



CALLING ALL ARTISTS...The Woman's Club of Westfield's art show and silent auction, taking place in November, will benefit the volunteer rescue squad. Work can be submitted starting September 30. Standing, from left to right, are Club President Dolores Geisow, art show chairperson Jennifer Principato and club member Ann Weiss.

Club to Host Art Show To Benefit Rescue Squad

WESTFIELD—The Woman's Club of Westfield will host an art show and silent auction as part of its fall fundraiser to benefit the Westfield Rescue Squad on Tuesday, November 11, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Westfield High School. The show is free and open to the public.

For artists interested in submitting their work, a form can be requested at westfieldartshow@gmail.com. People can also pick up an entry form at The Westfield Municipal Building (recreation office), Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood or Cranford Public Libraries, the Westfield Rescue Squad, Evalyn Dunn's Gallery on South Avenue, Prudential New Jersey Properties on North Avenue or Byco Repro and Art on North Avenue in Garwood.

There is no fee to submit a piece for the art show, and all works in all media will be considered for the show. Individual works submitted will be viewed by a selection committee

and notification of acceptance made by November 5. All selected artwork will be on display at Westfield High School on November 11 from 7 to 10 p.m. and will be auctioned at the end of the night.

In addition, a 50/50 raffle will be held, and tickets will be sold at the door. All funds raised throughout the evening will be used as part of Woman's Club Fall Fundraiser benefiting the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad.

The Woman's Club will begin to collect submitted works beginning September 30, through November 1.

Those interested may mail applications ahead of time to: P.O. Box 2428, Westfield, N.J. 07091. For more information, e-mail westfieldartshow@gmail.com, call Ann at (908) 233-6733 or Jennifer at (908) 317-4730.

To become a volunteer, stop in and meet the crew at the headquarters at 355 Watterson Street in Westfield or contact them at (908) 233-2500.

Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month

WESTFIELD—Sherry Pascal, Mrs. New Jersey American Beauty 2008, remembers the day clearly that she was told she had thyroid cancer. For a cancer that is mislabeled as the "easy cancer," the two years of battling the disease was no walk in the park.

Even after entering remission, the twice-a-year testing makes it challenging to move past the fear of recurrence that eventually happened last fall. Not to mention the long-term side effects and wear and tear on the body from the purposeful hyperthyroidism.

The body is constantly artificially overworked and overheated, causing the body to dry up the bones, hair, skin. For women, some suffer from endometriosis and irritability due to the connection between thyroid function and female hormonal balance.

There are now an estimated 37,340 Americans a year being diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Thyca (www.thyca.org) is the Thyroid Cancer Survivors association. On October 17-19, in St. Louis, Mo., Thyca will be holding its 11th annual Thyroid Cancer Survivors Conference. Over 25 doctors in endocrinology, surgery & nuclear medicine will be speaking, including guest speaker,

Sherry Pascal, Mrs. New Jersey American Beauty 2008.

The organization is there for those in need of support — from finding a doctor to educating one and their family the facts about thyroid cancer and what to expect. They also raise money for a massive amount of research.

Sadly, this cancer is very often overlooked, but if you drive by the "Pink House" on Westfield Avenue, with the fence adorned in turquoise ribbon, you can help make a difference.

Donations are being accepted there, and you can also help yourself to a thyroid cancer wrist band or go to the Thyca web-site, www.thyca.org, and donate online. Westfield is an amazing community. It is my honor as Mrs. New Jersey to attend the Thyca convention and show them how much we care.

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WF Math Students Place First In County

WESTFIELD — Five eighth grade students ended their intermediate school experience by placing first in Union County and 24th among 191 schools in New Jersey in the State Math League Contest.

According to the Math League, which has been in existence since 1977, "The contest for intermediate school students challenges them with questions that may cover exponents, fractions, reciprocals, decimals, rates, ratios, percents, angle measurement, perimeter and basic roots, among other facts."

"These contests encourage a variety of problem-solving skills and methods to improve students' abilities and understanding of mathematical connections, while having fun."

Brunner Conducts Clothing Drive

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Howard B. Brunner Elementary School PTA will hold a clothing drive on September 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to benefit the school PTA initiatives.

Acceptable items include clean, usable and wearable clothing (men's, women's and children's), shoes and accessories (handbags, belts, scarves, ties, hats), soft household items (bedding, curtains, tablecloths, towels), stuffed animals and toys.

Items need to be contained in plastic bags and dropped off at Howard B. Brunner Elementary School, located at 721 Westfield Road in Scotch Plains, under the kindergarten awning before 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 20.

Note that due to a lack of storage, early drop-offs cannot be accepted.

For more information, contact Jeni at (908) 889-1636 or Jeni@WelcomeHome123.com.



BACK TO SCHOOL...On September 3, students returned to Holy Trinity Interparochial School's Westfield campus. Holy Trinity Catholic School offers a curriculum for grades Pre-K to eighth grade.

UCC Course Helps People Produce 'Effective' Writing

CRANFORD — Those who wish to maximize their writing skills can take a non-credit, professional development course, "Effective Writing," this fall at Union County College's Cranford Campus.

"Effective Writing" is a comprehensive course designed for people in the workforce, as well as for those who are enrolled in higher-education programs or seeking to enter a career field, as well as for those who want to hone their skills in planning to write a book or other publication.

The course addresses ways to target a reading audience based on the purpose, message and style of writing content. Students will gain an understanding of proper word selection, the use of the apostrophe, eliminating unnecessary words, sentence structure and punctuation, avoiding run-on sentences, subject-verb agreement, placing words in

sentences for enhanced readability and building paragraphs that are unified, coherent and complete.

Participants will obtain practical, hands-on instruction. Assignments will feature writing and grammatical exercises dealing with the approach to developing a variety of written documents — all in an open, accepting, non-judgmental environment.

While students typically have a range of backgrounds and educational levels, they share a common need for strengthening their writing skills for enhanced communication.

"Effective Writing" will be offered from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays, September 25 through November 13 at the college's Cranford Campus.

For more information or to register, call the college's Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education at (908) 709-7600.

Oratory Prep School Announces Open Houses

AREA — Kevin Donnelly, Admissions director of Oratory Preparatory (OP) School at One Beverly Road in Summit, has issued an invitation to interested students and their families to attend the school's upcoming open houses.

The all-boys Catholic day school will hold its first open house on Sunday, September 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. and the second on Wednesday, October 22, from 7 to 9 p.m.

"Our open houses are informal in nature," Mr. Donnelly said. "Junior and senior boys lead 20-minute tours of the building and share their OP experience," he said. "Then, the prospective students and their families assemble in the gymnasium, where all facets of the school are represented in a fair-like atmosphere."

Teachers, moderators, coaches and administrators will be on hand to answer specific questions.

"It's never too early for a family to see what we offer in the way of academic curriculum, sports, clubs and activities. We're proud of how we individualize education at Oratory. You're never just a number here," he said.

Oratory Prep, a Roman Catholic, college preparatory school for boys in grades 7 to 12, has recently cel-

ebrated its 100-year anniversary. For more information, call the admissions office at (908) 273-5771, extension 11, or visit the school's website at oratoryprep.org.

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The school year is once again upon us and plans are already underway for the all-night, drug and alcohol free graduation party for the Westfield High School senior class on June 22, 2009. Project Graduation BASH will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2009.

Over the past 19 years, approximately 85% of the graduating class students have attended Project Graduation - BASH, the substance-free celebration sponsored by the OPTIMIST Club of Westfield.

The OPTIMIST Club would like to thank the many individuals and businesses for their support and contributions to help provide a safe environment for the 2008 senior class to celebrate graduation.

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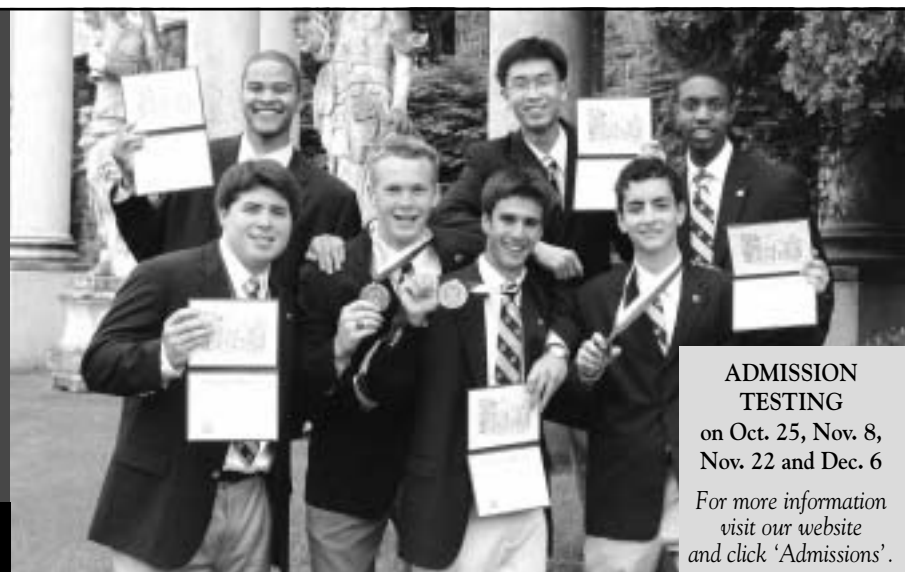
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