

## Westfield Business Group Looking for New Members

WESTFIELD — Westfield business professionals looking to increase exposure to other local professionals are invited to attend the next meeting of the Westfield chapter of Business Networking International (BNI).

From financial planners to architects to print and graphic designers, the Westfield BNI chapter has developed a diversified networking group.

"We are very pleased with our growth," stated Joseph M. Farella, a local mortgage banker and President of the Westfield chapter. "The exposure to other area professionals is well worth the time we spend together."

Only one member per profession is permitted, so as to avoid conflict regarding referrals. The BNI chapter of Westfield meets each Thursday from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at the Westfield Diner.

"It's not often you get to spend an hour and a half working on your business instead of in it," said James Miner, a Westfield attorney and chapter Vice President.

The Westfield BNI chapter is part of an international networking organization. The organization has over 1,590 chapters in operation in 43 states in the United States, as well as the United Kingdom, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, Sweden, Germany and Malaysia.

Last year, members of BNI passed more than 1,434,400 referrals that generated more than \$484 million worth of business for its members.

Area professionals are encouraged to visit the group before joining. Interested individuals are asked to contact Mr. Farella at (908) 233-5353 or via e-mail at bni@americanunited.com.

## Red Cross Seeks Volunteers For Emergency Services

WESTFIELD — The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers to serve with the Armed Forces Emergency Services, which provides emergency related services to members of the United States armed forces and their families in times of personal emergencies and crisis.

It provides emergency reporting services to strengthen the morale of members of the armed forces and their families; supplies accurate reports for service members about home situations and provides military authorities with verified information so they can make decisions that affect service members and the command.

Volunteers are needed to help field incoming calls during the evening and early morning hours, thus allowing the Red Cross to provide members of the armed forces with non-stop communication.

Volunteers provide this service directly from their home. No previous experience is needed and the Red Cross will provide the training and support.

Anyone interested in becoming involved or who would like more information may call or visit the

Chapter House, located at 321 Elm Street in Westfield, at (908) 232-7090.

### Holistic Healing Class To be Offered at Y

WESTFIELD — On Wednesday, May 9, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., the Westfield Y will offer a 90-minute Reiki class taught by Sharon Guasconi. She holds a Master of Social Work degree and is a Certified Reiki Instructor.

The discussion will include how to enhance the body's ability to heal itself physically, emotionally and spiritually through Holistic Energy Therapies such as Reiki, Karuna Reiki and Integrated Energy Therapy (IET), among other methods.

She will also discuss the human energy field aura, chakras, meridians and the history and benefits derived from them.

The fee for the class is \$10 for Y members and \$15 for non-members. Registration for the class may be done at the front desk. The Y is located at 220 Clark Street.

For more information, please call Barbara Karp at (908) 233-2700, extension no. 335.



**BRINGING THE PAST TO LIFE.** Vera Lough of Westfield, dressed in Colonial attire, presents guided tours of the historic Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield. The museum is seeking additional volunteers to serve in a variety of capacities, such as giving tours, open hearth cooking, working the gardens or in the gift shop, or participating in the Showcase outreach program to local schools. Interested individuals are asked to call (908) 232-1776.

## Miller-Cory Seeks Volunteers To Bring History to Life

WESTFIELD — The Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield is seeking volunteers to help bring to life the rich history of the 1740 farmhouse through a variety of programs.

Located at 614 Mountain Avenue, the Miller-Cory House reflects the period between 1740 and 1820, when the families of Samuel Miller and Joseph Cory lived in the house and worked what was then a 100-acre farm.

The house is staffed by a core of costumed docents dedicated to bringing the past to life for visitors every Sunday and for groups during the week. The museum is seeking volunteers who are interested in presenting what life was like for the typical

18th-century family.

Volunteer opportunities include giving guided tours on Sundays and/or during the week; for the Showcase (an outreach program to local schools); participation in open hearth cooking, which is done every Sunday at the Frazee house on the grounds according to typical 18th-century recipes; gardening in the Colonial herb and vegetable gardens on the site; working in the gift shop, or other activities. Full training is provided.

Volunteers may also participate in special programs held throughout the year, such as the Sheep to Shawl event, Fall Festival and Annual Maple Sugaring Day.

Individuals interested in volunteering may call (908) 232-1776.

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### D.A.R. Meeting Set; Luncheon Scheduled

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) will hold its Executive Board meeting on Monday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Hoover.

The regular meeting of the organization will be a Covered Dish Luncheon on Friday, May 18, at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. William Canata.

Members of the D.A.R. and the Sons of the American Revolution will participate in the Westfield Memorial Day Parade, which is scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m. The program will be held at the Revolutionary War Cemetery.

Any women interested in joining the D.A.R. are asked to call Lillian Blauvelt at (908) 232-8674.

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For additional information, please call (908) 233-3021.

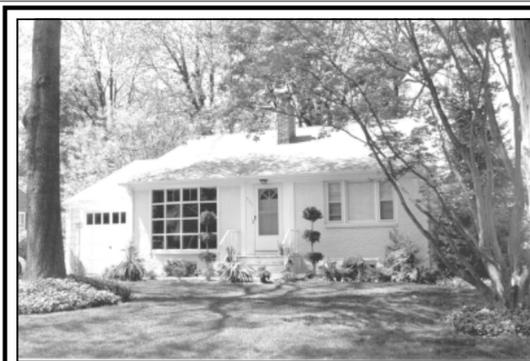
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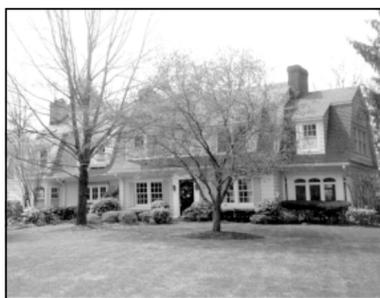
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