

Hist. Soc. to Learn History Of Symphony Orchestra

WESTFIELD — Warren Cohen will discuss the history of the Symphony Orchestra, from the 18th century until the present day, at the First Wednesday Luncheon of the Westfield Historical Society. The luncheon will take place on September 3 beginning at noon at the Echo Lake Country Club, located at 515 Springfield Avenue in Westfield.

Mr. Cohen has had an extensive career spanning three decades as a music director of professional, amateur and student orchestras. Presently he is the artistic director of the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra in New Providence, N.J. and director of the MusicaNova Orchestra in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he has been music director since 2003.

He previously held music director positions with the Kumu Kahua Theatre Company, Hawaii Chamber Orchestra, Southern Arizona Symphony Orchestra, where he was appointed Music Director Laureate in 2005; the Fine Arts String Orchestra and the Scottsdale Baroque Orchestra, and was Concert Artist in Conducting at Kean University in Union, N.J.

As a composer he has received 10 ASCAP awards for original composition, and won an ASCAP/American Symphony Orchestra League Award for Adventurous Programming while with the Southern Arizona Symphony.

He has conducted nearly 1,000 works over the past 12 seasons, with scores of regional and world premieres. His compositions in-

clude an opera based on Jean-Paul Sartre's *No Exit*, three Concerti Grossi, a Sinfonietta Giocosa and Sinfonia Concertante for full orchestra, a Marimba Concerto, several chamber works and works for film and theatre.

All those wishing to attend the luncheon are asked to make a reservation by calling (908) 233-2930 by noon on Monday, September 1. The cost of the luncheon is \$25 for Westfield Historical Society members and \$30 for non-members.

Garwood Knights To Hold Fish Fry

GARWOOD — The Garwood Knights of Columbus will sponsor their Fish Fry by Thistles on Friday, September 26, from 6 to 8 p.m., at their council hall.

Tickets are \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door, and \$10 for those under age 12. Individuals are asked to specify baked or fried fish, or chicken, when purchasing advance tickets. Takeout meals are offered as well.

Tickets can be purchased at the council hall weekdays after 4:30 p.m. or on weekends after 2 p.m. For more information, call (908) 789-9809 or Dennis Clark at (908) 247-5389.

The Garwood Knights of Columbus Council Hall is located at 37 South Avenue, Garwood, across from the Pathmark store. Parking is available behind the building off Willow Avenue (turn at Marty Shoes).



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS AND GERILYN FRINGER

Thomas B. Fringer Weds Ms. Gerylyn R. Slicker

Maureen Brehm and Bob Fringer of Westfield have announced the marriage of their son, Thomas Brehm Fringer, to Ms. Gerylyn Rene Slicker, daughter of Angel and Kevin Newell of Laguna Niguel, Calif.

The waterfront ceremony took place at The Dana on Mission Bay in San Diego, Calif. on Saturday, August 2, 2014. Julie Carlson, a friend of the bride's family, officiated at the nuptials. An evening reception followed in The Mission Bay Ballroom.

Casey Amberger of Los Angeles, Calif., a childhood friend of the bride, was Maid of Honor. Bridal attendants included Chelsea Dufour of Riverside, Calif., Anna Prendergast of Dayton, Ohio, Megan Coolidge of Washington, D.C. and Heather Sherman of Las Vegas, Nev., all friends of the bride.

Patrick Fringer of Westfield was Best Man for his brother. Groomsmen included Bryden Newell of Laguna Niguel, Calif., brother of the bride; Michael Nedelcovych of Nashville, Tenn., Daniel MacAdam of Boston, Mass. and Patrick Powers of Arlington, Va., all college friends of the groom.

A 2006 graduate of Aliso Niguel

High School, the bride received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and History from the University of California, San Diego in 2010. She also received a Master of Arts degree in Sociology from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. in 2012, and an M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 2014. This August, she begins a new job as a pre-kindergarten teacher at Bridges Public Charter School in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Fringer is a 2006 graduate of Westfield High School. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Policy from The College of William & Mary in 2010. He is a manager at The Education Advisory Board in Washington, D.C.

Mary Ellen Raposa of Bethlehem, Pa., aunt of the groom, hosted a shower at her home in April. Casey Amberger, the bride's Maid of Honor, hosted a shower at her parents' home in Laguna Niguel in May.

The couple resides in Washington, D.C.

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Youth Group Fights Hunger At Heifer Project Farm

SCOTCH PLAINS — Youth and adults from the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church and St. John's Baptist Church, both of Scotch Plains, traveled July 26 to the Heifer Project Farm in Rutland, Mass. for their annual service mission trip.

They participated in the Alternative Break program, which combined experiential learning programs, the Global Gateway experience, team building and service projects.

Each day the group did chores on the working farm, including collecting eggs from chicken coops, moving goats and sheep from barns to pastures and feeding llamas. Throughout the week the group provided more than 40 hours of direct service to the farm. They moved large hogs to a new outdoor area, harvested over 300 bulbs of garlic, weeded gardens and prepared two bushels of fresh peas for meals.

For the Global Gateway experience, the group spent a night in the Ghana village house. The house had no running water or electricity. In order to have food to cook over a fire for dinner and breakfast, participants went to a recreated marketplace to barter for food.

The mission of Heifer International is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth by providing animals, training and seeds.

"Heifer Farm is one of three learning centers run by Heifer International. The goals of the Farm include building appreciation for all the resources we have in our lives

and inspiring participants to want to help others," said Willow Grove Pastor Cynthia Cochran-Carney, one of the trip participants.

"The teenagers who went on the trip deepened their sense of empathy for people who struggle with poverty, deepened their awareness of causes of hunger, and deepened their commitment to being people of compassion and action," she said.

The group raised money for the trip by working at the Willow Grove Church Tag Sale and Bake Sale. Willow Grove Church also supports the work of Heifer Project International through mission giving and special events such as the International Dinner and Concert in March.

For more information, call the church office at (908) 232-5678 or visit willowgrovechurch.org.

Church Thrift Shop To Open on Sept. 10

FANWOOD — The thrift shop at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Wednesday beginning September 10. Run by volunteers, the shop is located at the rear of the church complex on McDermott Place.

All proceeds from the sale of gently used clothing and household items at the shop are returned to the community through non-profit groups. Donations will be welcome on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information and directions, call the church office at (908) 889-8891 or e-mail admin@fanwoodpc.org.



NEW VOLUNTEERS...The Westfield Service League (WSL) has announced that its thrift and consignment shops will reopen on Wednesday, September 3. Both are located at 114 Elmer Street in Westfield. New WSL Provisional Volunteers, pictured left to right, are: Karen Salemm, Laura Busch and Lisa Merski. Not pictured is Linda Heroux.

Westfield Service League To Reopen Shops Sept. 3

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Service League (WSL) Thrift and Consignment Shops, located at 114 Elmer Street in Westfield, will reopen on Wednesday, September 3. A non-profit, volunteer-based organization, the WSL has donated almost \$3 million to dozens of local charities in its 81-year history.

On the main floor, the thrift shop will be fully stocked with fall merchandise for the entire family as well as jewelry, books, toys and household items. The WSL welcomes donations from the community.

Upstairs, the consignment shop carries name brands and designer goods, including new items with tags

as well as gently used items. Standard consigning hours will be Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., and Wednesday and Thursday, 1 to 2:15 p.m. It also is possible to consign on Saturdays; interested persons are asked to call (908) 232-1223 for details. The shop welcomes new consigners.

The WSL has new shop hours this year, which are as follows: Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further information, call the thrift shop at (908) 232-2530 or the consignment shop at (908) 232-1223.

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Walter Choroszewski is proud of New Jersey and celebrates the state's historic contributions to American cinema and television—from Edison's Black Maria Studio to the numerous Jersey-born artists that have starred on the big and little screens. Walter showcases New Jersey as the Birthplace of Silent Film and he covers New Jersey's popularity as a location for movies and Reality TV.

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