehensive approach to assessing historic resources in Cranford will help develop an objective basis for decision-making and help establish a community vision for how best to incorporate historic resources into the development of Cranford. He also said that a comprehensive historic resources document can also support design guidelines and style guides.

Highlights of the Inventory were presented to the Township Committee, and copies were distributed to Township officials and committees. The Inventory is available to the public at the Cranford Library and at the Administrator's Office in the Municipal Building.

The Inventory was one of HPAB's many accomplishments in 2016, furthering its mission of aiding in the preservation of Cranford's architectural heritage through documentation of significant structures, education of the public as to the value of preservation, and advice to the Township on laws and activities impacting preservation. HPAB is a Township Committee established by an Ordinance in 1993.

HPAB also provided comments on Cranford's historic resources for the Rahway River Flood Risk Management Project to the Army Corps of

Engineers and to the State of NJ, and also met with a State representative about flood elevation guidelines. HPAB also commented to the Township Committee on various topics, especially the Master Plan and the demolition of the Trolley Building.

HPAB's "Cranford's History and Architecture – A Journey Through Time" DVD continues to be available in several stores in downtown Cranford and online on the HPAB website, www.preservcranford.com, for \$15. Copies of the DVD were donated to the Library and almost 100 people attended a free showing of the "History" at the Community Center in May. HPAB's map of Cranford that is color-coded with the years houses were built continues to be popular and is available downtown and on the HPAB website.

On November 2, HPAB was honored by the Chamber of Commerce with their Pride in Cranford Award. HPAB was cited for "commitment to safeguarding treasures of the past for the benefit of future generations", particularly in saving the Flint Faience fireplace from the Roosevelt School, producing the "History" DVD, sponsoring an Ordinance to establish a procedure to designate historic sites and districts, and designating the Crane-Phillips House and the Droscher's Mill as Cranford Historical Sites.

For more information about Cranford history and HPAB activities, visit HPAB's website (www.preservcranford.com) and HPAB's Facebook page.

Members of HPAB for 2016 were Vic Bary, Kinney Clark, Bill King, Michael Mason, Maureen McDougall, Pria McNeil (student member), Ron Meeks, Teresa Montani, Julie Murphy, Nancy Price, Stephen Price, Loretta Smith, and Maureen Strazdon (chair). Carolyn Youngs, a long-time, valued member of the Board, has moved out of the area and so resigned in August. Patrick Giblin served as Township Committee Liaison.

HPAB meets every month on the fourth Thursday at the Community Center. All are invited to attend.

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Come to the next rehearsal at Orange Avenue School gym on any Tuesday or Thursday in March at 5:30pm. For more information send email to: shiningstarsofcranford@gmail.com.

BIKE COLLECTION SCHEDULED APRIL 1

The Cranford High School Interact Club, Orange Avenue School and Hillside Avenue School Earlyact Clubs along with the Cranford Rotary will be collecting bicycles on Saturday, April 1st at Hillside Avenue School in Cranford from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The bikes can be in any condition and any size. They will be restored by members of the Salvation Army and distributed to Union County residents. If you have any questions contact Sue Ulaky ulaky@cranfordschools.org.

REGISTRATION AT REC & PARKS IS ONLINE

The Cranford Recreation & Parks Department is pleased to announce that effective Spring 2017, all class registrations must be done online through Community Pass. To create an online Community Pass account or to reset user names/passwords for existing accounts, please visit register.communitypass.net/cranford.

For additional information or questions, please contact the Cranford Recreation & Parks Dept. at (908) 709-7283.

BOOK SALE SET FOR MARCH 8, 9, 10 & 11

Looking for some good reading at bargain prices? The Friends of the Cranford Public Library invite you to visit their used book sale in the Friendly Book Cellar at the Cranford Public Library, Wednesday, March 8, 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, March 9 and 10, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, March 11, 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Items for sale include more than 10,000 adult and children's books, as well as CDs, DVDs, and recorded books. Prices range from \$.25 to \$2.00, except for a few specially marked items. Saturday is Bag Day; fill a bag with books for just \$8.00.

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REGISTRATION FOR SPRING PROGRAMS

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department is pleased to announce that registration for our Spring 2017 programs will start Monday, March 6th. All class registrations must be done online through Community Pass and are for Cranford residents only. Details of classes are found in the brochure, which was mailed to all Cranford residents, as well as on the website cranford.com/rec. You may also find new classes not found in brochure on the Recreation & Park Department's Facebook page at facebook.com/CranfordRecreationAndParks.

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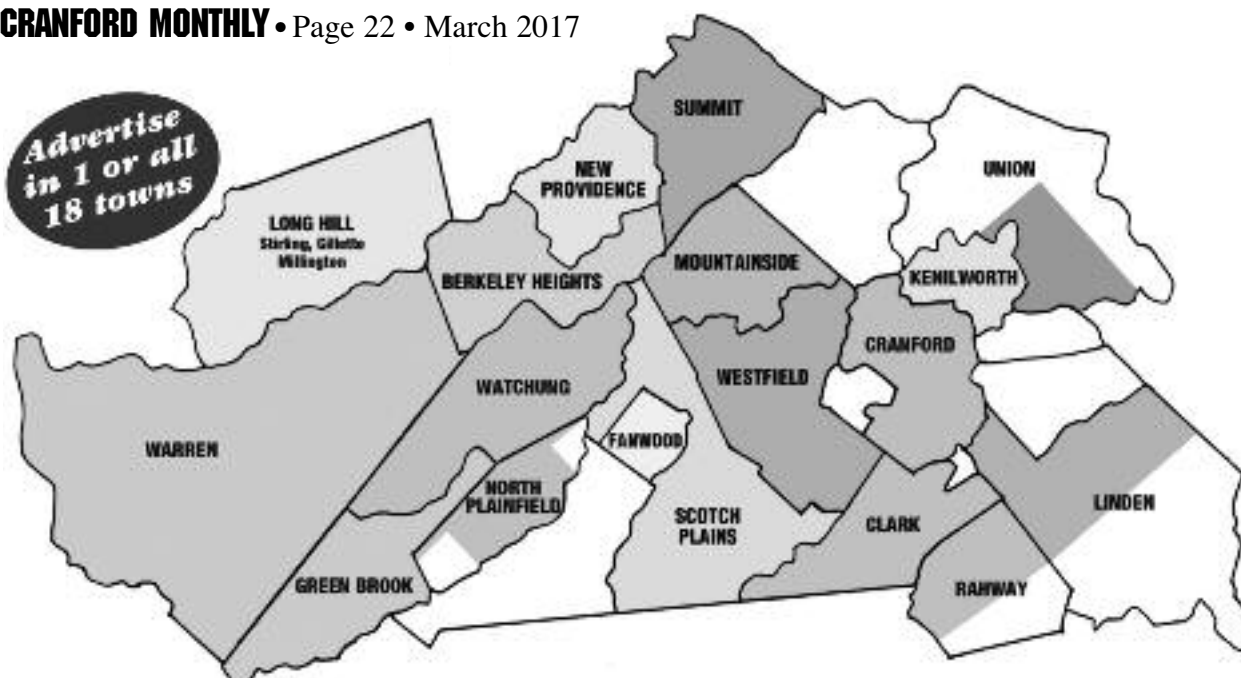
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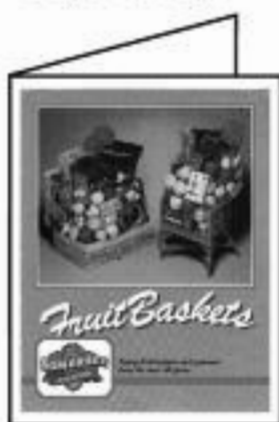
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