

Senior Council to Present Fashion Show-Luncheon

UNION COUNTY — The Senior Citizens Council of Union County will hold its annual Fashion Show and Luncheon on Tuesday, September 25, at the new Hilton Inn in Springfield.

The show is called "Generations In Style" because people from the Council will take to the runway. Spanning sizes 6 to 18, 5 feet, 1 inch to 5 feet, 8 inches tall, and ages 58 to 89, they will showcase the season's latest fashion offerings from Lord & Taylor.

The event will begin at 11 a.m. with light hors d'oeuvres and entertainment by the Karickter Duo, a husband-and-wife team. She sings, while he plays backup. There will be a tricky tray raffle to win gift certificates from numerous restaurants and shops in the area, including the Cheesecake Factory, Martin Jewelers, King's Cooking Studio, Mario Tutto Bene, the Grillestone and many more. There also will be theater packages to the Paper Mill Playhouse, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show, plus an airplane ride for two along the Hudson, to bid on.

The sit-down luncheon will begin at noon and will include a complimentary glass of wine. As coffee and dessert are being served, the fashion show will begin. Madeline Gerris, the personal shopper from Westfield's Lord & Taylor, will be the moderator. The audience will be treated to the latest fashion trends of the upcoming season. The ticket price for the event is \$42 if purchased in advance or \$50 at the door.

"This is the perfect afternoon outing for friends and groups, and mothers and daughters, too," said Senior Council Chairwoman Ellen Steinberg. "And, who better than Lord & Taylor to dress our models with fashions and accessories for day and evening wear that say today's style for every size and shape?" she asked.

Investors Bank, Wegmans and Trinitas Regional Medical Center are among the many sponsors who are supporting the event. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Senior Citizens Council at (908) 964-7555. The Senior Citizens Council is a non-profit organization devoted to living longer and living smarter.



GIVING FROM THEIR HEARTS... Youth from the Parish Community of Saint Helen in Westfield do their part to help disadvantaged residents of Roanoke, Va., during a week-long service trip last month. Among the programs they provided service to were Habitat for Humanity, community food banks and soup kitchens. This is the seventh year that St. Helen's parishioners have participated in Catholic HEART Workcamp projects.

St. Helen's Youth Return Home From Service Trip

WESTFIELD — As the Parish Community of Saint Helen in Westfield continues to celebrate its 50th anniversary, 50 parishioners, including youth and adults from Westfield and Scotch Plains, recently spent a week in Roanoke, Va., helping those in need.

The theme this year was "Echo," which invited participants to imitate the very acts of love and kindness that Christ demonstrated throughout His life on earth. They were called to echo the heart of Jesus in the world today by serving the neglected, brokenhearted and marginalized members of society.

The group set out at 6 a.m. on July 15. This is the seventh year that St. Helen's parish has participated in Catholic HEART Workcamp (CHWC).

In attendance were Karen Abaya, Nora Bergin, Caroline Bielen, Elizabeth Bielen, Patrick Bourke, Grace Cash, James Cirillo, Emma Conlon, Nick Corsetino, Anita Dazzo, Caroline Dwyer, Sean Dwyer, Emily Edwards, Anastasia Fowler, Caroline Francisco, Cathy Francisco, Cecilia Guarnuccio, Matthew Guarnuccio, Faith Hrinkevich, Liam Jackson, Molly Jackson, Malcolm Kahora, Erin Kylish, Chris Larkin, Brendan Loder, Lauren Logozzo, Olivia London, Gianna Mangiamela, Sophia Maurillo, Bridget

McDermott, Will McGlynn, Mia Melao, Ronnie Melao, Ricky Mercer, Elisa Saint-Denis, Brianna Weber, Alissa Witzel, Chris Witzel and Jake Zrebiac.

The adult team was comprised of Jim Conlon, Father Gabriel Curtis, Nick Dazzo, Patti Gardner, Marie Guarnuccio, Mike Guarnuccio, Kevin Larkin, Chris Loder, Tricia McGlynn, Mari Melao and Lisa Travaglini.

During the week, the group broke up into separate work teams. The teams gathered at 7:30 a.m. for morning prayer/program and departed for the worksites at 8 a.m. Some of the organizations that they worked with were Habitat for Humanity, community food banks and soup kitchens.

Upon returning from the worksites each day, CHWC provided the youth with an evening program that consisted of music, reflections, games, Mass and a candlelight prayer service.

The team stayed at Roanoke Catholic High School, sleeping on the floor all week in classrooms and showering in the gym or at the local YMCA. This enabled the youth to truly appreciate the blessings they enjoy in their own community. They plan to continue to serve those in and around their local community and encourage those in the parish community to serve alongside them.

F-SP League Announces Thrift Shop August Sales

SCOTCH PLAINS — To make room for late summer-early fall merchandise, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League Thrift Shop, located at 1741 East Second Street, Scotch Plains, is continuing its August sales.

The thrift shop features selected items at half price. The shop's End-of-Season Bag Sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 18, through Friday, August 24. For \$5, shoppers can purchase a brown paper grocery bag and fill it with store items. Patrons are asked not to over stuff bags. Ripped bags will have to be repurchased. Shoppers purchasing items that do not fit in a bag, or who have a few items, will be charged half price. The shop will be closed from Saturday, August 25, through Monday, September 3, reopening on Tuesday, September 4, at 10 a.m. Thrift shop hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that has served the local communities since 1974. Since its founding, the League has donated more than \$1.3 million to local causes. Anyone interested in learning more about the League or membership is invited to call (908) 322-5420, visit the League's website at scotchplainsthriftshop.weebly.com or speak to any of the volunteers at the thrift shop. Individuals also are encouraged to check out the organization's Facebook page, "Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League," and to give the League a "Like."

New and gently-used salable donations are always welcome at the shop during business hours. Free parking is available on the street and in the rear of the building. Visitors may enter the parking lot via Willow Avenue.



UNICO HONOR... Westfield UNICO was named an Honor Chapter of UNICO National at a recent National Convention in Delray Beach, Fla. Pictured with the Certificate, from left to right, are: James Monticello, Sergeant-at-Arms; Johanna Marshall, secretary; Sandra Giordano, vice-president; Robert J. Tarte, past president; Dr. Ann Walko, past national president, and Anthony Bengavenga, National Membership and Retention director. UNICO National is the largest Italian-American service organization in the country.

Kenilworth Hist. Soc. Slates Caribbean-Style Party

KENILWORTH — The JPs island-infused duo, comprising "Kenilworth's own" singer-songwriter Jimi Pappas on guitar and John Patti on steel drums, will fly in from Florida for an "End-of-Summer" Caribbean-style Dinner Party to be presented by the Kenilworth Historical Society. It will take place on Friday, September 7, from 6 to 11 p.m., at the Kenilworth Veterans Center, located at 33 South 21st Street. The informal, fun-filled evening will feature a live, two-hour performance of The JPs' acclaimed smooth, jazz-/tropical-infused acoustic music, which incorporates jazz, rhythm and blues, classic rock, folk and island music to create a unique sound.

A three-course Caribbean-style buffet dinner, including shrimp stir fry, roasted jerk chicken, Caribbean pulled pork, fiesta lime rice, corn and black bean salad, tri-color pasta salad, tossed garden salad, fresh vegetables with dip and tortilla chips with chunky

salsa, dinner rolls and butter, dessert, coffee and tea, will be served during the evening. A 50/50 raffle and gift auction also will take place, and the dance floor will be open for dancing.

Admission to the dinner party and show is \$55. Advance reservations by Friday, August 24, are requested. The event seating plan accommodates eight to 10 people per table. Early reservations are encouraged to ensure availability and avoid disappointment. For information, reservations and tickets, call (908) 709-0434 or (908) 709-8957 or visit Especially Yours Florist, 13 North 20th Street, Kenilworth, where tickets also are being sold.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society's circa 1880 Oswald J. Nitschke House "living history" museum and cultural arts center by helping to defray the cost of an elevator that makes all levels of the restored site fully accessible to everyone.



KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY... Girl Scout Troop 40757 from Franklin Elementary School in Westfield recently visited Imagine, located in Mountainside, for a tour and to donate arts and crafts supplies from Imagine's wish list. The supplies will be used for group activities to help children express their emotions. Imagine is a free, year-round, peer grief support program for children ages 3 to 18 and young adults, 18 to 30, who have had a parent/guardian or sibling die, or who are living with a family member with a life-altering physical illness. For more information about Imagine's services, call (908) 264-3100 or e-mail info@imaginenj.org.

Appeal Made For Donations To Assist Volcano Victims

AREA — In the wake of news about destruction from powerful volcano eruptions and flaming fountains of lava in Hawaii this spring, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark, has authorized a voluntary collection in all parishes of the Archdiocese to support the critical work of the Diocese of Honolulu to address the devastating loss of homes, jobs and increasing health issues affecting the people of the island.

The collection will take place during the weekend of August 11 and 12.

Cardinal Tobin also asked that the victims of this disaster be remembered in the General Intercessions at Mass and all other prayer services at churches and schools within the Archdiocese.

Anyone interested in making a donation may do so at any Catholic parish, or may send donations directly to the Diocese of Honolulu by mail at: HOPE Services Hawaii, 296 Kilauea Avenue, Hilo, Hawaii 96720 or online at www.hopeserviceshawaii.org. Donations should be designated for "Lava Recovery."

Temple Invites Community For Ice Cream-Open House

CRANFORD — Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim invites the community to attend an ice cream social and open house program to learn more about the temple's religious school for pre-Kindergarten through seventh grade.

The event will be held on Wednesday, August 15, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., with a 6:45 p.m. presentation from principal Michael Herman and head of school Rabbi Neil Tow.

Kids will have an opportunity to do fun crafts and eat ice cream, while making new friends. Additionally, attendees will learn about the new Sustaining Pledge Model, which is lowering the barriers to temple membership. Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim is located at 338 Walnut Avenue, Cranford. For more information, call (908) 276-9231 or e-mail office@themc.org.



LEADING ON THE LINKS... Rachel Heck of Memphis, Tenn., and Akshay Bhatia of Wake Forest, N.C., were the winners in the girls' and boys' division in the AJGA Polo Golf Junior Classic held June 25 to 29. Hosted for the first time at the Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield, this marked the 40th year for this prestigious golf event for youth ages 12 to 19.

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