

Ginger Hardwick Launches Bid Re-Election to School Bd.

Westfield Board of Education member Ginger Hardwick has announced that she will seek reelection to the board in the April 21 election.

"I'm proud of my contributions to the board in the past three years, and I look forward to building on the work we have begun," Ms. Hardwick stated.

Ms. Hardwick was elected to the board in 1995. She has chaired the board's Curriculum, Instruction and Programs Committee for the past two years.

"Raising academic standards and achievement has been a key concern of mine since I sought office three years ago," Ms. Hardwick said.

"The Curriculum Committee has worked closely with parents and staff on several curriculum changes designed to 'raise the bar,' and provide greater challenge to our students. For example, the new intermediate school

supported the budget in the last three elections," she said.

In addition to her work on the Curriculum and Finance Committees, Ms. Hardwick has also served on the Long Range Planning and Board and Staff Relations Committees.

She has served on the board's negotiations teams in contract negotiations with the Westfield Education Association, which represents teachers, and the Westfield Association of Administrators and Supervisors.

"We are fortunate to have a mutually respectful and positive relationship between the board and our employee bargaining units. In the last negotiations we were able to make changes in teacher health care benefits, and to eliminate longevity pay for administrators. Both of these changes are likely to save the district a great deal of money in the long run," she stated.

Ms. Hardwick graduated from Cornell University in 1981, and New York University Law School in 1984, where she was elected to the Senior Editorial Board of the Law Review. She then served as a law clerk to Judge John J. Gibbons of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

She practiced law with the Newark firm of Crummy, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione from 1985 through 1991, specializing in commercial litigation.

From 1992 through 1995 she was an adjunct professor at Seton Hall Law School in Newark, teaching appellate advocacy and legal research and writing.

As a member of the New Jersey School Boards Association Legislative Committee for the past three years, Ms. Hardwick has analyzed pending legislation for its impact on public schools. She has also served on statewide commissions studying educational, business and legal issues.

Ms. Hardwick has three children. In the fall of 1998, Jake will be in sixth grade at the Roosevelt Intermediate School, Sarah will be in fourth grade, and Ben will be in Kindergarten at Franklin Elementary School.

Her husband, Steven Lapidus, is a partner in the Newark law firm Robinson, Lapidus & Livelli.



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math curriculum is far more rigorous and will allow most students to complete algebra by the eighth grade, so that they will be able to take calculus in high school," the candidate explained.

Ms. Hardwick has also served for the past two years on the Finance Committee, which is charged with developing the district's budget.

"Our budget increases have been minimal - less than the increase in enrollment - while expanding investments in crucial areas such as maintenance of facilities, technology and teaching staff. I am gratified that the people of Westfield have strongly



COME SEE OUR SHOP...Volunteers at The Thrift Shop in Scotch Plains are pictured in the workroom, preparing merchandise to be put out for sale. Pictured, left to right, are: Kathleen Meyer, Marilyn Morris, Joan Suter and Jeanne Augustine. The shop's personnel expressed their appreciation for the many donations which have been received.

Thrift Shop Reveals Sale On Outerwear for Family

The Thrift Shop in Scotch Plains has announced that it is offering all outerwear at half price through this Saturday, February 7.

Included will be women's, men's and children's coats, jackets, hats, scarves, gloves, boots and a special collection of leather goods and ladies' furs.

Clothes for babies, toddlers and girls are also available, and boys' clothes can be found in the men's department, along with men's suits, jackets, slacks, and outdoor or sport clothes.

Workshop to Discuss Group Counseling

The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) of Union County is offering a two-part workshop on Friday, February 6, and Friday, February 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on group counseling techniques.

This workshop is an intensive, 12-hour course covering the use, definition and successes of group counseling, according to a NCADD spokeswoman.

Varieties of groups will be identified. The cost of the course is \$95 and pre-registration is required. The NCADD office is located at 300 North Avenue, East, in Westfield. For further information and registration, please call (908) 233-8810.

Recently-donated curtains, drapes, table and bed linens and kitchenware are all in stock at low prices, according to a shop spokeswoman.

The Thrift Shop is accepting donations of many kinds, and is particularly seeking gently-used clothing for the family, items for the shop's antique and collectible cabinet, and new gifts for this year's "Christmas Boutique" in December.

The Thrift Shop, an upscale resale shop, is located at 1730 East Second Street in Scotch Plains. It is open Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Inquiries may be directed to the shop's hot line at (908) 322-5420, which is available on a 24-hour basis.

Safety in the Home on Agenda For Parkinson Support Group

Cheryl Gauff, a clinical nurse specialist, will speak at the monthly meeting of the Parkinson Support Group in Westfield. Ms. Gauff will talk about safety in the home of a Parkinson patient.

The Parkinson Support Group meets on the second Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish House Lounge of the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, located at 140 Mountain Avenue.

Following Ms. Gauff's talk on safety, the group will split into two groups with continued discussion by Ms. Gauff with the caregivers on the "Changing Roll of the CareGiver." During this time the Parkinson people

may attend a free carotid artery screening for symptoms which could lead to a stroke.

This screening involves listening to both sides of the neck with a stethoscope for any unusual sounds. Caregivers will then be invited to have a free screening as well, if they wish.

The group is now in its third year and was organized to foster the maximum potential for living by the Parkinson people and their families.

The meetings are open to anyone with an interest in Parkinson disease. Additional information about the meetings and for directions to the church may be obtained by calling the church office at (908) 233-0301.



LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON...Westfield Firefighters Robert and Brian Dunlap, father and son, were recently awarded Certificate and Ribbons of Commendation by Westfield Fire Chief Paul A. Battiloro, Jr., center, for successfully performing the Heimlich maneuver on a local resident at a neighboring fast food restaurant. This is Firefighter Robert Dunlap's second successful attempt using this procedure.

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