

Why We Have a Duty to Be Good Stewards of the Earth

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For many years, a picture of Lake Moraine, in Banff National Park, hung in my parents' kitchen. The photo was beautiful - taken at the edge of a glacial lake at sunset, one could see the image of mountain peaks and their glaciers reflected in the still, deep blue waters. Last summer, I returned to Lake Moraine. I stood at the spot where my parents and I had taken the photograph years before. But this time, the glaciers had almost entirely melted away.

Recently, the United States Interior Department began a process to determine whether the polar bear should be listed as an endangered species. Polar bears live upon the sea ice in the Arctic; however, this sea ice is melting at an alarming rate, threatening their habitat. In some cases, polar bears are drowning because they are unable to swim the increasingly longer distances to find sea ice on which to land.

The loss of the polar bears' habitat and the melting of the glaciers in the Canadian Rockies are just two snapshots of the many consequences of global warming. If left unchecked, global warming threatens the very nature of our planet and our way of life - causing storms to become more violent and unpredictable, drought in sub-Saharan Africa, torrential rains

and floods, and the spread of malaria and other tropical diseases into now temperate areas.

Our world is full of natural wonders - from dramatic scenes such as glacier capped mountains and polar bears tending their cubs to everyday wonders such as the buds on trees in the springtime or the first tomato on a carefully tended vine. This world is so very precious. It is a gift to us from God, and it is our task to till and tend our planet, to practice wise stewardship, not only for ourselves, but for future generations.

A story is told in the Talmud of an elderly man who was planting a carob tree. A passerby asked him why he would bother to plant this tree, since it would take 70 years to bear fruit, long after the old man would be dead. The elderly man replied that when he was a child, he found a world in which there were carob trees. As those who came before him had planted trees that he might enjoy them, so too was he planting trees for future generations.

The future is in our hands. Will we, too, have the courage and conviction to preserve our planet - not only for ourselves, but for future generations? *****

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Mothers' Center Announces Spring Consignment Sale

CRANFORD - The Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey will hold its semi-annual consignment sale on Friday, March 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Trinity Episcopal Church. The church is located at the corner of North and Forest Avenues in Cranford.

The sale will feature gently used quality children's spring and summer clothing in sizes from newborn to children's 12. Other merchandise will include children's toys for all ages, videos and books, plus sports equipment and bicycles, strollers and other children's and baby equipment.

The Mothers' Center sale offers items at a fraction of retail prices. The sale is cash only and no strollers will be admitted. Anyone interested in consigning at this event is asked to leave a detailed message at the Mothers' Center at (908) 561-1751 before Monday, March 12.

Sale proceeds will benefit the Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization founded in 1978 that provides friendship and support for all parents across Central New Jersey.

The group offers daytime and evening discussion groups, book clubs, morning and afternoon playgroups, library and referral resources and special events. On-site baby-sitting is available for most daytime activities. New members are always welcome. For more information, please call (908)

561-1751 or visit the Mothers' Center website at westfieldnj.com/mccnj.

'Mad Science' on Tap At School Tomorrow

WESTFIELD - The "Mad Science Show" will come back to Westfield tomorrow, Friday, March 2, at 7 p.m. as part of the Redeemer Lutheran School's Open House.

The event also will feature "not-so-magical" science demonstrations and hands-on displays. Additionally, there will be an electric fencing display spotlighting one of Redeemer's after-school clubs.

Visitors will be able to "travel with the masters" as students' artwork will be on display throughout the three floors of the school building.

Science demonstrations and hands-on displays will include: ultimate static cling with the Van de Graafe electrostatic machine; "dancing raisins;" a volcano station; rocket science (in the preschool); a study on landfill leakage and a chance to make one's own silly putty.

There will be no admission charge for this event. Redeemer Lutheran School is located at 229 Cowperthwaite Place at the corner of Clark Street, one block up from the Westfield Area "Y." For more information on the open house, please call (908) 232-1592.



LASTING LEGACY...LEARN - League for Educational Advancement for Registered Nurses - has donated a nursing scholarship to the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center's Harold B. and Dorothy A. Snyder School of Nursing in Plainfield. The award was in honor of LEARN's founder, Caroline Perkins, R.N. of Scotch Plains. Pictured at the scholarship presentation, from left to right, are: Ms. Perkins; Dr. Judith Mathews, dean of the School of Nursing, and Helen Streiff-Dobbins, president of LEARN. Incorporated in 1974, LEARN recently was dissolved in accordance with the by-laws.

Miller-Cory to Spotlight Maple Sugaring Sunday

WESTFIELD - The Reverend John Mills of Fanwood will demonstrate the technique of maple sugaring on Sunday, March 4, between 2 and 4 p.m. at the Miller-Cory House Museum.

Maple sap will be collected in wooden buckets from the old sugar maple on the museum grounds. Reverend Mills will show how hand-made spiles are inserted into the maple trees to allow sap to run. He also will explain how the sap rises and flows and how sugar and syrup are made from the sap.

Eighteenth-century cooking demonstrations also will resume on Sunday in the museum's Frazee Building. Members of the Cooking Committee will prepare seasonal recipes over the open-hearth fire using methods practiced in the Colonial period. Taste treats will be available for visitors to sample.

Built in 1740, the Miller-Cory House Museum is a restored, fully furnished farmhouse located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield. Visitors are invited to stop by the museum's gift shop, which carries a variety of Colonial reproductions, toys, crafts, cook-books and educational materials.

Admission to the museum is \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for students; children under age four are admitted for free. Upcoming Sunday events at the museum include "Silhouettes" on March 11, "Hat Boxes and Band Boxes" on March 18 and "18th-Century Fear Factor Foods" on March 25. For more information, please call the museum office weekday mornings at (908) 232-1776.

Cannonball House To Reopen Sunday

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Osborn Cannonball House will reopen for the 2007 season this Sunday, March 4. Costumed docents will give tours from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be no admission charge.

Built circa 1760, the saltbox farmhouse is located at 1840 Front Street in Scotch Plains. It has been restored and furnished by the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood and has served as a museum since 1972.

Programs held at the Osborn Cannonball House introduce 200 years of local history to residents of the community and surrounding towns in New Jersey.

AARP Chapter to Meet On Monday In Westfield

WESTFIELD - The next meeting of Westfield Area Chapter No. 4137 of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will be held on Monday, March 5, in the Assembly Hall of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. The church is located at 140 Mountain Avenue.

The social period with refreshments will begin at 1 p.m. and will be followed by a brief business meeting at 1:30 p.m. Guest speaker Fontaine Gatti, a travel agent for 37 years who has journeyed to various parts of the world, will present the program for the meeting. For a period of time she lived in Surrey, a suburb of London.

Ms. Gatti will present a slide program featuring lifestyles of British country as well as city life. She currently is affiliated with the American Express Agency in Summit.

Community Service Chairman Skeets Kuzmuk has requested donations by chapter members of canned and boxed grocery items to benefit poor and homeless people. Used costume jewelry also is requested for use

as prizes for bingo games with patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

Additionally, the Knitting and Crocheting Group needs yarns of any color and thickness to make lap robes, shrugs, hats and other items for patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital.

Due to inclement weather, the chapter's day trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse that was scheduled for February 15 had to be cancelled. Chairwoman Katherine Manzer is securing a new date and will advise participants in the near future.

Temple Sholom Plans Purim Celebration

FANWOOD - All are welcome to come to Temple Sholom for its T'fillah, Megilla (The book of Esther) reading and Purim Spiel on Saturday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel, located at the corner of Martine and LaGrande Avenues in Fanwood.

Attendees are invited to wear a costume. Prior to the festivities, there will be a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a salad, side or main dish to share. Dessert and beverages will be provided by Temple Sholom.

Activities will continue on Sunday, March 4, at Union Catholic High School at 1600 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains, the temple's religious school site. Participants are encouraged to return in costume for a Purim program and carnival from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

The Temple Sholom Youth Group will run games, lunch and a costume contest. For more details, please contact Temple Sholom at (908) 889-4900 or office@sholomnj.org.

Caregivers to Gather Monday In Westfield

WESTFIELD - A support group for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones will meet on Monday, March 5, at 8 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield.

Meetings take place on the first non-holiday Monday of each month. These are information and sharing sessions. For more information, please call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 233-8757.

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