

## GSWRC Names Ms. Dolce As Executive Director

FANWOOD – The Girl Scouts of Washington Rock (GSWR) Council, Inc. has named Donna Dolce as its new Executive Director, Board President Tiffany Wilson confirmed.

A veteran of the non-profit and Girl Scouting arenas and a former member of the GSWRC board, Ms. Dolce begins her duties immediately, overseeing the nearly 11,000 girls and adults who comprise the Council's constituency.

"It is with great honor that I accept the board's offer to become Executive Director," Ms. Dolce said. "Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council is full of caring and knowledgeable people and I am excited to help it grow, prosper and continue to provide the optimal Girl Scout experience for every girl in our service area."

A Fanwood resident and member of its Borough Council, Ms. Dolce comes to GSWRC from the United Way of Essex and West Hudson (UWEWH). Since 1998, she served as UWEWH's Director of Public Sector Campaigns, Special Events and Volunteer Center.

Ms. Dolce's professional involvement in Girl Scouting entails stints at the director level at the Chautauqua (N.Y.) Area Girl Scout Council and with the Delaware-Raritan Girl Scout Council. Following two years at Delaware-Raritan, she accepted a position at GSUSA's national headquarters in Manhattan, serving as a Planning and Management Specialist from 1989 to 1993.

At GSUSA, she helped increase its overall productivity, efficiency and financial stability through the development and production of corporate resources. She also trained organizational leaders and top managers in corporate planning, performance appraisal, asset management and organizational diversity.

From 1993 to 1998, Ms. Dolce remained in New York City, working as a regional management consultant for the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA).



Donna Dolce

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**HISTORIC LEGACY...**Members of the Garden Club of Westfield were treated to a presentation September 13 on Frederick Law Olmsted Sr.'s influence on the park system in New Jersey. Pictured, from left to right, are: Diane Clomson, Program Committee co-chairwoman; Sean Ryan, the landscape architect for Union County; Jane Curtis, president of the Garden Club; Kathleen Galop, Principal of Preservation Possibilities, a historic preservation consulting firm, and Sally Brown, Program Committee co-chairwoman. Mr. Ryan and Ms. Galop presented the program.

### Philotochos to Present Godspell Tomorrow

WESTFIELD – The Philotochos Society of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and H&R Productions of New Jersey will present *Godspell* tomorrow, October 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bouras Center at the church.

Admission is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. Refreshments will be served. The church is located at 250 Gallows Hill Road in Westfield.

Proceeds will benefit the Wheelchair Foundation, a non-profit organization that distributes wheelchairs to needy children and adults around the world.

The Philotochos Society has supported this foundation since 2004 and sent \$500 to the Hurricane Katrina and Rita Fund for wheelchairs.

### 'Tricky Tray' to Benefit Programs of The Arc

COUNTY – On Friday, November 4, The Arc of Union County, a non-profit organization, will host a "Tricky Tray" fundraiser at the Grand Centurions in Clark. Sold in advance, tickets are \$30 per person and include a sit-down dinner and one sheet of level-one tricky tray tickets.

Doors will open at 6 p.m., with the drawings and dinner beginning at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds from this event will help to support The Arc Family Support and Children's Services Department, which offers programming to children and adults with developmental disabilities and special needs.

These programs include Bright Beginnings (an inclusive preschool program), Camp Star, six different respite programs and recreation.

Tricky Tray items will include gift certificates to local restaurants and stores, as well as community events, and a variety of gift baskets.

For further information or to make reservations, please call Shannon O'Regan at (908) 232-0199 or Debbie Dreher at (973) 315-0060. The fundraiser is for adults over 18, exclusively. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

### African Violet Group To Meet Thursday

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Union County Chapter of the African Violet Society will hold its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. next Thursday, October 20, at the Scotch Plains Public Library, located at 1927 Bartle Avenue.

Bob Kurzynski will present "The Small Ones," a discussion of the small African Violet plants. All interested persons are invited to attend.

### CAMPAIGN RELEASE

## Who is Martin Statfeld? And Why Garwood?

By Pat Quattrocchi, GOP Candidate for Freeholder



By PATRICIA QUATTROCCHI  
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Admittedly I snooped, rather I should say I accessed public records containing the opposing side's campaign reports from last year on the state's Elect website. One can learn about any political campaign by viewing reports that the campaign treasurers file including those of local municipal races for council/committee seats.

I had been curious for a number of years about how in my tiny town, the Borough of Garwood, the local Democratic Committee could manage to put out numerous and expensive campaign pieces while the Republican Committee did not. After all we have the same resident base to tap into for monetary support and the number of party-affiliated voters on both sides has been dropping over the last couple of years, being replaced by independent voters and they normally do not make campaign contributions.

Viewing the "D's" October 29 report of 2004, I noticed that there was but one contribution in the amount of \$1,500 along with the name Martin Statfeld. I was puzzled. Who was this person? Why would someone with a home address in Livingston be giving \$1,500 to Garwood's Democratic candidates? Did someone work for this person? Did he have a business in town? What was the connection? I just closed the window and forgot about it until recently. Someone asked me to research another town's campaign filings and the same name popped up and on the same date and for the same amount. I decided to see where else Martin Statfeld had bestowed his largess.

It turned out that from July 2004 thru March of 2005, in nine months, he had contributed \$75,000 to various Democratic county committees in central New Jersey, with \$32,000 going to the Union County Democratic Committee during one 20-day period in the fall of 2004 alone. Now, I definitely had to find the link he had to Garwood.

Turns out that Martin Statfeld is quite the philanthropist, sitting on the boards of many charitable organizations and is also the treasurer of the executive committee of the Kushner Yeshiva High School in Livingston, named after Charles Kushner and his family. This is same Charles Kushner who is currently serving time in prison because he had set up his brother-in-

law with a prostitute in a motel and then sent the tapes of this seamy encounter to his own sister in an attempt to suppress evidence.

The same Charles Kushner who illegally contributed thousands of dollars to the Jim McGreevey campaigns, getting himself appointed to the New Jersey Sports and Exhibition Authority. The same Charles Kushner who partnered with Jon Corzine in an attempt to purchase the New Jersey Nets.

Well, it seems that Kushner, along with Statfeld, bailed McGreevey's other buddy and chief-of-staff, Gary "Billboard" Taffet, out of a potential conflict-of-interest situation by purchasing his benefits company, Highview Planning. Highview Planning is now Statfeld Vantage Insurance in Florham Park. What a small world.

Last month in Mercer County, there was a lot of finger-pointing going on about county committees on both sides of the aisle accepting what has been termed "dirty money" from convicted felons; Kushner is not the only one in question. There was also a move by the "D's" to link Republican Doug Forrester with Kushner because Highview Planning had acted as an intermediary between municipalities and Forrester's company, Benecard, as in the case of Linden here in Union County and Statfeld Vantage Insurance. Obviously this is a woefully miserable attempt to make Forrester appear to be of the same ilk as Kushner.

So what does Martin Statfeld want with Garwood? It is highly unlikely that Mr. Statfeld feels some sort of patriotic need to help with the borough's governance, as he lives in a different county all together. And because of the demographics here in town, it is unlikely that he would feel a common bond with the residents.

So, his interest could be business-driven or perhaps this Garwood donation, and others like it, could be some sort of wheeling plan to get the money into the county under the state's regulatory radar. Could it be that he is merely following directions from some higher authority to spread the wealth in such a way that it could go unnoticed? Only time will tell if and when Vantage is awarded some contracts and from whom.

The Republican team of Quattrocchi, Kline and Dill for Freeholder believe that it is time to put an end to these financial shenanigans and limit individual and corporate donations even more. Dollar limits on contracts that are awarded without competitive bidding need to be put in place as well as putting a stop to doing business with those vendors who make contributions to political campaigns anywhere and at any level.

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