

Things to Do

Befriend Neighbors With Pools

March-June- Paws for Reading Program at Kent Lib. More info: kentlibrary.org, 845-225-8585

April-June- Spring Storytime Programs at Reed Lib, Carmel. More info: 225-2439

June 5-26 (Tuesdays) 10am-12pm Healing Through Soul Painting at Reed Lib. More info/reg: 845-225-2439

June 7-28 (Thurs) 10:30am-12pm Metaphysical Studies at Reed Lib. More info/reg: 845-225-2439

Thru June Chris Perry's Book Art exhibit at Mahopac Lib. More info: 845-628-2009, ext 108

Thru June 29- JoJo Maxwell Watercolor Exhibit on display at Mahopac lib. More info: mahopaclibrary.org, 845-628-2009, ext 108

June- Sandra Gorman art on display at Kent Library

Thru July 6- Mahopac Lib displays Artwork created by Longview School Students. More info: mahopaclibrary.org, 845-628-2009, ext 108

Until July 30 Bird Photographs by Glenn Sapir on display at Mahopac Lib. More info: MahopacLibrary.org

Tues June 19-12pm Chat 'n' Chill at Patterson Lib. More info/reg: 845-878-6121 x10, pattersonlibrary.org

Tues June 19-6:30pm Open to Differences Discussion Group at Reed Lib. More info: 845-225-2439

Tues June 19-5:30pm Carmel Kent Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting at Edward Ryan Memorial Park, 43 Park Road, Kent. RSVP/More info: 845-225-3196, info@carmelkentchamber.org

Wed June 20-6:30-7:30pm Fybromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome talk at Kent Lib. More info/reg: kentlibrary.org, 845-225-8585

Wed June 20-7pm Patterson Historical Society: A Look Back At Neighborhoods East of Croton at Patterson Lib. More info/reg: 845-878-6121 x10, pattersonlibrary.org

Wed June 20-1-3pm 1st Day of Summer Movie: Sandlot at Patterson lib. More info/reg: 845-878-6121 x10, pattersonlibrary.org

Wed June 20-7pm Breast & Ovarian Cancer Support Group at Putnam Hospital Center. More info/Pre-Reg (req) 914-962-6402, 800-532-4290.

Thurs June 21-6:30pm Foreign Film screening: *Barbara*, a film from Germany at Mahopac Lib. More info/reg: mahopaclibrary.org, 845-628-2009, ext 100

Thurs June 21-1-2:30pm CPR: A Life-Saving Technique at Patterson lib. More info/reg: 845-878-6121 x10, pattersonlibrary.org

Thurs June 21-7pm Coloring for Adults at Mahopac Lib. More info/reg: mahopaclibrary.org, 845-628-2009, ext 100

Fri June 22-2pm Mahopac Public Library presents the Children's Summer Reading Kick-off show at Mahopac Lib. More info/reg: mahopaclibrary.org, 845-628-2009, ext 100

Fri June 22-1-2pm Birds of Prey at Patterson lib. More info/reg: 845-878-6121 x10, pattersonlibrary.org

June 22,29-11am-11:45am Lend Me Your Ears- Music with Marlana at Kent Lib. More info/reg: kentlibrary.org, 845-225-8585

Sat June 23-10am-12pm Botanical Eco-Dye Silk Scarves at Reed Lib, Carmel. More info/reg: 845-225-2439

Sat June 23-11am-12:30pm Learn how to make tissue paper peonies at the Kent Lib. More info/reg: 845-225-8585, kentlibrary.org

Sat June 23-5-5:45pm Mincraft sessions at Kent Lib. More info/reg: kentlibrary.org, 845-225-8585

Mon June 25-3pm Anime Mange Gaming Club at Mahopac Lib. More info: mahopaclibrary.org, 845-628-2009, ext 100

Mon June 25-12-1:30pm Lunch and Learn for Teens at Reed lib. More info: 845-225-2439

Mon June 25- Brewster Youth Football June Fundraiser at Salem Golf Club. More info: kjriccio28@gmail.com

Tues June 26-10am-1pm Babysitting 101 at Patterson lib. More info/reg: 845-878-6121 x10, pattersonlibrary.org

FROM THE CHAMBER

'Women In Leadership' Showcases Success

The 2018 "Trailblazers Women in Leadership," held last Tuesday June 12, was a huge success, honoring 36 outstanding area women. The event was extremely positive and everyone was beaming with pride at being honored. Recipients ranged from the young up-and-coming performer Haley Knox to Noemi Bao, a tailor in the Town of Kent for over 40 years.

When the submissions came in and were being reviewed, it was evident that women from all walks of life carry the same challenges and the same battle to balance family life and work. Each and every bio was very touching and I felt a very close connection with them all. Noemi's had a very simple summary, saying,

"I love to sew!" This woman is doing something she loves and wakes up every day with a passion to go to work. Her infectious smile and humble demeanor are admirable.

Numerous business owners and business leaders as well as exceptional not-for-profit leaders were celebrated. There was also a true countywide blend of east-meeting-west that really was refreshing. The keynote speaker was warm and interesting, telling tales of her comedic improvisation background and leading the audience in some interactive exercises. Villa Barone Hilltop Manor did an exceptional job and everybody raved about the food. A good venue makes all the difference in hosting a marquee event. Next year we

should bring this event to one of the fine places on Putnam County's west coast.

County Executive MaryEllen Odell as well as Supreme Court Justice Christi Acker, who assisted me in handing out the awards, were also recipients. It was a beautiful thing to see some women who would never have an opportunity for public appreciation and acknowledgement come up and be honored. And on a personal note, no one was happier than my mother, League of Women Voters President Eileen Reilly, a tireless servant and worker, at being honored.

-Jennifer Maher, Chairwoman, the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce, "A business advocacy group"

Putnam's Women of Distinction

By ERIC GROSS

Two Putnam women, Marianne Burdick and Barbara Reitz, have been hailed as "Women of Distinction."

Burdick, a resident of Patterson, and Reitz, who resides in Mahopac, were recognized this month by State Senator Terrence Murphy with the honor.

The 7th annual event, hosted by Pace University, celebrated the accomplishments of women throughout the Hudson Valley who have made communities better places to live through their achievements in education, business or charitable work.

Burdick, a lifelong Putnam resident, has been employed by the Putnam Health Department for the past 30 years. Burdick was key in the development of a number of health initiatives, including the development of the Putnam County Smoking in Public Places Law, creating a rabies vaccination clinic program and formulating the Putnam County Feral Cat Task Force.

Reitz moved to Putnam



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL JEFFERSON

Marianne Burdick and Barbara Reitz were honored by State Senator Terrence Murphy for their work for the county.

County at the age of 10. She has worked as coordinator of the Putnam Youth Court for the past 27 years and has given back more than 500,000 community service volunteer hours, representing every town and school district within the county.

She volunteers with Cor-

nell Cooperative Extension, the American Heart Society, March of Dimes, Salvation Army, MS Walk, Make-A-Wish and the Hartford Children's Hospital Cancer Unit.

Murphy described the two women from Putnam as "true American heroes."

PEARL Field Day is This Weekend

By ERIC GROSS

Putnam County ham radio operators will be setting up shop at Sycamore Park in Mahopac this weekend to participate in the National Field Day for Amateur Radio enthusiasts.

Members of PEARL (Putnam Emergency and Amateur Repeater League) will join their colleagues around the globe by contacting oth-

ers with a display of their emergency communications capabilities.

Rick Coupe of Carmel, Information Officer for PEARL, noted in the past year, "ham radio people have made headlines with their work covering wildfires, floods, storms, tornadoes and other crises by providing communications for a variety of governmental and civic organizations. Additionally, hams provide supple-

mental communication when normal systems are rendered inoperable or overloaded. Like most communities, Putnam doesn't expect a major crisis but such situations occur and by losing communications, an emergency can turn into a major disaster within minutes."

The weekend exercise takes place for 24 hours starting Saturday at 1 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Night of the Fireflies

By ERIC GROSS

Interested in spending an unusual early summer's evening out of doors exploring nature?

On Saturday, members of the Kent Conservation Advisory Committee will be strolling around the grounds at the Kent Town Center searching for fireflies and other seasonal wonders.

Committee member Beth Herr explained that after sunset when "bird songs become silent, eight species of lightning bugs emerge along the town property off Route 52.

We encourage guests to join us and read their signals by learning how fireflies make light while discovering where to find glow worms."

Those interested are invited to meet in the parking lot of the center wearing long pants and bringing a jar to examine a variety of insects. Herr added that "family members are welcome but no pets. Cloudy humid weather is OK for fireflies but should heavy rain be forecast, the tour will be canceled."

Additional information is available by calling Herr at 228-5635.

Putnam Blood Drive Takes Place Next Friday

The Putnam tradition of donating blood twice annually continues next Friday when members of the Driscoll Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police join the Putnam Bureau of Emergency Services, the Carmel Knights of Columbus lodge, and Putnam residents serving with the Fire Department of New York in conducting their annual summertime blood drive.

The Greater New York Blood Bank reported this week that due to recent storms that ravaged the region as well as the upcoming summer vacation season "blood supply is low and the demand is likely to be high."

Coordinator Denis Hanrahan urged the public to "take time from your busy schedules and donate a pint of the life-sustaining fluid. Make someone great again. Money isn't needed. We want your blood."

The blood drive will be held June 29 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Carmel Veterans Hall on Gleneida Avenue. Those who roll up their sleeves and donate will receive coupons for appetizers at Applebee's in Southeast in addition to a New York Blood Center commemorative T-shirt.

Additional information is available by calling Hanrahan at 225-3048, Joanne Viola, President of the Putnam FOP chapter at 704-1367 or Rob Firriolo at 225-6318.

-Eric Gross

CALLING ALL WWII VETERANS IN PUTNAM COUNTY

Did you serve in World War II?

Do you know someone who did who lives in Putnam County or grew up here?

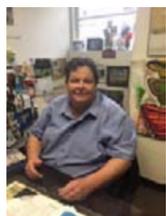
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