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South Plainfield 11U Team Crush came in second place at the SPJBC 2012 Hot Summer Slams Tournament. Team members are Brenden Hedden, Ben Peregrin, Dylan Silverstein, Patrick Kelly, David Gross, Alex Crews, Mike Clevenger, Josh Eggert, Bobby Rivera, Cole Young, Jake DelPaoli, Connor Eggert and Nick Reno. Coaches are Mike Rivera, Phil Silverstein, Ed Eggert, Bob DelPaoli and Bob Eggert.

Boyle Resigns From BOE

By Jane Dornick

Board of Education Vice President Debbie Boyle, citing personal reasons, announced her resignation from the board during a special meeting held last Thursday evening.

"I would like to thank Mrs. Boyle for her support. She has showed me how much she truly cares for the school district as a whole, and more specifically, the students," said Superintendent Dr. Stephen Genco. "I appreciate everything she has done." He also said she was "the most active parent he has ever met."

Board President Jim Giannakis said that her leaving is "bittersweet and regrettable in a lot of ways," and that she is "one of the strongest board members in South Plainfield history." "It is a great loss to the district in a lot of ways. From the bottom of my heart I am going to miss you," said Giannakis.

Boyle was voted on to the board in 2007 and was currently serving a second three-year term.

The board voted unanimously in favor of Sharon Miller as the new vice president, with the exception of Carol Byrne who left the meeting early.

Because the deadline for filing for candidacy has passed, the board will begin seeking qualified candidates to fill the open seat at the August 7 meeting.

School Board Appoints Asst. Superintendent



Nicole Pormilli, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction.

By Libby Barsky

The Board of Education held a special meeting last Thursday to appoint Nicole Pormilli as assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction. She replaces Interim Assistant Superintendent Dr. Frank Cocchiola. Pormilli is scheduled to start on October 1 or sooner at an annual salary of \$140,000. The assistant superintendent also holds the title of affirmative action officer in equity in educational programs.

A graduate of Centenary College in Hackettstown, Pormilli received a master's degree from The College of New Jersey.

Pormilli taught in Jamesburg for

four years before moving to the South Brunswick School District in 1995 where she has been an assistant principal, educational consultant, curriculum and instruction specialist and is currently the Director of Assessment and Instructional Support and Supervisor of grades K-5 social studies. She writes curriculum and supervises and trains teachers to write and assess curriculum.

Board member Carol Byrne endorsed Pormilli saying, "I look forward to having you in the district. I think you are the person who will be able to do what we want to be done."

Board President Jim Giannakis added, "I'm looking forward to having some stability for the long run in this district which has been missing."

"I'm privileged and honored to be selected," said Pormilli, who looks forward to working with Superintendent Dr. Stephen Genco and is "excited and eager" to meet the community, staff and students so the district can begin moving forward.

Pormilli resides in Cranbury with her husband, Keith, and two sons. She also sits on the Cranbury Township Board of Education where Genco's wife, Dr. Susan Genco, is chief school administrator/principal of the K-8 school district. To avoid any conflict of interest, Pormilli was asked to resign from the school board, which she agreed to do prior to accepting the position.

Nominations Sought for Grand Marshal

South Plainfield's 55th annual Labor Day Parade will be quickly upon us, and the Public Celebrations Committee is seeking nominations for honorary grand marshal. The theme of this year's parade is "Throughout the Years, 1860-Present."

If you know of an individual who has contributed outstanding service to the Borough of South Plainfield, send the committee a detailed

letter stating the reasons why this person should be considered for honorary grand marshal. Include name, address, evening phone number, your phone number and detailed list of volunteer activities and accomplishments. Deadline for nominations is August 10. Send to the Public Celebrations Committee, John Sorrentino, chairman, 225 Hopkinson St., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

If you or your organization is interested in marching in the parade, building a float, having a concession stand or informational table at the middle school at the conclusion of the parade, complete an application available in Borough Hall or at www.southplainfieldnj.com. Send application to the Public Celebrations Committee, Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

POLICE ISSUE ADVISORY

Suspects Arrested in Vehicle Burglaries

South Plainfield Police responded to a Garden Drive resident after she observed two unidentified males inside her vehicle around midnight on July 29. The suspects walked away prior to the police being notified.

Shortly thereafter, Officer Brian Zielenski observed three males on Orchard Drive, approximately two blocks from Garden Drive. The males, two adults and one juvenile, were detained after they discarded property as police arrived. The adult male, identified as Jabari Jeter, 18 of Plainfield, and a 17 year-old male from Plainfield were positively identified by the witness as the males she observed inside her vehicle. The third suspect is a 15 year-old male from Plainfield.

The suspects had cash, jewelry, electronics and a wallet as well as suspect-

ed marijuana and controlled, dangerous substance paraphernalia in their possession when they were stopped.

The investigation has linked the suspects to 27 car burglaries that occurred from dusk on July 28 to the time of their arrest. The burglaries occurred to vehicles on Garden Drive, Conklin Street, Orchard Drive, Field Avenue, O'Donahue Avenue and Leeds Drive.

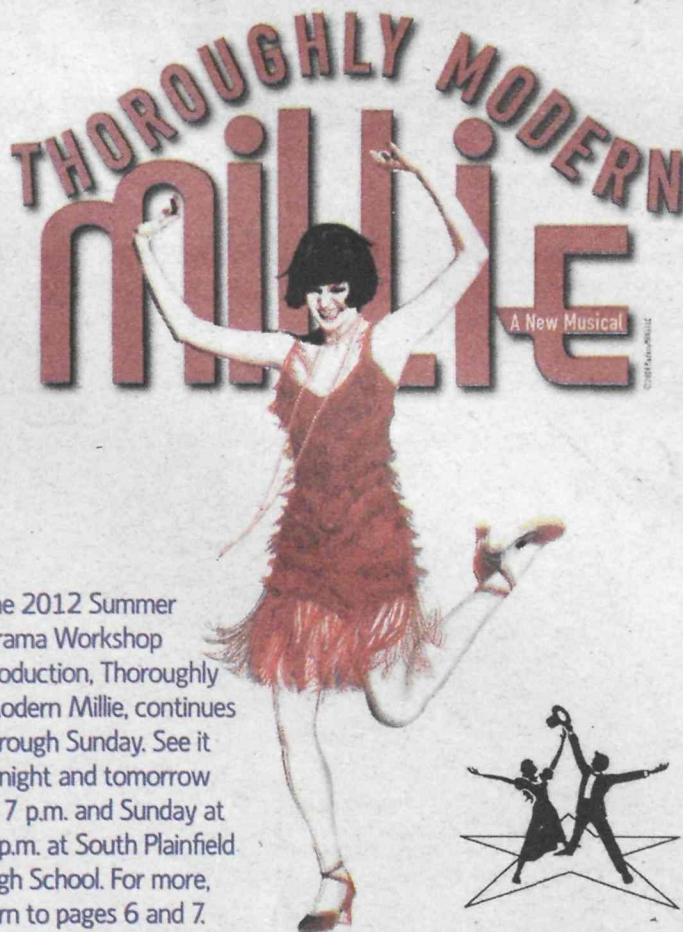
Jeter was held on \$3,000 bail and transported to the Middlesex County Corrections Center. The juveniles were released to their parents.

On July 23 eight vehicles were burglarized or ransacked on Tremont Avenue, Harvard Avenue, Kosciuszko Avenue and Smith Street.

On July 26 at 4:50 a.m., Officer

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NOW PLAYING.....



The 2012 Summer Drama Workshop production, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, continues through Sunday. See it tonight and tomorrow at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at South Plainfield High School. For more, turn to pages 6 and 7.

OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES

Concert Series Concludes With The Brio Concert Band

The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders' free summer concert series concludes with The Brio Concert Band, Patriotic American Music-Edward Logue, leader this Sunday, Aug. 5 in the Spring

Lake Park Gazebo.

The concert is free and open to the public.

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council meetings

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Agenda Meeting

Public Meeting

Monday, August 20 (New Date)
Tuesday, September 4

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All Agenda Meetings begin at 7 p.m. followed immediately by the Public Meeting, unless otherwise noted. Meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with the N.J. Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Ave.

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted. Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641
Aug. 14, Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11

zoning board of adjustment

Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month, *except where noted. Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641
Aug. 7, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18

board of education

Meets Wednesdays at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. Committee of the Whole meetings (begin at 6:00 p.m.)
Aug. 7 (New Date), Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 12
Regular Public Meeting (begin at 6:30 p.m.) except where noted*
Aug. 7 (New Date), Sept. 19, Oct. 17

BOE curriculum/technology/student activities

Meets once a month at 4:30 p.m. in 2nd floor conference room, Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

BOE buildings & grounds

Meets second Monday of the month at 7 p.m., 2nd floor conference room, Roosevelt Administration Building

cultural arts commission

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at the PAL at 7:30 p.m.
Aug.-No Meeting, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18

library board of trustees

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday, at the library at 7 p.m.
Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7716
Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-769-0786.

site plans sub-committee

Meets once a month (third Wednesday), 7 p.m.
Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday) Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7621
Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

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In My Opinion

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Dear Editor,

In reading the cover story in the July 27 issue of the *Observer* concerning the adoption of the borough's final 2012 budget, the article, in referring to the \$146,302 that the library returned to the borough in 2011, states: "According to Rusnak, he has made attempts to obtain monies again to aid in this year's budget, but has yet to receive a response from the library board."

I assume that Mr. Rusnak has copies of the correspondence in which he has requested that the library board turn over monies to the borough. As president of the board, I would hope that any such request would have been directed to me.

I have not received any such letter or email from Mr. Rusnak; however, since he raised the question, I will gladly answer it, without the necessity of him submitting a formal request.

On June 12, I submitted the board's annual report to Glenn Cullen [Borough CFO/Administrator]. In my report, I stated that, based upon the audit prepared by Hodulik & Morrison, there were no excess funds available to be turned over to the borough.

I would also like to remind Mr. Rusnak that the statutory process for identifying excess funds concludes with the determination of the State Librarian. I provided the State Librarian with a copy of my June 12 annual report to Mr. Cullen. The \$146,302 which the library board turned over to the borough in 2011 was, in fact, the amount which the State Librarian

determined to be excess funds.

As always, I am available to discuss this with Mr. Rusnak or any other council member.

**ERIC M. ARONOWITZ, PRESIDENT
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Dear Editor,

It saddens me to write this letter about a wonderful mother, friend and member of our community. Last Thursday night, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of an incredibly hardworking board member who has volunteered countless hours to the betterment of South Plainfield. Over the past five years, she has been a dedicated board member, involving herself with every committee, initiative and charity event. Debbie Boyle is one of the biggest parent advocates in South Plainfield and her hard work and contributions will be sadly missed by all of the stakeholders in our community.

Mrs. Boyle was prepared for every meeting that took place, and ready to investigate all topics covered with an array of questions. This board member always put the kids first when making decisions, and did not vote a certain way because it was the popular thing to do. She stood alone several times on issues that were passed through, but

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she supported her beliefs and made her decision with the students' interests at hand. During our Board of Education meetings, Mrs. Boyle was attentive, professional and engaged.

Mrs. Boyle is extremely supportive of all things that go on in our school system. Throughout her tenure as a BOE member, she was ever-present, continually offering her help and support at countless school and town functions. Whether it was a sporting event, Project Graduation, musical performances or any type of fundraiser, she was there to watch our students and schools do amazing jobs. Her enthusiasm and devotion will be sorely missed.

**SINCERELY,
JOE SORRENTINO,
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER**

Columbiettes Seek Vendors for Fundraiser

Vendors are needed for the South Plainfield Columbiettes' first vendors night which will be held on Friday, Oct. 19 from 6-9 p.m. at the Knights

of Columbus Hall, 334 Hamilton Blvd. Set-up will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Cost for a table, which will be provided, is \$20 and each vendor is asked to donate an item from their collections, with a value of \$15 to \$20. These items will be raffled off at the conclusion of the show.

Only vendors with new merchandise will be accepted and only the first vendor of any given named brand (such as Avon, Pampered Chef, etc.) will be accepted. Space is limited to 15 vendors.

For more information or an application form, please call Kathy at (908) 756-3772 or email her at kathy1130@gmail.com.

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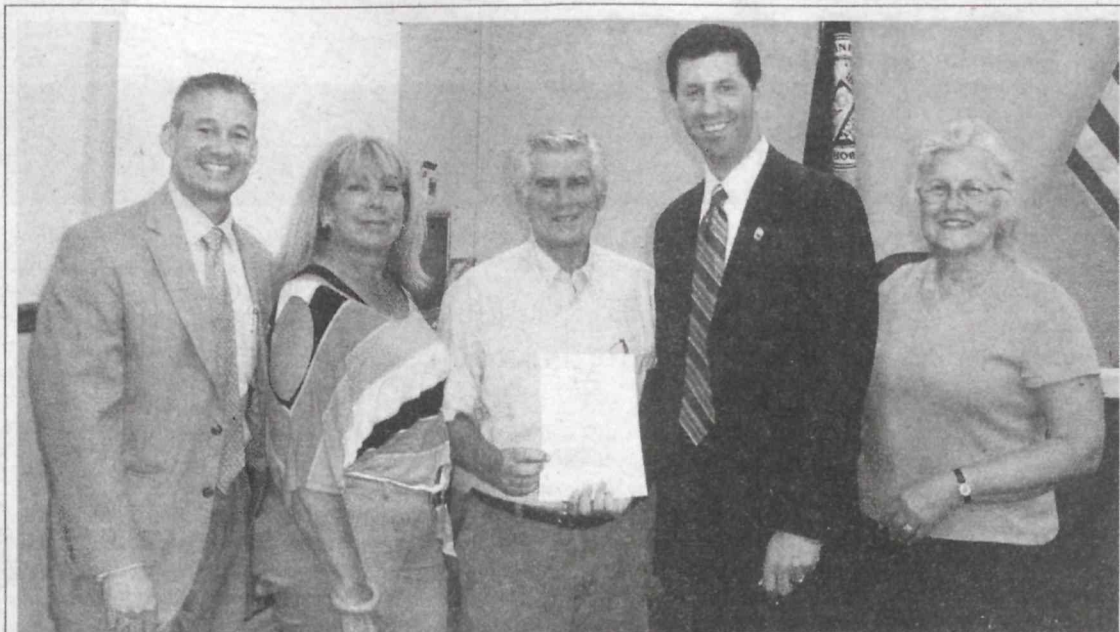
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(L-R) Scott Carey, Debbie Boyle, Robert Bengivenga and Rosemary McConville (right) represent parents as they accept a Parent's Day Proclamation from Mayor Matt Anesh at the July 16 Borough Council meeting.

Need for Blood Donations Doesn't Take a Vacation

This summer, New Jersey faces a shortage of blood in our hospitals and emergency rooms. The Department of Health is asking New Jersey workplaces to hold blood drives to alleviate the summer blood shortage. Each summer—while families are vacationing—blood donations drop, but the need remains the same. Workplace blood drives address the three reasons most people give for not volunteering to donate blood: it is inconvenient, people are unaware of the need and they have never been asked to donate. Workplace blood drives make donating easy—employees can give

without leaving the office. By inviting employees to donate, employers can help make a contribution to their community. Just one pint of blood from one donor can save three lives. And nine out of 10 people will need blood at some time in their lives. Unfortunately, only 3.6 percent of New Jerseyans who are eligible to donate blood do so, far below the national average of five percent.

Giving blood is a simple and safe procedure. The entire process takes an hour—from registration through donation. The donation itself takes only 10 minutes. Trained technicians

oversee and monitor the blood donation process. Most people who are in good health, are at least 17 years old or older, and weigh at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate.

For information, contacts and best practices you can use to promote your summer blood drive, visit the website at www.njsave3lives.com. Blood drive coordinators, appointed by employers, can establish incentive programs, buddy systems and award ceremonies to thank first-time donors and reward regular donors.

Employers are also urged to conduct blood drives at regular intervals throughout the year. They can encourage their employees to donate on a routine basis. The average donor can give blood up to five times a year.

For residents interested in giving blood, please visit www.njbloodrides.com/ to find a blood drive nearby. By working together we can help to ensure an adequate blood supply for New Jersey during the summer and throughout the year.

—Submitted by Commissioner
Mary E. O'Dowd,
New Jersey Department of Health

Pop Warner Clubhouse to Be Repaired

By Jane Dornick

The Borough Council awarded a contract to Miglis General Contracting, Inc. of South Plainfield in an amount not to exceed \$5,800 for emergency repairs to the Pop Warner Football clubhouse on Kenneth Avenue at their July 16 meeting.

According to CFO Glenn Cullen, the floor of the building had buckled from age and dampness, which also

caused the walls of the structure to bow. Borough Construction Officer John Pabst ordered that the structure be vacated until repairs are made.

Several years ago the same building sustained damage from an infestation of raccoons; however, the damage was covered by the borough's insurance carrier.

By the time the football program began practices this month, the clubhouse should be ready for use.

Borough Council
July 16 & 23
meetings

borough notes

The following was approved at the July 16 Borough Council meeting:

- Appoint Scott Carey to the Mayor's Wellness Committee.
- A waiver of permit fees for the American Legion's annual picnic on July 28.
- A shared service agreement between the Borough of South Plainfield and the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management for the E-Waste Subsidy Program.
- Refund an overpayment of \$1,682.50 in sewer fees to Loretta Letostak of Lakeview Avenue.
- Renewal of the 2012-2013 liquor license for the Palace of Jaipur.
- A contract with Triangle Communications, LLC for communication equipment for the Department of Public Works in an amount not to exceed \$6,078.
- A contract with the Black Rose Band to play at the Labor Day parade.
- Refunds for cancelled senior trips to Lancaster, Pa. and the Taj Mahal.
- A block party on Clark Lane requested by Nicole Milano for September 2 from 1 to 10 p.m.
- A change order reflecting an increase of \$3,500 and final payment to

RJR Engineering for improvements to the community pool for a revised contract total of \$78,200.

• A contract with Miglis General Contracting for emergency repairs to the Pop Warner Club House in an amount not exceed \$5,800.

• A professional service agreement with Shropshire Associates LLC for traffic engineering in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.

• Hire seasonal lifeguard for the community pool to fill in for those on vacation and/or leaving for college.

• Tax appeal refund in the amount of \$73,038.73 to Wade Associates, L.P. of 100 Wade Ave.

• Cancel and refund monies levied to Anthony Vetuschi of Sussex Street, who has qualified as a 100% disabled veteran.

• Tax appeal refund in the amount of \$15,988.99 to South Plainfield Fidelity Associates of 3474 Rand Rd.

• Appoint Robert Aimone as a South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department firefighter.

• Hire Matthew Ciandella as a part time groundskeeper on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 7 p.m.

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SENIOR CENTER Calendar

August 17—Bally's \$20pp. (Includes Atlantic City Air Show) Bus leaves 8:30 a.m. Sign up at Senior Center.

MONDAYS
Zumba Gold..... 9:30-10:30 am
Crocheting 9:30-11:30 am
Yoga 10:30 am
Art Class..... 11:30 am

TUESDAYS
Bingo..... 10 am-2 pm
Ladies Social Group 10 am

WEDNESDAYS
Exercise Class..... 8:45 am
Line Dancing..... 10 am
Computer.. 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm
Crocheting 1 pm
Tai Chi..... 2 pm

THURSDAYS
Active Seniors 9:00 am
Crafts Class 10 am
Computer.. 10, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm
Exercise Class..... 1:15 pm

FRIDAYS
Bingo..... 10 am-2 pm

Senior Center is open daily 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays & Sundays.
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SPSDW's Thoroughly Modern Millie

Through August 5

South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop presents *Thoroughly Modern Millie* today and tomorrow at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets: adults, \$12; seniors and students, \$10.

For tickets or more information, call (908) 561-5255 or visit our website at www.spsdw.com.

Vacation Bible School at First Baptist

August 6-10

First Baptist Church of South Plainfield, 201 Hamilton Blvd., will hold vacation Bible school for children entering kindergarten through eighth grade Monday-Friday, Aug. 6-10 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All Aboard the VBS Express! features fun, games, crafts, songs and Bible stories. Registration: \$5 per child.

For more information or to pre-register, call (908) 753-2382 or visit www.fbc.southplainfield.com.

Spaghetti Dinner for SPHS Music Boosters

August 12

The South Plainfield Elks, 1254 New Market Ave., will host a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, Aug. 12 from 3-7 p.m. to benefit the South Plainfield High School Marching Band, Chorus and Orchestra's 2012 Disney trip. Cost: adults, \$8; seniors, \$7; children 3-12, \$6; children under two are free.

For more information, call (908) 668-9750.

St. Stephen Church Vacation Bible School

August 13-17

St. Stephen Lutheran Church, located at 3145 Park Ave., fourth anniversary Vacation Bible School, "Sonrise~National Park," will be held Monday, Aug. 13 through Friday, Aug. 17 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Registrations are being accepted for children in pre-k through sixth grade. RSVP by emailing Billiech@att.net or calling (908) 756-2537 with your

child's name, age and grade they will be entering in September.

Sing & Sign Music Program at Senior Center

August 16

Sing & Sign, a children's music program for children of all ages, sponsored by the library, will be presented on Thursday, Aug. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave.

This interactive program, presented by Junior Jam, teaches basic sign language through music and song. No pre-registration is required. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the South Plainfield Food Pantry.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885, or visit www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us, or the Junior Jam website at juniorjam.com.

Trip to Bally's/ Air Show in AC

August 17

The Senior Center is offering a trip to Bally's on Friday, Aug. 17. Cost is \$20pp (\$25 return) and includes the

spectacular Atlantic City Air Show, "Thunder over the Boardwalk." Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m.

Sign up at the senior center or call (908) 754-1047.

Annual Sacred Heart Golf Outing

September 12

Sacred Heart Church will host its third annual golf outing on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at the Cranbury Golf Course in West Windsor. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive and hit the green. Snacks at the turn and a luncheon buffet.

Register online with a credit card at www.churchofthesacredheart.net.

— Out of Town —

Plays-in-the-Park Presents Grease

August 3 & 4, 6-11

Plays-in-the-Park, located in Roosevelt Park in Edison, presents the final play of the season, *Grease*, on Friday, Aug. 3, Saturday, Aug. 4 and Monday-Friday, Aug. 6-11. Box office opens at 5:30 p.m., show starts at 8:30 p.m. Tickets: adults, \$7; seniors, \$5; free for children 12 and under. Cash only. Bring your own lawn chair; chair-back cannot exceed 40".

For more information, visit www.playsinthepark.com.

Airport Open House

August 4

American Flyers Flight School, 50 Airport Road at the Morristown Airport, will be hosting an open house and cookout on Saturday, Aug. 4. Free BBQ lunch, followed by tour.

For more information, call (973) 267-3223.

St. Helen's Caregiver Support Group

August 6

St. Helen's Church Caregiver Support Group, for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones, will meet on Monday, Aug. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield. Informational and sharing sessions.

For more information, call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 232-1214.

Middlesex East WOWs

August 6

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Monday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Carteret Community Center, Pershing and Cooke avenues. All widows or widowers are invited to attend.

For more information, call (732) 969-2228 or (908) 757-0515.

First Presbyterian Bible School

August 6-10

The First Presbyterian Church of Dunellen, 218 Dunellen Ave., will hold Vacation Bible School 2012, Monday through Friday, Aug. 6-10 from 9 a.m. to noon for ages four to eighth grade. The camp will include fun-filled adventures with Daniel and friends as captives in a strange land. Music, games, crafts and snacks.

For more information, call (908) 968-3844.

Grace Alliance Church Vacation Bible School

August 6-10

Grace Alliance Church, 2008 Ethel Rd. in Piscataway, presents "Babylon" Vacation Bible School from Monday, Aug. 6 through Friday, Aug. 10 for kids pre-k to fifth grade. Free; dinner



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Temple Shalom Pray & Play

August 11

Temple Shalom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains, located in Fanwood Presbyterian Church at the corner of Martine and LaGrande avenues in Fanwood, invites families with children ages four and under to a Shabbat Pray & Play on Saturday, Aug. 11 at 10 a.m. featuring music, maracas, puppets and parachutes. Free bagel brunch in the playroom. Older siblings are welcome.

For more information, call (908) 889-4900, email sholom@sholomnj.org or visit www.sholomnj.org.

Singles Dance Party

August 11

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party on Saturday, Aug. 11 at 8 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton, 120 Wood Ave. South in Iselin. Ages 40 and up. No jeans/t-shirts/sneakers/shorts. Admission: \$15.

For more information, call the 24-hour hotline at (862) 397-4723.

Oktoberfest

August 11-12

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane, will hold Oktoberfest on Saturday, Aug. 11 from 6-10 p.m. with music by Bernies Orchestra, and on Sunday, Aug. 12 from 1-6 p.m. with music by The Adlers. Donation, each day: \$5 per person; children under 12 free. Outdoors, rain or shine.

For info, call (732) 574-8600.

Missionaries Speakers at Hydewood Park Church

August 12

Missionaries Calvin and Birte Veith will be speaking at Hydewood Park Baptist Church, 100 Norwood Ave. in North Plainfield, on Sunday, Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. Currently on furlough in the U.S., the Veiths will talk about their missionary work in Germany, including their previous ministry in Kusel and their new ministry in Schöna.

For more information, call (908) 754-6363 or visit www.hydewood.org.

Flat-Track Women's Roller Derby

August 12

The New Jersey Hellrazors women's roller derby team will host the Salisbury Roller Girls of Maryland on Sunday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Kendall Park Roller Rink, 3550 Rt. 27 in Kendall Park. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door; free for kids under age 10. Public service workers receive \$2 off at the door if they show a badge. Live DJ music, baked goods and more.

To purchase tickets, visit www.njhellrazors.com.

Upscale Singles Dance Party

August 25

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party on Saturday, Aug. 25 at Snuffy's Restaurant, 250 Park Ave. in Scotch Plains. Ages 40 and up. No jeans/t-shirts/sneakers/shorts. Admission: \$15.

For more information, call the 24-hour hotline at (862) 397-4723.

Resident's Winning Art Showcased at Swain Galleries

The award-winning artwork by South Plainfield resident Ellery Jane Ring, 16, is being featured at Swain Galleries, 703 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield. Ellery is an artist and a student at duCret School of Art.

Each year, Swain Galleries hosts an opening reception called "Selected Works" which features a series of awarded pieces of varied mediums by students who have entered into the school's annual spring art show. Ellery, who has been home-schooled, exhibited unusual creative and artistic abilities at a very young age. Guided by her mother, Jamie, she began her art career study at Parsons in New York City at the age of 10. In 2008 she studied at FIT in New York City and at 13, her winning dress design was snapped up and sold by three major department stores—Neiman Marcus, Bloomingdale's and Nordstrom's—which evolved out of a top designer contest, organized by tween designer Sally Miller.

More recently, Ellery attended



Ellery Jane Ring shows friends her artwork at Swain Galleries.

classes at Fabricland in North Plainfield where she won Best in Show in Project Fabricland 2012 for her dress design. In 2012 she applied to and was accepted into the duCret School of Art, where she has taken classes in design, Adobe Photoshop, drawing,

anatomy and life drawing.

Ellery's winning piece, titled "Cubist Self Portrait," placed second in the illustration category and her artwork will be on view at Swain Galleries between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays through August 11.

Be a Part of South Plainfield's Annual Labor Day Parade

South Plainfield will be holding its 55th annual Labor Day parade on Monday, Sept. 3. This year's theme is "Throughout the Years, 1860-Present." The parade is just the beginning of a whole day's events in South Plainfield. Following the parade, the annual community picnic will be held on the front lawn of the Middle School

with live musical entertainment, food, games, rides and more.

For an application to reserve space on the middle school lawn, visit www.southplainfieldnj.com and click on "Labor Day Parade" under Quick Links. Space is limited, so please return your completed application and the appropriate check as soon as

possible.

Checks should be made payable to either the South Plainfield Rescue Squad or the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department, and mailed to: Borough Hall, Attn: Debra Anne Leporino, Public Celebrations Committee, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080. You may also drop off the completed application and check at Borough Hall.

The deadline to submit both is Friday, Aug. 17; after August 17, an additional fee of \$50 is required.

The appropriate donations must be received with your application or you will not be permitted to take part in the Labor Day festivities.

For more information, interested vendors should email Leporino at SPLaborDayParade@aol.com.

Resident Finalist in Video Contest

The PetSmart Charities "High-Five for My Pet Adoption" Video Contest has been narrowed down to 10 finalists with the best pet adoption story videos. Among the finalists is Jaclene Santone of South Plainfield.

To vote for your favorite adoption story, visit www.PetSmartCharities.org today. Voters can vote for one video representing their favorite entry.

First place winner receives a \$1,000 donation in their name to the 501(c)(3) animal welfare organization of their choice, a \$500 Visa gift card

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To learn more about "High-Five for My Pet Adoption" Video Contest, visit www.PetSmartCharities.org.

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WHO'S WHO IN THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE



Erin O'Connor (*Millie Dillmount*) is both sad and excited to be involved with her seventh and final SPSPDW show. Favorite previous stage credits include Mrs. Mayor in *Seussical* and Sharpay Evans in *High School Musical*, as well as Agnes in Playhouse 22's *Gypsy*.

Ryan Lind (*Jimmy*) is thrilled to be part of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, his fifth and final show with SPSPDW. He is currently a sophomore musical theater major at DeSales University. Previous credits: Ryan (*High School Musical*), Max (*The Sound of Music*), Wickersham (*Seussical*) and Coroner, Tree, Jitterbug (*The Wizard of Oz*).



Jade McDonnough (*Mrs. Meers*) This is Jade's sixth year with SPSPDW. She has been seen in Bishop George Ahr's *The Sound of Music* (Sister Sophia) and *Once Upon a Mattress* (Lady in Waiting). Jade has also performed in SPSPDW's *Seussical* as Gertrude McFuzz and *High School Musical* as Martha Cox. In the fall, she can be seen in Bishop George Ahr's production of *Romeo and Juliet* as Gregory.

Joanna Marston (*Miss Dorothy*) is a lovely singer who is excited to be playing the role of Miss Dorothy. Joanna is a huge fan of singing, acting and pterodactyls. Previously, she has been seen in SPSPDW's *High School Musical*, *Seussical*, *Fame* and *Damn Yankees*, as well as SPHS's production of *Hairspray*. She also appeared as Rusty in SPHS's *Footloose*.



Richard Duong (*Ching Ho*) is excited to be a part of this year's production, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. He has performed in other plays, such as *Music Man*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *Thumbelina* (Baron Beetle), *Shakespeare Goes to Gravel Gulch* (Sheriff), *Cabaret*, *Fame*, *High School Musical*, *Footloose*, *Hairspray* (Harriman Spritzer) and *Seussical* (Who).

Cory Singer (*Bun Foo*), is a senior at South Plainfield High School. This is Cory's sixth production with SPSPDW. Some of Cory's most memorable roles were Edna Turnblad in *Hairspray*, Rev. Shaw in *Footloose*, Three Tenor in *Sweeney Todd* (Playhouse 22) and Mayor, *Seussical* (SPSPDW), for which he was nominated for a 2011 Perry Award. Cory performs at charity events nationwide and is a National Anthem singer for The Somerset Patriots. Cory is a member of the Jades, SPHS Chorus and Jazz Band, enjoys his guitar and is also a gifted trumpet and bugle player. Cory is one of the national spokespeople for the Wish Upon A Hero Foundation.



Casidhe Holoboski (*Miss Flannery*) This is Casidhe's fourth year with SPSPDW. She has been dancing at Ms. Doreen's Fabulous Feet for 11 years and has been competing for nine years. She has performed at Six Flags Great Adventure and Disney World. Casidhe's previous shows include *Pirates of Penzance*, *Fame*, *Seussical*, *High School Musical* and many more.

Joe Palazzo (*Trevor Graydon*) is happy to be back for another summer with SPSPDW. Joey has appeared in five productions with South Plainfield High School. He is a student of tap, jazz, ballet and lyrical at Kelsee's Performing Arts Center (KPAC) and also a member of KPAC's senior conservatory and competitive dance team.



Catherine Emery (*Muzzy*) This is Catherine's second show with SPSPDW. Previously, she has performed in *High School Musical* as Taylor McKessie and an ensemble member in *Hairspray* and *Footloose*.

THE HOTEL PRISCILLA GIRLS

Michelle Lesniak (*Gloria*) is going to be a "tap happy" senior at South Plainfield High School in the fall. This is her second production with SPSPDW. Previously she performed in *High School Musical* (Mindy, the cheer captain). Other roles include *Footloose* (ensemble) and *Hairspray* (Brenda/Metron).



Rosalind Heim (*Alice*) is going to be a sophomore at South Plainfield High School. This is her first year with SPSPDW. She was last seen in the 2012 production of *Hairspray*.

Jordan Katowich (*Ruth*) is thrilled to be in *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. She has been with SPSPDW for six years. She has performed in *Seussical* (Birdgirl/Gertrude u/s) *Robber Bridegroom* (Aerie), *Cabaret* (Kit Kat Dancer), *Beauty and the Beast* (Dancer), *Footloose* (LuLu) and many others. When not on stage, she can be found running the lights and stage managing at the Edison Valley Playhouse.



Ally Piersanti (*Cora*) has been involved with SPSPDW for five years. She's appeared in the ensemble of *Damn Yankees*, *Fame*, *Seussical* and *High School Musical*. This September, she will be a junior at Bishop Ahr High School, where she has performed in the production of *The Sound of Music* and *Once Upon a Mattress*. She also takes musical theater, jazz and singing lessons at JoAnn's Performing Arts Studio where she recently performed in the production, *Once Upon a Time*.

Emily Reineke (*Lucille*) will be a junior at South Plainfield High School. Although this is her third summer with SPSPDW, she has been involved with the drama production in school since the fifth grade. She's been seen in *Murder's in the Heir* (Miss Withers) and *Cabaret* (Kit Kat Girl).



MUZZY'S BOYS



Michael Petritsch (*Muzzy's Boy*) This is Michael's third year with SPSPDW. He has been in Koinonia Academy's production of *Who Killed Aunt Caroline?* and numerous other productions, including *Seussical* as part of the ensemble and was part of the crew team for *The Midnight Dancers*.

Josh Rochotte (*Muzzy's Boy*) is performing in his sixth show with SPSPDW. He has been performing on stage since he was in third grade. Recently, Josh student-directed the SPHS Production of *Hairspray*, in which he also appeared as an ensemble member.



Dominick Scalera (*Muzzy's Boy*), who will be a junior, is thrilled to star in his first Summer Drama production, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Dominick started his acting career in the third grade as the doctor in *The Velveteen Rabbit* and went on to play the Cowardly Lion in *The Wizard of Oz*. At Grant, he performed in *Once Upon A Mattress* as the Jester and then played Will in *Oklahoma*. In middle school, he was Swindler in *Shakespeare Goes To Gravel Gulch* and played the part of General General in the very corny play, *Cornfield Of Dreams*. In the SPHS spring drama production of *Hairspray*, he played the beautiful Mr. Pinky.

Danny Sims (*Muzzy's Boy*) This will mark Danny's seventh consecutive summer with SPSPDW. Dan is certainly no stranger to *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, performing as Jimmy Smith in spring of 2010. Dan recently graduated from SPHS. You may have seen him in many of the school's fall or spring productions including *Beauty and the Beast*, *Cabaret*, *Footloose* and *Hairspray*.



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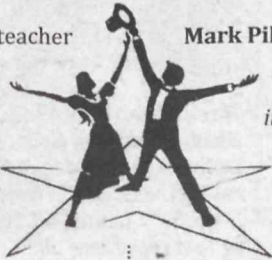
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STAFF BIOS FOR THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE

Emily Corcoran (*Orchestra Director*) is a music teacher in North Arlington. This is her first year with the SPSPDW. In her own district, she is a high school choir director and middle school band director. She is very heavily involved in her school's music program; managing two elite choirs, a full choir of over 130 students, assisting with the high school marching band and three middle school instrumental ensembles. She is also extremely involved in North Arlington's drama club program at both the high school and middle school level. Her previous directing experience includes music directing for *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Into the Woods* (junior edition), *Zombie Prom*, *Alice in Wonderland* (junior edition), *Beauty and the Beast* (junior edition), *Bugsy Malone* (junior edition) and this past year, *Grease* and *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (junior edition).



Mark Piltz (*Music Intern*) makes his behind-the-table return to the SPSPDW with *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Previous credits include *Spring Awakening* (Georg/Deiter), *Little Shop of Horrors* (Orin Scrivello and others), *Bat Boy: The Musical* (Bat Boy), *Seussical* (Cat in the Hat), *Once on this Island* (Storyteller), *Beauty and the Beast* (Cogsworth) and *Babes in Toyland* (Alan).

Laurie Piro (*Choreographer*) studied with Ronni Demarco, Bob Fosse and Luigi in New York City. Her dancing can be seen in many music videos from Stray Cats to Michael Jackson. She appeared in the Bob Fosse Story, *All that Jazz*. While at Boston College, she co-founded the award-winning Dance Ensemble. She was a choreographer for the Macy's Day Parade and choreographs for the Bickford Theatre. Other regional choreographic credits: Dance Connections, In Motion, North Jersey Dance and NJ Ballet for five years. Some favorite shows include *Pippin*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Starmites*, *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, *Hot n' Cole*, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, *Chicago*, *Fame*, *Seussical*, *High School Musical*, *I Do, I Do*, *Nunsense* and *Grease*.

Mark Reilly (*Lighting Designer*) Previous shows include *Moon Over Buffalo*, *The Wedding Singer*, *Light in the Piazza*, *Peter Pan*, *Urinetown!* (NJACT Nomination), *To Kill a Mockingbird* (NJACT Nomination), *Summer of '42* (NJACT Nomination) and *Children of Eden* (NJACT Award) for CDC Theatre; The Theater Project: *The Lady in Question*, *Irma Vep* and *Pterodactyls*; *Pirates of Penzance* and *Crazy for You* (NJACT Nomination) at SPSPDW; *Jekyll and Hyde* (NJACT Nomination) for Phoenix Productions and *Little Shop of Horrors* for Chatham Playhouse. Laser show credits include the Empire State Winter Games in Lake Placid 2002-2004 and 2006-2008; Opening days for the Philadelphia Flyers and NJ Nets; Opsail 2000; the Ultimate Fighting Championship Tour and Tinkerbell at CDC and Plays-in-the-Park.

Dana Riccioni (*Costuming*) will be working with costumes for the first time with SPSPDW. She has a BA in fashion merchandising and loves to decorate. She works full-time as a corporate human resources recruiter.

Chris Seesselberg (*Directing Intern*) will be in his senior year at Montclair State University this fall majoring in theatre studies with a minor in musical theatre. He was the assistant propmaster for Montclair's productions of *Stage Door* and *Kiss of the Spider Woman*. After being on the SPSPDW stage from 2003 to 2010 performing such roles as Ovington in *How to Succeed...* and Vlad Vladikoff in *Seussical* and working on crew for *High School Musical*, he came back once again to use what he's learned and help those in the cast.

Rocco Severini (*Dance Intern*) has been doing theater for about 15 years and has participated in over 50 productions; not one has ever had tap dancing, so *Millie* was a challenge. He is happy to be back helping to choreograph, teaching and learning.

Matt Tietjen (*Technical Director/Set Designer*) is thrilled to be working with SPSPDW again and to be designing the sets for *Thoroughly Modern Millie*.

Duane Cosby (*Music Director*) is happy to be a part of his sixth SPSPDW production. Duane has been assistant vocal director, orchestra director, vocal director and assistant director/stage manager for SPSPDW. He recently finished directing his first show, *High School Musical Jr.*, with MVP of Linden and is looking forward to taking over as full time director of Linden High School's musical productions.

Christopher Duquette (*Assistant Technical Director*) is extremely grateful to be part of this great institution which has been part of South Plainfield for 41 years.

Eric Hafen (*Director*) has served as the artistic director at the Morris Museum's Bickford Theatre in Morristown since 2001. He has been active in the theatre for over 30 years having directed both musicals and non-musicals throughout New England, New York and New Jersey. He also provided artistic direction for the Six Flags Corporation, Park Performing Arts Center in Union City, Theatre at the Mount and Little Theatre Stage Company, both in MA. His directing work has appeared on the stages of East Lynne Theatre Company, Foothills Theatre Company, Playwrights Horizon, Theatre at the Mount, Worcester Civic Light Opera, Lyric Stage, Phoenix Productions, Rainbow Dinner Theatre, Winter Theatre Company of Boston and the Black Hills Playhouse. A sampling of his directing credits: *Sweeney Todd*, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, *Dr. Cook's Garden*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Lysistrata*, *La Cage Aux Folles*, *Communicating Doors*, *Sweet Charity*, *I Do! I Do!* and *Nunsense*, among others. This will be Hafen's 12th summer musical with SPSPDW.

Katie McGillick (*Assistant Director*) is working with SPSPDW for the first time. She graduated at the top of her class at Hogwart's School of Witchcraft and Wizardy. She also won the 65th annual Hunger Games. In her spare time she makes donuts and saves puppies. This bio will self destruct in five seconds.

Bill Mott (*Producer*) is entering his 13th year with SPSPDW. He began as a parent of a student (Katie) and volunteered to assist in the building of the sets for *The Music Man*. Thereafter, he joined the SPSPDW board, where he was fundraising chairman, vice president, and presently is the president. He produced *42nd Street*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Footloose*, *Crazy for You*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *The Pajama Game*, *Carousel*, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, *Damn Yankees*, *Fame*, *Seussical*, *High School Musical* and this year's production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*.

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Miss Dorothy Brown Joanna Marston
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Sports

Tiger Sharks Lose Ground to Year-Round Team

South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team lost an away meet to Bridgewater YMCA, a year round team, on July 11 with a final score of 168-108.

Though disappointed, the Tiger Shark swimmers, many who only swim during the summer season, did their personal best times against the Bridgewater swimmers.

Individual medley winners were: Sam Zhang (10 and under) second place; Matthew Chan and Andrew Galarza (11/12) first and second place; and Justin Irizarry (13-18) third place.

Freestyle gave the girls third place finishes for Kristy Tam (10 and under) and Ali Huber (13-18). The 11/12 girls were able to place first and second with Darlene Fung and Aubrey Marish.

Swimming freestyle for the 8 and under boys, Colin Carey was able to place third. Peter Zakrevski and Mat-

thew Chan (11/12) placed first and second. Daniel Galarza and Daniel Wang placed first and third for the 13/14 age group, while Anthony Gurrieri finished the event with a third place win for the 15-18 age group.

Backstroke first place winners were Tracy Lu (8 and under) and Aubrey Marish (11/12). Second place ribbons were captured by Jenna Yan (11/12) and Maggie Valentino (15-18). Finishing the event with third place wins were Kristy Tam (9/10), Stephanie Chiu (11/12) and Darlene Fung (13/14).

Breaststroke became the most difficult event for the South Plainfield swimmers. The only first place ribbon for the event was achieved by Jenna Yan (13/14). Tracy Lu (8 and under) and Shannon Yan (9/10) placed second, while Kristina Kwan, Stephanie Chiu, Gennifer Huber and sister Ali Huber placed third in their respective

age groups.

The boys also had a difficult time with butterfly. Peter Zakrevski and Daniel Galarza once again outswam the opposing team and placed first in their age groups. Andrew Galarza (11/12) and Bryce Uzzolino (15-18) placed second. Third place ribbons went to Ethan Fly (8 and under), Tyler Park (9/10) and David Wang (13/14).

The Tiger Shark girls were able to place first in the freestyle relays. In the 8 and under age group, Faith Best, Amanda Pina, Hope Best and Tracy Lu took home blue ribbons for the youngest age group, while Kristy Tam, Elizabeth Chiu, Darlene Fung and Shannon Yan won for the 9-12 age group.

While disappointed with the final score the Tiger Sharks swam their personal best times against a very strong team. Even though summer swimming is a short season, the swimmers enjoy the competition, friendship and the ability to develop their skills.

-Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley



Three South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Dive Team 8 and under divers, Nicole O'Sullivan (second from the left), Cassie O'Shaughnessy (fourth from the left) and Sara Fleming (right), placed second, fourth and fifth, respectively, in the New Jersey Swimming and Diving Championship hosted by Cedar Hill Swim Club. The Tiger Sharks finished the meet in first place overall.

Erik White Receives the NJSGA Caddie Scholarship

Erik White of South Plainfield is a 2012/13 recipient of a New Jersey State Golf Association (NJSGA) Caddie Scholarship.

NJSGA Caddie Scholars receive a minimum award of \$3,500 per year for all incoming freshmen and new in-college recipients. All existing scholar-

ships were increased by \$500 for the upcoming academic year. This action is a continuance of the foundation's long-range goal to keep pace with the continued increase in tuition costs.

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While admittedly a supplemental scholarship in terms of overall college costs, the NJSGA Caddie Scholarship plays an important role for most recipients, given that the main focus is to provide scholarships for those most in need. Since its inception in 1947, the foundation has funded over \$9 million to almost 2,500 caddie scholars.

The scholarships are funded through individual member contributions at the NJSGA's member clubs that sponsor caddie programs. The applicant must have caddied at least two golfing seasons, document financial need and demonstrate an academic record consistent with college requirements.



Herb Bradley took first place at the Callaway Golf Tournament held at the Plainfield West Nine. Jim Carovillano took second and Steve Raynor was third.

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Sports

Submitted By Bob Nilan

Notes from the **Jim Pornovets Memorial Golf League**

LEAGUE STANDINGS

American Division	W	L	T
Alfie's Boys	11	3	0
KC's Korner	9	3	2
2 Buds, 2 Dubes	7	7	0
McCriskin-Gustafson	5	8	1
Unique Sports Accessories	4	8	2
Twin City Pharmacy	2	11	1

National Division	W	L	T
Italian-American Club	9	3	2
So. Plainfield Funeral Home	9	5	0
Dirty Harry & Friends	6	8	0
Witty's Liquors	6	8	0
Sport & Social	4	7	3
Windows Plus	5	8	1

The Italian-American Club got off to a good start this season, but even their captain, Frank Ferraro, Sr., never dreamed that they'd go nine straight weeks without a loss. After getting totally wiped out by Alfie's Boys, 20-0, you'd think it would take some time to get over such a resounding defeat. But Ferraro rallied his squad and had them totally prepared for their march against Twin City Pharmacy, the Best Last-Place Team in league history.

Bob MacDonald rose to the occasion with an impressive 3-over 36 and lifted his Italian-American teammates to a convincing 16-4 victory over Twin City Pharmacy.

Guy Severini, for the umpteenth time, saw his talented buddies shoot some really good scores and lose. Jay Coppola posted another fine score, a sparkling 1-over 34; Joe Diller looked sharp in carding a 36; Severini chipped in with a 37; and Frank Gaspari contributed a 39.

With their eleventh loss in 14 weeks, Twin City will finish in last place with the worst win-loss record in the league. This is an utterly amazing turn of events for a powerhouse team that was crowned league champions just two years ago.

John Dominic tied for medalist honors last week with a terrific 1-over 34 and came right back this week with a 35 to lead the South Plainfield Funeral Home to a close 12-8 win over 2 Buds, 2 Dubes. Dominic's fine outing was highlighted by two lovely birdies on the fifth and seventh holes, and Wayne Lavender of "I left a few out there" fame still registered a 39 to aid in the victory.

Jeff Orth handily won the new Peaks and Valleys Award for the night. He crushed a beauty on the short par-4 fourth hole and lipped out for his eagle, but tapped in for birdie. He added another lovely birdie on the eighth hole after blasting a gorgeous drive. Unfortunately, sandwiched in between, were out-of-bounds tee shots on the sixth and seventh holes. Somehow he managed to card a 38 and earn the medal for his team that has been struggling lately.

Alfie's Boys have no room to falter in the stretch so Captain Dan Griffin has urged his players to finish with a flourish and make it impossible for the hard-charging KC's Korner team to catch them. Mike King certainly got the message and fired a superb 1-under 32, the best round of the night; Griffin continued his march towards earning Player-of-the-Year honors with a dazzling even par 33; John Gaven added to his string of excellent rounds with a 1-over 34, and Bill Mann played his usual very strong game and came in with a 37.

That was much more than Sport & Social could handle as Alfie's Boys notched a 13-7 win that guaranteed them at least a tie for first place in the American Division.

For Sport & Social, Scott MacDonald earned medalist honors with a round of 40.

KC's Korner upped its impressive string of matches without a loss to 10 as they got by Windows Plus, 12-8. Captain Tony Cotrone, Jr. showed the way with a 38, and Dan Conti and Efrain Solis both shot 39s as KC's Korner secured second place in the American Division.

Dave Romano again earned medalist honors for Windows Plus with a nice round of 36, and John Greenwald had a couple of good-looking birdies on the fourth and sixth holes on his way to a 38.

Charlie Oates and Kevin McCormack were both really on their games as they put together a pair of 35s to drive Dirty Harry & Friends to an overwhelming 19-1 triumph over Unique Sports Accessories.

Captain Chris Dillon of Unique Sports now walks around with that bewildered Guy Severini expression, wondering how his team can play pretty well, sometimes exceptionally well, and still go eight straight weeks without a win.

Ted "Old Reliable" Stanik just keeps hitting fairways and greens and recorded another terrific round, a 1-over 34, and Dillon pitched in with a 38 as their team rests in fifth place, just one notch above their soul brothers on Twin City Pharmacy.

Jim Parker of Witty's Liquors is really putting it all together lately: he's splitting the fairways with his impressive drives, hitting all his irons crisply, and showing a deft touch around and on the greens. Parker was in top form, firing a sterling 1-over 34, as Witty's Liquors buried McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals, 19-1. Eric Beegle contributed a 39 to Witty's crushing win.

Mark "The Golden Bird" Chichvar looked very spiffy in his deep purple golf shirt and freshly-ironed white shorts with sharp creases, but the fashionable attire obviously did not have the same magic as his award-winning orange ensemble. Chichvar led McCriskin's with a 37 and Steve Shock came through with a 39, but their efforts were no match for the Parker-inspired Witty's Liquors.

Frank Matthews of Sport & Social had to be prodded a bit before entering the closest-to-the-pin competition. When he got to the fifth hole, Matthews pulled out his Taylor Rescue 4 Wood and hit a Chi-Chi Rodriguez-type line drive that landed 25 yards in front of the green and started rolling towards the pin, much to the delight of the foursome on the sixth tee box who started cheering for the ball to find the cup. It almost did, stopping just 14 inches short of giving Matthews an ace, but providing him with a handsome reward.

Matthews remarked, "This was the easiest \$90 I ever won, and I can't wait for next week's competition."

Low scores for the night: Mike King, 32; Dan Griffin, 33; John Gaven, 34; Ted Stanik, 34; Jay Coppola, 34; Jim Parker, 34; John Dominic, 35; Charlie Oates, 35; Kevin McCormack, 35.

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Obituaries

Robert J. Makoski, 59

Patricia Ann Danek Fowler, 64

Robert J. Makoski died on Tuesday, July 24 at the Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Robert resided in South Plainfield with his wife and two daughters. Being a family man, he looked forward to taking "stay-cations" with them and his two dogs whom he adored, Mozart and Madison. Robert also enjoyed photography and music.

He was devoted to his job at Fedway Associates and gave them 29 years of dedicated service.

He is predeceased by his parents, John and Mary (Parillo) Makoski, and a brother-in-law, Rob Strauch.

Surviving are his loving wife, Terry; two daughters, Ariana and Alisha; his mother- and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hauptly of Fanwood; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams of Cape May and Taffy Strauch of West Palm Beach, Fla. and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

Patricia Ann Danek Fowler went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, July 28 at McCall Hospice House in Simpsonville, S.C.

Born in South Plainfield, she was the widow of Bobby G. Fowler and the daughter of the late Stephen and Eleanor Proksch Danek.

She was a retired nurse from Upstate Carolina Medical Center and Peachtree Centre. She was an avid Clemson fan and IPTAY member. Mrs. Fowler was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Surviving is a son, Robert S. Fowler and wife Andrea of Gaffney, S.C.; two daughters, Teresa Bedenbaugh and husband Jason of Gaffney, S.C. and Kimberlee Fowler Roddy of Greenville, S.C.; a sister, JoAnne Danek Cirafesi-Kane of South Plainfield; five grandchildren, Jacob Roddy, Haley Hood, Sidney Hood, T.J. Bedenbaugh and Lucas Bedenbaugh; and a special friend, Archie Kennedy of Gaffney, S.C.

A memorial service was held in South Carolina.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cherokee County Humane Society, P. O. Box 2223, Gaffney, S.C. 29342 or McCall Hospice House, 1836 West Georgia Rd., Simpsonville, S.C. 29680.

Elizabeth (Szucs) Kaplan, 92

Elizabeth (Szucs) Kaplan died on Friday, July 27 peacefully at home in the arms of her round the clock caretaker and daughter, Elizabeth Cacciatore, surrounded by her son, immediate family and close friends.

Known as Betty by her friends and family, Mrs. Kaplan was born in Perth Amboy and resided in Fords.

As a young woman Betty supported her country during WWII. She worked as a "Rosie the Riveter" on the production lines building Wildcat Airplanes.

In October of 1938 while working at the former Cornell-Dublier in South Plainfield, Betty met the love of her life, John G. Kaplan. The two were married on Christmas Day 1941 at St. Michael's Church in Perth Amboy and immediately following the wedding, John had to return to his military post. Following the war, the two were reunited and settled in South Plainfield where they raised their family.

A longtime communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield, she worked at the former Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield but the true calling was her love and devotion to her family. Betty will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

She is predeceased by her loving husband of 65 years, John, who passed away in 2007 at the age of 90; a granddaughter, Deana Marie Cacciatore; and three siblings, Regina Patrick, William and Julius Szucs.

In addition to her daughter, Elizabeth (Liz) Cacciatore of South Plainfield and a son, John Kaplan (Susan) of Statesville, N.C., Betty is survived by seven grandsons, David, John, Michael, Tommy, Devin, Christopher and Brian; a granddaughter, Dana; and three great-grandchildren, Tommy, Christopher and Noah.

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District Looking to Future With Study on Redistricting

By Libby Barsky

The Board of Education has charged former interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gary Bowen, who is partnering with Dr. Lisa M. Antunes, to conduct research on the most effective ways to use the schools to achieve both the district's present and future educational goals.

To that end, approximately 50 teachers, administrators and residents attended the first meeting of the redistricting task force held in the high school media center on July 16.

Relevant and related research by the task force includes school size, grade span configuration and school redistricting, defined as the alteration of the boundaries of two or more school enrollment areas for the purpose of changing the numbers and mixtures of students in two or more school buildings in order to attain better performance.

The initial task force meeting centered on grade span configuration—the number and range of grade levels that comprise a school.

When elementary schools were built 25 years ago, each classroom was anticipated to house approximately 30 students, according to Dr. Bowen's research sources. Today, with smaller

class sizes for kindergarten (and the expectation of full day kindergarten) and the inclusion of special education classes as well as the space needed for art, music, computer room and guidance personnel, the original school capacity has shrunk 60 percent.

South Plainfield's current school configuration consists of grades K-4 in four neighborhood elementary schools, a district-wide fifth/sixth grade elementary school, a seventh/eighth grade middle school and a 9-12 high school and a central location within the old Roosevelt School for a pre-school program.

During the July 16 meeting, the teachers were encouraged to change the configuration and present the advantages (less busing) and disadvantages which could result. There were more than 10 suggestions, including keeping the current grade configurations, going back to K-5, and establishing two middle schools consisting of sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

Dr. Bowen thanked the teachers for their suggestions and will assess them as possible options for reducing future overcrowding. Another meeting with the Redistricting Task Force is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. in the media center.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Danielle Aronowitz

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Now that Summer Reading is winding down, Monday Night Movies will be starting up again beginning Monday, Aug. 20. If you missed a movie in the theaters, come to Monday Night Movies and watch it for free! The first movie that we will be showing is based on the first book of a very popular young adult trilogy. Unless otherwise noted, movies will start at 6:30 pm. You can call the library for title information or stop by and pick up a schedule of all the upcoming movies.

On Thursday, Aug. 16 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a special children's program entitled, "Sing and Sign Along With Junior Jams." Kids will sing songs and learn some sign language. This program will be held at the Senior Center, located at 90 Maple Ave., and does not require registration.

The Friends of the Library will be having a book and bake sale on Saturday, Sept. 22 beginning at 9 a.m. Stop by and pick up some great books and baked goods. If you have books to donate, hold on to them until the middle of September. If you would like to donate baked goods, please keep an eye out for the sign-up sheet at the library.

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- On July 13 Dinubhai B. Patel was arrested for driving while intoxicated, failure to stop, careless driving and failure to exhibit a registration and insurance card.
- On July 14 Timothy J. Diaz was arrested for being a fugitive from justice.
- A Front Street resident reported the theft of a handgun from their residence.
- On July 15 Raceway Gas Station on W. 7th Street reported that a customer left without paying for \$20 of gas.

- On July 16 Flooring America on Hadley Road reported that there was graffiti on the side of the building.
- Bravo Supermarket on W. 7th Street reported that a customer attempted to pay for cigarettes with a counterfeit \$20 bill.
- Fadel Issa Ghanem was arrested at Investors Bank for attempting to open two bank accounts with fraudulent checks.
- On July 17 Shimpy Girdhar was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting \$543 worth of clothing.

- A Matis Street resident reported that a gift card and change had been taken from their unlocked vehicle.
- A Maple Avenue resident reported the theft of a boys' BMX bike from their rear yard.
- A Delmore Avenue resident reported the theft of Oxycodone and Diazepam prescriptions and designer clothing from their residence.
- On July 18 A&P reported that a male and female left the store without paying for \$1,000 worth of personal care items. On July 15 they were also seen leaving the store without paying for another \$1,000 worth of personal care items.
- On July 19 Shop Fair Supermarket on Clinton Avenue reported that a female left the store without paying for a bottle of Wig Shine.
- A Middletown, Del. resident reported the theft of a Tag Heuer watch from their hotel room at the Holiday Inn.
- On July 20 Djuan Antonio Cirino, 21, of Vauxhall was arrested for driving on a suspended license, failure to observe a traffic signal and an outstanding warrant.
- A Ritter Avenue resident reported the theft of a Suzuki dirt bike from their yard.

Suspects Arrested in Burglaries

(Continued from page 1)

Mark Bullock located a Schiller brand electrocardiograph instrument on Clinton Avenue near Franklin Avenue. The instrument was recovered and brought to police headquarters. At 6 a.m., a resident of McCarthy Court reported that her vehicle was stolen. She told police that there was an electrocardiograph instrument in her vehicle. She said that two other vehicles she owned were ransacked and property was stolen. The stolen vehicle, a 2009 Pontiac Vibe, was recovered several hours later on West 5th Street in Plainfield. A fourth

vehicle on McCarthy Court was also entered and ransacked.

It is unknown if these incidents were committed by the three suspects and the investigation is continuing.

Residents are reminded to secure and lock their vehicles at all times. All the vehicles entered or ransacked were unlocked. Do not keep valuables, electronics or cash in the vehicles. When stopping for a short time or shopping, etc., do not leave the vehicle running with the keys in the vehicle.

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A. Case #07-06/M/V-Harry Popik, Block 347; Lots: 8.10 and 8.11; R-10 Zone. 415 and 425 Harvard Avenue. The applicant's request for (3) bulk variances, an EIS waiver and minor subdivision approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
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Sweet Dreams Car Club Show Benefits Cancer Victim



By Patricia Abbott

Street Dreams Car Club hosted "Cruisin' for Kathy," a car and motorcycle show benefit for Kathy Regenye, on July 21 at Veteran's Park.

One hundred and six cars, trucks and motorcycles entered the show. Judges for the event were the show attendees. After viewing the vehicles, show goers could purchase trophies (\$5 each) to place in front of their favorites. The car club had 200-plus trophies donated. There was also a special "Kathy's Choice" trophy for her favorite vehicle. One hundred and twenty-five trophies were purchased.

South Plainfield deejay Stickshift Eddie kept the tunes playing all evening. There were approximately a dozen vendors selling a variety of items and refreshments.

Regenye has had three brain surgeries since receiving a diagnosis of brain cancer (Glioblastoma) two years ago. She has endured chemotherapy, radiation and physical therapy, all of which have taken a toll on her body. Despite having medical insurance, Regenye's bills are exorbitant and Street Dreams hopes the cruise will

help to pay some of her expenses.

Although she is still living in a facility for therapy, Regenye and her husband Clifford, along with their daughters Katie, 29, and Jessie, 25, attended the event from start to finish.

Regenye and her family have lived in Plainfield for over 30 years. Her connection to South Plainfield is through Sacred Heart Church and school.

Street Dreams Car Club president



Clifford and Kathy Regenye

and founder Ron Fusco and his wife, Marguerite, are longtime friends of the Regenye Family. Their daughters attended kindergarten together at Sacred Heart School and later attended Bishop Ahr High School in Edison. Kathy was very involved in school activities, especially as a classroom mother.

Regenye is described as kind and generous in spirit and heart—always with a smile on her face. South Plainfield resident Loretta Gati has been called Kathy's angel, taking her to appointments and has always been at her side throughout her surgeries.

"Kathy was overwhelmed with gratitude," said Gati. "She enjoyed every minute and could not believe the outpouring of everyone who came to give their support. With her family by her side, she had the best day she has had in a real long time. And believe me, she deserves it."

Street Dreams Car Club was formed about 11 years ago as a social club for car/motorcycle owners. The club wanted to give back to the community and help others; hence, they began hosting cruises as fundraisers. The club has about 30 members, and most were on hand to assist with the event. Over the years they have donated to Ronald McDonald House, Victory Junction (camp funded by NASCAR), people who were impacted by Hurricane Katrina and a local family who lost their house in a fire. They have donated to the Manville VFW for housing and food for flood victims in the town, and a few years ago held a fundraiser for resident Alyssa Ricciardi, who has cancer. This year's plans include donating to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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Street Dreams President Ron Fusco with DJ Stickshift Eddie

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