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PERCUSSION AND COLOR GUARD CHAMPIONS

Submitted by Nancy Morris

The ALJ High School Indoor Percussion and Color Guard went to Jackson Liberty High School to compete in the Tournament Indoor Association Region Championships held on Sunday, April 30th. ALJ placed 1st becoming Region Champions.

The ALJ Indoor Percussion and Color Guard has 6 graduating seniors. These seniors have become great role models for all of the underclassmen at ALJ. They all have big plans in their future and will definitely be missed at ALJ. Emma Czeh - Seton Hall University; Mackenzie Nielsen - Rutgers University; Kaitlyn Diaz - Ramapo College; Jenna Grandal - Ramapo College; Amber Saccardi - Montclair State University; Alycia Arboleda - Saint Peter's University

Moving Forward the ALJ Music Department has great things on the horizon, the ALJ Marching Band is starting up and will be hosting

a Tournament of Bands competition in September at ALJ.

If you have any questions about joining the ALJ Marching Band reach out to Mr. Andrew Calo at acalo@clarkschools.org.



(above) Graduating Seniors: Emma Czeh, Mackenzie Nielsen, Kaitlyn Diaz, Jenna Grandal, Amber Saccardi, and Alycia Arboleda

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(above) The ALJ High School Indoor Percussion and Color Guard

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Clark UNICO recently held the Brian Piccolo Brunch at the Gran Centurions. Over one hundred people were in attendance.

School. Each recipient received a \$1000 scholarship.

Clark honored Maria Dante and Dylan Perrotto, seniors from Arthur L Johnson High

All in attendance were given a delicious brunch and our guest speaker was Johanna Wright, renowned coach.



(above) ALJ Coaches and Unicans Anthony Delconte, Chris DiNucci, Recipients Maria Dante and Dylan Perrotto, Pres. Joe Arancio, VP Ralph Bernardo and Treasurer Henry Trani.

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39 King St.

56 Lexington Blvd.

13 Blake Dr.

213 East Lane

1168 Lake Ave., Unit 4

45 Wendell Pl.

501 Oak Ridge Rd.

309 Oak Ridge Rd.

29 Conger Way

13 Florence Dr.

303 West Ln.

1 Rose Ter.

187 Liberty St.

11 Harding Ave.

40 John St.

77 John St.

17 Hillside Ave.

11 Avon Rd.

81 New York Ave.

42 Kenneth Pl.

1 Kathryn St.

29 Hillside Ave.

9 Shetland Dr.

12 Yorktown Dr.

84 Wheatsheaf Rd.

12 Ascot Way

301 West Lane

1119 Maurice Ave.

1 Longfellow Lane

8 Wendell Place

13 Blake Dr.

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7 Blake Dr.

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110 Sweet Briar Dr.

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330 West Lane

139 Jupiter St.

458 Oak Ridge Rd.

307 West lane

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UNDER CONTRACT

160 Riverside Dr.

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TOTAL NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS = 191, 131 ARE IN CLARK

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED BY ALA

Submitted by Judy Doran

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 328 of Clark is celebrating its 75th year of service.

According to nj.gov/services, New Jersey had 360,415 veterans as of 2019. 5.4% of them live below the poverty level. The median income for NJ veterans in January, 2023 was \$41,881.

According to veteransdata.info, New Jersey is home to 50,175 disabled veterans.

The American Legion Auxiliary's mission is to help all veterans and their families. Unit 328 of the Clark American Legion Auxiliary is one of the most active in Union County. Some of the activities Unit 328 does serves veterans directly, and other activities aid the community.

WHAT EXACTLY DO WE DO?

At all times the Auxiliary helps the American Legion Post 328 with any project, activity, or issue where we can offer assistance.

Currently the Clark Auxiliary is collecting clothes, new and slightly used, for a veteran's homeless shelter and a women's shelter which houses women and children. Donations can be dropped off at the American Legion Post 328, 78 Westfield Avenue, Clark.

A food drive is ongoing to service several food pantry and community kitchens in the Clark area. Non-perishable items can be delivered to the American Legion Post 328 at 78 Westfield Avenue, Clark.

Gift cards for baby items have been purchased for women veterans who are expecting. A "baby shower" is being held in June.

A \$200 donation was given to the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home in Menlo Park for recreational activities for home residents.

Unit 328 is collecting small, new gift items to give to the Menlo Pak Veterans Home Gift store where residents can pick items, at no charge, to give to family members for holidays or birthdays, etc.

Coffee and cake were delivered this spring to

the Women Veterans housed at the Lyons VA Medical Center in Bernards Township, NJ.

Previously, the Clark Auxiliary has visited the women veterans to host a pizza and dessert evening of crafts. But since the Covid pandemic, no visitors have been allowed.

Every June Unit 328 sends two High School junior girls to Girls State. Girls State is a week-long educational seminar held at Georgian Court University in Lakewood. The girls learn how the local, county, state and federal government work. They create, run, and elect representatives to jobs held by politicians on all levels. This year Emilie Wagman of Union Catholic High School and Layla Soto from Linden High School will attend from June 18 to 22nd.

Every September the Clark Auxiliary prepares backpacks for local students filled with school supplies. These are distributed by local Boards of Education to needy students. One of our guiding principals is education of our youth.

Unit 328 undertakes many fundraising activities throughout the year to finance our efforts: breakfast on Sunday morning during the winter, raffles, our annual spaghetti dinner, distributing poppies every May for a small donation, annual dues and donations help us to continue helping others. Every dollar raised during our May Poppy Month as per the American Legion Auxiliary National Charter is used for veterans.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 328 of Clark is proud of its years of service and proud of all veterans who have selflessly served in the military. These veterans and their families should be recognized for their sacrifice and dedication to country. 75 years of giving back to our community and our veterans has returned untold memories, thousands of handshakes and hugs, tons of thanks and a great feeling of accomplishment for the members of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 328.



(above) Florence Roberts of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 328 of Clark celebrating ALA 75 years of service.



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(above) ALJ Salutatorian Samantha Domenick and ALJ Valedictorian Brian Morris

ALJ NAMES VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Clark Public Schools

Arthur L. Johnson High School is proud to announce the Class of 2023 Valedictorian and Salutatorian. With a cumulative GPA of 4.8058, Brian Morris has earned and been awarded the title of Valedictorian. With a cumulative GPA of 4.7526, Samantha Domenick has earned and been awarded the title of Salutatorian.

Throughout his time at ALJ, Brian has been a standout member of the Marching Band, Jazz Band, and Concert Band. His natural musical abilities allowed him to flourish into a state-recognized flutist; yet, he also plays additional instruments, as well. Brian plans on majoring in Chemical Engineering at Lafayette College in the fall.

Samantha has participated in our schools' concert bands since the fourth grade. Beginning with clarinet, she has expanded to alto, tenor, and soprano saxophone; she is now the Saxophone Section Leader of the ALJ Marching Band. Sam is an AP Scholar with Distinction, a member of several honor societies, and a devout volunteer for our Clark Library for over 5 years. Her love of the STEM field has led her to pursue a major in Packaging Engineering at Rutgers University's School of Engineering.

Superintendent Edward Grande stated, "Brian and Samantha are most deserving of this special recognition. Their academic successes are sure to be a springboard for much future success. We are beyond proud of them."



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(above) ALJ Salutatorian Samantha Domenick and family



(above) ALJ Valedictorian Brian Morris and family



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HATS ON FOR THE CVES

Submitted by Susan Alacchi

Valley Road School recently held its annual "Hats On for the CVES". Mrs. Lorraine Haney, a teacher at Valley Road School, has spearheaded this event for over ten years. Proceeds from the event were donated to on the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad (CVES). Ms. Haney's daughter, Erin formerly served on CVES and still serves as an EMT in the corporate world.

Students were invited to wear a hat and make a contribution in support of CVES. "This fundraiser has been very important to me personally, and I am so proud of our VRS students, families, and community for so generously supporting the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad," expressed Mrs. Haney. Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ed Grande, and PTA President, Darlene Alicea, also expressed their pride in seeing the participation by the students.

Mrs. Haney uses the event as a learning opportunity. She explains to the children that hearing sirens shouldn't be frightening. She wants the students to understand that ambulances are rushing to help people so they shouldn't feel panicked when they hear sirens.

Helping Mrs. Haney this year were first graders, Joseph Merlo and Charlotte Dinnocenzio, from Ms. Cozzi's class. Charlotte is new to Valley Road School and wants to be a doctor. Joe enjoys video games and want to be a soccer player when he grows up.

Donations are gratefully accepted by sending a check to The Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad at 875 Raritan Road, Clark, New Jersey 07066. Anyone with questions or interested in joining the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad is invited to contact the Corresponding Secretary at salacchi@hotmail.com for an application.



(above, l-r) Susan Alacchi from the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, Darlene Alicea, PTA President; Joseph Merlo and Charlotte Dinnocenzio from Ms. Cozzi's first grade class; Edward Grande Superintendent of Clark Schools; and Lorraine Haney Valley Road School teacher. "Hats On for the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad" fundraiser.

Photo by Clark Public Schools

STUDENTS SHOW SUPPORT FOR CLARK EMERGENCY SQUAD

Clark Public Schools

Valley Road School continued their annual fundraiser to support the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad. The students were invited to contribute \$1 (or any amount) to wear a hat for the day in support of our squad. This fundraiser has been an ongoing endeavor which teacher Lorraine Haney has organized for over ten years. "This fundraiser has been very important to me personally, and I am so proud of our VRS

students, families, and community for so generously supporting the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad," expressed Mrs. Haney. She explained that she wants the students to understand that the ambulances they hear are there to help people, since often times children feel panicked when they hear sirens. Valley Road School PTA President, Mrs. Darlene Alicea, has also been very supportive of our "Hats On for the CVES" fundraiser.

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The girls took on Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's Junior Varsity team. Early in the first half, Ava DeMarco scored the first goal in the history of the program off of an 8-meter shot. The defense caused multiple turnovers to transition the ball to the offensive end where the

midfielders and attackers were able to score 7 goals. In addition, the midfielders collected multiple draw controls allowing the offense to control the ball. In goal, Alyssa Szarszewski topped off the defense by making multiple saves to lead the team to a 7-2 victory for their first ever game in program history!

Athletic Director Gus Kalikas had this to say about the event: "Our girls' lacrosse program had a wonderful debut, as they showed

tenacity, camaraderie, and sportsmanship throughout the day in their first ever game. The team's popularity is evident by the 50+ girls that are on it, and it was wonderful to see their hard work pay off with a victory. Our school and community are extremely excited and proud of their efforts, led by the coaching staff of Meghan Santina and Jamie Wronski. The future of Johnson Girls' Lacrosse is extremely bright!"

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The Salem Roadhouse Café presents the Stephen Fuller Quintet, Saturday, June 10, 2023. The doors open at 7:15 p.m., the show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$20 and includes show, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, and dessert. The venue is located in the basement of Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities.

Stephen Fuller's deep rich voice and soulful renditions have long made him a favorite with sophisticated audiences around the world, performing in Israel, Jamaica, Costa Rica and The US Virgin Islands. In addition to his overseas engagements, Fuller has also performed in renowned New York City and New Jersey venues and has opened for both Stevie Wonder and Bill Withers while attending Colgate University.

Stephen will perform at the Roadhouse with his quintet. Last year he did a total calypso show which got the audience totally involved and thrilled. Stephen has always been top notch entertainment. This show he's working on some special treats for us.

As always, the Salem Roadhouse Café is live, intimate, up front, and personal. All ages are welcome.

ABOUT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ

It's not "church music." It's music music. Folks who've come to the Salem Roadhouse Café know that it's a clean, safe place for people who enjoy listening to live music — in a world otherwise filled with clubs and bars. The Roadhouse has always offered its stage to local and independent mainstream musicians. Jazz, rock, folk, and other groups have performed. What's the common thread? They're all great musicians playing the kind of music people like to hear. There's no message, just music.

The Roadhouse started in 2008 by members of Townley Presbyterian Church with a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth. Hey — that's why we're located where we are, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities. That's its social mission.

But the many musicians who've played the Salem Roadhouse Café see it as a solid performance venue. They love it because of its special intimacy and great audiences. They say people here "really listen." Ask any of the musicians you meet here — they love to play the Roadhouse, and they want to come back often.

The Salem Roadhouse Café has raised funds for many carefully chosen charities. They include: The Presbytery of Elizabeth E-port Center, Center For Hope Hospice, Community Food Bank, Monarch Housing, Angel Paws Animal Rescue, National MS Society, Haiti Disaster Relief, Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief, The Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program, Making It Possible To End Homelessness, Camp Johnsonburg, The Music Institute, and others. Many thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.

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- With surgery, there is always a risk for unwelcomed complications. And you could be back to where you started, or worse.
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- Rehabilitation can take years.

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Do you Suffer from any of these Symptoms?

There are a number of reasons why you developed Osteoarthritis pain. It can develop with age or because of heredity. It could be from repetitive stress from a job or some glory days in athletics. Of course your concern is with the symptoms you face daily and how to make them end, hopefully without surgery or the use of potentially addictive medications. **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** understands the symptoms you have been living with and can help. If you have any of the symptoms below, please call us today. Relief is a phone call away.

- **Pain** - Whether it's a sharp aching or maybe a burning sensation, the pain can range from irritating to debilitating.
- **Swelling** - This can cause tenderness and soreness to the entire knee area, making walking or going up and down stairs painful, getting in and out of bed or bathtubs difficult and dangerous just name a few activities affected by swelling.
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- **Loss of muscle strength** - This can lead to balance issues and the strong possibility of falling.
- **Joint deformity** - Not just unsightly, but painful as well.
- **Creaking Joints** - Can be painful and a sign of more discomfort to come.
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Let Me Show You Targeted Relief From Your Knee Pain

Every day, I see patients suffering from knee pain due to arthritis, osteoarthritis, sports injuries or other conditions. Many have been told that they are in need of knee replacement surgery. Other patients say they have been prescribed various prescription medications to deal with the pain.

Something else I see almost every day, are patients that have tried viscosupplementation knee injections elsewhere and found it to be a painful and ineffective experience because the injections were not administered using fluoroscopic guidance. Instead of using the incredibly accurate diagnostic fluoroscopy we use at **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** these patients experienced a blind injection technique, which can be as inaccurate as playing pin the tail on the donkey.

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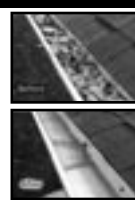


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Congratulations to the ALJ Bowling team on the 2022-2023 season. The team finished fourth in the Mountain Valley Conference and players received honors for their respected achievements. The team is made up of Freshman Antonio Monzon, Freshman Sebastian Peralta, Sophomore Lucas Kristen and Junior Justin Earl. The young team has a lot to look forward to as they continued to grow throughout the season.

Congratulations to Freshman Antonio Monzon on making First Team All Mountain Valley Conference and finishing 9th overall in the Union County Individual Boys Bowling Tournament. Congratulations to Sophomore Lucas Kristen on earning the Best Teammate Award. Congratulations to Junior Justin Earl on making Honorable Mention for the Mountain Valley Conference and earning MVP for the season. Great job this season and good luck next season!

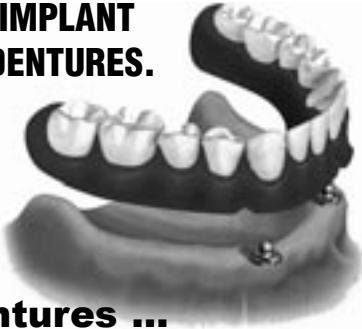


(above) ALJ Bowling Team: Antonio Monzon, Justin Earl, Lucas Kristen and Sebastian Peralta.

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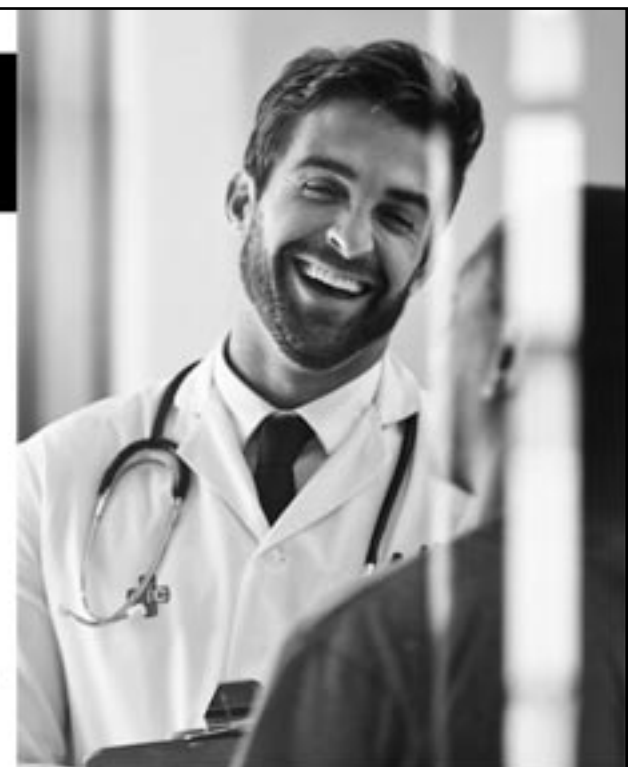
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JOHN SAMSEL NAMED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 'PERSON OF THE YEAR'



(above) John Samsel of Samsel & Associates Real Estate Courtesy photo

John Samsel of Samsel & Associates Real Estate, located on Raritan Road in Clark, was awarded the Greater Westfield Chamber of Commerce (GWACC) 'Person of the Year Award' during its 75th Anniversary Award Gala held on April 30th. The event brought together business leaders, community members, and elected officials to honor the achievements of the Chamber and its members. In all, 180 were there to enjoy the evening.

John Samsel's entrepreneur career started in 1992 as a young 20-year-old owning a landscaping company. He and his friend created advertising flyers "College kids need work" and started handing them out. Within 2 short weeks they obtained over 30+ clients. Samsel and his partner sold their Landscaping business in 1994.

Moving on to his mid-twenties in 1997, he launched Yum Yum's hot dog and Italian ice truck. He and his father custom built the truck from a retired ambulance. With his grandfather, they operated out of Mottano Park in Elizabeth NJ complete with a delivery service. John sold Yum Yum's in 2000.

While working on the hot dog truck in 1999, he and his mom incorporated Metro Cigar & Internet lounge located Iselin NJ near the Metro Park Train Station. This cigar lounge was one of the first internet lounges. Samsel and his mom sold Metro Cigar & Lounge in 2006.

During his time at Metro Cigars in 2001, John also launched a real estate investment/construction company. That is when he and his partners started to invest in properties throughout NJ. It was in 2004 when he received his NJ Real Estate License.

By 2010 Samsel started consulting and building in 6 states for a restaurant franchise. It is during this time that he realized how important franchising is and could be if properly structured.

John continues to work in the real estate and construction industries. At the end of 2017 he opened Samsel & Associates Realty and in less than 2.5 years the office has grown to over 50

agents throughout NJ and continues to grow.

Between 2018 – 2022 John started acquiring and holding commercial & residential properties, building an extensive portfolio in Linden, Clark, Barnegat, and Sarasota, Florida. He is in the process of redeveloping parts of Raritan Road in Clark to create future passive income for himself and his family. John also saw a need for his brother and best friend to have extra income and that is where So Delicious Ice Cream, LLC has been born – coming to a street fair or festival near you in 2023!

A note from John: "Keep in mind with all great success comes great failures and I have had my fair share ranging from \$10,000 to hundreds of thousands of dollars in losses but the thing I have never done is gave up. Persistence beats resistance."



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ST. JOSEPH SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER BREAKS GROUND ON NEW FACILITIES

More than 100 supporters, partners and community leaders gathered at St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth on April 5 to celebrate the start of construction on the agency's new facilities, which will make it possible for the organization to expand and improve services to residents in need in Elizabeth and to achieve its vision of dignity for all. St. Joseph's is one of the largest social service agencies in Elizabeth and Union County, providing residents with food, clothing, household items, prescription assistance, health screenings, mental health counseling, job training and case management.

There are four components to the new facilities plan. The first is to build a food pantry. This new building will give St. Joseph's a dedicated space, a larger space, and a more functional space to operate its food pantry. Perhaps most importantly, the new building will allow the organization to offer a better food pantry model – an individual choice food pantry. With this model, clients will come at an appointed time and will be able to choose their food. The second project is to construct a clothing and household goods distribution center. Clothing and home goods will be displayed in different sections much like one would find in a retail store. The third project is to renovate the former parish hall and church building on campus to expand and enhance the many support services offered by the agency. The fourth project is to reconfigure and repave the parking lot.

Bernadette Murphy, Executive Director, remarked that the overarching goal of the plan is to "serve our sisters and brothers in need with dignity." At the Groundbreaking Event, she introduced the agency's new logo and tagline, "Connecting Communities – Nourishing Each Other." To fulfill its mission, the agency relies

on 6,000 volunteers who come from schools, community groups, businesses, churches and other houses of worship in five counties in New Jersey. "In addition to serving the hungry, St. Joseph's is also a place that feeds the hunger to serve," stated Murphy. The volunteer program welcomes people of all ages, faiths, abilities and economic circumstances to provide hope and hospitality to their neighbors.

Karen Maher, Board President, thanked the audience for their contributions to the \$1,400,000 capital campaign, which will fund the facilities plan. The agency received support from foundations, businesses, community groups and individuals in Union County and surrounding communities. Lead donors included The Westfield Foundation, The Harold B. and Dorothy A. Snyder Foundation, The Mushett Family Foundation, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Elizabethtown Healthcare Foundation, Robert and Marion Schamann Brozowski Foundation, Columbia Bank, The Hyde and Watson Foundation, E. J. Grassmann Trust, The Tepper Foundation, Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery and several individual donors.

Harold "Kess" Kessler, Past Board President and the leader of the capital improvement plan, noted that "construction work will be completed in four phases over the next two years. In the first phase, the new food pantry and clothing distribution center will be built and outfitted and the driveway will be reconfigured and repaved." Kessler stated that the construction work has been planned to ensure that services to the community will not be interrupted. "We are excited to begin a new chapter in St. Joseph's service to the community" noted Murphy.

To learn more about St. Joseph's please visit sjeliz.org.



(above r-l) Debbie Durand and Teresa LaStella, organizers for the groundbreaking event, greet guests at the Welcome Table.



(above, l-r) Sister Jacinta Fernandes, Founder and former Executive Director of St. Joseph's for 32 years, places soil in a planter in which a tree will be grown along with Julissa Campos, Vice President of the Board of Trustees.

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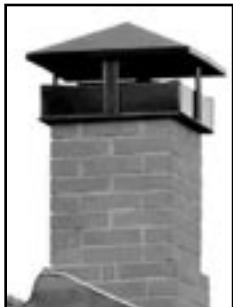


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(above) A life-long advocate, Michele has been a champion for this most vulnerable population by serving on the Union County Nonprofit Consortium, Union County Crisis Consortium and most recently addressing members of the US Commission on Civil Rights in Washington, D.C. to raise awareness of choice in defense of employment options for individuals with disabilities.

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Inroads to Opportunities

Michele Ford, President & CEO, Inroads To Opportunities, was recently interviewed on 106.7 Lite FM, "Get Connected," with Host Nina Del Rio. Inroads to Opportunities is a Union County, NJ based non-profit human services agency, that provides programs and services to individuals with disabilities.

In a wide-ranging conversation, Ford covered what drew her to advocacy, her experiences and vast responsibilities at Inroads. Ford is dedicated to the success of each participant and noted that Inroads is one of the most diverse workplaces to be employed.

During National Autism Awareness Month, Inroads expands their already robust outreach to increase awareness for individuals with autism who are seeking employment. Ford mentions 45% of Inroads participants that transition from their school to work program are on the autism spectrum, but yet in the employment world 85% of people with autism and other disabilities are unemployed. This is a huge statistic and obstacle that Inroads seeks to turn around.

According to Ford, "Our participants bring such an enrichment to our setting...we really need employers to open their doors just for

practice, just to let someone come in and try." Exposure is necessary for these prospective employees to have a better understanding of their work environment and the expectations of their potential job.

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The Garden Helpline volunteers are well trained to identify tick species including 'deer ticks' which transmit Lyme disease to humans and pets. This is an extremely valuable service as the deer and tick population continue to grow in New Jersey. Along with garden critters the Helpline will identify house infesting insects such as carpenter ants, termites and food infesting pests.



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ROTARY CLUB DONATION TO VALLEY ROAD SCHOOL

The Clark Rotary Club recently donated dictionaries to the third grade class at Valley Road School. Rotary members Alan Tennant, John Samsel, and Katie Richardson visited the students to make the donation. Principal Joe Beltramba stated, “We would like to thank the Rotary Club for their generous donation and support of our schools. This resource will assist the students across the curriculum. The students were excited to receive this useful tool.”

The Rotary members talked with the students about how the importance of learning new vocabulary. They also told the children about the longest word in the dictionary.

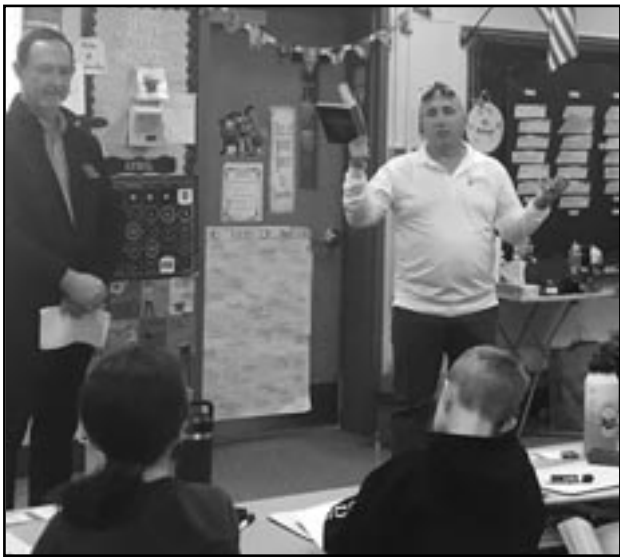


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Union County Prosecutor’s Office

The Union County Prosecutor’s Office is pleased to announce that New Jersey’s highly regarded ARRIVE Together program, aimed at providing compassionate response during 9-1-1 calls involving a mental health crisis, has been expanded to additional police departments in Union County.

The focus of the ARRIVE Together program is to provide individuals in crisis with whatever help they need as quickly and effectively as possible, by teaming up a police officer – specifically trained in crisis intervention — with a civilian certified mental health screener in order to respond to 9-1-1 calls relating to a mental health crisis. The officer and crisis worker literally arrive together. Both are in plain clothes, and arrive at the call in an unmarked police vehicle. During the encounter, the mental health screener takes the lead.

This focused approach both supports the individual facing a mental health crisis, and protects the responding officers. The intention is to get the person in crisis the proper help they need as quickly as possible, while also preventing escalation and facilitating any necessary de-escalation.

The ARRIVE Together team also follows-up on these specific calls to ensure that the individual is doing well and does not need additional mental health support.

“Heart is a core value of the program, as this program humanely gets to the heart of many of the difficulties of responding to calls involving a mental health crisis for both law enforcement and those in crisis” said Union County Prosecutor William A. Daniel.

“This partnership approach enables a quicker response time to get the individual the help they need, rather than having to wait for the later arrival of a mental health screener,” Director of the Pre-Indictment Division Tiffany Wilson, who is also the UCPO Liaison for the ARRIVE Together Program, states. “It also helps to avoid having this person come in contact with the criminal justice system.”

The Prosecutor said that, since its inception, it is extremely promising that there have been

no injuries or escalations associated with any Union County ARRIVE Together calls, specifically because nationally, half of the “Use of Force” reports arise from police responding to these types of calls.

Elizabeth and Linden Police Departments were quick to pilot the program in June of 2022, following its creation and the Office of the Attorney General’s pilot launch in November 2021 in Cumberland County involving a partnership between the Cumberland County Prosecutor’s Office and the New Jersey State Police, who provide local police services in that part of the state.

Elizabeth Police Chief Sacca is optimistic about the benefits of the ARRIVE Together program. “Since the inception of ARRIVE together program in Elizabeth, in addition to the lack of force and injuries, the department has had great successes in aiding those experiencing homelessness. This success is not only a benefit for the individuals impacted, but a benefit for the relationship between the police department and the community as a whole.”

The Roselle Park Police Department launched this program in December of 2022, followed by the current launch by the police departments in Clark, Cranford, Plainfield, Scotch Plains, and Westfield, along with the Union County Police Department and the Union County Sheriff’s Office.

“Union County has led the way for the past two decades in sensitizing our law enforcement officers to the struggles of individuals dealing with the wide spectrum of mental illness,” Prosecutor Daniel said. “We continue to offer law enforcement sensitivity training, including our intensive Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT) and Autism Spectrum Awareness training, and de-escalation training, such as Integrated Communications, Assessment, and Tactics (ICAT),” he said.

“We are committed to partnering with the County community to tackle these tough issues, and to engage in honest dialogue with our citizens, with our eye on equality and social justice for all,” he added.

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MARANO & SONS AUTO SALES NAMED FAMILY BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Marano & Sons Auto Sales, located in Garwood, NJ, was awarded the Greater Westfield Chamber of Commerce (GWACC) 'Family Business of the Year Award' during its 75th Anniversary Award Gala held on April 30th. The event brought together business leaders, community members, and elected officials to honor the achievements of the Chamber and its members. In all, 180 were there to enjoy the evening.

Written by Ralph Marano Sr:

In 1952, at the age of 5, I moved from Newark to Garwood with my parents. I grew up in Garwood, went to school here and high school in Clark. ALJ is where I started my career when I took auto shop. That's when they offered work programs and options to students who did not want to pursue a college education. In May 22, 1965, I won the Plymouth Trouble Shooting Contest in the State of New Jersey. In 1965 I worked for a VW Agency through a Work Study Program. Upon graduation in 1965 I got a job as a mechanic for Sears Roebuck Automotive

Center for \$2 an hour when minimum wage was \$1.35 an hour. I worked my way up to store manager while also working nights and weekends with my father selling cars at a small car lot in Sewaren, NJ.

I have always had a passion for cars. I had my first car at 12 years old. It was a 1947 Ford.

In 1968 I married my high school sweetheart (Adeline) and we had 2 sons (Jim & Ralph Jr). Today we all work together in our family business Marano & Sons Auto Sales, Inc., which we opened in 1976 at 507 South Avenue, Garwood, NJ on a part time basis. After being seriously injured in an automobile accident in 1978 I was forced to give up my job as manager at Sears and pursue my career in car sales full time in 1981.

I worked along with my wife and a longtime employee, Mike Tango, who started with me at the age of 16 and has become a part of the Marano Family and still works for us today at the age of 56. When our boys were old enough to clean cars, they joined in to help make this

business a family success. By 1996 both sons had graduated college and decided to make the family business their choice of career. More space was needed for everyone to explore what he did best. This was the beginning of an additional location at 150 South Ave, Garwood, NJ. Although both sons can handle every aspect of the family business, each son has his own special interests and preferences. Both Jim and Ralph Jr share my enthusiasm for cars and now our grandson Nicholas has become a part of Marano & Sons.

You can find Ralph Jr along with Mike Tango at our original 507 South Avenue location specializing in trucks and SUV's while Jim along with Ralph Sr and Nicholas are at 150 South Ave which specializes predominantly in cars. My wife Adeline runs the office along with long time employee Ryane Brennan and in between classes or vacation breaks our granddaughter Madison helps out.

Both boys have gifted us with 6 beautiful grandchildren, Nicholas, Victoria, Samantha, Madison, Courtney, and Cole. It is not unusual to see any one of them in the office at any time. All four girls are currently in college pursuing specific careers and Cole has just started high school and hopefully he will join all the Marano men in the future.

We never dreamed starting out in 1976 on a small lot with 4 cars in a .7-square mile town we would grow to be such a success and be such an asset to the community. We are proud of what we can do for the community. Marano & Sons has been honored with the Accomplished Professional Community Contributor Award and the Education Foundation People Make a Difference Award and now this honor. We also give 2 scholarships to students graduating from ALJ High School and are not going to college but are pursuing a trade.

It gives us great pleasure as a family to give back to the community and hope our family is able to preserve our legacy for years to come.

GWACC (Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce)

For over 75 years, the GWACC has been connecting commerce and community. The GWACC promotes the economic prosperity of businesses primarily in Clark, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield. It is the largest association of businesses and nonprofits in our area. Members include business owners, professionals, managers and operators. Membership cultivates the opportunity to build relationships, partner, make referrals, increase business, attend networking sessions that support the community. For more information visit gwaccnj.com.



(above) The Marano family with the Garwood Mayor Jen Blumenstock. Courtesy photo

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NEW JERSEY VETERANS NETWORK MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE

Michael D. Boll, Director, NJVN

A few years ago, I was approached by a veteran who is a friend of mine who expressed how extremely depressed he was and that he wanted to take his own life. Initially, I was completely shocked because this guy seemed to be upbeat and happy all the time. Immediately, I asked him to come with me to a private office so we could talk about his awful situation. This was the first time in my life that I had a friend talk to me about suicide, and I knew I had to really do my best to help him get through this horrible ordeal. We spoke for a few hours and I listened closely to everything he said. I was able to convince him to immediately get some help and we went to the hospital. I stayed with him at the hospital and met with him when he was released. I did everything to show my friend that I had his back, and because of this he is alive today. This awful situation inspired me to do whatever I possibly can to help others in need, and shortly after the New Jersey Veteran's

Network created our mobile outreach program.

In today's day and age, most of you have known a veteran or first responder who has taken their own life. We lose nearly 22 veterans and approximately 300 first responders every year to suicide. Even with all the awareness and new anti-suicide programs available, this number has not changed, and in some cases has increased.

The VA hospitals with PTSD and mental health programs are packed with patients and unfortunately, the numbers continue to increase. More of our first responders are also seeking help and are utilizing some of the state programs being offered. So many people want to help and put an end to this crisis, but sadly there isn't a foolproof program available that will stop this ever-growing crisis from destroying our uniformed heroes and their family's lives.

For the last two years, our team has been working tirelessly with other charities to come up with a better solution to help prevent this epidemic from continuing. Personally, we believe our Mobile Outreach Team is really making a difference and everyday it helps our uniformed heroes live a better way of life.

The first thing we learned as a team is that we must lose our ego and seek out other groups and organizations that are looking to save lives. Then we find the right volunteers who are committed and dedicated to being a mentor to a person in crisis. Volunteers are extremely valuable because they want to be there, and they usually care more than the people who get paid

for their services.

To date, we have been able to change and save countless lives because of the incredible commitment from the volunteers and other supporting groups. In the next few months we are excited to be launching the "Uniformed Heroes Project," which is a statewide peer support/mentorship program for veterans, first responders, and active duty military. This project is a collaboration between the NJ VFW, NJ American Legion, NJ FMBA, PFANJ, NJSPBA, NJ FOP, NJ MAVA, NJ legislators, other military/first responder organizations. The Uniformed Heroes Project will provide peer support training throughout the state for volunteers and host numerous recreational therapy events for our heroes in need.

ABOUT NEW JERSEY VETERANS NETWORK

We are a group of veterans and volunteers dedicated to helping our veterans and their families live better lives. Our mission is to identify veterans and connect them with resources and programs designed to meet their unique set of needs. Help us save Vets! We are always looking for volunteers, with various skills, to join the team.

If you are a veteran or family member that's in need of assistance; or are interested in volunteering, would like us to speak at your event, or contribute to our mission, call 973-332-1556 or email njvn1775@gmail.com To learn more about the team please check out our website njvn.org (accomplishments). Help us save Vets!



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Our annual Summer Reading Challenge registration begins June 1! Get a jump start on logging your reading by registering on the free Beanstack Tracker app or at clarklibrary.beanstack.org for chances to win prizes. All ages are invited to participate!

Chess Club

Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
 at 11:00am - 3:00pm

Thursday Afternoon Movies

Thursdays, June 1, 8, 22 & 29 at 1:00pm

Virtual Family BINGO Night

Thursday, June 1 at 6:30 pm

Join us on Zoom for free family BINGO! This month we will be playing traditional and Summer themed BINGO! This event is for children, but parents, grandparents, and other caregivers are invited to play along! Prizes for winners and runners-up. *Must be willing to pick up prizes in person, they will not be mailed. Prizes not picked up in 30 days will be forfeited.

Stories & More

Fridays, June 2, 9, 16 & 30 at 10:00am

Stories, movement, songs followed by a simple craft for active listeners ages 3 - 5 years old.

Registration is required.

Tales for Tots

Mondays, June 5, 12 & 26 at 10:00am

Stories and songs for active listeners. Geared toward ages 2-3 with a caregiver. Older children are welcome! 30 minutes of open play follows.

[Hybrid] Baby Bookworms

Tuesdays, June 6, 13, & 27 at 10:00am

Babies and toddlers are invited to listen to some books, and learn some songs, rhymes, lap bounces, and fingerplays. 30 minutes of open play follows. Registration is requested. Virtual option is available.

Patches and Stitches

Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27
 at 12pm - 2pm

Bring your quilt or other crafty project and visit with the members of the quilting club.

Kids Drop In Craft

Tuesday, June 6 from 3pm - 4pm

Schools out! Drop by the library and make a popsicle craft.

Barks & Books

Tuesdays, June 6 & 20 from 4-5 pm
 or Saturday, June 10 from 10am-11am

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Totally New Tuesdays

Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 6:30pm

Enjoy a new movie just released to DVD on our big screen.

Teen Gaming Club

Thursday, June 8 at 3:15pm - 4:45pm

Drop by the library for a fun afternoon of gaming. Play some Nintendo Switch games on our big screen or bring your own device. Snacks will be served! Open to Grades 6-12.

Union County Aging Services Kiosk

Monday, June 12 from 10am - 12pm

Do you have questions about services available in Union County for seniors or their caregivers? Come visit the Union County Aging Services Kiosk, speak to our specialist and get answers to your questions.

[Adult & Teen Craft] Quilled Paper Flower Photo Frame

Monday, June 12 at 7:00pm

Create a beautiful photo frame decorated with colorful paper quilled flowers.

Afternoon Book Club

Tuesday, June 13 at 1:00pm

Join us for our next afternoon book club meeting. We will be discussing "The Woman in the Library" by Sulari Gentill. Please speak with a librarian or email reference@clarklibrary.org if you need a copy of the book.

[Adult Craft] Quilled Paper Flower Photo Frame

Wednesday, June 14 at 11:00am

Create a beautiful photo frame decorated with colorful paper quilled flowers.

Tinker Tots

Thursday, June 15 at 10:00am

Come join us for a morning of fun STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activities perfect for little ones. Play is station based. For children ages 1 through pre-k. Please register.

Evening Stories

Thursday, June 15 at 6:30pm

Join us on Thursday for a special evening storytime! Interactive stories, songs, and fun for children of all ages! Registration is required.

LEGO Club

Friday, June 16 at 3:15pm

Create your own LEGO® structures to be displayed in the children's area of the library!

LEGO® are provided by the library. For children entering grades K - 5.

Children's Summer Reading Kick Off Event

Thursday, June 22 at 7:00pm

Celebrate summer reading All Together Now with a magic show with Brian Richards! Come early for the show and contribute to our All Together Now wall mural and "stained glass" window mural for the library and sign up for the challenge if you haven't yet!

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Wednesday, June 28 at 4:00pm

Bring your favorite stuffed animal with you to the library for a special storytime and craft. After the craft, leave your lovey with us and check in on social media to see what shenanigans they get into overnight at the library! Come pick up your lovey on Thursday afternoon. Registration is required, for ages 3-12.

Adult & Teen Summer Reading Kick Off Event

Thursday, June 29 at 7:00pm

Little Scientist

Thursday, June 29 at 3:00pm

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