

NON-PROFIT NEWS

Kaitlyn Mocer, volunteer supervisor at Valley Health System in Ridgewood, has been recognized with the first Do Good Award from the **REED (Resources for Effective Educational Development) Foundation for Autism** for her work in creating volunteer opportunities for young adults with autism. The foundation was created to support REED Academy (a nonprofit school for individuals ages 3 to 21 with autism) and REED Next (a residential and vocational program for adults ages 21 and over that plans to open in the summer of 2018). The Do Good Award, which was initiated along with the launch of the foundation in April, was created to inspire people to do good deeds related to serving people with special needs. Tom Kneeshaw, a 97 year old veteran who served in the Army Signal Corp during World War II and is a retired Major from the Army Reserves, donated a wooden doll house that he made to **Habitat for Humanity ReStore**, which sells new and gently used home furnishings and construction materials to the public at a fraction of the retail value, at 121 Carver Ave., Westwood.

Sal Laurretta for Men helped raise \$187,500 by hosting the 8th Annual "Behind the Seams" Fashion Show to benefit **Eva's Village**, a non-profit comprehensive social service organization located in Paterson. The event helps support the 20 anti-poverty programs that address the needs of the community for food and housing, recovery and medical services, and education and training. Dr. Larry Sabel from the **Foundation for Wellness** will perform free 10-minute chair massages from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 24 at the Tenafly Senior Center, 20 South Summit St. Advance registration is required. Call 201-569-2159 for information.

Girls Who Code Club, which aims to support and increase the number of women in computer science, will meet at the Cresskill Library, 53 Union Ave., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 29. Girls in grades 6 through 12 are invited to learn core concepts of how to

code through projects based on their interests such as music, arts or games, and meet female engineers at the world's leading companies. Free, open to public. Bring your own laptop. Contact crescirc@bccls.org or 201-567-3521, or visit cresskill.bccls.org, for information.

The **Conserve Wildlife Foundation** is showing James Fiorentino's "Rare Wildlife Revealed" at Hiram Blauvelt Art Museum, 705 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, one of the nation's only wildlife art museums, through July 30, as part of a three-year traveling exhibition around the Northeast. The museum is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

blauveltartmuseum.com. Vocalists of all ages are invited to apply for the **NJ Association of Verismo Opera** 29th Annual International Vocal Competition. Verismo Opera is the house opera company of the Bergen Performing Arts Center in Englewood. The nonprofit opera company is recognized for providing opportunities for artists to learn and perform in a professional environment with a live orchestra. \$55 through July 31; \$75 through Oct. 31. Pay at verismopera.org/donate-2/ or by check to Verismo Opera, P.O. Box 3024, Fort Lee, NJ 07024-9024. Preliminary auditions will be 6 to 10 p.m. on Nov. 1, Nov. 3, Nov. 6 and Nov. 8. Final auditions on Dec. 6, 6 to 10 p.m., both held at the Liederkranz Foundation, 6 E. 87 St., N.Y. Applications available at verismopera.org/causes/vocal-competition/. For information or to schedule an audition appointment, contact info@verismopera.org or 201-886-0561.

Youth Education in the Arts, which supports the development of young people in the arts, will present "Drum Corps - American Tradition" on Aug. 2 at Clifton Stadium at 7:30 p.m. \$30 value reserved seats, \$40 reserved seating between the 30-yard lines, \$49 premium reserved seating inside the 40-yard lines, and \$79 VIP seating in the center section. Prices will increase \$5 the day of the

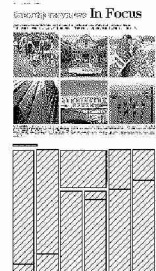
event. Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.yea.org/tickets or 610-821-0345, ext. 125. Group tickets for 20 or more are available at ext. 113.

The **Hasbrouck Heights Library**, 320 Boulevard, invites teens to "Community Service Wednesdays," from 2 to 3 p.m. through Aug. 16, to help national and local nonprofit organizations. A community service project will focus on a different cause each week.

Little Falls ABC will hold a market and free concert in the park on Thursdays until Aug. 31 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at Wilmore Park, located at First and Main streets. If it rains, the events will be held in the Civic Center, 19 Warren St. The organization meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. For information, contact 973-812-7916 or littlefallsabc@aol.com.

The **Glen Rock Dog Park** seeks to raise \$15,000. Several contractors are donating their services pro-bono to build the park and groundbreaking is targeted for September. This is a privately-funded endeavor to create an eco-friendly, multi-generational canine off-leash recreation area in an unused piece of land between Upper and Lower Faber Fields. The Borough Council allocated the land for a dog park in 2015 with the proviso that the non-profit raise money (or obtain in-kind donations) to build it. Donations to the 501(c)3 Glen Rock Dog Park are tax deductible. EIN # 47-5005221. glenrockdogpark.org

The **Westwood Charity Golf Outing** will return for its 21st year on Thursday, Sept. 7. The WCGO will again be held at Valley Brook Golf Club in River Vale, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. There will be a full buffet breakfast beginning around 7:30 a.m. and a luncheon where prizes will be awarded for on-the-course heroics. \$150. Single or foursome reservations are being accepted. In addition to prizes for the John Redden Memorial Men's and Women's Longest Drive competition, the outing offers three "closest to the pin" challenges. The WCGO is planning the "Make the Birdie" competition, as well as two "Hole-in-One" competitions



- one for a \$10,000 shopping spree courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce, and the second for a Ford automobile courtesy of All American Ford in Paramus. To receive an application or be added to the mailing list, contact westwoodcgo@gmail.com. Proceeds go to the WCGO Scholarship Fund, which offers \$1,500 to \$2,000 college scholarships to high school seniors from Westwood. Scholarship applications are available from school guidance counselors, the Clerk's office in the Municipal Center, the Recreation Department in the Community Center, the library, at Sogno Coffee House and at westwoodcgo@gmail.com.

Save The Animals Rescue

Team II, an all-volunteer, no-kill animal rescue group celebrating its 41st anniversary of saving lives, seeks highly dedicated volunteers who love animals to help with fundraising, marketing, dog walking and other aspects of daily sheltering. startkayne@gmail.com, www.startii.org, [facebook.com/SaveTheAnimalsRescueTeamII](https://www.facebook.com/SaveTheAnimalsRescueTeamII), or 201-797-8861 to donate, help or make special appointments.

The **Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum**, which helps preserve and manage the 30-acre property at 725 Pines Lake Drive West, Wayne, welcomes all interested in volunteering any Tuesday or Friday through October. Individuals can drop in anytime and do not need to sign up in advance. They should bring water, small hand tools and gardening gloves if they have them. Groups are asked to call 973-831-5675 to make arrangements in advance. In addition to gardening, there are a number of construction projects to maintain the bridges, paths, greenhouse and other structures in the arboretum.

Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum also welcomes volunteers to join a committee or share special skills in writing, marketing, fundraising, publicity, computers or any other area. Volunteers include students, scouts, corporate groups, Passaic County Master Gardeners and private citizens of all ages. info@laurelwoodarboretum.org, 973-831-5675, laurelwoodarboretum.org.

Activities Unlimited provides retired and semi-retired men an

opportunity to participate in a wide variety of hobbies and activities. AU is a nonprofit, non-sectarian and non-political organization based in Wyckoff, sponsored by the Wyckoff Reformed Church. The Investment Study Group meets 9:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month (except July and August) at the Wyckoff Reformed Church in Heneveld Hall. Outdoor tennis meets are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Wyckoff municipal courts, 9 to 11 a.m.. The Social bridge club meets Mondays and Fridays at 1 p.m., in Heneveld Hall. Competitive bridge meets Wednesdays at 1 p.m. at The Larkin House, 380 Godwin Ave., Wyckoff. The Stock Market Club meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month on the second floor of Heneveld Hall, except when accommodations are made for members who are also golfers. The AU Guys jazz and old-time standards band rehearses Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Larkin House. The Computer Technology Club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. on the second floor of Heneveld Hall. www.activitiesunlimited.org or Walter Widmer at 201-562-8666.

Passaic County Court Appointed Special Advocates is recruiting volunteers who are interested in becoming advocates for children in the Passaic County foster care system. Several training sessions have been scheduled; daytime and evening classes are available. More than 600 children in Passaic County are removed from their homes for their own safety each year and need a voice in the chaotic court process. These children are separated from siblings, friends, family, teachers, and sometimes even their personal belongings. CASA volunteers serve as a consistent presence during difficult times when everything is unfamiliar to the children. Volunteers conduct research into the children's cases in order to make recommendations to the court, while meeting with the children to ensure that they are receiving all the services that they need to live a fulfilling life. All volunteers must pass a thorough background check, fingerprinting and complete a 36-hour training session. Visit

passaiccountycasa.org for a schedule of orientation and training sessions, conducted at 415 Hamburg Turnpike, Suite B1, Wayne. For information or to RSVP for an information session, contact 973-832-4002, or Margaret at mcurreri@passaiccountycasa.org.

Chance at Life Cat Rescue is an all-volunteer, no-kill rescue group. All funds are raised through adoptions, donations, raffle ticket sales and annual yard sales. They do not have a physical shelter and depend on volunteers to home foster their cats and kittens. They show cats and kittens every Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m. at PetValu, 40 Washington Ave., Dumont. If you have a loving home environment with a spare room and are willing to bring them to PetValu on Saturdays, they will supply the food, litter and veterinary care. If interested in fostering, please contact chanceatlifecatreue@gmail.com. All kittens have been vet checked, tested for FIV/FeLV and will have had their initial shots. They would need to be spayed or neutered at 5 to 6 months old which is all included in the \$150 price. Adoption fees for older cats range from \$50 to \$100. All adult cats have been tested for FELV/FIV, vaccinated, vet checked and spayed or neutered. chanceatlifecatreue.com or 201-982-2219.

Caring About The Strays has been rescuing stray, abandoned, ill, and injured cats and dogs in our community since 1995. CATS Resale Shop supports their mission, and donations of jewelry, clothing, antiques, collectibles, art, and housewares are accepted 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday at 80 Kinderkamack Road, Westwood. Monetary donations are appreciated; all donations are deductible. Never pay tax at CATS.



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Pictured from left to right: Ryerson Kipp, Heather Thompson of Eva's Village, Ralph Laretta and Darren Magarro