

Roosevelt School Donates To Tsunami Relief Efforts

WESTFIELD - Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield donated \$5,000 to the American Red Cross as a contribution toward relief efforts following the tsunami disaster.

The contribution is a result of the Student Council's "Give 5 in 2005" fundraiser, involving the entire Roosevelt community, including staff members, who were asked to consider giving \$5 toward the project.

A donation from the Roosevelt Yearbook Committee rounded out the total to \$5,000.

In appreciation of the donation, American Red Cross Westfield/Mountainside Chapter Chairman Dan Kelly presented Roosevelt Principal Stewart Carey with a plaque honoring the school and expressed appreciation for the "kind and generous contribution."



GENEROUS DONATION...American Red Cross Westfield/Mountainside Chapter Chairman Dan Kelly accepts a \$5,000 donation toward tsunami relief from Roosevelt Intermediate School Principal Stewart Carey, second from left. Attending the check presentation are Kira Brady, Yearbook Committee Advisor; Matt Block, Student Council Advisor, and Catherine Hollinger, Roosevelt Assistant Principal.

Univ. of Rochester Reveals Area Dean's List Recipients

AREA - The University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y. has announced that Westfield residents Rebecca Virginia Fallon, Eric Haim Zimak and Ryan Thomas Burslem have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester.

A freshman majoring in biology, Rebecca is the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Charles Fallon. She is a Westfield High School (WHS) graduate.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Zimak, Eric is a senior majoring in psychology. He is also a graduate of WHS.

A freshman majoring in mathematics, Ryan is the son of Donna Burslem and a WHS graduate.



APPRECIATION IS COOL...During Children's Appreciation Week in the Mountainside school district, parent volunteers from the Parent Teacher Association handed out free ice cream during lunch at Deerfield School.

EIS Pupils Set Benefit For Tsunami Relief

WESTFIELD -- On Friday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m., an indoor soccer tournament will be held at Edison Intermediate School at 800 Rahway Avenue to benefit victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami.

The students who will play in the tournament won the preliminary rounds held earlier this week.

The public is asked to support the students in this effort to benefit those who have lost their homes in the disaster. Admission will be \$2 and additional donations will be accepted.

Edison School students Colleen Cleary, Abby Ryan and Katie Lynes are coordinating the tournament and also are seeking sponsorship of teams.

All receipts will be donated to the American Red Cross.

Andrew Loewer Among Candidates Named For Presidential Scholars

WESTFIELD - Andrew Loewer, the son of Rebecca Sinden and Jeff Loewer of Westfield, has been named one of over 2,600 candidates in the 2005 Presidential Scholars Program.

The candidates were selected from nearly 2.8 million students expected to graduate from United States high schools in 2005.

Andrew is a graduating senior at Lone Trail School in Dorset, Vt.

Westfielders Named To Fall Dean's List At Univ. of Delaware

WESTFIELD - The University of Delaware reported that the fall 2004 dean's list includes Westfield residents Danielle Robyn Gelber, Michele Helene Madorma, Kelley Marie Masterson, Erica Staci Raiff, Shari Beth Thomashow and Alexandra Wende Devlin.

Cadet James Donovan Named to Dean's List

WESTFIELD - Cadet James Donovan of Westfield is among 462 Virginia Military Institute cadets who were recently named to the dean's list for the first semester of the 2004-2005 academic term.

A junior biology major, he is a Westfield High School graduate and the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Donovan of Westfield.

Ryan Kramer Earns Bachelor of Science

FANWOOD - Fanwood resident Ryan Kramer was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Business degree in business information technology from the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va. on December 17.

CONCEPTS & THOUGHT

Nominations Welcomed For Philhower Award

WESTFIELD - Kenneth Ciarrocca, President of the Westfield Rotary Club, announced that Thursday, March 10, is the deadline for nominations for the 13th annual Charles Philhower Fellowship award designated for a fulltime elementary teacher in the Westfield Public Schools.

Letters of nomination are sought from interested citizens and Westfield public school staff members and should be addressed to: Charles Philhower Fellowship Committee of the Westfield Rotary Club, c/o Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 302 Elm Street, Westfield 07090.

Nominations should specify ways in which the teacher has demonstrated outstanding teaching, interest in children and continued pursuit of professional growth. The teacher must be a fulltime faculty member in Westfield for a minimum of five years.

The fellowship recipient is honored at a Rotary luncheon and receives a grant to further professional growth or to enhance classroom activities for students.

The award was instituted in 1993 by the Westfield Rotary Club to recognize the importance of teaching in the elementary grades and to honor Mr. Philhower, who was a Westfield Rotarian and Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Philhower, who died in 1962, was Supervising Principal (Superintendent) of Westfield Public Schools for 30 years - from 1917 to 1947 - and was President of the Westfield Rotary Club from 1929 to 1930. As Rotary President, he instituted the club's annual scholarship awards for graduating Westfield students.

Members of the Selection Committee will include two Rotarians, two elementary school principals, and the immediate past Philhower fellow, Stacie DeChristopher, a first grade teacher at McKinley Elementary School.

Past Philhower fellowship recipients include:

- 2003 - Michele Moise, fifth grade teacher, Tamaques Elementary School;
- 2002 - Carole Kling, fourth grade teacher, Franklin Elementary School;
- 2001 - Anna Jane Sabbagh, third grade teacher, Jefferson Elementary School;

Westfield BOE Will Review Proposed Budget on Feb. 22

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Board of Education will add another meeting to its schedule this month to review the proposed 2005-2006 school budget on Tuesday, February 22.

At its previous meetings in January and February, the board examined the projected budget for curriculum, capital projects, special education, fine arts, athletics, technology and personnel.

Vanderbilt Univ. Notes WF Dean's List Pupils

WESTFIELD - Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. has placed Charlotte Elizabeth Hansen and Benjamin Andrew Masel, both of Westfield, on the fall 2004 dean's list.

Charlotte is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hansen of Westfield. Benjamin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Masel of Westfield.

WHS Forensics Club Captures First Place

WESTFIELD - The Westfield High School (WHS) Forensics Club, which competed at The New Jersey Theatre Festival and Competition held at Rutgers University on January 29, brought home first and third place awards.

First place in the comedy monologue category went to Kate Fallon and the third place winner in the comedy monologue was Kate Douglas.

Kimberly Jonny coaches the Forensics Club, which is in its first year at WHS.

Other WHS students who participated in the competition included: Billy Getzville, Sarah Gerber, Lindsay Goldberg, Angela Kerins, Natalie Narotzky, Carolyn Ortiz-Wood, Colleen Psomos, Shanna Quakenbush, Julie Reich, Danielle Tepper, Casey Vintanza, and Alex Wronski.

• 2000 - Trista Pollard, fifth grade teacher, Tamaques School;

• 1999 - Eva Morton, currently a second grade teacher, Washington Elementary School;

• 1998 - Angela LaCarrubba, second grade teacher, Wilson Elementary School;

• 1997 - Claudia Andreski, who was a fourth grade teacher at Jefferson School, and now the Principal of McKinley School;

• 1996 - Bette Tuthill, fourth grade teacher, McKinley School;

• 1995 - Carol Joyce, first grade teacher, Washington School;

• 1994 - Carol Mastrianni, former Franklin School first grade teacher; and

• 1993 - Susan Feldman Glick, then a special education teacher at Tamaques School.

Ms. Glick was the first recipient of the Philhower Fellowship.

In commenting on the award, Mr. Ciarrocca echoed the sentiments of fellow Rotarians when he said, "We believe the Philhower Fellowship is a fitting memorial to an educator who gave so much to the children of Westfield and to education in general."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Foley added, "We are grateful for the recognition the Rotary continues to give the teaching profession. I am always pleased when outstanding education is spotlighted; when honor is bestowed on an outstanding educator and when recognition is given to teachers."

Edison School Plans Black History Event

WESTFIELD - Edison Intermediate School will present its Black History Program featuring the American Family Theater from Philadelphia tomorrow, Friday, February 18, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The production will review over 200 years of African-American heritage.

Bethel Baptist Church's youth choir, the Westfield High School chorus and other local youth choirs will provide entertainment. Vendors and food caterers will also be on hand for the event.

Admission to the program will be \$3 for adults, \$2 for children and free for children under age five.

Union Catholic Pupil Attends Presidential Inauguration

SCOTCH PLAINS - Vincent Napolitano, a National Honor Society student at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, was nominated and selected to attend the Presidential Inauguration through the People to People Student Ambassador Program.

Vincent was accepted for the exclusive honor based on previous participation with People to People programs.

He joined a select group of students who were present at the nation ushered in a new presidential and vice-presidential term.

Activities included the official

swearing in of the president and vice-president, the inaugural address, parade and a celebratory ball.

During the summer of 2004, Vincent attended a summer school program for high school students at Brown University in Rhode Island. He worked and dedicated many hours to the George W. Bush presidential campaign on a local level and was a team leader.

Following his graduation from Union Catholic, Vincent hopes to attend a four-year college or university and major in political science. He would like to pursue a career in politics.

SPFHS to Host Senior Day On Thursday, March 10

SCOTCH PLAINS - Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's Student Government Association will host Senior Citizens Day.

The event will be held on Thursday, March 10, at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include games, prizes, a preview of the production of *West Side Story* and an Irish step-

dance performance.

Seniors will have the opportunity to socialize with the youth of the high school. Complimentary breakfast and lunch will be included.

Those Scotch Plains and Fanwood senior citizens who would like to attend are asked to respond to the high school at (908) 889-8600 or e-mail akoscielecki@spf12.org.



CHINESE CELEBRATION...Dressed in Chinese costumes, pictured left to right, are: Franklin Elementary students Emma Hoffman, Isabella Gelfand, Michael Mizus, Kate Helander and Veronica Grycan.

Chinese New Year Feted At Franklin Elementary

WESTFIELD - First graders at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield participated in a Chinese New Year celebration for 2005 - The Year of the Rooster.

All of the students learned about Chinese customs and traditions. They decorated their classrooms with handmade lanterns, practiced writing Chinese symbols and learned to speak a little Mandarin.

The highlight of the festivities was

a school-wide parade. Each first grade section paraded into a Franklin classroom, playing Chinese drums, waving traditional Chinese fans and ribbons, and "dancing" under a dragon costume.

The event was organized by the Cultural Arts Committee of the Franklin Parent-Teacher Organization.

Jacqueline Novick Honored for Studies

WESTFIELD - The University of New England in Maine reported that Jacqueline Michelle Novick, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Novick of Westfield, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester.

A 2001 graduate of Westfield High School, she is majoring in elementary education. She is also actively involved in the education honor society, Kappa Delta Pi.

Mount St. Mary's Univ. Honors Teresa Gibbons

WESTFIELD - Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md. reported that Teresa Gibbons of Westfield achieved dean's list distinction for the fall 2004 semester. She is a senior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gibbons.

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