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DAY OF CAMPS

On July 11th the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy held their 3rd annual Day of Camps at Oakcrest Family Swim Club. All the children from Lenape, Munsee, Oakcrest, Our Saviors, Ken Shirk, Centenary and Oak Tree camps came together for a day of fun and sun! Activities, contests, and events were planned throughout the day. With 470 children present and 35 staff members, there were almost 500 people in attendance to enjoy the beautiful day!

Because of your generosity, children in our community are able to enjoy camps like this while being healthy and active, building lasting memories and making new and lasting friendships. But best of all, their parents know their child is in a fun and safe place during their summer break.

Rooted in caring, honesty, respect and responsibility, our integrated approach works wonders preparing children for life, one fantastic summer at a time.

And without your help, this would not be possible!

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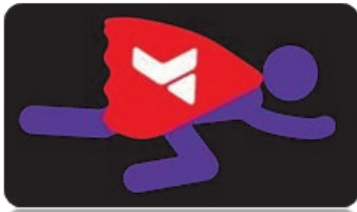


South Amboy



Association Office

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!



Each year, walkers and runners participate in the [Janice Garbolino Memorial 5K Walk/Run](#) in memory of Janice Garbolino, the former Health & Wellness Director of the Metuchen Branch YMCA. Janice lost her battle with breast cancer in 2002, and we keep her memory strong with our annual 5K.

Janice would be pleased and proud of the work the YMCA is doing through the [LiveSTRONG® at the YMCA](#) program 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 inspirational event on Saturday, September 23rd at Roosevelt Park in Edison.

YOU CAN SUPPORT A LIVESTRONG SURVIVOR TOO!

TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE.

FAREWELL TO LUCINDA FLORIO



The YMCA Board of Directors bid a heartfelt farewell to long-standing Board member, Lucinda Florio, who has decided to retire and is moving to South Jersey with her husband, former Governor James Florio. Lucinda has been a volunteer of the YMCA for 25 years and during that time, she has given of her time generously to serve on many Committees, the Board of Directors, as well as spearhead the Annual Support Campaign for the past five years. Her altruistic devotion to the YMCA always centered around doing what was best for the children.

We will always remember her contagious energy, ready smile and willingness to tackle the next big challenge that the Y had to offer. She has left some very big shoes to fill, but we wish her good luck and happiness in the next chapter of her life!



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 the year.

GIVING SOCIETIES FOR MAJOR GIFTS

Chairman's Round Table

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

Edgar Society

A gift of \$5,000 or more in one year or by simply including the YMCA of MEWSA in your estate plans.





YOU CAN BE A CAMPER'S HERO THIS SUMMER!

Summer is the ideal time for kids to get up, get out and explore. But for some kids in our communities, summer means no access to recreational or educational activities because of the cost. YMCA Summer Camp is only available to them if they receive a Summer Camp Scholarship. Y campers are less likely to experience summer learning loss and become inactive. With access to S.T.R.E.A.M. programs, swimming, sports and day trips, kids in Y camp can have the **BEST SUMMER EVER**.

The Y Summer Camp Scholarship you fund with your gift will be awarded to a deserving, underserved family in your community. Parents are able to go to work knowing that their children are in a safe, nurturing and happy environment. The campers who receive a scholarship would not be there without you.

WHAT WILL MY GIFT DO?

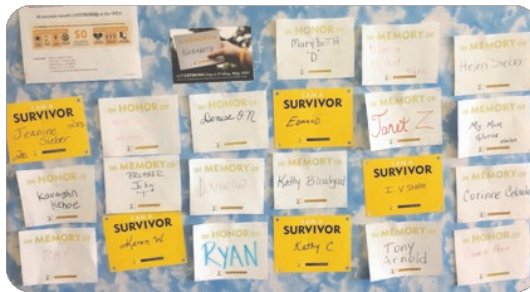
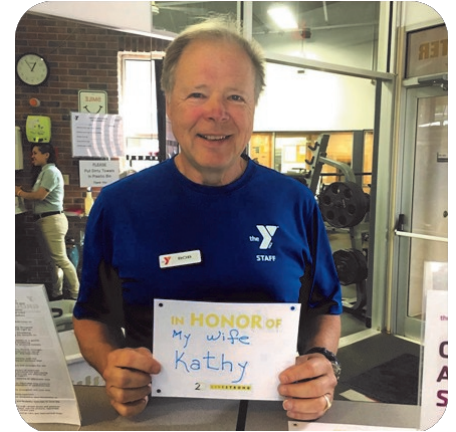
- ✓ \$30 provides a child with one week of camp swimming lessons.
- ✓ \$50 buys one week of hot lunches.
- ✓ \$253 pays for one week of camp.

In 2016, the Y awarded \$62,000 in summer camp scholarships. We are counting on your support to help us continue that fund.

[HELP US HELP THEM!](#)

NATIONAL LIVESTRONG DAY

Friday, May 19th was national LiveSTRONG® Day, a day that pays tribute to all of the cancer warriors around the world. The YMCA branches commemorated the event by having tribute cards available for members and staff to recognize themselves or loved ones by proudly displaying "Survivor", "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" which were posted on a live feed on the [LiveSTRONG® website](#). The tribute cards were also posted on the Wellness bulletin boards and the Health & Wellness Directors were on hand to talk to members and distribute information about the LiveSTRONG® program.



Yellow wristbands were given to all those who participated, and they were encouraged to join in the [Janice Garbolino Memorial 5K Run/Walk](#) on September 3rd.

2017 RICHARD HALE GOLF CLASSIC



The YMCA Annual Richard Hale Memorial YMCA Charity Golf Classic was held on Tuesday, June 6th at the beautiful Metuchen Golf & Country Club. Even though we had some rainy weather, this did not dampen the golfer's spirits! All 84 golfers were very eager to get on the green and get the day started!

All proceeds from the golf classic go to the Send a Kid to Camp Scholarship Fund, in memory of Richard "Dick" Hale's legacy and his tireless efforts as a YMCA champion. He created a standard of generosity which we are committed to continue. We are happy to report that this year we raised over \$23,000!

The YMCA of MEWSA awards over \$80,000 each year to deserving families which allows them to enroll their children in summer camp. While children attend summer camp, the parents are able to work with peace of mind, knowing that their children are in a safe and nurturing environment. Our donor's participation in the Richard Hale Memorial YMCA Golf Classic helps children enjoy a happy, fun summer.

SAVE THE DATE! 2018 GOLF OUTING IS JUNE 5TH!

DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE



"The time is always right to do what is right." -Martin Luther King, Jr.

September 11 has been named a National Day of Service and Remembrance. The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy is partnering with other community groups, in the spirit of service, to host and complete a project

that touches the lives of others.

The Metuchen YMCA will partner with the American Legion Auxiliary and the Metuchen Department of Public Works to beautify the area around Metuchen's Freedom Plaza. This project will take place on Friday, September 8 to have the Plaza ready for the September 11 Memorial Service.

The South Amboy YMCA, partnering with Operation Gratitude, is holding a collection drive for care box items to be sent to those who serve our country to show our gratitude and appreciation. The collection will take place in the lobby of the South Amboy YMCA August 1 to September 11. On September 11 the YMCA will host a station for members to write a note or create a drawing to be included in the care packages.

The Edison YMCA will be visiting the Menlo Park Veterans Home on September 11 to visit those who have honorably served our country. More details on this event will be forthcoming.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation Summer Food Drive-All Branches	July 1 thru August 31
Blood Drive-Metuchen YMCA	July 22 & August 31
Metuchen Farmers Market Volunteer Table	August 5
Kid's Day at the Farmer's Market	August 20
National Day of Service	September 11
Tot Trot & Family Fun Run	October 1
Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Event	October 17
Giving Tuesday	November 28
2018 Campaign Kickoff Rally	January 9
2018 Annual Dinner	May 2
2018 Richard Hale Golf Classic	June 5

For more information on events, contact Cathy Haugh at catherine.haugh@ymcaofmews.org.

WAYS TO GIVE

Did you know your gift doesn't have to be made in cash? You can gift stock, in-kind, matching gifts, in honor or in memory of a loved one, marketable securities, planned giving, charitable trust, or even through Amazon Smile! To learn more, contact Catherine Haugh at catherine.haugh@ymcaofmews.org

GARDEN PROJECT

Made possible through a City Green and ShopRite grant, the children at the South Amboy YMCA planted fruits and vegetables, then visited the Venetian Senior Center to make healthy fruit pizzas for them!



Would you like to be a 5k sponsor?



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