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Cranford DAR Donates Book About Race Relations In World War II

CRANFORD — The Crane's Ford chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently donated a book entitled "Blacks in the Army Air Forces During World War II: The Problem of Race Relations" to the Cranford Public Library.

The book had been presented to Cranford's DAR chapter by five Tuskegee Airmen who were guests of the chapter at a past meeting.

The book, from the Office of Air Force History, United States Air Force, is based upon a Ph.D. dissertation written by Major Alan M. Osur (retired), a former associate professor of history at the

Air Force Academy.

John W. Huston, Major General USAF, Chief of Air Force History, 1977, wrote in the book's forward, "Major Osur's account relates how the leadership in the War Department and the U.S. Army Air Forces (USAAF) tried to deal with the problem of race and the prejudices which were reflected in the bulk of American society."

The author describes many of the discriminatory actions taken against black airmen, whose goal was equality of treatment and opportunities as American citizens. He describes the role of black pilots as they fought in

the Mediterranean Theater against the Axis powers. The author also examines racial frictions within the Army Air Forces that led to protests in 1945. Despite these problems, the author concludes that the Army Air Forces made substantial progress in race relations and in opening up career opportunities for black airmen in the post-1945 period.

The book is part of the Special Studies unit of the U.S. Army Air History Series. Cranford Public Library Director Michael Maziekien accepted the book donation from Judith Lannin Panagakos and Barbara Krause, representing the Crane's Ford DAR.

Probitas Verus Honos

RIT Students Named to Dean's List for Fall Semester

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The following students at the Rochester Institute of Technology made the Dean's List for the fall semester: Delaney Sciascia of Cranford, who is in the packaging science program.

Sam Finston of Cranford, who is in the game design and development program.

Elise Lloyd of Westfield, who is in the illustration program.

Drew Russo of Westfield, who is in the mechanical engineering technology program.

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First Presbyterian Invites Community For Holy Week

CRANFORD — The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, located at 11 Springfield Avenue, welcomes the community to observe Holy Week leading up to the celebration of Easter. Holy Week began with Palm Sunday worship last Sunday. First Presbyterian's Easter worship calendar will include traditional and unique worship experiences.

Maundy Thursday will be observed today, March 29, at 6:30 p.m., in the Thomson Youth Center. Attendees are asked to enter through the church office door on Springfield Avenue. This worship service will commemorate Jesus' last supper with His disciples through dramatic readings that incorporate reflections on the traditional Passover Seder.

An Easter "Son Rise" service will be held on Sunday, April 1, at 8 a.m., in the Narthex. Weather

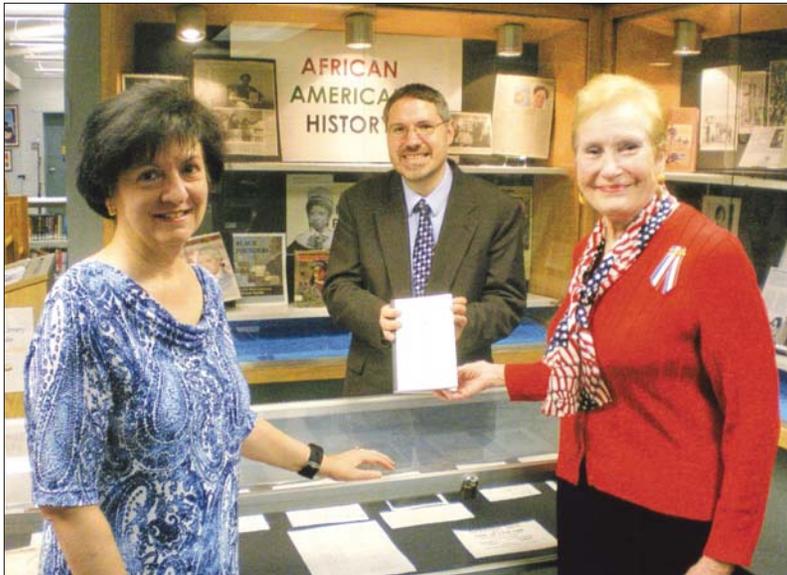
permitting, worship will take place outside. Participants are invited to celebrate Christ's resurrection during an "unplugged" acoustic version of Easter worship.

A traditional Easter service will be offered at 10 a.m. on April 1 in the main sanctuary. Full choirs, music and flowers symbolizing rebirth will enrich the celebration of Christ's resurrection. Attendees will sing Handel's "Hallelujah" Chorus and organist Robert Grube will play Widor's "Toccata."

The community also is invited to An Easter Cantata — "Hallelujah! Christ Arose!" on Sunday, April 15, at 10 a.m., in the main sanctuary. The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Alison Nead and accompanied by Robert Grube on piano and Kathleen Daly on violin, will continue the Easter celebration singing "Hallelujah! Christ Arose!," created and arranged by Luke Woodard.

For more information, visit the church website, firstprescranford.org. Individuals also are invited to like the church on Facebook at [facebook.com/firstprescranford/](https://www.facebook.com/firstprescranford/) and to follow the church on Twitter at [http://twitter.com/fpcc](https://twitter.com/fpcc).

As the body of Christ inspired by the Holy Spirit, First Presbyterian Church congregants seek to be faithful disciples living their lives as a testimony of Christ's love for all. The church welcomes diversity and respects and cares for all of God's creation. Members seek to spread the word and invite others to live Jesus' command to love one another as the Lord first loved them.



RACE AND THE MILITARY...Michael Maziekien, director of the Cranford Public Library, accepts the book "Blacks in the Army Air Force During World War II," donated by the Cranford DAR. Presenting the book to Mr. Maziekien are Judith Lannin Panagakos, left, chapter librarian and Cranford Library Board member, and Barbara Krause, chapter historian and former regent.