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**GARWOOD ROCKS AND REVS...**The 'Hot' cars at the Garwood Rocks street fair held Sunday gave visitors a lot to get revved up about.

## St. Michael to Host Speaker Who Aids Nepalese Children

**CRANFORD** — St. Michael School will welcome guest speaker Maggie Doyne on Tuesday, June 17, at 7 p.m. Ms. Doyne will share her experiences helping children and families in Nepal. St. Michael School is located at 100 Alden Street in Cranford.

Following her senior year of high school, Ms. Doyne, then 18, boarded a plane in New Jersey and set off to see the world with just her backpack and her eyes wide open. Four countries and 20,000 miles later, she found herself trekking through the Himalayas and walking along the dirt roads of Nepal's most poverty-stricken villages.

It was there that she met a 6-year-old girl named Hima, one of the hundreds of struggling children she encountered on her journey. Hima was breaking stones in a dry riverbed and selling them to earn a few dollars to feed her family. Ms. Doyne was shocked

by what she saw and disappointed that any child should have to live this way.

Ms. Doyne got to work. She helped Hima go to school, paying for her tuition, uniform and books, and started to transform her life. Helping one child eventually led to 20. Ms. Doyne called home and asked her parents to wire the \$5,000 savings she had earned babysitting in high school to purchase land in Surkhet, Nepal.

Ten years later, she is now the mother to 47 orphaned children; built and operates the Kopila Valley Children's Home, the Kopila Valley School and the Kopila Valley Women's Center, and is executive director of the Blink Now Foundation.

For more details, call Erin Pettit at (908) 518-0436 or Lisa Durant of St. Michael at (908) 276-2050. More information on Blink Now is available at [BlinkNow.org](http://BlinkNow.org) or by e-mailing [ruth@blinknow.org](mailto:ruth@blinknow.org).

## Garwood Democratic Party Announce Campaign/Candidates

**GARWOOD** — The Garwood Democratic Party has announced its candidates for this year's November General Election as well as upcoming events.

Running for mayor is Charles P. Lombardo, a Garwood resident and homeowner for 39 years, who previously served as a borough councilman from 1987 to 2007. Also, seeking re-election are council incumbents Louis Petruzzelli and Sara Todisco. Mr. Petruzzelli has lived in Garwood for the past 21 years and owns Accent Electric, a local business

here in the borough. Ms. Todisco is a life-long, fourth-generation resident and is a social studies teacher in Chatham. The candidates were unopposed in the June 3rd Primary Election.

The campaign manager for the upcoming election is Council President Ann Palmer and the campaign treasurer is Sal Perednia. As is their custom, the Democratic Party's slate of candidates will be walking door to door in the fall, meeting residents, answering their questions, and listening to their concerns.

The campaign committee will be hosting a variety of events in the near future. Scheduled to date are a Somerset Patriots Baseball Game with fireworks set for Saturday, August 9, at 7:05 pm., and a day at Monmouth Park Racetrack on Saturday, September 27. These two events are not political and anyone from any political affiliation may participate.

There will also be a Garwood Free Pizza Night Friend-Raiser to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Garwood on Friday, October 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This Friend-Raiser will be an opportunity for residents to meet and talk with the candidates casually. Children attending must be accompanied by an adult.

For further details, or to reserve a space for one of the events, please call Ms. Todisco at (908) 377-7890 or Ms. Palmer at (908) 868-6129. Information about the candidates, events, and more is available at [Facebook.com/GarwoodDem2014](http://Facebook.com/GarwoodDem2014).



**LET THE CAMPAIGN BEGIN...**This year's Garwood Democratic ticket in the November General Election, from left to right, includes: Borough Council incumbents Louis Petruzzelli and Sara Todisco and mayoral candidate Charles P. Lombardo. Each was uncontested in the June 3rd Primary.

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