

Library to Offer Storytimes; Program on Switch to DTV

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Memorial Library has announced the dates for a Storytime series and an informational program to help people prepare for the conversion to digital television (DTV) in February.

The library's Youth Services Department invites children ages 3 and older to attend Storytime sessions on Mondays, January 5, 12 and 26, from 7 to 7:30 p.m., to be filmed by the local cable station TV-36. These sessions will be shown on the Kidz Korner segment. This program is open to the public, and pre-registration is not required. Children are invited to wear their pajamas. A parent or caregiver must attend with each child and sign a broadcast release slip.

On Wednesday, January 7, the American Library Association and RadioShack will offer a program at 7 p.m. at the library on what people may need to do before the transition to DTV occurs on Tuesday, February 17.

By law, full-power televisions nationwide must switch from the old method of transmitting television signals, known as analog, to DTV. Viewers who currently watch television on an analog set that is not connected to a pay television service, like cable or satellite, will need to take action before the transition date.

Attendees will learn why the DTV transition is occurring, what benefits digital television offers, what viewers need to do in order to continue receiving over-the-air television broadcasts after the conversion occurs and how to apply for up to two \$40 government coupons per household to help reduce the costs of obtaining a digital converter box.

Registration is required, but the program is free and open to the public.

Interested persons are asked to access the library's website, wmlnj.org, and click on the calendar, or call (908) 789-4090, extension no. 4122.

To learn about other youth or adult programs at the library, visit wmlnj.org and click on the Events calendar, call (908) 789-4090, extension no. 3, or stop by the library at 550 East Broad Street for a copy of its quarterly newsletter.

The Westfield Memorial Library is open from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Recreation Activities Available For Seniors

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Recreation Department has announced its winter program schedule for senior citizens.

Programs will begin the week of Monday, January 5, and run through the week of March 25. They will include Aerobics (Tuesdays, 9:15 to 10 a.m.), Tai Chi (Tuesdays, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.), Line Dancing (Thursdays, 1 to 2 p.m.) and Water Exercise (Fridays, 11 to 11:45 a.m.).

All classes will take place in the recreation building at Forest Road Park, except for Water Exercise, which will be held at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey Wilf Jewish Community Campus indoor pool in Scotch Plains.

Registration forms may be picked up at Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue. For more information about fees, the schedule and how to register, visit fanwoodrecreation.org online or call Fanwood Recreation at (908) 370-7092.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT N. STROUD
(She is the former Ms. Tovah L. Ornstein)

Dr. Tovah L. Ornstein Marries Robert N. Stroud

Dr. Tovah Leigh Ornstein, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ornstein of Lawrenceville, was married on Saturday, August 2, to Robert N. Stroud. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Stroud of Westfield.

Gordon Kaslusky of Mechanicsburg, Pa., a friend of the bride and bridegroom and formerly of Westfield, officiated at the early evening ceremony, which took place at the Pleasantdale Chateau in West Orange. A reception immediately followed.

Given in marriage by her father and mother, the bride wore an ivory taffeta strapless trumpet gown. She carried a bouquet of ivory roses and stephanotis.

Ms. Tara Stroud of Westfield, sister of the bridegroom, and Ms. Cathy Chmura of Lawrenceville, a friend of the couple, were the maids of honor. They wore latte taffeta strapless gowns by Bill Levkoff with mocha sashes, and carried bouquets of mango calla lilies and hydrangeas.

Dr. Rebecca Lamberth of Matawan, Mrs. Lindsey Roth of Voorhees, Ms. Alyssa Sosinski of Lawrenceville, Ms. Heather Fay and Ms. Alison Tindall, both of Robbinsville, all friends of the couple, were bridal attendants. They wore latte taffeta A-line gowns with spaghetti straps, also by Bill Levkoff, and carried bouquets of mango calla lilies and hydrangeas. Kevin Anton of Westfield and Ryan Kiernan of Gardiner, N.Y., both friends of the couple, were the best men. Darryl Fleming of Delran, Mike Friedman of Westfield and Dr. Scott Roth of Medford, friends of the couple, along with Ryan Sutton and Eric Sutton of Winchester, Mass., cousins of the bridegroom, were groomsmen. Brent Carpenter of Westford, Vt., a friend of the bridegroom's family, served as the usher.

Erik Lund of Westfield, a friend of the bride and bridegroom, delivered the first reading, "The Symposium," by Plato. Mrs. Maureen Carpenter of Westford, Vt., a friend of the bridegroom's family, delivered the second reading, "Touched by an Angel," by Maya Angelou.

A 1997 graduate of Lawrence High School, the bride earned a Doctor of Psychology degree in organizational psychology from Rutgers University in New Brunswick in May. Prior to this, she received a Master of Education degree in counseling psychology from Columbia University in New York City and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Women's Studies from Rutgers University in New Brunswick. She works as a program manager in organizational effectiveness at Hess Corporation in New York City.

The bridegroom, a 1999 graduate of Westfield High School, was awarded Bachelor of Science degrees in Business Management and Psychology from Saint Peter's College in Jersey City. He anticipates completion of a Doctor of Psychology degree in organizational psychology from Rutgers University in New Brunswick in May 2009. Presently, he is employed as a change management consultant with Johnson & Johnson in New Brunswick.

The mother of the bride and the bride party hosted a shower in April at Maggiano's in Bridgewater.

A rehearsal dinner, hosted by the parents of the bridegroom, took place the evening before the wedding at Fiorino Ristorante in Summit.

Following a wedding trip to Oahu, Hawaii, the couple resides in Piscataway, as they await completion of their new home in Westfield.

Collage Workshops on Tap For January at Library

SCOTCH PLAINS – Adults and teenagers accompanied by adults are invited to join award-winning artist Vicki Parker at the Scotch Plains Public Library to create family collages that can be displayed.

Ms. Parker will guide participants in creating an original piece of art from copies of old family photographs, diaries, letters, scrapbooks and genealogies, among other keepsakes.

Workshops will be held at the library on Saturday, January 24, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Individuals also are invited to attend a short planning session with Ms. Parker on Saturday, January 10, at 2 p.m. to learn specifics and to see samples of completed works.

At that time, librarians will be available to help interested persons search the library's databases and books for copies of their family's genealogy and immigration records, maps and other images that they can incorporate into their collage. Individuals may contact a librarian for information and a materials list if they cannot attend the planning session.

Participants will provide copies of photographs and mementos. The library will provide the other supplies needed. A fee of less than \$10 will be charged to cover materials.

This program is open to all interested participants. Pre-registration is required. For further information, to register or to obtain directions, call the library at (908) 322-

5007, extension no. 204, or e-mail library@scotlib.org.

The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue in the center of the township.

Donations Are Sought For Used Book Sale

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey will host its annual used book sale Sunday through Thursday, January 18 to 22.

Proceeds from this sale will benefit the JCC's Adult Enrichment Department, which provides recreational and educational programs and hot meals for senior citizens on a regular basis.

Donations of gently used books are welcome and will be accepted Monday, January 5, through Friday, January 16, at the JCC's Member Services Desk.

Fiction, nonfiction (excluding textbooks) and children's books are welcome. Tax-deductible forms will be available to all those donating books.

For more information about the used book sale or the Adult Enrichment Department, contact Barbara Weisbart at bweisbart@jccnj.org or (908) 889-8800, extension no. 207. Information also is available at jccnj.org.

The JCC of Central New Jersey is located at 1391 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. It is a constituent agency of the United Way and the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey. Financial assistance is available for membership and various programs.

Family Physician to Speak At AARP's Next Meeting

WESTFIELD – The first meeting of year 2009 of Westfield Area Chapter 4137 of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will take place on Monday, January 5, beginning at 1 p.m. It will be held at the Scotch Hills Country Club, located at the intersection of Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains. Ample parking is available.

Dr. Doug Ballan will be the guest speaker. A family physician specializing in house calls, he has been board certified and a practicing physician in New Jersey since 1993. He has worked as an emergency room physician and an instructor of other doctors and also is a clinical assistant professor at the Robert Wood Johnson School of Medicine.

Dr. Ballan will discuss how and

why he started his practice, "House Calls of N.J., LLC." He has a special interest in geriatrics.

Also at this meeting, the chapter will begin to collect reservations and payment for its day trip to the Brownstone on Tuesday, March 31, to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph. Served family style, dinner will include baked chicken, baked ham, potatoes, vegetable, salad and dessert. The \$70 cost will include the dinner, a show, transportation and gratuity.

Chapter members are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to the meeting. These donations will be given to the food pantry housed at Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield. The chapter also invites residents who hold membership in the national AARP to attend Monday's meeting.

Rake and Hoe Club Brings Holiday Spirit to Jardine

WESTFIELD – Members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, through their Community Projects Committee, helped to decorate the holiday tree at the Jardine Academy of Union on December 10.

The Jardine Academy provides a comprehensive educational program that is designed to meet the cognitive and physical needs of children who have multiple disabilities – needs that may not be fully met within the local school system.

Rake and Hoe members made the gingerbread ornaments that fill the tree. The club also donated a book called "The Gingerbread Boy" to the

school's library.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield has a long-term reputation for its service to the community and donations to worthy causes. Its membership is diverse, spanning all ages, interests and occupations.

Federated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs, and the Garden Club of New Jersey, the group has between 50 and 70 members, all of whom share a love of flowers and gardening. For questions regarding membership, call Maryann Pietruski, membership chairwoman, at (908) 789-9254.



ALL THE TRIMMINGS...Members of the Community Projects Committee of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield trim the holiday tree with homemade decorations at the Jardine Academy, a Union County school for children with disabilities. Pictured, from left to right, are: Joan Festa, Carolyn Pulliam, Janet Gardner and Marilyn Straight.

Stable Invites Youngsters To Mini-Clinics on Horses

MOUNTAINSIDE – Children ages 5 to 8 are invited to attend specialized, non-riding mini-clinics this winter at the Watchung Stable to expand their knowledge of horses.

Sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Department of Parks and Community Renewal, the Kiddie Clinics will be held on Saturdays, January 24, February 7 and February 21.

"We are glad to sponsor programs that are focused on different equestrian topics for young children," said Freeholder Rick Proctor, liaison to the Union County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "There's no riding involved in these clinics, but the children enjoy learning about horses and actually grooming the horses."

Youngsters will have an opportunity to enjoy a hands-on grooming session with the stable's resident horses. "Just the Two of Us" grooming sessions have been added for a parent and child to participate in together. Each session will last one hour.

Classes are geared for specific age groups and are designed to include parents and children who have never ridden before. The clinics will be held in the barn or the lecture area of the stable.

The Kiddie Clinics about horses will be offered as follows:

January 24, 9 to 10 a.m.: Mini-Grooming – 7- and 8-year-olds.

January 24, 10 to 11 a.m.: Just the Two of Us – 5- and 6-year-olds and a parent.

January 24, 11 a.m. to noon: Mini-Grooming – 5- and 6-year-olds.

February 7, 9 to 10 a.m.: Just the Two of Us – 5- and 6-year-olds and a parent.

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February 21, 10 to 11 a.m.: Mini-Grooming – 7- and 8-year-olds.

February 21, 11 a.m. to noon: Just the Two of Us – 5- and 6-year-olds and a parent.

Space is limited and in-person pre-registration is required at the Watchung Stable, located at 1160 Summit Lane in Mountainside. The cost is \$10 per person for each clinic.

For further information, call the Watchung Stable office at (908) 789-3665 or e-mail questions to stablequestions@ucnj.org.

Caregivers Meeting To Be Held Monday

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

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

Literacy Volunteers Offers Tutor Training

AREA – Literacy Volunteers of Union County is seeking individuals interested in becoming volunteer tutors for adults wishing to learn to read, write or speak English. Only one hour per week is needed to volunteer. Literacy Volunteers of Union County offers free training and certification.

A free information session will take place on Tuesday, January 27, at the Plainfield Library, located at 800 Park Avenue in Plainfield. Light refreshments will be served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. An overview of the literacy program will follow from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. To register, e-mail susan@lvaunion.org or call Susan at (908) 755-7998.

Winter Needle Nites to Take Place At Fanwood Presbyterian Church

FANWOOD – The winter dates have been posted for the Needle Nite program at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church. Sessions will take place on Fridays, January 9, February 6 and March 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall, located on Marian Avenue in Fanwood.

"Anyone with a desire to learn a new needle skill is welcome. The women of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church will be glad to help you," the organizers of Needle Nite said in a statement. "Or just bring a

project you are working on to do in the company of other needle persons."

Participants are invited to use their needle skills to make quilts and afghans for patients at Children's Specialized Hospital. The goal of the group this year is 25 quilts.

Materials, patterns and guidance will be available at Needle Nite sessions. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call the church office at (908) 889-8891 or e-mail fanwoodpres@erols.com.

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