

Catherine Ruth Wallack

As the winter's first snow silently swirled around, Catherine "Katie" (Dudack) Wallack, 95, of Niantic, Conn., slipped peacefully away on Monday, December 2, 2019, to become one of heaven's newest angels. There is no doubt she was welcomed with loving arms by her late husband, Peter Wallack, to whom she was married for 66 wonderful years. A Mass of Christian Burial was

celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 9, 2019, at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, 22 Haigh Avenue, Niantic, CT 06357. A viewing was held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 8, at Thomas Neilan & Sons Funeral Home, 48 Grand Street, Niantic, CT 06357. Kindly omit flowers. Visit www.neilanfuneralhome.com.

December 12, 2019

— Obituaries —

Bert Singleton, 91, Research Chemist With Merck, Rescue Squad Member

Bert Singleton, 91, passed away on Saturday, November 30, at his home in Westfield. Born in Manhattan and raised in the Bronx, he lived in Westfield for more than 50 years, as well as in Elizabeth, N.J., Argentina and Brazil. Diane Danziger Singleton, his wife of more than 60 years, died in April 2017.

After attending the Bronx High School of Science, Bert earned a bachelor's and master's in chemical engineering, along with a master's in organic chemistry, from Cornell University. He served as a specialist second class in the U.S. Army Chem Corps in 1953-55, then worked at Merck as a research chemist for 35 years, retiring in 1990 as associate director of analytical research. Following his retirement, he became a member of the Westfield Volunteer

Rescue Squad, serving from 1990 to 1997 as an EMT, and from 1997 until earlier this year as a dispatcher.

A gifted pianist, he performed regularly at local nursing homes. An avid tennis player, he played for many years at the courts in Tamaques Park. He also served as a member and treasurer of the Westfield Adult School Board of Directors.

A devoted husband and father, he is survived by his daughter Judy of Rocky Hill, N.J., and his daughter Ruth (and her husband, Jay Korman) of New York City.

Services were held at Menorah Chapels at Millburn on Wednesday, December 4. Donations in his memory can be made to Doctors Without Borders or the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad.

December 12, 2019



Bert Singleton

Garden Historian to Discuss Med. Plants of the Civil War

CRANFORD — The Hanson Park Conservancy will welcome garden historian Lesley Parness for a special presentation on Tuesday, January 14, at 7 p.m., entitled "Medicinal Plants of the Civil War." Free and open to the public, this program will be held at the Cranford Community Center.

Could plants have played a role in the outcome of the Civil War? Attendees will learn how important plants were in every aspect of this conflict, on battlefields and home fronts of both the North and the South. More than 30 plants will be discussed and their medicinal properties noted. "Receipts," or recipes, are included for popular herbal remedies such as horehound lozenges and witch hazel tonic. Audiences are often surprised to learn how many "Civil War" plants they are already growing, and the haunting historic images create a compelling tale of interest to history buffs and gardeners alike.

Ms. Parness is the retired superin-

tendent of horticultural education at New Jersey's Morris County Park Commission, where she oversaw programming at The Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Willowood Arboretum and Bamboo Brook Outdoor Education Center. She is a member of the Herb Society of America, The Council on Horticultural and Botanical Literature, and Garden State Gardens, a consortium of New Jersey's public gardens, of which she is a founding member.

The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue. No registration is required, but seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. This presentation is sponsored by the Hanson Park Conservancy. To learn more, visit the Conservancy's website, hansonparkconservancy.com, or like the organization on Facebook.

This history program is made possible in part by a 2019 HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Trinity Collecting Donations To Benefit 'Animal Project'

CRANFORD — The Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 119 Forest Avenue, Cranford, is collecting money for the Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) "Animal Project" program through Sunday, December 22.

"Almost one billion people are affected by chronic hunger. The ERD Animal Project gives families and communities healthy animals — goats, chickens, pigs and cows — that can help generate income from the sale of products such as milk and cheese," said Father Andy Kruger, Trinity Episcopal Church rector. "Our goal is to buy two sheep and two goats this year."

"We invite everyone to join us in helping this life-enhancing and economic project," he continued.

Donations, made payable to "Episcopal Relief and Development," can be mailed to the church or dropped off at the church on Sunday mornings or at the church office in Witherington Hall. For more information, call Marion at (908) 245-1892.

Episcopal Relief & Develop-

ment, started in 1940, is the compassionate response of The Episcopal Church to human suffering in the world. Hearing God's call to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being, Episcopal Relief & Development serves to bring together the generosity of Episcopalians and others with the needs of the world.

Trinity Episcopal Church, founded in 1872, is a faith-based family that welcomes all people and strives to "know Christ and to make the Lord known through faith, love, and service."

Sunday services are at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. For more information about Trinity, call (908) 276-4047 or visit trinitycranford.org/.

Trinity also provides Trinity Episcopal Day School (TEDS), a state-licensed facility serving children from 2½ years through kindergarten. For more information about TEDS, call (908) 276-2881 or visit tedscanford.org.

Temple Men's Club

To Hold Blood Drive

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Men's Club of Congregation Beth Israel will hold a blood drive this Sunday, December 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the synagogue.

Run by Community Blood Services of New Jersey, the drive is open to anyone in the community, age 18 or older, who is medically eligible to donate blood. No pre-registration is required.

The Men's Club of Congregation Beth Israel hosts a winter and spring blood drive annually.

Congregation Beth Israel is located at 18 Shalom Way, at the corner of Martine Avenue, in Scotch Plains. The drive will be held in the bloodmobile stationed in the synagogue's parking lot adjacent to its building.

For more information, contact the synagogue office at (908) 889-1830 or Community Blood Services of New Jersey at (201) 251-3703.

Library to Present Reading Challenge

CRANFORD — The Cranford Public Library will offer its first-ever Winter Reading Challenge from Saturday, December 21, through Saturday, February 1.

The library will participate in Beanstack's Third Annual Winter Reading Challenge, sponsored by Penguin Random House (PRH). Library patrons will be challenged to read at least 5,000 minutes during the month and keep track of their reading on the library's Beanstack site at cranfordlibrary.beanstack.org or through the Beanstack Tracker app.

Hundreds of libraries and schools across the nation will encourage their communities to read a target number of minutes and books. Top-performing libraries and schools will earn the Golden Penguin and Random House awards. PRH pledges to donate \$50,000 in prizes, including author visits and new books, to be shared among the winners.

The Cranford Public Library is located at 224 Walnut Avenue. Additional activities are planned at the library during January and February. For information on all library programs, visit cranfordlibrary.org.

Glen Leona Mako Chemist, Teacher, Mother

Glen Leona Mako, 93, matriarch of the Mako clan, passed peacefully in the early morning hours of Wednesday, October 30, in her Pearisburg, Va. home that she and her husband, Elias (Red), built in 1998. Her home in the mountains was a glorious expression of her artistic, whimsical spirit. She and her husband hosted many a fabulous fest there. Holidays, especially the Fourth of July with fireworks, were legendary. People and pets came from near and far to camp and partake of food, music and good times.

Glen was born in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, daughter of George and Harriet Schafer. Babe (as her folks called her) was an educated woman and intellect. She received her Bachelor of Science from Case Western Reserve in Chemistry, then her Master's degree, also from Case Western Reserve. It is there she met her husband, also a chemist. On the birth of her first son, Elias, the birth certificate listed her occupation as "housewife," which she promptly crossed out and wrote "chemist!"

They moved to Philadelphia, Pa., Beverly, N.J., then to Westfield, N.J., with their five sons. Their home was a popular meeting place and haven for many. Glen and Red had a lot of heart and were both generous and caring people. She became a chemistry teacher at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and president of the Teachers' Union, where her students remembered her fondly. One of them called her last Fourth of July, 40 years later, much to her surprise!

She traveled widely, and took her sons and granddaughters to Europe, Central America and, remarkably, camping in South Korea with her son,

Gary! She drove her granddaughter Ele across country in 2014. Always questing for knowledge, she traveled for sabbaticals to Hawaii, Alaska and England.

Glen was a member of the Giles County Book Club and the Garden Club. She attended political lectures at Blacksburg University, being avidly interested in world events. Her vast library contains books on botany, political thought, mystical teachings, archaeology, cookbooks, and poetry from all over the world.

Glen's home, garden and paintings reflected her nature-loving spirit. Her sons actively participated in the dramatic design of her home, which enveloped nature with its spacious skylights, decks and windows. Glen was a beauty lover and seeker, whether in the great museums of the world or the local thrift shops. She painted and created numerous paintings of flowers. She was a ferocious domino player!

Glen loved Pearisburg. She loved the mountains and the seasons, the many local friends she made. She welcomed adventure and change, and imbued that spirit in her sons. She was open minded and welcomed all in her home.

She leaves her sons, Elias (Mendham, N.J.), Chris (Walnutport, Pa.) and Emery (Hope Valley, R.I. and Pearisburg); her daughters-in-law, Liza and Eva; her grandchildren, Zach, Emery, Katherine, Eleonor, Jessica, Chloe, Ellise and Louis, and great-grandchildren, Lindsey, Ashley and Oliver.

We miss and love you, Glen. There will be a remembrance in the spring in Pearisburg at the family farm.

December 12, 2019



PRECIOUS LITTLE ONES...The Trinity Episcopal Church in Cranford is seeking donations to support the Episcopal Relief & Development "Animal Project," through which goats, chickens, pigs and cows are given to families and communities to help generate income. Contributions are being accepted now through Sunday, December 22.



SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE...Westfield citizens demonstrated their support for the recent Scouting for Food campaign by donating more than 4,000 bags of food to benefit those in need. Pictured, Scouts assist donors in bringing food from cars for sorting.

Scouts Collect Over 4,000 Bags of Food For Needy

WESTFIELD — Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts and their leaders collected more than 4,000 bags of food donated by the citizens of Westfield on November 9.

The Scouting for Food campaign is an annual collection of food donated to the Holy Trinity Food Pantry. More than 100,000 food items were donated, and then sorted and shelved by the Scouts.

The collected food will be di-

rected to families in need throughout the holiday season. Boy Scout Troop 73, sponsored by Holy Trinity, participated in the food drive.

This is one of the most important service projects conducted by the Scouts each year to help Westfield and surrounding communities. Anyone interested in learning more about or joining Troop 73 is invited to contact Scoutmaster Rob Lang at cowboyflint@troop73nj.org.

Westfield, Summit Among Area Blood Drive Sites

COUNTY — According to the American Red Cross, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, more than 1 million units of blood could be transfused in the United States. Despite this constant need, busy holiday schedules make it difficult for the American Red Cross to collect enough blood to meet those patient needs. Donors of all blood types, especially type O, are urgently needed. In Union County, blood drives are scheduled as follows:

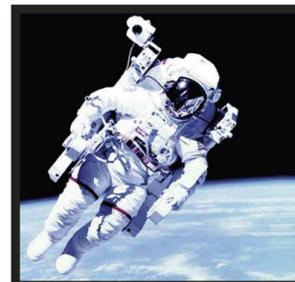
Monday, December 16, 2 to 7 p.m., American Red Cross-New Jersey Crossroads Chapter, 695 Springfield Avenue, Summit, and 2:30 to 7:30 p.m., The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Avenue, Westfield.

Friday, December 27, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 80 W. Inman Avenue, Rahway.

Monday, December 30, 2 to 7 p.m., Chestnut Street Community Church, 303 Chestnut Street, Roselle.

In appreciation for helping meet the urgent need, those who give

BUY, SELL, RENT, HIRE:
goleader.com/form/classified



We Sell Space

To Advertise,
Call the Spaceman
908-232-4407
sales@goleader.com

Day Tribute to
Your Loved One
goleader.com/form/obituary

Morgan Stanley



Does your money need a professional trainer?

The right coach can help an athlete reach his or her goals. The same can be said of your finances. With guidance from a Financial Advisor, you can follow a path of fiscal responsibility and create a strategy that can help you maximize the potential of your investments.

As Morgan Stanley Financial Advisors, we can work with you to develop a goals based strategy, and adjust it to help you manage your investments and assets now and through the years to come. Call us to arrange a meeting, and let's work toward a stronger future.

The Maguire-Hado Group
at Morgan Stanley

James P. Maguire
Senior Investment
Management Consultant
Senior Vice President
Financial Advisor
973-912-7737
James.P.Maguire@morganstanley.com
NJ Insurance Lic. #8061806
NMLS #1290293

Eric T. Hado
Vice President
Financial Advisor
973-912-7735
Eric.T.Hado@morganstanley.com
NJ Insurance Lic. #9581539
NMLS# 1262199

150 John F Kennedy Pkwy
2nd Floor
Short Hills, NJ 07078

The appropriateness of a particular investment or strategy will depend on an investor's individual circumstances and objectives.

© 2019 Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC. Member SIPC.

FAS009 CRC 2639337 08/19