

Historical Society to Meet At Auction House May 26

The monthly meeting of the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood will be held on Tuesday, May 26. This month, the club will travel to The Remmy Auction House, 30 Maple Street in Summit, where the club's program will start at 8 p.m.

Participants will meet at the Fanwood Train Station, located on North and Martine Avenues, at 7:15 p.m. to carpool and travel to this new location of the Remmy Galleries and Auction House. The site had been a bank building before it was converted into a modern auction house.

Once the group has arrived, Carolyn Remmy, President, will give a tour, inform the group about auction houses and then hold a mock auction.

Visitors will have an opportunity to see the consignment and appraisal offices, where staff members certified by the American Society of Appraisers and the American Association

of Appraisers research and appraise items with the aid of the Art Fact computer program.

They will also see the old bank vaults which are now showrooms for jewelry, and the studio where photographs for appraisal service and catalogues are taken.

Also included in the tour are the telephone bidding stations and reception room, as well as the lecture hall used for educational symposiums.

Ms. Remmy is a member of the National, New Jersey and Florida Auctioneers Societies, and the historical societies of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She has a regular television program entitled "Attic Treasures" on Channel 36.

This field trip meeting is open to anyone. Further information about the Historical Society may be obtained from its President, Richard Bousquet, P.O. Box 261, Scotch Plains, 07076 or (908) 232-1199.



LEARNING ABOUT LEADERSHIP... Five students at Union Catholic High School, in Scotch Plains, have been selected to attend the summer session of the National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. Those selected, left to right, are: Pascal Ferdinand of Watchung; Albert Noder of Westfield, and Lisa Dolansky of Rahway. Not pictured are Tracy Acuna and Jillian Nebenfuhr, both of Elizabeth. The students were selected for outstanding scholastic ability and leadership potential. The National Young Leaders Conference is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, an independent, nonprofit, educational organization. It was founded in 1985 to "foster and inspire young people to achieve their full leadership potential." The conference will be held at American University in Washington, D.C.

County Set to Hold Event Celebrating Older Americans Month

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the county's Division on Aging are sponsoring an event, entitled "Living Longer Growing Stronger in Union County," on Thursday, May 28, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Biertuampfel Senior Center on Morris Avenue in Union in honor of Older Americans Month.

Karen Simon, Director of Adult and Senior Programs at the Westfield "Y," will lead light exercise and stretching and Karen Enslie, of Union County's branch of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, will speak to seniors about nutrition.

"Seniors are living longer, fuller lives than ever before," said Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr., of Plainfield. "Our department on aging is urging seniors to extend and improve their lives by exercising, eating right and keeping active."

A light snack, door prizes and giveaways will be provided to attendees. To reserve a spot, please contact Ann Quirk of the Union County Division on Aging at (908) 527-4870. Space is limited, so seniors are urged to reserve soon.



VICTORY CELEBRATION... Republican Westfield Town Council members recently had a chance to once again celebrate their victory from this past November along with this year's Mayoral contender and First Ward Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick, third from left. Pictured, left to right, are: Third Ward Councilman Neil F. Sullivan, Jr., Second Ward Councilman Matthew P. Albano, Mrs. Vernick, Fourth Ward Councilwoman Janis Fried Weinstein and First Ward Councilman Gregory S. McDermott. The celebration was part of the Westfield Town Republican Committee's 38th annual spring dinner dance held April 24 in Mountainside.

New Council Members, 1998 Candidates Gather At 38th Dinner Dance

The Westfield Town Republican Committee held their 38th annual spring dinner dance April 24 at L'Affaire, located on Route No. 22 in Mountainside.

The attendees enjoyed live entertainment by Jon Bramnick and dancing to music supplied by a disc jockey from Gerard Productions, Inc.

Summer Concert Series Announced for Westfield

The Westfield Recreation Commission recently announced the schedule for its Summer Concert Series which will take place in Mindowaskin Park on Thursday evenings starting at 8 p.m.

The schedule is as follows:

- June 18, 25, July 2, 9 and 16 — Westfield Community Concert Band.
- July 23 — Music Studio Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band.
- July 30 — Salaam Temple String Band.

- August 6 — Rick Langmaack Quartet — Jazz.
- August 13 — Gordon James Band — Smooth Jazz.
- August 20 — Ken Serio Trio.

Prominent guests who attended the celebration were New Jersey Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco, and Assemblymen Alan M. Augustine and Richard H. Bagger.

Republican Mayoral Candidate Gail S. Vernick was also present and addressed the attendees. Also, attending were Republican Town Council candidates, Mr. Bramnick, of the First Ward, James J. Gruba of the Second Ward, Noreen Lund, the Third Ward candidate, and Thomas Cusimano, running in the Fourth Ward.

Those residents interested in joining or receiving information on membership, should call Lee Miller at (908) 789-8657.

Mayor Connelly Spotlights Working Mothers' Concerns

Highlighting issues pertinent to working mothers, Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly of Fanwood, the Democratic candidate for the Seventh Congressional District seat, said Congress is not doing enough to deal with one of the central issues common to many women.

"This is why I am running for Congress. We have to do more to help working mothers and working families," said Mrs. Connelly, who is challenging three-term Republican Congressman Bob Franks.

Last week, the candidate for Congress reviewed the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Eagleton Poll, which studies how New Jerseyans respond to stress.

According to the *Star-Ledger*, "parents who have children under 18 are more likely to be stressed."

"I was shocked to find the poll echoed what I am hearing across the Seventh Congressional District," Mayor Connelly remarked.

"Honestly, it is a disgrace that so many of us are dealing with the stress of not having enough time with our families, and the Newt Gingrich Congress is in Washington doing next to nothing to alleviate this stress," she added.

According to Mayor Connelly, Congressman Franks "has lost opportunities to help working women."

She maintained that he "should support working mothers by voting to protect the Family Medical Leave Act, child care legislation and further legislation that would benefit our everyday lives."

Mayor Connelly, who is running for Congress on a working families

agenda, worked for 28 years in Human Resources at AT&T.

She has served as the Mayor of Fanwood for several years, and is also the immediate Past President of the New Jersey Elected Women Officials.

"It is time to have a member of Congress from this district who knows what working women, working men, working families go through every single day," she concluded.

AARP Trip Still Has Available Seats

The Trips and Tours Committee of Westfield Area Chapter No. 4137 of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) has several seats available on two upcoming trips and is extending an open invitation to the public to make reservations to attend.

One trip is for The Charlie Prose Show at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Monday, September 14. The cost for the show, luncheon and transportation is \$48.75. The other trip is to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on Sunday, September 27, through Saturday, October 3. The cost is \$459 for double occupancy and \$554 for single occupancy. Please call (908) 889-6769 for more information.

Also, members are reminded that the deadline is this Saturday, May 23, for reservations and payment for the annual luncheon and installation of officers to be held at The Westwood on Monday, June 8. The cost is \$14 and it is for members only. Please call (908) 925-2538.