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SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER MEANS BUSINESS

The Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce participated in two networking events in February and there was standing room only for the monthly meeting even though it was in the middle of a snowstorm.

New and old members poured into the Firehouse Training Room for the second meeting of the new Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce. Every seat was taken and some members had to stand. "If this keeps up we will need a new venue for meetings!" stated Scott Seidel, Springfield Chamber co-chair. Other members commented on the successful networking events run by the Chamber and look forward to more events.

Over one hundred people turned out for a multi-group networking event on February 17 hosted by the Mattress Factory in Fanwood. Included were members of the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce, Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Fanwood Business and Professional Association and the Scotch Plains Business Association.

On February 22 there was a Springfield Social Networking Event sponsored by Sofia's Restaurant located on Morris Avenue in Springfield and Michael Scalera Insurance Agency.

The Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its Annual Leadership Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at L'Affaire, in, Mountainside, New Jersey.

For more information about chamber membership and upcoming events please see page 10.



(above) Springfield Social Networking event sponsors Rick Pavona, Sofia's Restaurant and Mike Scalara, Scalara Insurance Agency pictured with Springfield Patriot Chamber officers Elliot Merkin and Scott Seidel.



(above) Mattress Factory owner and host of the multi-group networking event, Ron Shevlin, welcomed the crowd of over 100 area business leaders. (left) Elliot Merkin tests their products.



NO BODY DENIED HEALTH CLUB NOW OPEN AT ECHO PLAZA

New Fitness Concept Anchors Levin-Leased Shopping Center in Springfield, N.J.

No Body Denied Health Club celebrated its grand opening as the new anchor tenant for Echo Plaza in Springfield this month.

The 21,500-square-foot fitness facility features moderately priced memberships and programs for members ages 10 and up. It includes a cycle studio, group fitness classrooms, cardio machines with personal viewing screens, a youth-friendly sport training zone, a child-care area and more. No Body Denied attracted 1,000 members even before its opening.

Levin Management Corporation is the exclusive retail leasing agent for the shopping center located at the

intersection of Mountain Avenue and U.S. Route 22. The 66,000-square-foot shopping center currently is in the midst of a repositioning, which follows its acquisition by property owner Larken Associates in early 2009.

A renovation now nearing completion at Echo Plaza, includes a new exterior façade, new tenant signage, a new pylon sign and exterior landscaping. Stew Leonard's Wines and Spirits recently signed on as co-anchor for the property. Other tenants include Outback Steakhouse, Sherwin Williams, Echoqua Italian Bistro and Chen's 22 Chinese restaurant. A few smaller units are available, ranging from 1,400 to 2,750 square feet.



(above, l-r) Township of Springfield Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady (fifth from left) and club owner Ken Carrier (center) were on hand to cut the ribbon to mark the official opening along with local dignitaries from the Township of Springfield, members of the Chamber of Commerce, and No Body Denied staff.

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Message from the Mayor



Congratulations, Springfield! In a 2010 "report card" prepared by researchers at Monmouth University's Polling Institute and published in New Jersey Monthly magazine, Springfield ranked in the top 100 towns for best places to live. This is an overall positive evaluation representing quality of life and we should be proud of this achievement.

March is a month celebrated by several groups to raise awareness of various causes. At the February 23rd meeting, I proclaimed March as Youth Art Month in Springfield. Student artwork was put on display and recognized throughout the county at IKEA. March is also Red Cross Month. Our local Red Cross is the Colonial Crossroads Chapter. They have provided aid to many residents in Springfield over the years and they were honored at our March 9th meeting. I participated in the Read Across America program, which traditionally falls on Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2nd, by touring Springfield schools and reading with students at Walton School, Sandmeier School, and Caldwell School. Finally, I will take part in Mayors for Meals Day on March 24th, a day set aside by the Meals on Wheels Association and coordinated with SAGE Eldercare to deliver meals to hungry seniors. In 2009, over 70 seniors received 17,101 meals delivered by volunteers.

One significant initiative approved by the Township Committee on February 23rd is the Springfield Improvement Team. The Team is made up of a Heritage Advisory Board and an Executive Board tasked with enlisting volunteers to advance the yearly calendar. The goal of the Team is to promote the following initiatives: beautification of public areas, historical and cultural affairs and events, veterans outreach, collaboration with the Springfield Chamber of Commerce relative to downtown improvements, park cleanups, healthy living initiatives, employee appreciation programs and initiatives, public relations programs and initiatives, and social/community activities. The structure provides for representation from the entire community and includes students, seniors, and businesses. In order to be successful, your assistance is needed. If anyone is interested in helping, please e-mail me.

I would like to start discussing an important item that is only in the "brainstorming" stage but may have a tremendous impact on the municipal budget. I have been exploring the idea of sharing or combining our Police and Fire Departments with neighboring Summit. Should I continue researching this? E-mail me with feedback.

I am holding open office hours on Saturday, March 13th at 10:00 a.m.; Sunday, March 14th at 2:00 p.m.; and Sunday, March 28th at 3:00 p.m. Please e-mail me at mayor@zashehady.com or call 973-912-2299 to make an appointment. Additionally, contact me if you would like to host a weekend coffee/tea for neighbors and have me over to speak on any issue(s) of concern to the group. For more frequent updates, visit my website at www.zashehady.com.

Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady

P.S. My Winter Photo Contest is still open until March 21st. To submit a photo or vote for a winner, visit my website.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tues. of the month unless otherwise noted in the Municipal Building.
Work Shop Sessions 6:30 pm.
followed by Regular meeting 7:00 pm.

PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Municipal Building

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Municipal Building

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Municipal Building

RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Chisholm Center

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m., Annex building

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.,
Municipal Building

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Library

RENT LEVELING BOARD

Last Thursday of Month, 8 p.m.,
Municipal Building

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Springfield Board of Education meets at 7:00 pm for Executive Sessions and 7:30 pm for Public Sessions in the Instructional Media Center located on the 1st floor of Jonathan Dayton High School.

Regular meetings: March 8th & 22nd
Public Hearing March 22nd

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SPRINGFIELD RECREATION

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or email recreation@springfield-nj.us.

Chisholm Playground Camp

This is a supervised outdoor playground camp that operates at the Chisholm Community Center in the playground area and gym. The camp runs for 8 weeks beginning June 28 in 2 week increments. Camp is available for boys and girls age 3 to 13. (Children must be toilet trained). Activities include games, crafts, activities, special events, trips to the Springfield pool, parties, sports, and much more! Snack is included in the cost of camp. Camp hours are 8:30am- 12:30pm, Monday- Friday. Registration fees are \$60 for residents per child, per session and \$75 for non-residents per child, per session. This program is limited to the first 100 children registered per session.

Men's Softball

Springfield Recreation offers a men's modified fast pitch softball league to all those interested in playing. Call if you would like to form a team or join an existing team.

Kids Night Out

Parents enjoy a few hours off while your children enjoy a few hours of fun! Kids night out is held at the Chisholm Community Center. Kids will play sports and games, watch movies, make crafts, and more! Children age 3 (toilet trained) to grade 5 are welcome to attend. Cost is \$10 per child, snack and drink are included in costs. The next 2 Kids Night Outs will be held on the following Saturday nights; March 13 and March 27. Register at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield.

Women's Softball

Residents of Springfield and non-residents age 21 years or older are welcome to join. The league runs from the third week of June until the second week of August. Games are played at Chisholm Field in Springfield and run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Call if you are interested in forming a team or would like to join a team please.

Boys Lacrosse

Spring lacrosse is offered to boys in grades 3-8. Practices begin in March and games will begin in May and end in June. Registration fees include a \$50 fee to the Township of Springfield and a \$150 check to Springfield Lacrosse Club. For more information contact Bruce Pearl at springfieldlax@hotmail.com.

Spring Tennis Lessons

Springfield Recreation and Tennis Dynamics offer spring tennis lessons. Classes are offered for 6 weeks on Mondays and Saturdays beginning April 24 and 26. Classes are offered for children in kindergarten through adults. Beginner/Advanced beginner classes are \$50 per student and Intermediate classes are \$60 per student. Register at the Springfield Recreation Department, 30 Church Mall, Springfield. For more information call Bill Bess at (973) 916.1882 or email recreation@springfield-nj.us.

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STUDENTS VISIT ELLIS ISLAND



Miss Michelle Cino, 4th Grade School Teacher from St. James the Apostle School, Springfield, and her students pose for a photo in front of the Ellis Island Museum during a recent trip to Ellis Island. The students who studied the Lenape Indians enjoyed a transient exhibit at the museum. They also had time to view the immigrant walls to look for some of their

ancestors. The tour guide, Matthew Breitenbach, a retired teacher, was so impressed with the student's background knowledge and behavior during the visit that he called the school to compliment the School Principal, Mrs. Patricia Dolansky and asked to speak with Monsignor Bill Hatcher, Pastor of St. James the Apostle Church.

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APARTMENT FIRE DAMAGES MORRIS AVENUE BUILDING



Cross assisted with the relocation of 10 residents from the 8 apartments.

Nathaniel Hunt 30, who resided in the apartment where the fire originated, was charged with one count of Aggravated Arson and one count of Criminal Mischief. Bail was set by the Springfield Municipal Court Judge at \$150,000.00 with no options. Mr. Hunt is being held in the Union County Jail. Additional charges may be forthcoming as the investigation is continuing within the Springfield Police Department, Investigative Division.

On Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 1:18pm the Springfield Fire Department responded to a report of flames coming from a building at 236 Morris Avenue. First arriving units found a three story wood frame building, residential over commercial occupancy with fire showing from a third floor window. The tenants were evacuated by the Springfield Police Department; however, there was a report of two possible occupants trapped.

A General Alarm was transmitted with a special request for a Millburn Engine Company to respond to the scene. Springfield Engine 1 completed a primary search for victims, which turned out to be negative; then, the crew began fire suppression. A second alarm was transmitted, bringing a Union and Westfield Engine Companies to the scene. The fire was placed under control in 27

minutes with 1 minor firefighter injury. Fire damage was contained to the third floor apartment where the fire began, with minor water damage to the second and first floor.

The Springfield Fire Department determined the fire to be suspicious. The Springfield Police Department took the role as the lead agency in the criminal investigation. The Union County Fire Investigation Task Force, Union County Sheriff's Crime Scene Unit and NJ Division of Fire Safety K-9 Arson Unit conducted an "origin and cause" investigation.

The entire building was required to be evacuated due to the damage associated to the structure and its fire alarm. The Westfield Regional Health Department inspected the two eating establishments and they were allowed to open after a re-inspection. The Springfield Office of Emergency Management and the Red

SPRINGFIELD SCOUTS CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

On Monday, February 8th, the Boy Scouts of America celebrated its 100th birthday. Springfield Cub Scout Pack 73 and Boy Scout Troop 73, both chartered by St. James Church, observed the anniversary with a number of events.

On Sunday, February 7th, the Boy Scouts attended mass at St. James in observance of Scout Sunday. Later that day, the Cub pack held its annual Blue and Gold Dinner, during which 5 Webelos Scouts crossed over into Boy Scouts. The five were Ryan Locke, Steven Rodriguez, Joshua Rousso, David Stang, and Michael Zacieracha. On hand to welcome the new Scouts were several members of Troop 73. Each new Boy Scout was presented with a Scout Handbook and a troop neckerchief.

The actual anniversary was commemorated at Veterans' Park in a joint Cub Scout/Boy Scout candlelit ceremony. Leaders recited a timeline of Scouting in the United States, and all present recited the Cub Scout Promise or the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

On Tuesday evening, several Scouts and leaders attended the Town Council meeting to receive a congratulatory Proclamation from Mayor Shehady.



(above) Scouts and leaders pose at Town Hall on February 9th.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING LIGHT UP SPRINGFIELD

Your generosity & enthusiasm has made the 1st annual 2009 Springfield Luminary Fund Event a great success, raising nearly \$8,000 for:

- Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad
- Springfield Turf Foundation

A special thank you to: Scenic Paving Contractors for donating sand; the confirmation candidates for volunteering their time; Michelle Pais of Coldwell Bankers, Central Jersey Wrecking, McLynn's and SRD Linen for their monetary donation, all the Springfield families who participated for this worthwhile cause. And lastly, without the help of our many volunteer street captains, this first year could not have been a success.

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HADASSAH MEETING MARCH 25TH

The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah will host a regular meeting on Thursday, March 25, 12:30 PM in the Springfield Public Library.

The meeting is devoted to Holocaust Remembrance. Ms. Miriam Gershwin, a Holocaust survivor, is in charge of the meeting. The program will include a significant candle lightening ceremony during which survivors will light six candles in memory of the six million Jews who perished because of the Holocaust.

Ms. Gershwin came to the United States in 1949 and moved to Springfield in 1950 to join her uncle, Morris Lichtenstein, owner of the Springfield Pharmacy on Morris Ave. A chapter trustee, Miriam Gershwin was among the founders of both Springfield Hadassah and Temple Beth Ahm.

In addition, another Holocaust survivor will also share memories with the group.

A light lunch will be served and the public is invited to attend. However, to assure adequate refreshments, non Hadassah members, who plan to attend, are asked to contact Lorraine Seidel at lrrse@aol.com or 973.376.5067.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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So, although tempting, do not illegally toss a burned out CFL into the garbage. Save up a few in a plastic bag and take them to a Union County Hazardous Waste Collection. The next one will be at Union County College in Cranford on Saturday, April 17, 9am to 2pm. Or even easier, take to any Home Depot, such as on Springfield Ave. in Union.

The Bother is well worth the extra effort.

FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Families in the Springfield area are welcome to attend a "Movie Night" at Holy Cross on Friday, March 12, 2010 from 7 - 9 pm.

This big screen, free family-friendly evening will feature Disney's Snow Buddies, a "G" rated tale about a feisty pack of golden retriever puppies that embark on an Alaskan adventure.

Come with friends and enjoy relaxed 'picnic style' seating. Be sure to bring your blankets and lawn chairs, and enjoy the snack and drink that is provided.

We request that children be accompanied by an adult during this event. For questions, please contact the church office M-F, 9-1 at office@holycrossnj.org or 973.379.4525.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is located at 639 Mountain Avenue Springfield, NJ www.holycrossnj.org.

GO BULLDOGS!

Springfield Minutemen Cheerleaders (grades 4 and 5) cheered at Dayton with the high school cheerleaders as the Dayton Bulldogs played

Roselle Catholic. It was exciting for all of the cheerleaders to be there together and showed great Springfield spirit!!!!



BE A PART OF GREENING SPRINGFIELD!

If you'd like to get involved in the "greening" of our town, Greening Springfield welcomes and needs your participation! Our last Green Team meeting was full of energy and activity. We welcomed three new participants to our team, Betzy Blondet, Hortense Dias, and Scott Farber. Betzy will be helping to maintain our new blog (GreeningSpringfield.com). Hortense is heading our Green Fair Committee. And Scott is forming a committee to create a Green Business Recognition Program to promote sustainable practices in our local businesses. For info or to get involved, email GreeningSpringfield@springfield-nj.us.

Upcoming Activities are: "Carbon Currency-Keeping Track of our Spending", March 31st at the Springfield Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

This talk by Mary Reilly of Reilly Green Associates, will give us an understanding of what contributes to green house gases and what we can do to lower our personal carbon

footprint.

Clean Communities Day, April 25, 1-4pm, meet at Dayton High School.

This event, sponsored by the Springfield Environmental Commission, will be a great way for the whole family to celebrate Earth Day (occurring 4/22). Registration begins at 1 p.m., you will also have the opportunity to learn about home composting and other ways to implement green practices in your home. Then participants help clean-up selected sections of town. Earlier in the day, the Mom's Club is sponsoring a 1k walk to raise money for play equipment at the Springfield Pool. The walk will begin at the pool and end at Dayton. (For more info contact Robin Cornelison at robinsegg11@yahoo.com.)

1st Annual Green Fair, Planning now for end of May/early June. Local vendors, organic/wholesome food, fun activities for the kids, and more. Volunteers are needed! Contact SpringfieldGreenFair@ymail.com.

MOM'S CLUB

The Mom's Club of Springfield/Mountainside presented the Springfield Public Library with a \$200 check from money raised during its annual charity Holiday Super Sale. The Moms Club is a non-profit support network for both working and at-home moms.



(above, l-r) Deborah Sandford, Library Head of Youth Svcs, Danielle McLeer, club member and daughter Molly, age 3, Robin Cornelison, club President, Susan Permahos, Library Director, Traci Glazner, club member and son, Ben, age 1, Samantha Kestin, club member, and daughter Ella, age 1

SOUPER BOWL DRIVE

The James Caldwell School Student Council, led by students Josh Rousso, Katy Morris, and Mathew Silva sponsored a "Souper Bowl" from February 1-5th. The soup can drive was an overwhelming success. Students and Teachers brought in soup all week and by the end of the week 1542 cans were collected. The soup will be donated to Lily's Pantry in Springfield and the Community Food Bank in Hillside.



ROATARY CLUB'S TASTE OF SPRINGFIELD PHOTO ALBUM

Rotary Club of Springfield would like to thank the Holiday Inn and all the terrific Vendors for making the taste of Springfield a huge success!
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DAYTON VISUAL ART MAJORS SHARE THEIR TALENTS

Each year, new AP Art History Scholars read Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling by Ross King over the summer. Students and the instructor discuss research assignments through email during July and August. When Humanities Supervisor, Mr. Frank Fusco asked if the AP Art History students would be willing to make a presentation about Michelangelo to students at Sandmeier Elementary school in November, the high school students quickly

went into action. Each AP Art History student researched and became a specialist on certain facts that would be revealed to the younger students in the exhibit installed at Sandmeier through a generous grant by the Italian American Society.

Dayton high school students were amazed at the questions that the elementary students asked them on the day of the presentation. They were equally pleased with themselves when they

could respond with a knowledgeable answer. When asked if they would be willing to teach elementary students on another art topic, they responded with a unanimous yes!

"We are fortunate at Dayton that our principal, Mrs. Cresci, and other administrators appreciate and support the value of our AP Art History class," said Mrs. Barbara Delikaris, AP Art History and AP Studio Art Instructor. AP Art History is part of the Visual Art Curriculum. Many students who are planning on majoring in art in college take this course. Dayton Visual Art majors have earned many college scholarships, awarded the top AENJ state portfolio, exhibited at Teen Arts, and been represented at the Governor's School for the Visual Arts. Advanced portfolios can be seen at the Donald B. Palmer Gallery at the Springfield Public Library this coming February.

Mrs. Delikaris explained that "Numerous museum trips help students relate assignments with original artworks. Students can earn three to six college credits for this high school course. Students who have taken AP Art History have found this class very helpful in their college coursework. Dayton students have gone on to major and minor in art history at the university level. I am excited that next year AP Art History will be part of the new Dayton Collegiate Academy."

"This year students have been really excited over the new Plasma TV installed in the Visual Art classroom," stated Mrs. Delikaris. "The images we discuss come alive now and all their details can be easily seen and interpreted."



Senior Jen Wexler is both an AP Art History and AP Studio Art student. She is planning on turning in an AP Drawing Portfolio to the College Board in May.

FOURTH ANNUAL JONATHAN DAYTON ADVANCED ART STUDENTS' SHOW

The Springfield Public Library's Donald B. Palmer Museum is exhibiting the Fourth Annual Jonathan Dayton's Advanced Art Students' Show from February 18th through March 25th, 2010. Regular exhibit hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am to 8:30 pm; Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Sunday from 1:00 to 3:30 pm.

The showcase will feature work done primarily by Dayton's Advanced Placement Studio Art students. Artwork from the students' AP portfolios is being exhibited. The portfolios will be submitted to the College Board in May for college credit. Advanced artwork from Portfolio Honors classes, Open Studio and

Foundations of Art students will also be on display.

"Dayton's students have a history of doing well on their portfolios," says art teacher and Springfield district's 2006-2007 Teacher of the Year Barbara Delikaris. "We've continually earned top AP scores for our drawing portfolios. I have high expectations that this year's students will also score well." Past Visual Art students have set high standards for the class of 2010's artists.

"This is a celebration of our year's work," Delikaris explains. The wide range of media being exhibited will feature ceramics, pencil drawings, printmaking, charcoal, painting, and colored pencil work. "The sophistication and

skill in this work is impressive. I am very happy that our students have the opportunity to share their beautiful work with the community. We are very appreciative of all the community support for our artists, and this is a way to show it," says Elizabeth Cresci, Principal of Jonathan Dayton High School.

There will be a reception hosted by the Dayton Chapter of the National Art Honor Society on March 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the museum with homemade refreshments and music. A National Honor Society Induction Ceremony for new members will be held from 6:00-6:45 p.m. One of the features of this evening will be a sonic art exhibit produced by Ross Fish.

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TEXAS HOLD 'EM WINNERS

The Temple Sha'arey Shalom Brotherhood held its first annual Texas Hold 'Em Tournament on Sunday, January 31, 2010. Seventy-seven players started the tournament, which raised thousands of dollars for the temple. The top nine players, pictured here with representatives of TD Bank, collectively all took home \$2,200 in Visa Gift Cards generously donated by TD

Bank. Pictured are (L-R) Joe Cappa (4th place), Guy Warman (7th Place), Alex Roboostoff (6th Place), Kathy Brutzman (Manager, TD Bank, Springfield) Jared Nevens (2nd Place), Latifa Brika (TD Bank, Springfield), Joe Afflitto (9th Place), Mike Massimo (8th Place), Mike Caldarella (3rd Place), Andrew Schwartz (5th Place), and Craig Joseph (1st Place).



JAMES CALDWELL SCHOOL WELCOMES AUTHOR

Bestselling children's author, Peter Lerangis, visited James Caldwell School recently. Lerangis discussed The 39 Clues series, his new book, The Viper's Nest, and the writing process. Mr. Lerangis spoke to students in grades 3, 4 & 5.

The Viper's Nest is the seventh book in the highly popular The 39 Clues series published by Scholastic. The first book, The Maze of Bones was written by Rick Riordan, and was an instant #1 New York Times best-seller. Other bestselling books in the series were written by Gordon Korman, Jude Watson, and Patrick Carman. In this series readers meet the Cahill clan, whose family tree includes such historical figures as Ben Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, and Houdini. The Cahills are the most powerful family the world has ever known. But the source of the family's power has been lost. Upon the death of Grace Cahill, the family's last matriarch, her grandchildren fourteen-year-old Amy Cahill, and her eleven-year-old brother, Dan, compete with many nefarious relatives to find the 39 clues that lead to the source of the family's power. In addition to reading The 39 Clues books, this "multi-media" series provides the opportunity for a unique interactive experience that combines card collecting, and an on-line game.

Peter Lerangis has written over 150 books, for early readers through teens. He injects his own

brand of suspense, humor, and colorful characters into many different writing genres. In September 2003, First Lady Laura Bush selected Peter, along with two other writers, Marc Brown, and R.L. Stine, to accompany her to Moscow, representing the United States in the first Russian Book Festival. In 2004, the National Book Foundation chose him to be a Family Literacy Writer-in-Residence, and he has conducted writing workshops for the Highlights Foundation and the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. Peter graduated from Harvard University with a degree in biochemistry. He's also a Broadway musical theater actor/singer, a marathon runner, and a father of two sons.

An author visit is a wonderful opportunity for young readers to meet the creators of the books they read. Consider extending this learning experience through the purchase of a book. Mr. Lerangis will be autographing copies of The Viper's Nest (Book 7) and also The Sword Thief (Book 3) in The 39 Clues series..



PAPER BAG CAMPAIGN TEACHES NUTRICIAN



Members of the Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, Junior Youth Group display lunch bags they designed as part of the state's "Paper Bag Campaign" to improve child nutrition. The synagogue's Junior Youth Group, consisting of boys and girls who are in 5th-8th grade, meets bi-monthly for social activities and "mitzvah projects"--doing good deeds for others.

KIWANIS IS CHANGING TOMORROW TODAY

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For example the Millburn/Springfield Kiwanis donated \$500 to the Haitian relief fund. They also donated \$1,000 to the Children's Specialized Hospital for new play mats. The club also provided funds to help three children with cleft surgery, which gave these desperate children not just a smile but a new life.

If you believe Kiwanis is the place for you we meet every Thursday at Enzo's Trotteria, 514 Millburn Ave, Short Hills New Jersey. Just drop in and join us for lunch or call Tony Z. at 908-432-1406 or Herb Slote at 973-376-7395.

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MARCH

Great Books Discussion Group - Meditations One & Two
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Thursday, March 18th, 10:15 a.m.

International Film Festival - The Counterfeiters
(Austrian)

Thursday, March 18th, 12:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, March 18th, 7:30 p.m.

American Association of Individual Investors

Saturday, March 20th, 9:15 a.m.
Open to the public

One woman character performance—Abigail Adams
performed by Kim Hanley

Sunday, March 21st, 2:00 p.m.

Knit Wits Knitting Group

Monday, March 22nd, 10:00 a.m.

Lunchtime Video— Stanley Tucci & Tony Shaloub
try to save their struggling restaurant.

Tuesday, March 23rd, 12:00 noon

Springfield Garden Club—Growing Roses

Wednesday, March 24th, 7:00 p.m.

Memoir Writing Group

Thursday, March 25th, 10:15 a.m.

Green Springfield presents “Your Carbon Footprint”
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Wednesday, March 31st, 7:00 p.m.

APRIL

Really Good Book Discussion Group

– **Brick Lane** by Monica Ali

Thursday, April 1st, 7:00 p.m.

Current Events Discussion Group with Bobby Fewell

Monday, April 5th, 7:00 p.m.

Lunchtime Video – Film adaptation of Fannie Flagg’s
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Tuesday, April 6th, 12:00 noon

Memoir Writing Group

Thursday, April 8th, 10:15 a.m.

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Thursday, April 8th, 7:00 p.m.

Ethel Merman: A living biography with music and song
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Sunday, April 11th, 2:00 p.m.

Knit Wits Knitting Group

Monday, April 12th, 10:00 a.m.

Great Books Discussion Group

– **The Nose** by Nikolai Gogol

Thursday, April 15th, 10:15 a.m.

International Film Festival – The Valet (French)

Thursday, April 15th, 12:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees meeting

Thursday, April 15th, 7:30 p.m.

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Throughout March, all Springfield students
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We’re asking local businesses and individuals to
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Sponsors will again be recognized on signs
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Sponsors will also have the opportunity to read
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To kick-off the program this year, we will
again invite a representative from each business
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class in the younger grades and to meet with and
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We try our best to match businesses with classes
that they request. Sponsors will be recognized
on a sign outside their classrooms and also will
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All proceeds from this program will be
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