

Girl Scouts to Hold Benefit At Dolce Hotel and Resort

WESTFIELD AREA – Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey will host a fundraising night on Monday, March 12, at 7 p.m., entitled “Racing into the Next Century,” to celebrate the centennial of the Girl Scout movement. It will take place at the elegant Dolce Hotel and Resort in Basking Ridge.

The ticket price is \$150 per person. Guests are encouraged to come in cocktail attire for the event, which will be a progressive reception and will include an open bar, silent and live auctions, mock horse races and a disc jockey, among other activities.

“Our goal is to ensure that every girl who wants to be a Girl Scout can participate in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. This event will bring the community together for fun and food while celebrating 100 years of Girl Scouts,” said Susan Brooks,

Chief Executive Officer of Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey.

Open to the general public, “Racing into the Next Century” will feature a mix of mock horseracing, auctions, entertainment and fine cuisine provided by Dolce’s executive chef, who combines seasonal local ingredients in a fresh neo-American style. “All proceeds from this event will benefit Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey,” stated Ms. Brooks.

Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey strives to build girls of courage, confidence and character who seek to make the world a better place. The organization serves more than 25,000 girls and 11,000 adult members in the counties of Union, Essex, Somerset, Hudson, Hunterdon, southern Warren and parts of Middlesex. Together, they perform more than 300,000 hours of community service a year.

The Girl Scout Leadership Development program not only addresses the need for positive after-school and youth-development activities, it builds measurable strengths in girls and young women that will lead to more positive and healthy communities, according to the organization.

For more information or to register for the event, visit tinyurl.com/GSHNJ-RNC. For inquiries, call (908) 947-1712 or contact bballard@gshnj.org.

Spelling Bee Continues This Evening at WHS

WESTFIELD – The Junior Woman’s Club (JWC) of Westfield is hosting the 26th Annual Fourth and Fifth Grade Spelling Bee. Open to all fourth- and fifth-grade residents of Westfield, the three-day competition is being held at 7 p.m. each night in the auditorium of Westfield High School, located at 550 Dorian Road.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners, in addition to qualifying to go on and represent Westfield in the Central Regional Spelling Bee.

The fourth-grade competition was held last evening. The fifth-grade competition is scheduled to take place tonight, Thursday, January 26. There will be a final elimination round for both grades on Monday, January 30.

The Junior Woman’s Club of Westfield, Inc. is a group of volunteer women between the ages of 18 and 40 who share a common goal of improving their community, state and the lives of others.

For more information about the club and the spelling bee, contact JWC Spelling Bee Chairwomen Samantha Black at rusamblack@gmail.com or Alison Bell at alito12@aol.com.

ECF Requests Vendors For Spring Bazaar

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation is looking for vendors to participate in its spring vendor bazaar on Sunday, April 22. It will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Forest Road Park Building in Fanwood.

Admission for vendors is \$38 a table. All proceeds will benefit children with cancer and their families. For further information, contact Barbara at (908) 322-4323, extension no. 17, or barbara@emmanuelcancer.org.

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CONGRESSMAN VISITS...Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th), center, visits Center for Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains January 11 to tour the newest of the center's homes dedicated to the care of those with terminal illnesses. Mr. Lance came to express his support and admiration of the center's work. Flanking Rep. Lance are Frank Brady, left, president, and Al Sauer, a longtime board member and chairman of the board of trustees.

Library to Present Program On Heart Health February 1

WESTFIELD – To celebrate American Heart Health Month, the Westfield Memorial Library will offer a program on heart health on Wednesday, February 1, at 7 p.m. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street.

Dr. Peter Pasley will present “Blood Pressure, Cholesterol and Triglycerides: Know What Your Numbers Mean for Your Heart.” Board certified in Internal Medicine, Dr. Pasley recently joined the Westfield Internal Medicine practice after being in private practice in Manhattan for the past 11 years.

Dr. Pasley received his medical degree from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, where he was selected to be part of Alpha Omega Alpha, a Medical School Honor Society. He completed an internal medicine and pediatric residency at Saint Vincent’s Hospital in New York. He was Chief Resident prior to his graduation in 2000.

Currently, Dr. Pasley is an assistant professor of medicine at the New York Medical College and a clinical instructor of medicine at the New York University Medical School. He has a special interest in sports medicine, is an avid ice hockey player and is an assistant coach in the Montclair Hockey Club.

This program will be free and open to Westfield Memorial Library and MURAL cardholders. MURAL cardholders belong to libraries that are part of the Middlesex Union Reciprocal Agreement Libraries. To check if a library participates, access the Westfield Memorial Library website, wmlnj.org. To register for the program, visit wmlnj.org and

click on the Online Calendar, or call (908) 789-4090, extension no. 7951.

Library hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information on library programs and services, call (908) 789-4090, visit wmlnj.org and sign up for the monthly e-newsletter, “Library Loop,” or stop by the library for a copy of its award-winning quarterly newsletter, “Take Note.”

AARP to Kick Off New Year on Feb. 6

WESTFIELD – Westfield Area Chapter No. 4137 of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will hold its first meeting of the 2012 year on Monday, February 6. It will take place at the Scotch Hills Country Club, located at Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains. All meetings begin at 1 p.m.

For the chapter’s February program (month of the celebration of Presidents’ Day), Peter Hogaboom will give a presentation on the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Hogaboom is a history buff and has been interested in the Civil War since he was 4 years old.

After the program, the chapter will continue with a business meeting, followed by refreshments. Members are asked to bring a non-perishable food item, paper goods or personal item for the Westfield Food Pantry. Dues, which are \$5 per year, also may be paid at this meeting. This club year runs from September 2011 to June 2012.

POLICE BLOTTER

Westfield
Tuesday, January 17, Duquan Randolph, 26, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding Westfield warrant in the amount of \$500. Randolph was picked up by Plainfield authorities and transported to Westfield police headquarters. He was processed and held.

Wednesday, January 18, Angel Franco-Guevara, 23, of North Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding Westfield warrant. He was picked up at the North Plainfield Police Department and transported to Westfield police headquarters. Franco-Guevara was processed and released on his own recognizance after appearing in court.

Wednesday, January 18, Jessie Rosario, 24, of Clark was arrested on an outstanding Westfield warrant in the amount of \$500. He was picked up at the Clark Police Department and transported to Westfield police headquarters for processing. Authorities subsequently discovered another warrant, from the Roselle Police Department in the amount of \$500, had been issued for his arrest.

Wednesday, January 18, Tasi S. Blackwell, 22, of Newark was arrested during a motor vehicle stop in the area of Westfield Avenue and West South Avenue. He was wanted on an outstanding Springfield traffic warrant in the amount of \$500. Blackwell was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and turned over to the Springfield Police Department.

Thursday, January 19, Michael Papio, 42, of Roselle Park was arrested on an outstanding NCIC warrant pursuant to a joint investigation with the Roselle Park Police Department on West Court in Westfield. Papio was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and released.

Friday, January 20, Michael Edghill, 24, of Plainfield was arrested at Scotch Plains police headquarters on two outstanding Westfield warrants in the amount of \$1,000. He was released after posting bail.

Friday, January 20, Kendall Edwards was arrested at East Orange police headquarters on a Westfield warrant. Edwards was committed to the Union County jail on default of bail.

Friday, January 20, Glen Clisham, 32, of North Plainfield was arrested at North Plainfield police headquarters on an outstanding Westfield warrant in the amount of \$628. He was committed to the Union County jail after being unable to post bail.

Scotch Plains

Monday, January 16, a visiting player at a Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School game reported that sometime during the game, someone removed money from his gym bag, which had been left unattended.

Wednesday, January 18, a resident of Route 22 reported that sometime overnight, someone stole his motor vehicle, which was parked in the driveway.

Wednesday, January 18, Karen Grisales, 22, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with possession of suspected marijuana after a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Wednesday, January 18, Menardo Serrano-Vides, 32, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with criminal trespassing after the owner of a business on Martine Avenue called police to report that an individual was inside the premises. According to police, the suspect stated that he was walking home and got cold so he entered the building to warm up and to get some rest.

Thursday, January 19, a resident of Park Avenue reported that someone took a bench, valued at approximately \$200, which had been left in the back of the house.

Thursday, January 19, a resident of Lake Avenue reported that some-

time overnight, someone stole his motor vehicle, which was parked in the driveway. According to police, the keys had been left in the vehicle.

Thursday, January 19, Jamaal Thorpe, 32, of Plainfield was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on East Second Street on an outstanding \$500 warrant issued by the North Brunswick Court. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Friday, January 20, Kimberly Clark-Waddy, 44, of Watchung was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road on an outstanding \$600 warrant issued by the Watchung Court. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Friday, January 20, Mercedes Holman, 23, of Newark was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 on an outstanding \$500 warrant issued by the Newark Court. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Friday, January 20, Michael Edghill, 24, of Plainfield was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on North Avenue on an outstanding \$1,000 warrant issued by the Westfield Court. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Friday, January 20, David Rivera, 29, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with possession of suspected marijuana after a motor vehicle stop on Aberdeen Road. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Sunday, January 22, a resident of Raritan Road reported that sometime overnight, someone damaged his fence along the side of his house.

Fanwood

Tuesday, January 17, Claude Williams, 60, of Newark was arrested on active warrants out of Plainfield, South Plainfield and Union Township after a motor vehicle stop at South Avenue and First Street. He was processed and turned over to the Plainfield Police Department.

Tuesday, January 17, a business on South Martine Avenue reported a burglary after someone took the cash register containing \$100 in cash.

Wednesday, January 18, a resident of the 40 block of Elm Avenue reported that someone entered her unlocked motor vehicle and removed a GPS unit, valued at \$130.

Thursday, January 19, a resident of the 10 block of Montrose Avenue reported that her unlocked motor vehicle was rummaged through, but at this time nothing appears to be missing.

Mountainside

Wednesday, January 18, Justin P. Carr, 26, of Summit was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on New Providence Road for allegedly driving with a suspended license. He was processed and released.

Thursday, January 19, Willie H. Alston, Jr., 34, of Plainfield was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 for allegedly driving with a suspended license. He was processed and released.

Friday, January 20, Richard Marino, 55, of Dunellen was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 for allegedly driving with a suspended license. He was processed and released.

Friday, January 20, a resident of Forest Court reported that someone made approximately \$6,200 in unauthorized purchases on his credit card. According to police, the victim was told to immediately cancel his credit card, which he did.

Sunday, January 22, police responded to a theater on Route 22 on the report of a stolen motor vehicle, described as a 2006 white Ford F250. According to police, the victim stated that he had left his keys in the vehicle because it has a push button entry. A cell phone and approximately \$2,000 worth of hunting clothing were in the vehicle, authorities reported.

FEBRUARY 2012 EVENTS
AT THE WESTFIELD MEMORIAL LIBRARY
550 East Broad Street, Westfield 908.789.4090 www.wmlnj.org
Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30 am - 9 pm Friday and Saturday 9:30 am - 5 pm Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Closed February 20 for Presidents' Day

| PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS | | |
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| 2/1 | 7:00 pm | Healthy Heart Program by Dr. Peter Pasley |
| 2/3 | 1:30 pm | TGIF! Ray Charles (video) |
| 2/4 | 1:00 pm | Computer Class: Excel for Beginners |
| 2/8 | 7:00 pm | The Story of Silvia Dubois-A one-woman show about a slave who won her freedom |
| 2/9 | 7:00 pm | Computer Class: Photo Editing w/GIMP |
| 2/10 | 1:30 pm | TGIF! Harlem Renaissance (video) |
| 2/15 | 7:00 pm | Story Slam! Let's Talk about Love! |
| 2/17 | 1:30 pm | TGIF! Jackie Robinson (video) |
| 2/23 | 2:30 pm | Computer Class: Word for Beginners |
| 2/24 | 1:30 pm | TGIF! Classic Movie: "Driving Miss Daisy" |
| PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN (Must have full-service WML card) | | |
| 2/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 10:00 am | Preschool Storytime (3½—5 years) |
| Mon-Thurs 2/1-2/29 (not 2/20) | 3:30—4:30 pm | Homework Help-High school students tutor children in grades K—5 |
| 2/2, 9, 16, 23 | 10:00 am | Tots' Storytime (2½—3½ years) |
| 2/3, 10, 17, 24 | 10:00 am | Toddler Time (babies, toddlers up to 3 yrs) |
| 2/3, 10, 24 | 3:45 pm | Magic Carpet-For elementary schoolers |
| 2/7, 14, 21, 28 | 1:30 pm | Preschool Storytime (3½—5 years) |
| 2/7 and 2/14 | 7:00 pm | Family PJ Storytime (2½+ years) |
| 2/25 | 10:00 am | Grupo ñ: Spanish Language Storytime (open to the public) (0-6 years) |

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Black History Presentation To Feature Slave Songs

KENILWORTH – The history and significance of U.S. slave songs, also known as spirituals, will be the focus of the Kenilworth Historical Society’s Black History Month celebration on Sunday, February 19.

The public is invited to attend the event, which will take place at the Kenilworth Seniors’ Center, located at 526 Boulevard in Kenilworth. Light refreshments will be served starting at 1:30 p.m., with the program beginning at 2:30 p.m. Admission will be free. In case of snow, the celebration will be held the following Sunday, February 26.

The featured presentation, “Songs from the Fields,” will be appropriate for all age groups. It will be given by James “Jim” Thomas, founder and president of the U.S. Slave Song Project Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about authentic U.S. slave songs, or spirituals.

Mr. Thomas will discuss the body of original, inspirational American folk music that, from 1619 to 1865,

enabled African-American slaves to secretly communicate with one another, teach their children, record their history and heal their pain.

He will review the various types of spirituals and their significance, explain the “secret codes” within them and sing passages from the authentic slave songs. Members of Kenilworth’s Union Baptist Church, First Baptist Church and other local congregations will sing some of the music that Mr. Thomas will highlight in his presentation.

Parking and entrance to the Kenilworth Seniors’ Center are located at the rear of the building. For further information, call (908) 709-0434.

The Kenilworth Historical Society is an independent, non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to the research, preservation and interpretation of the historic Oswald J. Nitschke House, local history and culture.

For details regarding the Kenilworth Historical Society, visit the organization’s website, kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org.