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NATIONAL AWARD PRESENTED TO FLAGPOLE COMMITTEE

Cranford's World War I Town Flagpole was the center of attention Saturday, March 11 at a program hosted by the Crane's Ford Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) who presented the organization's National DAR Historic Preservation Recognition National Award to "The Cranford WWI Town Flagpole Restoration Committee." The ceremony also highlighted the 100th Anniversary of America's entry into WWI on April 6, 1917 and Cranford residents' contributions and participation in "The Great War" as it was called. The National DAR Award is designed "to recognize worthy local individuals and groups for outstanding achievement in all areas of historic preservation. The recipients are expected to have contributed to their community in an outstanding volunteer manner."

In the ceremony at the Cranford Township Municipal Building, award recipients in the "Cranford WWI Town Flagpole Restoration Committee of 2008" included: Paul LaCorte, chairman; Martha Garcia, Township Commissioner; Rich Brightman, Cranford Knights of Columbus; Rosanne Barone, Cranford Historic Preservation Advisory Board; Frank D'Antonio, VFW Post 335 Men's Auxilary; James D'Arcy, VFW Post 335; Barbara Krause, Crane's Ford DAR; Rita LaBrutto, Resident; Mark Mayer, Cranford Jaycees; Jean Pascarella, owner of Dovetails; Joni Valerio, Cranford Junior Women's Club.

The volunteer committee was formed through resolution of the 2008 Township Committee by former Mayor Robert Puhak. It was tasked with raising funds estimated at \$50,000 to restore and reinstall the flagpole in its original location at

Postoffice Plaza. The flagpole was designed to replicate U.S. Navy ship masts of the era and had been dedicated on April 6, 1918 to honor the 320 Cranford residents who served in active military duty during WWI, 15 of those making the supreme sacrifice, some at sea. It also marked the successful completion of Cranford's Liberty Loan Drive raising three times their quota to support the war effort, the most in Union County.

The 65 foot flagpole was removed in 2003 from Postoffice Plaza to make way for renovations there. The appearance and removal of the aging pole became a subject of town controversy for disregarding the pole's historical significance. The Restoration Committee was initially advised the flagpole was beyond repair but within five months the committee raised the required funds from local businesses and families and had arranged for contractors to restore and reinstall the historical flagpole. The Committee proudly arranged for rededication on November 8, 2008.

Guest speakers included former Mayor Robert Puhak 2008; Martha Garcia, Township Commissioner liaison 2008; Paul LaCorte; Tom Connolly, Cranford Historic Preservation Advisory Board; Christine Glazer, Cranford Historical Society, who quoted WWI letters and stories telling of the impact of the war on local families. Crane's Ford DAR Historian Barbara Krause initiated the award nomination submitted to the National DAR with necessary researched historical documentation and also served as program chairperson. Chapter Regent Mary Leonard assisted in the preparation and presentation of the program.



(above l-r) Crane's Ford DAR Regent Mary Leonard; Cranford WWI Town Flagpole Restoration Committee: Jean Pascarella, Rita LaBrutto, Frank D'Antonio, Martha Garcia, Rosanne Barone, Paul LaCorte, and Barbara Krause.

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On March 13, 2017 at 2229hrs., Cranford Police Department Communications Officer Kyle McCartney received a 911 Call from a Hillcrest Avenue man stating his wife was in labor. Officer Gregory Federici was the first to arrive on scene, and determined that Gina Petrillo-Medler's water had broken. With the assistance of Gina's husband, Kase Medler, and Officers Ryan Gerrity and Brian Trotter, Officer Federici was able to

successfully deliver a 7 pound 13 ounce baby boy, Kasey Thomas Medler at 2238hrs.

The mother and baby were transported to an area hospital for evaluation, and are in good health.

Chief James Wozniak stated, "These types of calls are not a common occurrence, but the Officer's training and instincts kicked in, making for a successful outcome."



(above l-r) Kase Medler, Communication Officer Kyle McCartney, Officer Brian Trotter, Baby Kasey Thomas Medler, Gina Petrillo-Medler, Officer Gregory Federici, Emma Medler (Big Sister), Officer Ryan Gerrity

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CRANFORD FIREFIGHTERS COMPETE AT COOKED AND UNCORKED FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL

On Monday, February 27, 2017, Cranford firefighters joined together with firefighters from around New Jersey to compete in The Ultimate Fire Department Cook-off, part of the Cooked and Uncorked Food and Wine Festival. The event, sponsored by Allied Beverage Group, ShopRite, Bayonne Community Bank, and Autoland, benefited the New Jersey State Firefighter's Mutual Benevolent Association and The Burn Center at Saint Barnabas Medical Center.

The Fire Department Cook-off is part of a culinary extravaganza where participants were able to experience the tastes and flavors of more than 40 of New Jersey's finest restaurants, caterers and dessert shops all in one location. This event, held at The Pines Manor in Edison, NJ, drew more than 900 people from across New Jersey. The Cooked and Uncorked event has provided The Burn Center at Saint Barnabas Medical Center with over \$139,042 in the past 6 years.



(above) Cranford Fire Department team: Chef Mike Jediny, Chef John Dillon, Chef Tom Hennen, Chef Matt Steitz.

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Cranford NJ - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether. In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

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CRANFORD HIGH COMPETITION CHEERLEADING TEAM WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!

Cranford High School's Competition Cheerleading Team won the State Championship in Trenton, NJ on March 5, 2017, under the guidance of Coach Theresa Pallitto. The event was sponsored by NJCDCA (New Jersey Cheer and Dance Coaches Association). During the season the team worked 6 hours a day, with 3

hours after school every day (3-6pm) and immediately afterwards from 6-8 or 9pm at Diamond Gymnastics. On week-ends, they would have competitive meets—winning them all, leading up to winning the States. Congratulations to the outstanding Coach and the CHS Competition Cheer Team! Go Cougars!



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At its second annual Trivia Night on February 25, the Cranford Fund for Educational Excellence (CFEE) raised more than \$20,000 to support innovative approaches to learning in the Cranford public schools.

The CFEE awards grants to teachers who want to bring advanced resources into their classrooms to inspire and engage students in new ways. Last year, the organization awarded more than \$16,000 in grants directly to teachers for 8 initiatives that benefit children at all levels—from kindergarten through high school—across a range of subjects, from the sciences to literacy to music and art.

The event was held at the Cranford Community Center. Approximately 30 teams of roughly 10 people apiece competed to answer questions about sports, history, science, social studies, and other topics. The 2017 Champions are the Cranford Newcomers Club #1, captained by Abbie and Chris Signore. The 2017 Team Spirit Award went to Nibbles and Bytes, captained by Jennifer & Robert Wukovits.

Speakers included one of this year's grant recipients, Colleen McDonald, Music Teacher at Bloomingdale Avenue School and Livingston Avenue School. Colleen was awarded a CFEE grant for fourth- and fifth-graders to learn instrumental performance on the ukulele, a user-friendly instrument that's well suited to developing a love of music making. Ms.

McDonald shared video clips of the students sharing their love for the course and demonstrating their newfound skills. Ms. McDonald discussed the long-term impact of the CFEE grant saying, "If it inspires a few students here and there to get their own ukulele and practice it on their own, that is really exciting to me. I feel very lucky to have these instruments, and we're very grateful to CFEE."

To view photos from the event, apply for a grant, and learn about the Cranford Fund for Educational Excellence and the impact of its grants, visit www.cranfordfund.org.



*(above) Team #teamherning showed their
community spirit, wearing
"Straight Outta Cranford" tees.*

IN A DIVORCE, WHO GETS CUSTODY OF THE PETS?

By: James McGlew II, Esq.

One of the issues which arises with ever-increasing frequency in divorce cases is who gets "custody" of the pets. A 2015-2016 survey conducted by the American Pet Products Association estimates that 65% of all U.S. households have at least one pet. Combining this with the constant reporting that 50% of all marriages end in divorce ensures that there will be ongoing contentious discussions as to who will be awarded the parties' pets.

Several weeks ago, Alaska modified its divorce statutes to make it the first state in the country to obligate judges to take "into consideration the well-being of the animal" and to explicitly empower judges to order joint custody of pets.

The "Dogington Post" (yes that's right) has reported proposed language one animal rights group suggests be used by Courts in awarding "custody" or possession of dogs in divorce matters. "In determining who should be awarded custody, the court may want to consider which party has paid attention to the animal's basic daily needs (food, shelter, physical care, exercise, grooming, flea control); who takes the animal to the veterinarian; who provides for social interactions (in the case of dogs) with other dogs and/or with people; who maintains appropriate supervision to assure that state and local regulations are complied with (licensing, not allowing the dog to run free and protecting against circumstances that would endanger her life or health); and who has the greatest ability to financially support the animal."

Generally without exception pets are legally considered

personal property and, in New Jersey, are awarded to one of the parties in the event of a divorce. However, as with other types of property, pets can be considered pre-marital property and be awarded to the spouse who owned the pet prior to the marriage. I have seen an increase in the number of individuals who insist on pets being covered in their prenuptial agreement to ensure that the pet remains their possession regardless of a future divorce. Spouses are now also including provisions in post-nuptial agreements as to the future "custody" of their beloved pets.

Over the years parties have adopted a more reasonable approach to pets, post-divorce. The former spouses have used a "time-sharing" agreement with respect to their marital pets and have used mediation to get the mutually desired schedule. If one of the parties violates such an agreement, Courts have enforced the agreements and sanctioned the spouse who violates the agreement.

As with many other 21st century issues in divorce the determination of who will be awarded possession or "custody" of the parties' pets in a divorce is evolving. At Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper we provide comprehensive legal advice to individuals who are planning to divorce or who 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. Call today to schedule a consultation with James McGlew at (908) 233-6800.

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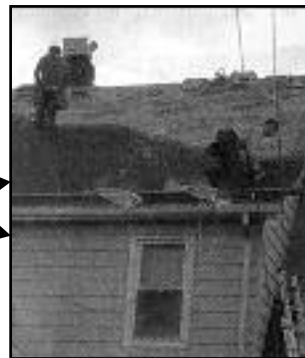


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COLLEGE WOMEN'S CLUB OF CRANFORD UPCOMING EVENTS

The College Women's Club of Cranford will be holding its annual Garage Sale on Saturday, April 29 at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue, in Cranford from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The proceeds from the Garage Sale will benefit the Club's scholarship fund. In 2016, the College Women's Club awarded more than \$10,000 in scholarships to Cranford Seniors. It is one of several fundraisers held during the year by the club.

On Monday, April 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Kilkenny House will donate 10 percent of the proceeds for the day to the College Women's Club Scholarship Fund.

Any Cranford women with a degree from a four year college or university are invited to become members of the club. The meetings feature guest speakers and are held on the second Monday of the month: April 7 and May 5 at the First Presbyterian Church on Springfield Avenue in Cranford at 7 p.m.



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Submitted by Cranford VFW Post 335

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All are welcomed to attend this free event. The following award recipients as well as our Patriot Pen VFW Essay winners and Scout of the Year will be recognized.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR: CAPTAIN GUY PATTERSON

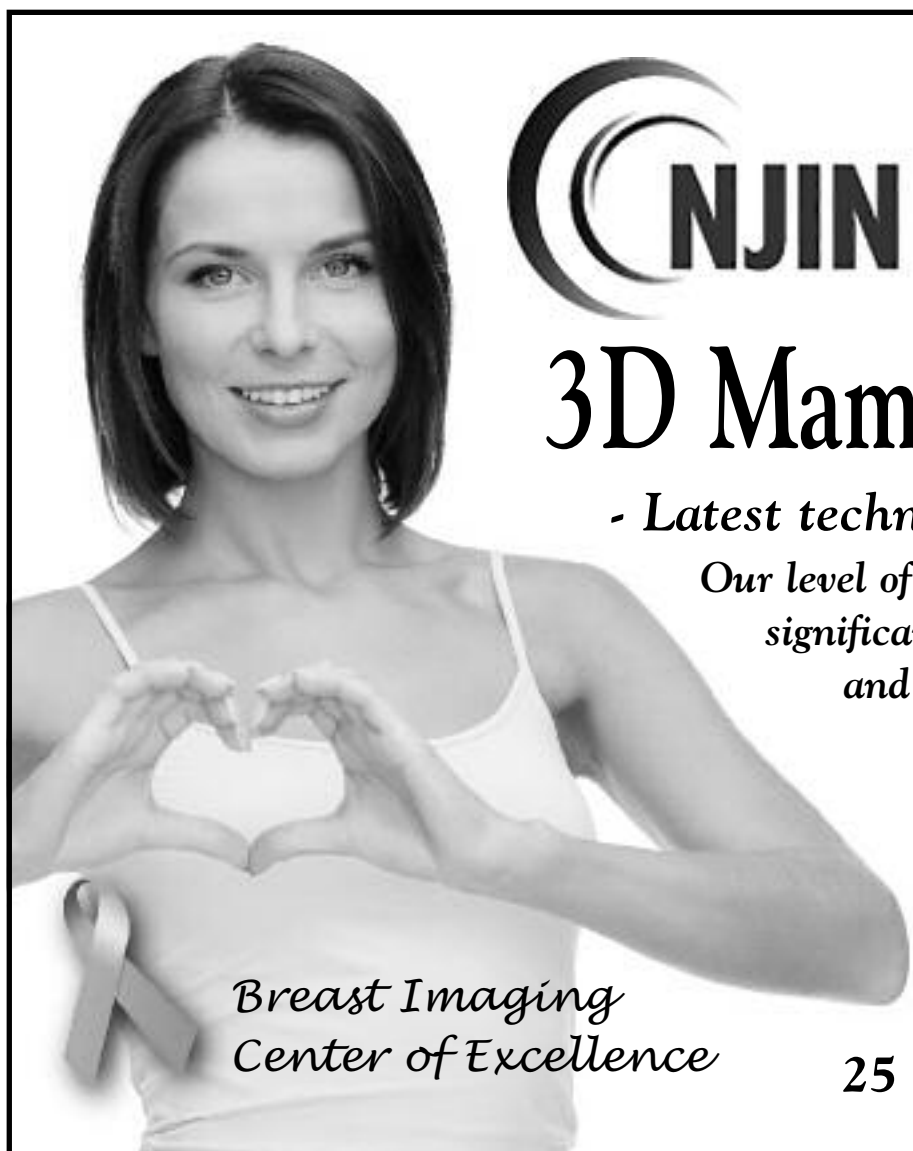
This award is based on the core values that Captain Patterson brings to Cranford and community policing. Many of these Values are key values that the Veteran of Foreign Wars were founded upon. "It is always great to recognize a member of our community who truly believes in what they do in making Cranford a GREAT place to live" Post Commander Jay Boxwell commented.


FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR: LIEUTENANT RON MAROTTA

Lt Marotta has been motivated to serve his community from a very young age. He comes from a family that was extremely involved in community service. He aspires to make the Township of Cranford the best place to live in the world! He is also motivated to ensure the young members of our fire department are trained to the highest level. He does this to ensure the department members have the knowledge to be successful and safe firefighters.

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR: PAUL MALONEY

From a VFW perspective, Mr. Maloney's marvelous teaching attributes have been exposed during our annual Veterans Breakfast. For more than two decades, Mr. Maloney has brought a talented bevy of students before the 80 or more veterans in attendance at this annual event. At the breakfast each student reads a short speech on a veteran related topic that was assigned by Mr. Maloney. The topics are all relevant and give the students the opportunity to reflect on a personal level, on what and who veterans are and what they mean to our country. Over the years the students have become the overwhelming highlight of the morning event. They invariably get the longest standing ovation of all our speakers, from our crowd of veterans. It is no doubt they deserve such praise. However the real honor, the real praise belongs to the one who brought them to the dais. The students are filled with the confidence, knowledge and understanding and of what veterans and patriotism are and they show the abilities to express these issues successfully. Past Post Commander Jim D'Arcy commented "It is my great honor to see Mr. Paul Maloney nominated as the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year. His qualifications, I believe, are irreproachable."





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This event will take place on Saturday, April 29th between 10am-2pm. The collection location will be at the Cranford Municipal Building located at 8 Springfield Avenue, Ground Level just outside the Juvenile Bureau.

The initiative, open to all residents, was organized in an effort to allow for a safe environmentally friendly way to properly dispose of unused, unwanted, or expired medications. A Police Officer will be on hand to accept medications (both prescription and over the counter) for disposal. No identification is required to participate in this event, and disposal is completely anonymous and voluntary.

As part of the event, participants are reminded of the following:

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According to the Drug Enforcement Administration, since September 2010; cumulatively, these events have collected 5,525,021 pounds of prescription narcotics. During the April 2016 event, New Jersey Law Enforcement Agencies collected 17,785 pounds of medications.

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CRANFORD V.I.A. ANNOUNCES MEETINGS AND THE ANNUAL SPRING FLING

The Cranford Village Improvement Association (VIA) has been existence since 1896. The organization meets the second Tuesday of every month from September to June at the Gran Centurions at 1440 Madison Hill Road, Clark. The luncheon starts at 12 noon. All are welcomed, please call for a reservation --Jackie Ellis, 908-272-5866.

The V.I.A, was organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes. We have several topics that members can participate in, such as: arts/creative, music, bridge, international affairs, literature, public affairs, publicity, and our Spring luncheon.

Every year the organization sponsors one or

two students who are pursuing a career in nursing. The organization makes donations yearly to the Cranford Public Library, Cranford Family Care, The Cranford Historical Society, The Cranford First Aid Squad and the Cranford-Elmora Soup Kitchen.

The Annual Spring Fling will take place on April 25, 2017 at 12 noon at the Echo Lake Country Club, Springfield Avenue, Westfield. The price is \$38.00. Please call Jackie Ellis for a reservation: 908-272-5866. This is a fundraiser for our annual nursing scholarship.

BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

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pancakes, choice of bacon or sausage and coffee or hot chocolate for you (\$7.00), your child (\$4.00) or your family (\$20.00), then you need to be at the Cranford United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 8 from 7:30am to 11:00am. Tickets are available from a Troop 75 Scout or at the door (with no extra charge). For more information, please contact Dennis Brown at 908-347-8682 or dcjb5519@verizon.net.

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There is a great likelihood that they will be attending this Alumni event sponsored by Patriots' Path Council.

If you want to recapture all those great memories from "back in the day when..." be at the Garden Restaurant on Wednesday, April 19 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm by registering at:

ppbsa.doubleknot.com/event/2045647 before Monday, April 17.

Program will include presentations on 2017 Alumni events, such as the Alumni National Jamboree and an Alumni trip, recognition of Veteran Scouters and Silver Beaver Award recipients and a Collector's Patch sale.

There is no charge for this Fellowship Dinner, yet there will be door prizes, a drawing for a free spot on the May 20 Alumni trip to Philadelphia and a great Patriots' Path Council Alumni Shoulder Patch for all attendees.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN OF CRANFORD'S MISSION TRIP TO NICARAGUA

Submitted by: Skip Winter

On Sunday evening January 15, eight tired, but smiling members of the First Presbyterian Church's Mission Team to Nicaragua debarked from a United Airlines Flight at Newark Airport. The journey, which began on Saturday, January 7 was definitely a successful and eye opening experience for all participants.

Jeff and Carol Berns, Mark Cassidy, Lynne Fitzpatrick, Phyllis Dunlop, Jim Vanderhoff, Kelli Bruno and Skip Winter experienced all facets of life in Nicaragua, from visiting agricultural villages without clean and available drinking water, and which had waited 20 years for electricity, to INHIJAMBIA, a facility in Managua for abandoned children, to a new surgical facility operated by one of the best spine surgeons in Nicaragua.

The journey began in Esteli, a northern Nicaragua community which had suffered many casualties in the Sandinista Revolution in the 1980's. The group visited and met with representatives from FEDICAMP, an agricultural community that desperately needs clean and

available drinking water and had just received electricity after waiting for over 20 years. The initial plans had been to begin construction on a water project to provide drinking water for families and schools in a rural community. Upon arrival the team found out that the government had agreed to fund that particular project this year. The efforts were not in vain, as the mission team was able to begin to develop another water project in a neighboring community with the assistance of a local Rotary Club.

Moving on, the team traveled south to the capital city of Managua to visit INHIJAMBIA, a facility that works with street kids, many who are drug addicted and live on the streets in groups and fight for survival every day. Staying in Masaya, the mission team visited the construction site of the new home for AXAZYACATL, a facility to assist women who suffer from domestic abuse and domestic violence. The Last year's Mission Team had initiated the construction and they were pleased to see that the new home is about sixty per cent completed.

The journey was concluded when the team

spent a few days in Granada, a Nicaraguan city rich in culture, art and history. They visited two of the schools where previous mission trips had done work and helped plant some newly acquired trees.

Perhaps the most important parts of the trip were not only to learn about the rich cultural history and political turmoil of Nicaragua, but as a group, to work and travel together as a community of twelve to work hard, learn a great deal, and have a good time doing it. A highlight of the trip was to have Kelli Bruno perform on stage in a restaurant in Masaya with her new handmade Nicaraguan guitar.

Through the effort and inspiration of Lynne Fitzpatrick, owner of the Guillotine Salon and Spa in Westfield, plans are already underway to fund barber and beauty school training at AXAZYACATL and INHIJAMBIA.

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To prepare for a sale, the Friends sort the donated books and shelve them in categories such as fiction, non-fiction, mystery, science, gardening etc. Some categories like poetry and classics are also alphabetized. Children's books occupy a separate section and are shelved in categories. Parents really appreciate the ability to quickly find a biography or a graded reader without having to pore through a stack of unorganized books.

Books that are damaged or out of date cannot be sold, but those that are sturdy or have only minor damage can still be used. Some are placed on the library's "free" cart and others are distributed by the Friends to places like Elder Care or the Cranford Railroad Station. The rest are put into boxes. These will be given to

churches, hospitals, schools and charities which contact the Friends with special needs. The Friends are always glad to lend a helping hand and make every effort to fill all requests. After the 2013 hurricane, they prepared many boxes of books for Books for the Bayou and the Jersey Shore. Other groups that have been helped include St. Peter's University Hospital (ongoing), Books for Ghana, the Art and Library Program of the Arc of Union County, Zambia, South Africa and Schools in the Philippines.

Recently, Barbara Ugenti, the Director of Book Sales for the Friends went to the Friendly Book Cellar to give several boxes of books to volunteers from Books for Taiwan. This organization collects and distributes donated books to Taiwanese libraries, schools where children are learning English, culinary schools where future chefs are learning western cuisine and wherever a need for English books exists. The books are collected from libraries throughout New Jersey, stored in a Fairfield warehouse and then packed and shipped to Taiwan. Since 2004, Books for Taiwan has shipped more than 300,000 books. The Friends are happy to have been able to help this worthy group.

The Cranford Public Library welcomes book donations. People wishing to donate books may bring them to the main desk during regular library hours.



(above l-r) Lu, Wen Sen (Ph.d student, Rutgers), Chen, Sen Wen (graduate student, Rutgers), Barbara Ugenti (Friends' Director of Book Sales), Tsai, Liju (Books for Taiwan).



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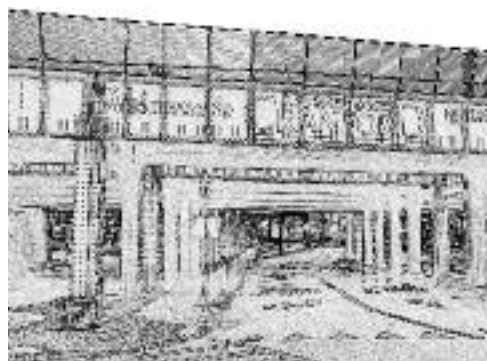
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Three Cranford High School students performed in the NJ All-State Treble Chorus on Saturday, February 25 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.



(above l-r) Rose Michetti, grade 10, Kelly McMahon, and Laura Salway, both grade 11 grade. The singers performed under the direction of Canadian composer Eleanor Daley. This school year, at total of eleven Cranford High School students were selected for and participated in the NJ All-State Choruses. The students were sponsored by Anthony Rafaniello, Director of Choral Activities at Cranford High School.



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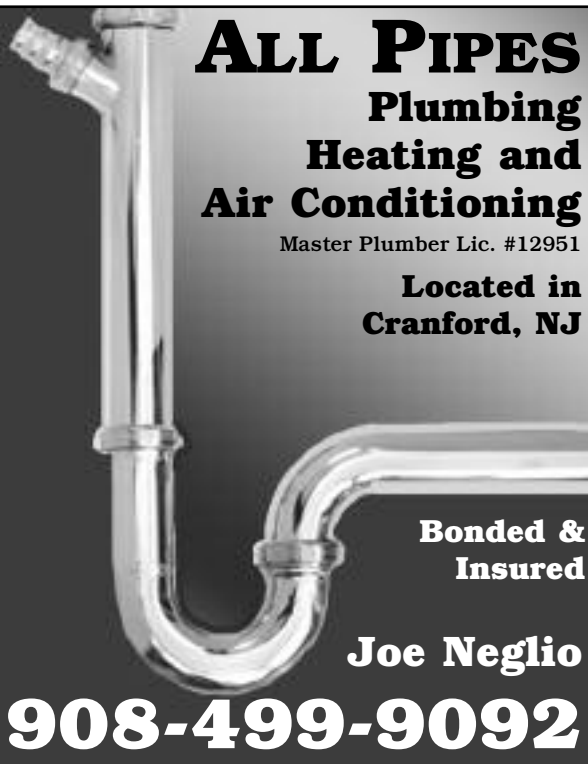
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(above, l-r) Joey Hehl and Mary Clare King



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HOOPLA DIGITAL ADDED TO ARRAY OF ONLINE RESOURCES

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To register for hoopla digital for free with your Cranford Library card, use your mobile device to download the hoopla digital app from the Apple or Google Play store. If you are using a computer, visit <https://www.hoopladigital.com/home>. Hoopla can also be accessed by going to cranfordlibrary.org and clicking on the Online Resources tab. To register, you will need your library card number and PIN (Personal Identification Number). In order to use hoopla, you must be a patron in good standing—i.e., no outstanding fines or fees, no overdue materials, and a valid, unexpired Cranford Library card.



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process. She will also discuss how to make compost tea and how to use the finished product, a gardener's "black gold."

The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Ave. in Cranford. The program is free and open to the public. No registration is required, but seating is available on a first-come, first-serve basis, so please arrive early! This presentation is sponsored by the Hanson Park Conservancy and the Cranford Environmental Commission. To learn more, please visit our websites, www.hansonparkconservancy.com and www.mygreencranford.org or like us on Facebook.




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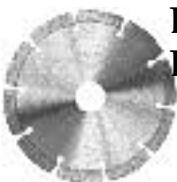


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