



DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY...The Woman's Club of Fanwood and some special guests celebrate the club's 75th anniversary with a luncheon and program. Pictured, from left to right, are: Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr; Mary Pat Marcello, First Vice-President of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC); president and storyteller Laurie MacDonnell-Gaulke; Woman's Club of Fanwood President Shirley McGuinness and Karen Gustafson, Financial Secretary of the NJSFWC.

Woman's Club of Fanwood Celebrates 75th Anniversary

FANWOOD - Despite icy streets and snowy weather, members and guests of the Woman's Club of Fanwood gathered March 9 at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church to celebrate the club's 75th anniversary of community service, fellowship and education.

Founded by a group of 12 local women on March 28, 1930, the club officially became a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) on May 7, 1930.

Over the years, members have given their time, talents and financial support to projects of the General and State Federations, as well as to many local civic and welfare causes. The club also has awarded annual scholarships to Fanwood students graduating from local high schools.

During the anniversary celebration, Shirley McGuinness of Scotch Plains, current club president, welcomed those in attendance.

Past club presidents Marguerite Jahnsen and Margery Palmer conducted the opening exercises, and Margaret Lermond led the singing of "America the Beautiful." Faye Wilder Monroe provided piano music during the luncheon, served by the Hospitality Committee, which is chaired by Barbara Dumont.

Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr brought greetings from the Borough Council and related highlights of life in America over the past 75 years.

Mrs. McGuinness introduced the many guests from women's clubs throughout the state. Among those in

attendance were club presidents and department chairwomen from the Sixth District, of which the Fanwood club is a part, and Sixth District Vice President Mary Ann Iannitto.

Also on hand were several officers of the NJSFWC Executive Committee, including Financial Secretary Karen Gustafson, Treasurer Sonia Bauer and First Vice-President Mary Pat Marcello, who gave Mrs. McGuinness a NJSFWC certificate honoring the Fanwood club's 75 years of service on the local and state level.

Special accolades were extended to two Fanwood club members who have been actively involved for more than 50 years - Gladys Haley and Estelle Donovan. A third, Helen Lindsay, was unable to attend the celebration.

Mrs. McGuinness thanked Joseph Nagy and George Weiss of Fanwood TV-35 for their assistance in taping the proceedings.

Past President Barbara Lea Couphos introduced actress/storyteller Laurie MacDonnell-Gaulke from Gillette, who presented a program entitled "Encountering the Suffragists," highlighting efforts a century ago to gain women the right to vote.

The club meets on the second Wednesday of each month from September to June at 12:30 p.m. at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church. Visitors are always welcome.

For more information about the club and its activities, please call Mrs. McGuinness at (908) 754-9122 or Jean Stephens, Membership Chairwoman, at (908) 889-2076.

Historical Society to Learn History of the Crusades

FANWOOD - The monthly meeting of the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, at the Fanwood train station, located at North and Martine Avenues.

Guest speaker Hassan "Sam" Mahmoud will give a lecture on the history of the Crusades, Christian Europeans who waged seven military campaigns against the Middle Eastern countries for over two centuries.

More than three million people on both sides died during these campaigns, which began with an un-

derstood belief that Christians were being persecuted in the Middle East and needed saving.

A native of Egypt, Mr. Mahmoud came to the United States 35 years ago and has resided in Westfield for 12 years, where he is active in the community. He also is a world traveler, author and lecturer.

The meeting is free and open to everyone. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the program. For more information, please call Historical Society President Richard Bousquet at (908) 232-1199.

Renate Bieber to Co-Chair Hadassah Spring Conference

WESTFIELD - Renate Bieber of Westfield and Andrea Pass of Fair Lawn will serve as Co-Chairwomen of the Northern New Jersey (NNJ) Region of Hadassah's Spring Conference 2005 on Sunday and Monday, May 15 and 16, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in The Meadowlands.

The NNJ Region of Hadassah represents 40 chapters and spans six New Jersey counties and parts of Staten Island, N.Y.

This year's conference will feature the theme "A Kaleidoscope of Hadassah," will include the installation of region officers, announcement of chapter awards, seminars, speakers, working sessions, a boutique and book store, plus a banquet and special associates cocktail party.

Both co-chairwomen are long-time

active members of Hadassah who have worked on behalf of the NNJ Region of Hadassah and their local communities.

Ms. Bieber is recording secretary and bulletin editor for the NNJ Region of Hadassah and a Past President of Westfield Hadassah and the McKinley Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization of Westfield. She has been named Woman of the Year from Westfield Hadassah.

Ms. Pass serves on the executive board of the NNJ Region of Hadassah, is a past president of Fair Lawn Hadassah and is Co-President of the Fair Lawn Jewish Center sisterhood.

For further information about the Spring Conference next month, please call the Region office at (973) 472-1401.



Renate Bieber

Club's Garden Education Day To Feature Many Activities

WESTFIELD - The Garden Club of Westfield will celebrate Earth Day 2005 by presenting Garden Education Day this Saturday, April 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer Street in Westfield.

Club members will display information on various garden topics, in-

cluding caring for roses; using native plants and wildflowers in the garden; the wonders of compost and mulch; invasive plant species in New Jersey gardens, and the Asian Longhorn Beetle and other pests.

Union County Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and sell soil test kits. Joe Liccesse, a member of the Northeast Organic Farming Association, will discuss organic lawn care.

Additionally, members of the Garden Club will sell plants propagated in their own gardens, as well as their homemade baked goods.

Environmental specialist Betty Ann Kelly, a member of the Union County Parks and Recreation Department, will speak at 11 a.m. on "Illegal Aliens of the Leafy Kind," and at 1 p.m., Master Gardener Mary Roberts will speak on landscape design.

Active in the community since 1922, the Garden Club of Westfield performs a variety of beautification projects in the town throughout the year. Admission to the Garden Education Day program is free.

Temple Shalom Plans Congregational Seder

FANWOOD - Temple Shalom has invited the community to its Congregational Seder in observance of Passover this Sunday, April 24, starting at 6 p.m. at the temple, located at Martine and LaGrande Avenues in Fanwood.

Rabbi Joel Abraham and Cantor Shira Nafshi will lead the Seder from the Reform movement's Baskin Haggadah. Those who have a special family Seder plate may bring it with them to share some of their family's traditions.

The cost of the Seder for adults is \$22 for members and \$27 for non-members. For children under 13, it is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. The price includes the service as well as the Seder meal.

For more information or to make a reservation, please contact the temple office at (908) 889-4900 or welcome@sholomnj.org.

Seminar Set Sunday On Long-Term Care

WESTFIELD - This Sunday, April 24, the First Baptist Church of Westfield will host a seminar at 12:30 p.m. on long-term care options in the church's Fellowship Hall, located at 170 Elm Street.

During this program, the options available to those who must arrange care for elderly family members will be discussed and compared, including adult living, assisted living, continuing care, home care and nursing home care.

Gorden Meyer, an attorney who represents The Cliffs, a Baptist assisted living community in Eagle Rock, will lead the seminar.

All are invited to attend, and a cold buffet lunch will be served for \$2 per person. For more information, please call the church at (908) 233-2278 or email firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net.

St. John's Officers Plan Annual Service

SCOTCH PLAINS - The St. John's Baptist Church Officers will present their Annual Service this Sunday, April 24, at 4 p.m. at the church, located at 2387 Morse Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Deacons, deaconesses and trustees from throughout the state, as well as members of the public, have been invited to attend.

The Reverend Albert Morgan, Pastor of the Union Temple Baptist Church in Bridgeton, will be the guest speaker. Accompanying him will be his officers, choirs and members of his congregation. For more information, please call (908) 232-6972.



SIGNS OF SPRING...The Friends of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield will present the church's Parish Choir in concert on Sunday, May 1, at 7 p.m. at the church, located at 414 East Broad Street. Featuring St. Paul's new organ, the works to be performed include Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem* and *Messe Cum Jubilo*. The choir will be joined by nationally renowned soloists and members of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Charles M. Banks. Donations of \$10 will be taken at the door. For more information, please call Mr. Banks at (908) 232-8506, extension no. 17.

Congregations Encouraged To Celebrate Earth Day

WESTFIELD - The interfaith Environmental Stewardship Coalition (ESC) of the Westfield/Mountainside Ministerium has invited all to celebrate Earth Day tomorrow through Sunday, April 22, 23 and 24, by participating in a town-wide "Walk to Worship."

Individuals may walk, bicycle, skateboard or roller blade to services. The idea is to get there by means other than by a gas-powered vehicle.

One participating church, First Baptist of Westfield, has noted that if walkers and bicyclers sign in by email at thegelbers@earthlink.net with ESC on the subject line, the ESC will estimate the fossil fuel that was not burned and the cumulative calories that were.

The Coalition is an interfaith effort in formation, made up of houses of worship and service organizations in the Westfield/Mountainside area. It seeks to develop ministries that are faithful, relevant and effective in working toward environmental sustainability.

Walk-a-thon to Benefit Scholarship Ministry

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scholarship Ministry of St. John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains will sponsor a walk-a-thon on Saturday, April 30, in Cedarbrook Park in Plainfield.

Registration and stretching will begin at 8:30 a.m. Participants may walk either 5K (3.1 miles) or five miles. A donation of \$1 per mile is requested. The walk, rain or shine, will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 1 p.m.

The theme will be "Walk for Jesus and Scholarships, Too." Funds raised will benefit the Scholarship Ministry, which assists young people in furthering their education. The registration fee is \$5 per adult participant and \$2 for children age three to 10.

Anyone interested in making a donation or being a sponsor may make checks payable to: St. John's Baptist Church. They may be mailed to the church at 2387 Morse Avenue in Scotch Plains. For more information, please call (908) 322-7597 or (908) 232-6972.

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WHEN: Tuesday, April 26, 2005
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