

WYACT Announces Dates For Summer Productions

The Westfield Young Artists' Co-operative Theatre, Inc. (WYACT) will begin its season in July with the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *Carousel* at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark.

The production will feature a youth cast and orchestra representing nine counties throughout the state.

The *Carousel* cast includes Sarah Mugavero and Manuel Gonzalez of Scotch Plains, Anne Percoco of Fanwood, and Adam Biner, Margaret and Mary Beth Brautigam, Kate Cuca, Shana Golembo, Dakota Nave Hurt, Victoria Joyce, Colleen Kirk, Julianne Mandrillo, Leanne Meriton, Melissa Miller, Caroline Moore, Jessica Orleanski, Betsy and Ginny Paynter, Meghan Steinbrecher and Melanie Zachariades, all of Westfield.

Carousel will be performed on Fridays and Saturdays, July 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, July 19, at 2:30 p.m.; Thursday, July 23, at 12:30 p.m., and Sunday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m. Performances will be held in the NJPAC's Victoria Theatre.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children under 14, and may be purchased by calling 1-888-GO NJPAC.

WYACT will also present Wendy Wasserstein's comedy *Isn't It Romantic* for three performances at the

Cranford Dramatic Club, 78 Winans Avenue, in Cranford.

The show will feature Shana Golembo, Ginny Paynter and Kate Cuca, along with fellow Westfield residents Alaina Buckland and Jim Montemurro.

Isn't It Romantic will be performed on Friday and Saturday, July 31 and August 1, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, August 2, at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors, and may be purchased at The Music Staff, 102 Quimby Street in Westfield, or by calling (908) 233-3200.

Eleven Residents Receive Diplomas

At Mount Saint Mary

Six Westfield and five Scotch Plains residents received diplomas during commencement exercises held June 6 at Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung.

Graduating from Scotch Plains were Lauren Marla Friend summa cum laude; Jennifer Lara Gates, magna cum laude; Michelle Paicilli; Kristen Alessia Passucci, and Elisa Michelle Sumanski, summa cum laude.

Westfield graduates were Alana Lauren Goszewski, Monica Kwon, Christine Ann Martucci, Kelly Elizabeth Massenzio, Brianna Elizabeth Potteray and Erin Elizabeth Scanlon.

At an earlier Awards Convocation and at graduation these graduates received the following awards: Lauren received a President's Award for Educational Excellence and an award for attaining High Honors for four years at the academy.

Jennifer received the Christian Leadership Award, academic awards for honors in French and Mathematics, the Nancy Lonsdorf Memorial Award as the top French student, and a President's Award for Educational Excellence.

Michelle received academic awards for honors in Mathematics and Social Studies, a Christian Leadership and Service Award and a Mercy Award for Loyalty and Service. Kristen received the "We Care" Award given by the Union County School Counselors Association, an Outstanding Leadership Award, a Mercy Award for Leadership, Loyalty and Service and the School Spirit Award.

Elisa, who is a National Merit Commended Scholar, received an award for attaining High Honors for four years and the President's Award for Educational Excellence.

Erin also received an "I Care" award for a student who shows outstanding concern for others, a President's Award for Educational Improvement and the School Spirit Award. Christine received an academic award for honors in art.



FRIENDLY DOG...People for Animals, a non-profit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, will sponsor a pet adoption event this Saturday, July 11, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the PETSMART store at 1022 Route No. 22, East, at West End Avenue in North Plainfield. Among the dogs and cats available for adoption will be Homer, a handsome, blue-eyed, white-and-tan mixed breed. Homer is one year old, neutered and current with his vaccinations. To adopt Homer or for information, please call (908) 688-1073, or visit the People for Animals Web site on the Internet at www.petfinder.org/shelters/pfa.html. For low cost spay/neuter information, please call the People for Animals Clinic at (908) 964-6887. Spay/neuter surgery costs range from \$35 to \$55, and include rabies and distemper vaccinations.



AWARD-WINNING GARDENERS...Members of the Garden Club of Westfield display their most recent club awards. Pictured are Joanne Sullebarger, Program Chairwoman, left, and Lecia DeHaven, Publicity Chairwoman.

Westfield Garden Club Wins Multiple Awards

The Garden Club of Westfield recently won several awards for club activities during the 1997-1998 season.

The Thomas Turner Cooke Memorial Award was presented to Jody Melloan, President of the Garden Club of Westfield, at the Garden Club of New Jersey's annual June state meeting in Somerset.

This award is for outstanding achievement in the area of conservation at the community park to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the club.

Joanne Sullebarger, Chairwoman of the 75th anniversary program, coordinated the dedication of a Viburnum Garden at Mindowaskin Park last October to celebrate this event.

Finest Publicity Press Book Trophy was the second award presented to the club. The Garden Club of Westfield Trophy was donated to The Garden Club of New Jersey, to be given every year, and held for one year by the club which submits the finest publicity press book for the previous year.

This trophy was donated in honor of Norma R. Deggen for her dedication and contribution to the West-

field club, and now spends the first year in its hometown.

Lecia C. DeHaven, publicity chairwoman, submitted the press book with articles about club activities which were written by herself and Mary Ann Malloy, former publicity chairwoman.

Ruth Paul of the Garden Club of Westfield received the Bernardsville Garden Club Trophy for winning the Award of Distinction in "Springtime in Westfield," the highest-rated Standard Flower Show in which the award has been given.

A Certificate of Merit with Gold Seal was presented for an Excellent Yearbook. Certificates of Merit were also received for World Gardening and hostess duties at the New Jersey Flower and Patio Show, 1998.

The National Council of State Garden Clubs Inc. awarded the Certificate of Increase in Membership to the Westfield Garden Club for the year 1997.

The Garden Club of Westfield is federated with The National Council of State Garden Clubs and The Garden Club of New Jersey District V, Piedmont Plain.



ALUMNI LEADER...Scotch Plains resident Janice E. Testa, left, is presented with the Northfield Mount Hermon School Alumni Association's 1998 Lamplighter Award, the highest award given by the association, during the organization's Reunion Convocation on June 13. She was recognized for her longtime work on behalf of the school, located in Northfield, Massachusetts. Presenting the award is Head of the School Jacqueline Smethurst.

Janice E. Testa Receives Alumni Association Award

Janice E. Testa of Scotch Plains was honored by the Alumni Association at Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH) School during its 1998 Reunion Convocation on June 13.

A member of the class of 1948, she received the 1998 Lamplighter Award, the highest honor given by the NMH Alumni Association. It recognizes alumni work on behalf of the school which has made a significant difference for current and future students.

The award was presented by Head of the School Jacqueline Smethurst.

Ms. Testa has served as Class Secretary for 35 years, as Gift Chairwoman for the 25th class reunion,

and as Reunion Chairwoman since 1983. She developed one of the largest class committees ever to work on a 50th reunion.

In 1991 she was appointed National Chairwoman of the annual fund, and served four years as Vice President of the Alumni Council, helping to improve support by 80 percent — from \$1 million to \$1.8 million. She also founded NMH Travelers, organizing alumni trips around the world.

Northfield Mount Hermon, an independent, college-preparatory school established in 1879, is located on twin campuses along the Connecticut River in rural northwestern Massachusetts.



GAINING EXPERIENCE...Melissa Fleming, pictured at her desk at the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (NJWA) headquarters on East Broad Street in Westfield, was recently named the recipient of a grant from the Westfield Foundation. The grant will fund her internship at the Westfield Summer Workshop, a division of the NJWA. She is a 1997 Westfield High School graduate.

Melissa Fleming Awarded NJWA Summer Internship

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (NJWA) has announced that Melissa Fleming of Westfield is the recipient of a \$1,500 grant from the Westfield Foundation.

The grant will fund her summer internship at the Westfield Summer Workshop (WSW), a division of the NJWA.

Ms. Fleming began her association with the WSW in 1990, when she spent three summers as a student performing in Studio One theatrical productions. She was then hired for the summers of 1994 and 1995 to stage manage Studio One plays.

She returned to the WSW last summer and worked in the main office.

This summer, Ms. Fleming will be assisting the WSW registrar and providing general office support as part of her internship.

Ms. Fleming, a 1997 Westfield High School graduate, just finished her freshman year at McGill University in Montreal, and will be transferring to Douglass College in New Brunswick for the fall semester. She plans to double major in English and Computer Science.

The non-profit NJWA, located at 152 East Broad Street in Westfield, offers training in the arts for preschool children through adults.

Education Fund to Conduct Interviews for Trustees

Following up on its recent announcement, The Education Fund of Westfield will conduct interviews from the middle of this month through the end of August to fill seats on its Board of Trustees.

Concerned, dedicated residents and business people are being sought to assist in directing fund-raising and program development efforts, according to spokesman Mark Zenobia.

The Fund, which has raised over \$45,000 in recent years for projects not usually part of the Board of Education budget, has invited candidates from all walks of life to interview for positions on the board.

The selection committee, which consists of community leaders and acts independently from The Fund, will be looking for "dynamic thinkers with strong team attitudes," ac-

ording to Mr. Zenobia.

Trustees meet four times a year as a full board, and additionally for special events. They develop new projects, act on suggestions and initiatives from Westfield teachers, and allocate resources. "All members are expected to be pro-active, success-oriented and enthusiastic," Mr. Zenobia stated.

Past programs that have been instituted include a music lending/listening library, an interactive CD-ROM program for teaching Spanish, and conflict resolution training modules.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of The Education Fund of Westfield may reply to P. O. Box 2221, Westfield, 07090, or call (908) 233-9459. An information packet will be sent on request.



THANKS A MILLION...Managers at the Watchung Sears, Roebuck & Co., display their Marketing Education Employers of the Year Award presented by Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Marketing DECA students. For 28 years, college bound marketing students have worked part-time in sales at the location as part of a class. Students receive on-the-job training and school credit for the work. Pictured standing left to right, are: Steve Johnson, Jeff Moffit, Carlos Gonzalez, Jane Trumble, Donald DeChellis and Angelo Rinaldi; seated are Diane Lovallo and Monica Aquaviva.

Mary Ellen O'Boyle Elected To Local Rotary Club Board

Mary Ellen O'Boyle, a Broker/Sales Associate with the Westfield Office of Burgdorff ERA, has been elected to the Board of the Westfield Rotary Club.

Rotary International represents nearly 1.2 million business and professional men and women who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all occupations, and build good will and citizenship in their communities.

"Mary Ellen is an ideal choice to help lead the Westfield Rotary into the next century," said Jean Massard, Vice President and Manager of Burgdorff ERA in Westfield. "She is an inspirational leader who truly gives life to the Rotary motto 'Service Above Self.'"

"The Rotary's programs address many of today's most critical issues and I know Mary Ellen will be at the forefront of their good works," Ms. Massard added.

Ms. O'Boyle is a multi-million-dollar sales producer with 15 years of real estate experience and many top awards, including membership to the New Jersey Association of Realtors' (NJAR) Million Dollar Sales Club from 1991 through 1994, and in 1996 and 1997.

She is Chairwoman of the Westfield Board of Realtors Political Action

Committee (RPAC), a New Jersey State RPAC Trustee and Vice Chairwoman of the NJAR Political Affairs Committee.

She is also on the Scholarship Committee for the Westfield College Women's Club and is a member of the 200 Club of Union County. Ms. O'Boyle has lived in Westfield for over 20 years.



James Madison Names Six Area Scholars

James Madison University announced its President's List and Dean's List recipients for the Spring semester.

Named to the President's List were Julianne Arnold of Westfield. Named to the Dean's List were Mark L. Cereface, Shane C. O'Boyle, Michael F. Rodihan and Kristen M. Toriello, all of Westfield; and Melissa McDonald and Megan McEneely, both of Scotch Plains.