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DAY OF CAMPS 2016

On July 19th the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy held their 2nd Annual Day of Camps where the YMCA summer camps come together at Oakcrest Family Swim Club to participate in a wide selection of activities, contests, and events! Over 400 children attended.

Because of your generosity, children in the communities we serve are able to participate in summer camps like this with their friends. Of greatest value is the gift you have given our camper's parents— to know their child has a fun and safe place to be during summer break.

—Jeanine Costa

2016 RICHARD HALE GOLF CLASSIC

Once again, the Richard Hale YMCA Memorial Golf Classic was a huge success! Katie McAdoo, Association Advancement Director, reported that there were a total of 102 golfers!

The outing was held on June 7th and the weather was perfect! The event was held at the Metuchen Golf and Country Club in Edison, NJ. As usual,

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they hosted an amazing event. The golf course was spectacular and the venue and food were beautifully presented. Golfers enjoyed an early lunch, a 12:30 shot gun start, an 18-hole shamble, course refreshments, a cocktail hour and dinner, and an awards ceremony.

Organized by YMCA volunteers, the Golf Classic celebrates the legacy of Richard "Dick" Hale who was a pillar of the YMCA's Camp Scholarship Fund. As a charitable organization, the YMCA is committed to serving all people, including those working families who cannot afford the full cost of summer camp. "The Golf Classic has become a fun and important annual event to support YMCA camps," YMCA Board President Bruce Peragallo said. "Thanks to the generosity of the many people who make it successful, we are able to make a significant difference in the summers of many children. Every child deserves to have the fun, friendship, and memories that a summer camp experience offers."

The Golf Classic event sponsor is JFK Health. Other sponsors include Halecon, Jersey Realty Group, The Ayotte Family, Reydel Volkswagen, Costello-Runyon Funeral Home, Metuchen Savings Bank, Provident Bank, LaPorta Builders, Investors Bank, Edison Technologies, Son-Rise Document Solutions and What's The Scoop.

This year's tournament raised \$23,500 for the "YMCA Send a Kid To Camp" Program. This cause continues to be a great investment in our community's future.

-Veronica Vargas

JANICE GARBOLINO 5K

Each year, walkers and runners participate in the 5k event in memory of Janice Garbolino, the former Health & Wellness Director of the Metuchen Branch YMCA. Janice lost her battle with breast cancer in 2002, we are committed to keeping her memory strong with our annual 5k.

Janice would be pleased and proud of the work the YMCA is doing through LiveSTRONG at the YMCA in her memory. More than 400 people have benefited from this life-changing program as they traveled on their journey back to health and wellness.

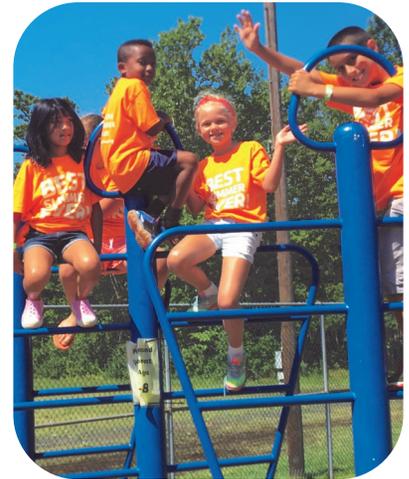
All proceeds from the Janice Garbolino 5k support the LiveSTRONG at the YMCA program, a physical activity and wellness program for cancer survivors.

We invite you to join us at this year's inspirational event on Sunday, September 18 at Roosevelt Park in Edison.

Together, we are so much stronger.

Janice Garbolino Memorial 5k Color Splash Dash
September 18, 2016
Onsite Registration begins 7:30am

YOU CAN SUPPORT A LIVESTRONG SURVIVOR TOO!



WHAT IS A PLEDGE? PAY US LATER

Make a commitment of support today to the Y with an automatically drafted gift from your bank or credit card, which can be paid up until the end of 2017.

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A one-time gift of \$1,000 or more

Edgar Society

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SOUTH AMBOY CAMP VISITS SENIORS

South Amboy YMCA campers, ages 6 and older have formed a relationship with the seniors from the Venetian Rehabilitation, a short walk from the South Amboy YMCA. Campers visited the residents and were treated to join a Luau. In return, Y campers invited the seniors to the South Amboy Y for a craft fair. Campers assisted the seniors in various craft projects. Each senior left with a memento, as did each camper! Our Magic Specialty Camp performed a show for the seniors and for camp families. The same campers were asked to star in a video to promote the Venetian which was received with great enthusiasm. Our campers not only starred in the video, filmed by a professional, but also helped to direct. Later this summer the seniors will return to the Y to join in a drum circle with camp. We will close out the summer at the Venetian with a BBQ.

Would you like to be a tot trot sponsor?



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NATIONAL LIVESTRONG DAY

To celebrate National LIVESTRONG Day on May 20th, Angela Devigili, Program Director at the Metuchen Y, decided to make a difference! During the week, she hung a plain white ribbon and had on hand different colored hearts to signify different types of cancer. Throughout the week, members could purchase a heart for \$1.00 and write the name of a loved one who beat cancer, the name of someone who is in treatment now, or in memory of someone who passed away. On Friday the 20th, Angela held a meet and greet with past and present members of the Metuchen LIVESTRONG group to tell their personal stories. Everyone was touched and inspired by all of the wonderful stories that were told! "The LIVESTRONG Program is a wonderful way to really get to know the participants and their family members", Angela pointed out. "I feel so honored being a part of it!"

-Veronica Vargas

EDISON TOWNSHIP ATTENDS OAK CREST



Edison Township Officials Mayor Tom Lankey, Department of Public Works Director John K. Haines (not pictured) and Assistant Director of Public Works Anthony

Russomanno visited YMCA Camp Oakcrest on the "Day of the Camps", July 19, 2016, along with YMCA staff and volunteers. The visit included a camp tour, observing firsthand the magic of a day at summer camp. Over 400 YMCA campers, from Oakcrest Camp, The Metuchen, Edison and South Amboy YMCAs, YMCA Camp Lenape in Piscataway and a collection of YMCA Child Care Centers had gathered to participate in special activities at the 17-acre site. The Oakcrest Camp and Community Pool, located at 970 Inman Avenue, Edison, is operated by the YMCA on property the Y rents seasonally from Edison Township. "The partnership between Edison Township and the YMCA allows the kids to safely experience the joy of being outdoors, learning to swim, play sports and do arts and crafts. The pool members, who are Edison residents, receive a 33% discount off their membership fee" said Rose Cushing, YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge and South Amboy President and CEO. "This space is a hidden jewel in Edison. The Township is a great friend to recognize the need for preserving outdoor space and also to make sure it's used wisely."

The YMCA serves children age 3 to 14 in summer camps throughout Greater Middlesex County. Summer is the ideal time for kids to get up, get out and explore. Enrollment in summer camp is on-going, camp runs until September 2 The American Camping Association has found children who have access to recreational and educational activities grow and learn during out-of-school time. Children who are not stimulated over summer break are at risk to experience learning loss and gain weight twice as fast than during the school year. For more information and to register for a camp program near you visit www.ymcaofmews.org/camp.

-Katie McAdoo



BOSCOVS FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS EVENT

Join us on October 18 for **Bosco's Friends Helping Friends** event, which is a special day filled with fun and fundraising to benefit the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy. Ticket pre-sale is on August 25th & 26th from 10am-6pm and September 1st & 2nd from 10am-2pm in-store. You may also purchase tickets at your YMCA.

Tickets to **Friends Helping Friends** are available at each of the YMCA's desks and in our child care centers. When you purchase, for \$5, a discount shopping pass to the event it is good for 25% off* almost all purchases during **Friends Helping Friends Day!** 100% of the ticket sales goes directly to the YMCA; ticket holders will have the opportunity to win fabulous prizes, while enjoying refreshments and entertainment throughout the store. Stop at any welcome desk or child care center to learn more about how you can participate today!

(*Certain exclusions may apply. Complete details are printed on the shopping passes.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Janice Garbolino 5k Run & Walk	September 18
Welcoming Week & Book Discussion	September 16-25
Tot Trot & Family Fun Run	October 9
2016-2017 In Family Campaign Kick Off	October 15
Bosco's Friends Helping Friends Event	October 18
Halloween Celebrations	October 28
Giving Tuesday	November 29
2017 Campaign Kick Off	January 10
A Visit with Harriet Tubman	February 9
2017 Campaign Celebration	April 11
2017 Annual Dinner	May 3
2017 Richard Hale Golf Classic	June 6

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MR. WERNIK VISITS THE YMCA

Long time supporter and friend of the YMCA, Malcolm Wernik stopped by last week to say hello to the staff. We are always happy to see him!



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