



GENEROUS DONATION...David Ciarrocca, left, President of the Westfield Y's Men's Club, presents a check on behalf of the club for \$1,500 to Michael Nicholson, Executive Director of CONTACT We Care, the 24-hour telephone hotline and crisis intervention service based in Union County. The Y's Men's Club is one of a growing number of local service organizations, clubs and religious institutions who offer financial support to the listening service.

Manhattan Bagel to Host Blood Drive on August 28

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Blood Center of New Jersey has announced that a blood drive will be held at Manhattan Bagel, 1742 East Second Street in Scotch Plains, from 6 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 28. Free bagels will be available for all donors.

"We are continuing to experience severe shortages in most of the blood types," said Judy Daniels, spokeswoman for the blood center.

All donors who give blood between now and Sunday, September 19, will receive a complimentary Baby Blood Drop Beanie. The Blood Center is also looking for people willing to help sponsor a blood drive in their place of business, religious organization, or community group. There are also blood center speakers available to give talks to groups interested in learning more about the voluntary blood donation program.

Donors must be 18 years of age. Seventeen year olds may donate with parental permission. There is no upper age limit for donors, provided those over 65 have donated within the last two years, or have a doctor's note. Donors should know their social security number and bring a signed form of identification.

People with cold or flu symptoms should wait until they are feeling better before donating, and there is a 72-hour deferral for dental work, including routine teeth cleaning.

Individuals who have traveled outside of the United States recently are asked to call the blood center for eligibility criteria. For more information or to sign up for a blood drive, please call the blood center at (800) BLOOD NJ or (800) 256-6365. To book a speaker or plan a blood drive, please call (800) 652-5663, Extension No. 104.

First Night Westfield Earns Funds From Rotary Club

WESTFIELD — The Rotary Club of Westfield recently awarded \$500 to First Night Westfield in support of their annual New Year's Eve celebration.

According to First Night Organizer, Julia Black, "The Westfield Rotary Club has been a continual supporter of the town-wide New Year's Eve party for all ages. First Night, which is a program of the Westfield YMCA, appreciates the annual support of the Westfield Rotary Club."

Ms. Black noted that First Night Westfield is an annual alcohol free,

family oriented event of arts and entertainment.

"It is a celebration of the arts by bringing diverse cultures together by showcasing the area's best musical talents, visual artists, magicians, storytellers and other performers," she noted.

The theme for Westfield's 4th annual New Year's Eve program will be "Our Town Shines."

First Night Westfield is largely funded by the Westfield Y, the Town of Westfield and the Westfield Foundation.

Local Residents Graduate Mount St. Mary Academy

WESTFIELD — At Commencement Exercises held at Mount St. Mary Academy in Watchung on June 5, local students from Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood received diplomas from Sister Eloise Claire, Directress of the Academy.

They include: Laura A. Debrossy; Christina M. Kwon; Catherine J. Niemiera, Cum Laude and Megan A. Yudd, all of Westfield.

Cindy Ann Coquia of Scotch Plains; Shannon E. Darlington of Fanwood; Meredith A. Doll of Scotch Plains, Cum Laude; Maria T. Hodges of Scotch Plains, Cum Laude; Kathryn R. Johansen of Scotch Plains, Cum Laude; Nadine A. Kwiatowski of Scotch Plains, Cum Laude and Pia Camille Verzosa of Scotch Plains, Cum Laude, also received diplomas.

At an Awards Convocation held in May, Megan received Outstanding Honors in Art, an award in drama, and the President's Award for Outstanding Educational Improvement. Catherine received Honors in French.

Maria received Outstanding Honors in Art and the President's Award for Educational Excellence. Shannon earned the "I Care" Award, which recognizes outstanding concern for others; the Sharon May Dy Memorial Award and President's Award for Educational Improvement.

Meredith received the Sharon May Dy Memorial Award, Award as one of the Top Ten Seniors, President's Award for Educational Excellence and National Merit Commended Scholar. Nadine and Pia both earned the President's Award for Educational Excellence.

Rutgers Cooperative Sets Internet Class

WESTFIELD — Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County will offer a new class entitled "Nutrition Sites and the Internet" on Wednesday, August 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. The program will be repeated at the same time on Thursday, December 2. The classes will be held at 300 North Avenue, East in Westfield in the first floor auditorium.

There is a fee of \$5 per person for supplies.

Participants will learn which Web sites to browse to research their latest nutrition and food safety questions. Dr. Karen Enslie will instruct the class. To register, please call (908) 654-9854.



NEW OFFICERS...Soroptimist International of the Greater Westfield Area recently installed a slate of new officers for 1999-2000. Pictured, left to right, are: Director, Terry Caldauro; Secretary, Pat Smith; Governor of the North Atlantic Region Presiding Over Installation, Marie Kennedy; Treasurer, Dorothy Zimtor; Director Joy Cristell; President, Lenore Scurry and Vice President, Maria Tsitsiragos.

Junior Miss Program Seeks Contestants for Scholarships

High school senior girls who are seeking college scholarships are encouraged to write for a free brochure about cash and college scholarships offered through the New Jersey Junior Miss Program.

The program is now seeking contestants who will graduate with the Class of 2000 to participate in the State Finals in January.

Cash scholarships in the amount of \$11,700 were awarded to New Jersey's Junior Miss and the runners-up in January of 1999 and \$2.9 million in partial- and full-tuition college scholarships were made available to contestants who participated in the program and met the admissions and scholarship criteria of the colleges offering these scholarships.

Contestants must be bona fide high school seniors graduating with the Class of 2000, be a United States

citizen, have a good grade point average and class rank, as well as present a talent and be physically fit. There is no entry fee or bathing suit competition.

For a free brochure with more information on how to participate, please write to New Jersey Junior Miss, Dept. N., P.O. Box 246, Audubon, 08106-0246 before Wednesday, September 1.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION...Tara McCall of Scotch Plains received special recognition at the graduation ceremonies of Gill St. Bernard's School in Gladstone on June 12. She received the First Fidelity Bank Award in English for the highest four-year average in English; the Chairman's Prize in United States History for the most outstanding work in that subject; the Lisa K. Schmidt Music Award, in recognition of her talent and contributions to the field of music, and multiple academic awards. Tara, who was accepted at Harvard, Yale, Brown and Princeton universities, will attend Emory University in Atlanta.

Scotch Plains Senior Group Announces Upcoming Trips

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Senior Citizen Advisory group has announced its list of upcoming trips.

The first trip offered will be on Monday, August 30, for a performance at the PNC Bank Art Center in Holmdel, sponsored by the Garden State Cultural Center Fund.

The performance, which will start at 1:30 p.m., will feature Tony

Orlando. The bus will leave from the Green Forest Parking lot at 11:30 a.m.

Registration for Scotch Plains residents began on August 9 in Room 113 of the Municipal Building.

With the Advisory Committee underwriting the cost of transportation and the Garden State Cultural Center Fund offering the performance, there will be no cost to participants.

The second trip will be held on Wednesday, September 22. Participants will tour the Faberge egg collection and other items in the Forbes Museum in New York. After the museum visit, there will be a trip to Edgewater for lunch aboard the Binghamton Ferry.

An appetizer, salad and choice of London Broil, Roasted Half Chicken or Broiled Filet of Sole will be offered at a cost of \$16.50 per resident. If space permits, non-residents may register at \$18 each. Entree selection must be made at registration. The transportation is provided by the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.

Registration began on August 2 in the Recreation Office, Municipal Building.

Currently, committee members are gathering information on a survey in an attempt to discover how many seniors are interested in obtaining transportation for medical, dental or therapeutic treatments.

To complete a questionnaire, please call (908) 322-6700.



WELCOMING A DONATION...Members of the Welcome Wagon Club of Westfield donate a check to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. The foundation offers support and information about diabetes to diabetics, families and the community. Pictured, from left to right, are: Arlene Hrinkevich of Welcome Wagon, and her daughter Mary, who has diabetes; Linda Kopinsky, of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International North Jersey Chapter, and Amy Flax of Welcome Wagon.

Summer Reading Club To Feature Prizes From New Jersey Nets

WESTFIELD — Through a donation by the New Jersey Nets organization, the Westfield Memorial Library will raffle off Nets game tickets and other Nets merchandise to children who have joined the Summer Reading Club and read at least one book.

To register for the raffle, which will be held on Saturday, September 11, please visit the Children's Desk and fill out a lottery ticket. Nets bookmarks are also available to all children while supplies last.

The library is located at 550 East Broad Street in Westfield. For more information, please call (908) 789-4090.

Toastmasters Plan Meeting for Tonight

WESTFIELD — Toastmasters of Westfield, a group which helps to develop public speaking and leadership skills, will meet tonight, August 12, from 7:45 until 9:30 p.m. at Sunrise Assisted Living of Westfield, located at 240 Springfield Avenue.

Toastmasters meet on the first, second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

This evening's Toastmaster will be Todd Schwartz of Scotch Plains. Noel Crawford of Mountainside will give the Opener and the Topics Master will be Ed Cruikshank of Westfield. Speakers will be Debbie Guyer of Cranford, Debi Young of Westfield and Max Florville of Metuchen.

Evaluators will be Sue Kujawski of Westfield, Fontaine Gatti of Mountainside and Jim Van de Water of Union. Timer will be Gino Merendino of Linden and Grammarian will be Steve Bacque of Linden. The "Ah" Counter will be Mark Hauptman of Fanwood.

For more information, please visit the Toastmaster Web site at www.westfieldnj.com/toast.



BEN NEEDS A HOME...People for Animals, a non-profit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, will sponsor a pet adoption event on Saturday and Sunday, August 14 and 15, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., at the PetsMart store, 1022 Route 22 East in North Plainfield. Many dogs, cats and lots of kittens will be available. Among these pets will be Ben, a 6-month old Jack Russell terrier and Chihuahua mix who is neutered and current with his vaccinations. This 10-pound dog is considered well mannered for a puppy and has a good disposition to be a family pet. He is housebroken, playful and good with other pets. To adopt a pet, or for pet information, please call (908) 688-1073 or visit www.petfinder.org/shelters/NJ17.html. For low cost spay/neuter information, please call the People for Animals Clinic at (908) 964-6887.



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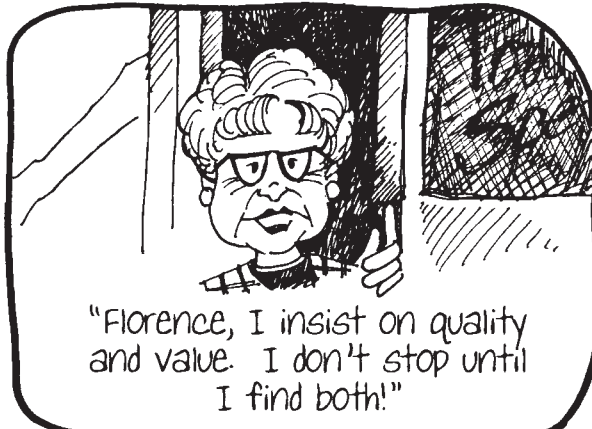
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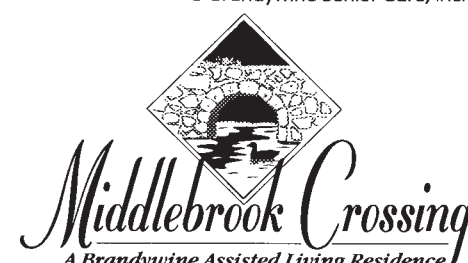
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