

Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Welcomes Two New Members

SCOTCH PLAINS - Two new members were recently inducted into the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club at the Park Place Restaurant in Scotch Plains.

Karen Terry and Nelson Yang received their Rotary pins and pledged themselves to the "Service Above Self" principles of Rotary International.

Mrs. Terry has been in the banking business for 28 years and is presently the bank manager of the Scotch Plains

Valley National Bank. She and her husband, David, and their three children reside in South Plainfield, where she is active in community projects.

Mr. Yang is the founder and President of two companies, including Multech Inc., begun in 1984, and NTY International Corporation, in 1988. He and his wife, Vicki, and their three children live in Scotch Plains.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club meets at noon every Wednesday at the Park Place Restaurant. Individuals interested in joining the club are invited to attend a meeting. For more information, please call (908) 232-3321.



WARM WELCOME...New members Nelson Yang, left, and Karen Terry are pictured with Ray Jajko, President of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club, at a recent meeting during which they were inducted as members of the organization. The Rotary chapter meets every Wednesday at noon at the Park Place restaurant in Scotch Plains.

Kaslusky to be Honored At WACC Awards Dinner

The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (WACC) is pleased to announce that Stanley Kaslusky, former director of the Westfield "Y", will be the Guest of Honor at their upcoming 54th Anniversary and Faith in Westfield Awards Dinner to be held at the Primavera Regency on Monday, November 4.

Known best as the former Director of the Westfield "Y," Mr. Kaslusky has made a career of helping others. Graduating from Springfield College in 1968, he received his degree with the objective of becoming a YMCA Director.

After working at YMCA's in New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut, he was hired as Director of the Westfield "Y" in 1985, where he effectively merged the YMCA and YWCA in order to encompass the total family. Raising over \$2,000,000 to renovate and improve the facility, he also added new programs, which resulted in membership growth from 2500 to 9500 with staff increases from 80 to 350 full and part-time employees. His focus on improving family life in Westfield and strengthening family programs, such as Youth Programs for Teenagers and a comprehensive Child Care program which now serves over 600 children, have made the Westfield "Y" much more than a gym. It has become a community center helping other groups and reaching out to the town as a whole.

Throughout his tenure at the Westfield "Y" Mr. Kaslusky continued to be active in community events, both personally, and as "Y" Director. He was an active participant in the Westfield Rotary, where he served as President and Chairman of the Rotary Scholarship committee. Together with the NJ Workshop for the Arts, he created a joint summer camp program to combine the summer workshop and a full day camp program.

During the early stages of WYACT, a children's theater organization, the "Y" provided space and assisted in fundraising efforts. Mr. Kaslusky worked with the Neighborhood Council to plan the renovation of their building. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce and was instrumental in initiating the Westfield "Y" involvement as a co-sponsor of FamilyFest, a street fair for children and their families, with the "Y" advertising and selling wristbands for the event.

He served as Chairman of Deacons of the First Baptist Church and worked with the local Jewish Community Center to operate a highly successful "Kids Expo" for three years. Under his direction, the Westfield "Y" sponsored and organized the popular New Year's Eve event "First Night" for five years. Recently, he served on the September 11 Committee aiding families of victims of 9-11.

"In short, I love Westfield and will always be thankful for my years there. I saw the "Y" as a community resource and tried to position it as an organization poised to help people in the community wherever it could play a role. Often that role was best accomplished when cooperating with other groups," said Mr. Kaslusky.

Mr. Kaslusky and his wife, Anne, have retired to Virginia, leaving the Westfield "Y" a much stronger organization due to hard work, careful planning, and community involvement throughout the years.

The WACC "Faith in Westfield" Awards Dinner on November 4 is open to the public. The evening includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dancing for \$65 per person. The attire is black tie optional. Reservations are available through the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, (908)-233-3021.

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SPBPA Plans Events For Scotch Plains Day 2002

SCOTCH PLAINS — A variety of events and activities are planned in celebration of Scotch Plains Day 2002. Activities are organized cooperatively between the Scotch Plains Business & Professional Association (SPBPA), the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Health Department, the Lion's Club and the Fanwood Scotch Plains Rotary Club.

On Friday, September 27, the SPBPA and The Fanwood Scotch Plains Rotary Club have their 4th Annual Casino Night from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Scotch Hills Country Club. Tickets are \$45 and include \$100 of play money, hors d'oeuvres, a buffet, beer, wine, soda and a tricky tray auction at the end of the evening. All proceeds benefit the SPBPA Scholarship Fund and Youth Programs of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club. Tickets are available at Nuts 'n' Plenty located on 381 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. For more information or for tickets call Steve Goldberg at (908) 322-5733 or Geri Samuel at (908) 754-5911.

On Saturday September 28 the day's activities will begin at 8 a.m. in the Towne Centre and continue throughout the day till 4 p.m. The Lion's Club will be having their annual giant flea market with over 100 vendors starting at 8 a.m. in the municipal parking lot on Park Avenue. For more information on the flea market, please call Ron Kelly at (908) 753-8218.

A Rabies Clinic will also be held at the firehouse on Senger Place behind the municipal building. Cats can come from 8 a.m. through 9 a.m. and Dogs can come from 9 a.m. through 10 a.m.

The health fair will not be held this year as part of Scotch Plains Day because of the early date.

The Township will hold the Health Fair on a later date in October. For more information on the health fair, please call (908) 322-6700, extension 1-309.

In addition, the township will also have a civic awards ceremony at 10 a.m. at the Village Green to honor individuals who contributed to the community over the years and either retired or passed away this past year.

The Scotch Plains Business & Professional Association (SPBPA) has planned many activities including a DJ on the Village Green from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pony rides, a petting zoo and face painting all start around 11 a.m. Rainbow the Clown will be performing throughout the afternoon and a martial arts demonstration by students from Chun's Black Belt Academy will be held in the afternoon. A dance exhibition by students from Moderne Academie of Fine Arts will be presented at 11:30 a.m. sidewalk sales will be throughout the day The Jersey Fresh Farmers Market, also organized by the SPBPA, will be held in the parking lot on Park Avenue as it is every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Assemblywoman Stender Urges Residents to Vote

SCOTCH PLAINS — Assemblywoman Linda Stender encourages all residents of New Jersey to participate in this year's upcoming election and vote on Tuesday, November 5, 2002.

"Voting in this year's election is vital," said Stender. "This November, voters will be selecting a U.S. Senator, members of Congress, as well as county and local leaders. Every qualified adult should be proud to cast their vote and exercise their democratic duty."

Legal residents of New Jersey who are at least 18 years of age and registered to vote prior to October 7th are eligible. Anyone who would like a voter registration form can call their town hall, their county clerk's office, or stop by the office of Assemblywoman Stender at 1801 East Second Street, Scotch Plains.

"Our government works best when everyone votes," said Stender. "This year, the results of this election can determine the course for both the nation and your local municipality."

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