

Women for Women Opens New Office in Garwood

Women for Women of Union County held an "Open House" on May 3, to officially launch its new office located at 511 North Avenue in Garwood.

State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco, of Scotch Plains, along with Assemblymen Richard H. Bagger, of Westfield, and Alan M. Augustine, of Scotch Plains, were among the invited guests on hand to offer their support and congratulations to Marilyn Spera, Executive Director, and Susan Koslowsky, President.

Teresa McGeary started Women for Women in Westfield in 1985 after her retirement as Executive Director of the Union County Council on Alcoholism. Through Mrs. McGeary's efforts, Women for Women was able to offer women services which were not available to them previously in Union County.

The first autonomous agency of its kind in Union County, Women for Women is an alternative to the mental health services available to women. The agency provides support for women going through transitional or developmental crisis periods in their lives through the combination of support groups, individual counseling, community education workshops, referrals to other agencies and a crisis telephone operated

by trained volunteers.

The Garwood location will enable Women for Women to expand their services. Some of these support groups include "Children Helping Children," which provides children of various ages with a nurturing environment to deal with the stress of separation and divorce; "Single Parenting," a group that gives single parents an opportunity to share ideas and provide support for the "ups and downs" of single parenting. Also, Women for Women offers tax information, financial planning and legal consultation and a six-week leadership training program for women.

Upcoming programs include Tuesday, June 16, at 6:30 p.m. Women for Women will present their annual pot luck supper and "Healing Your Life" workshop in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, located at 425 East Broad Street. The presenter will be LoAnn Mayer, a certified Louise Hay teacher, who will discuss ways to change one's life by letting go of the past and eliminating the "victim" mentality.

To register for this workshop, please contact Women for Women at (908) 232-5787. There is no charge for this workshop other than a dish to contribute to the "pot luck" dinner.



OPENING THE HOUSE...Attending the opening of the Women for Women new Garwood, left to right, are Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine, Women for Women President Susan Koslowsky, State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco, Women for Women Executive Director Marilyn Spera and Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger.

Westfield Leos Club Wraps First Anniversary of Service

The Leos Club of Westfield has just completed its first year in existence under the auspices of the Westfield Lions Club.

Leos are Roosevelt Middle School students who meet every Monday after school under the supervision of teachers and Lions members Barbara Mellon and Kim Block, plus the Reverend Lois Schembs, a member of the Lions Club.

The Leos participate in fund-raising activities which support sight conservation and help the blind, as well as various community outreach programs.

They are currently scheduled to record some children's book tapes

for Recordings for the Blind in Princeton.

The Leos Club officers include President Matthew Lownstein, Vice President Becky Swenson, Secretary Anne Tabachnick, and Treasurer Christine Piot.

Members include Katherine Re, Jaelyn Rosenberg, Christine Wicks, Marty Tracy, Daniel Goldberg, Erin Sullivan, Maxine Fertig-Cohen and Emily Taylor.

Since the first Leos Club was established in 1957, the total has grown to over 5,300 clubs worldwide, according to spokesman Michael Gordeuk.



THE YOUNG LIONS...Officers of the Leos Club of Westfield and their mentors gather at a club meeting. Pictured, left to right, are: President Matthew Lownstein, club advisor Barbara Mellon, Secretary Anne Tabachnick, and the Reverend Lois Schembs. The organization, which operates under the auspices of the Westfield Lions Club, recently marked its first anniversary.



EXCITING NEWS...The Tri-Editors of Hi's Eye, Westfield High School's weekly newspaper, express their joy after the publication won first place for the seventh consecutive year in the American Scholastic Press Association's annual competition and was also designated as "Best High School Weekly Newspaper." Pictured, left to right, are: Mark Matthews, Meghan Corbett and Vicky Nusse.

Scholastic Press Recognizes Hi's Eye as 'Best Weekly'

For the seventh consecutive year, Hi's Eye, Westfield High School's (WHS) weekly newspaper, has earned first place in the American Scholastic Press Association's (ASPA) annual competition based in College Point, New York.

This year, judges from the national association also designated the publication as "Best High School Weekly Newspaper."

Judges from the ASPA, which serves over 2,000 schools, evaluated entrants on coverage, writing and editing, design, hands-on production and business.

An ASPA judge described Hi's Eye as "an excellent publication which shows a tremendous amount of time, energy and talent by editors, writers, photographers, computer/layout designers, and adviser."

Hi's Eye's uncensored status and financial independence distinguishes it among the nation's high school newspapers, according to Charles Soriano, a teacher of English and Journalism at Westfield High School.

"Hi's Eye is special because students must raise over \$22,000 per year on their own to publish weekly," he explained. "The paper receives no funding from the Westfield Board of Education, which is why I am particularly proud of the students' work and this national award."

"This past fall the students raised an unprecedented \$6,641 raking leaves in town during our annual Rake-A-Rama," Mr. Soriano said.

"Hi's Eye has been an invaluable experience for me," said Tri-Editor Meghan Corbett. "To work on such a high caliber newspaper is a lot of hard work, but it is also the most rewarding thing I have ever done."

"The newspaper is a huge commitment," added Tri-Editor Vicky Nusse. "Everyone on the staff sacrifices time from other activities, and it is nice to know that our work and effort has paid off."

The Hi's Eye staff, made up entirely of seniors who have completed two years of journalism study at WHS, is elected each spring by the outgoing staff. In addition to Meghan and Vicky, Mark Matthews is also a Tri-Editor for the 1997-1998 school year.

Arts and Community Chief Editor is Karen Spector; News Editors are Kelly Korecky, Jennifer Early and Becky Hamilton.

Op/Ed Editors are Scott Cutro, Christina Ho and Alicia Picou; Arts and Community Editors are Amy Cocco, Lisa Feldman, Ben Gleason, and Sarah Sharpe; Features Editors are Cindy Koons, Heather Simpson and Ryan St. Clair.

Sports Editors include Andrew Cambria, Amelia Hanley and Sarah Lechner; Advertising Editors are Nick Friedman, Jason Lemberg, and Stephanie Schraeter. Steve Abeles is a Senior Staff Writer.

Serving as Managing Editor for Business and Advertising is Bryan Gates. Nick Friedman also serves as the Graphics Editor. Staff cartoonist is Craig Long and staff photographer is Matthew Schwab.

Each Hi's Eye editor is enrolled in Journalism 3.

Currently, 30 members of the Journalism 2 class serve as copy editors.

They include Peter Abdelmessieh, Elizabeth Ancharski, Sara Burnett, Timothy Caprario, Sara Carpenter, Jennifer Chiesa, Francine Chow, Jeff Diamond, Kitty Fromtling, Katie Gildea, Dave Goldberg, Lisa Gorbaty, Adam Gregory, Lauren Harris, Jessica Hu, Philip Jan, Mark Kosierowski, Rachel Laskow and Becky Matro.

Other Journalism 2 students serving as copy editors are Andrew McLaughlin, Caitlin Nish, Abby O'Neill, Aly Rentrop, Beth Satkin, Megan Shutts, Suzannah Skolnik-Smith, Erin Spafford, Alicia Starkey, Lauren Todaro, Lindsay Totams and Toby Weisslitz.

"We're proud, but not surprised," said English Department Chairwoman Paula A. Roy. "The Hi's Eye maintains and improves upon its tradition of excellence with each new issue."

Students of German Honored for Scores in National Program

Eleven students at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School have been commended by the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG), based on their performance in the 1998 AATG National Testing and Awards Program.

These students scored at or above the 85th percentile among the 25,000 students who participated in the program this year.

According to Helga Thomas, district World Language Supervisor, these are the best results ever achieved by local students.

Scoring in the 90th percentile were Alison Wilks, Elizabeth Weiler, Melissa Bensi, Nicole Kreger and Sheri Weinberg. These students are now eligible for summer study trips to Germany.

Scoring in the 85th to 89th percentile were Sarah Anderson, Sheila Marikar, Adam Powers, Joyce Chen, Sarah Milligan, and Jessica Warchol.

Also commended for their performance were Ann Sargent, Jennifer Savage, Katherine Carr, Jeff Gillie, Jaimee Hills, Ben Lee and Lauren Blalock.



TURN OFF THE TUBE...National TV Turnoff Week, April 22-29, was a success this year at Coles Elementary School in Scotch Plains. Many teachers participated by turning off their televisions, and students also spent their time creatively in lieu of tuning in to their favorite shows. They made drawings with their feet, read books and enjoyed the outdoors. The classes of teachers Jen Murphy and Kristin Santin, who coordinated the event, are pictured displaying their TV Turnoff certificates. Several other classes participated in the event as well.

Senior Students Honored At UCVTS Awards Night

Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in Scotch Plains honored over 60 of its senior students for excellence during a special Awards Night on May 7.

Among the recipients of awards were the following students from Scotch Plains and Westfield: Elias M. Panasuik and Thomas M. Toye, Automotive Technology; Heather Dattner, Cosmetology and Mathematics Award; Larry M. Hazell, Machine Technology and Science Award, and Kenneth Adam Lueddeke, Maintenance Mechanics.

Ann Cavanagh, Mathematics Award and Science Award; Tyeshia Y.

Mr. Augustine Proposes Tax Break For Certain Charitable Purchases

A bill which would provide tax exemption for certain charitable purchases has been released by the Assembly State Government Committee, and now heads to the full Assembly for consideration.

The measure, A-1949, was sponsored by Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine. He represents the 22nd Legislative District, which includes Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainside.

The bill would provide a sales and use tax exemption for purchases of goods to be donated to certain governmental, charitable and public safety organizations, according to the Assemblyman's office.

The exemption would apply to government entities such as public schools; charitable organizations such as non-profit and private schools, and public safety organizations like fire companies and ambulance squads.

It would also apply to companies who donate goods from their inventories. The bill provides that in cases where the intention to donate is not clear at the time of purchase, the purchaser will pay the tax but a refund will be made at the time the

donation is completed. "This bill is designed to both justly reward those who make donations and to encourage others to donate as well," said Assemblyman Augustine.

"Philanthropy is an important tool by which citizens can get involved on a real and substantial level, and this bill is intended to promote that," he concluded.

Library Friends Donate Towards New Rentals

Carol Dreizler, a long-time Chairman of the Rental Books Collection Committee, has announced that the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library have added new books to the Rental Book Collection.

Money collected from rentals is used to books for the library's regular collection. Among the new purchases are: "Return Journey," "Thrill," "Thorns of Truth," "Snow in August," "Best of Best," "Kilo Class," "Pilot's Wife," "Lone Road Home," "Patchwork Planet," "Attack on the Queen" and "Legacy of Silence."



SPECIAL GIFT...Students from Joan Costello's third-grade class at McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains present a check to Kelli Deegan, a representative of the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, to benefit children stricken with cancer and their families. The class, which recently held a one week read-a-thon to celebrate "Read Across America" and Dr. Seuss' birthday, read over 200 books and raised more than \$310 for their cause. Ms. Deegan expressed her thanks to the students on behalf of the Foundation and presented the children with a drawing by a youthful cancer survivor as a memento of their project. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Colin VanWagner, Kiara Thomas, Danny Foley, and Samantha Bamberger, and back row, Ms. Deegan and Mrs. Costello.

UCC Plans Summer Courses For Careers in Real Estate

Union County College (UCC) will offer three non-credit courses this summer for individuals seeking to begin a career in real estate or who wish to expand their repertoire in that area.

The college will introduce the Residential 4 Section of "Real Estate Appraisal" for the first time this summer. Students will learn to prepare a Uniform Residential Appraisal Report. It will be held from 6 to 9:45 p.m. on Thursdays, June 11 through July 30.

"Principles of Real Estate" will cover property interests, mortgages, deeds, title closings, liens, real estate law and ethics, agency relationships, and real estate calculations.

The course meets Real Estate Commission requirements for the New Jersey sales licensing examination. Students may choose from two time slots, either 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays through Thursdays, June 22 through August 3, or 6:30 to 9:30

p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, June 1 through August 24, both at UCC's Cranford campus.

"Real Estate Brokerage License" is open to all individuals who have or will have completed three years of experience in real estate practice prior to taking the real estate examination.

The course will cover 90 hours of real estate and related subjects, 30 hours of real estate ethics, and 30 hours of office management. Candidates are required to complete all course sections within two years and pass a final examination for each course.

"Real Estate" will be conducted from 2 to 5 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays, June 1 through July 21. Students can then take "Real Estate Ethics" at the same time and on the same days, from Wednesday, July 22 through Thursday, August 6, and "Office Management" at the same time and on the same days, Monday, August 10, through Tuesday, August 25.

The college will also offer this summer "General 1: Introduction to Income Property Valuation" from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursdays, June 11 through August 13, and "Ethics and Standards of Professional Practice" from 6 to 9:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, August 4 through 13.

For further information, please call the college's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services at (908) 709-7600.

Rahway Hospital Hospice Seeks Volunteer Recruits

Rahway Hospital Hospice has announced it is recruiting new volunteers for its next volunteer training program.

Rahway Hospital Hospice provides the terminally ill and their families with a full range of medical, nursing and support services which are delivered in their home setting. Using the family as the main provider of care, the Hospice utilizes a multidisciplinary team of health care professionals, as well as clergy members and volunteers, to provide around-the-clock support, according to Colleen Delaney, Public Affairs Manager for Rahway Hospital.

The training program for hospice volunteers focuses on the family as a unit of care, cancer and its treatment, death and dying, bereavement, communication and creative listening, Ms. Delaney stated.

The program will be held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, beginning June 9. Sessions are scheduled from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the hospital.

The program is in need of people who are available during daytime hours. Those persons who are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer or would like more information are asked to call Rahway Hospital Hospice at (732) 499-6169.