

OUR NATION MOURNS



MATTHEW D. HORNING
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Matthew D. Horning, 26

"You really would have liked him," was the phrase Dana Horning used to describe her brother, Matthew D. Horning, 26, of Scotch Plains. Mr. Horning is among the 6,000 people missing after the September 11 terrorist attack at the World Trade Center.

A 1993 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Mr. Horning had worked since August of 1999 in data management for Marsh & McLennan, a financial services firm, located in Tower One (North Tower) of the World Trade Center. Mr. Horning was at work on the 95th floor when the first plane struck the tower.

After the crash, he was in contact with a colleague through text messages over a wireless pager stating that he was "O.K." The message continued while Mr. Horning was attempting to "get out" of the building but eventually subsided. He has not been seen or heard from since and is presumed to have perished in the disaster.

In addition to his sister, Dana, Mr. Horning is survived by his parents, Kurt and Diane Horning, and his paternal grandmother, Ruth Horning, all of Scotch Plains, and by his maternal grandmother, Ruth Jannuzzi of Somerset County. He lived in Hoboken with Maura Landry, "the love of his life," as his sister described her.

An avid Jets and Mets fan, Mr. Horning is described as a "great friend," which his sister says was evident in the number of people who attended a candlelight vigil in his memory the Friday following the attack.

"He really loved his family and friends" and had the rare ability to "just accept people as they are," she remarked.

The family has planned a memorial gathering for family and friends, to be held at the Higgins Home for Funerals on Mountain Boulevard in Watchung on the evening of Friday, October 19.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 20, at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Mount Church in Warren. — James M. Foerster.

Forum to Address America's Recovery

SCOTCHPLAINS — The Center for Women and Families and the Mother's Center of Central New Jersey will co-sponsor "What Next? — An American Recovery Community Help Forum" on Sunday, September 30.

The free event will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Westfield Community Room at 425 East Broad Street. To register, please call (908) 322-6007 or (908) 561-1751.

Westfield Recreation Events

The Westfield Recreation Commission has announced that the trip to see *Guys And Dolls* at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ PAC) in Newark on November 8 has been canceled. Other upcoming trips and programs are as follows:

Renault Winery Tour & Smithville Trip, Friday, October 26. The bus will leave at 9:15 a.m. from the Westfield Municipal Building. The \$52 per person cost includes lunch. The deadline to sign up for this trip is Thursday, September 20.

Ellis Island Trip, Sunday, November 11. The cost is \$58 per person with a deadline of Monday, October 1, to sign up.

School House Rock, The Forum Theatre Company, Metuchen, Saturday, November 3. The bus will depart Westfield at 10 a.m. The cut-off for this trip, which costs \$22 per person, is Monday, October 1.

Winnie The Pooh Christmas, The Forum Theatre Company, Metuchen, Friday, December 14. The cost is \$25 per person and the bus will leave at 9 a.m. The deadline to register is Saturday, November 10.

Creative Memories Workshop, Friday, September 28, 7 to 9 p.m. Participants will learn to create a scrapbook photograph album for their photos and memorabilia. The fee is \$10 per person.

NJ Devils tickets: Discount tickets are available for the Friday, November 9 game versus Toronto Maple Leafs. Game time is 7:35 p.m. The fee is \$40 per person.

Upcoming fall programs:
Yoga, Mondays, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., \$45 each. The class is for those aged 13 and up.

Dancercise, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:45 to 7:45 p.m., \$40 per person. The class is open to those 13 and older.

Aerobics, Mondays, 8:15 to 9 p.m., \$25 per person. The class is for those 13 and up.

Bowling, Mondays, 3:45 p.m. The

cost is \$6 per week per person. The program is open to those aged 6 to 14. Bowling will be held at the Linden Lanes.

Bumper Bowling, Wednesdays, 9:30 to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 per week. This program is for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten aged children. Bowling will be held at Linden Lanes.

Arts & Crafts, Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person and the program is open to children in grades 1 through 5.

Instrument Workshop, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Times will vary. The program is for pre-kindergartners through sixth graders. The cost is \$50 per child.

Adult Group Fitness classes will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 7:45 p.m. The cost is \$25 per class, with classes held at the Westfield Athletic Club on Quimby Street.

Youth Group Fitness Classes will be offered as follows: ages 8 to 13, beginners, 4 to 4:45 p.m., and advanced, 5 to 5:45 p.m. The cost is \$50 per child, with classes held in the Community Room at the Municipal Building.

Teen Programs:
Teen Center: Friday nights from 8 p.m. to midnight. These gatherings feature music, movies, pool tables, video games, ping-pong, football, air hockey, big screen TV, refreshments, a lounge area and special events.

Night Place: Offered monthly to all intermediate school youths from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Activities include a disc jockey, food, games, movies and dancing. The cost is \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door. Upcoming dates include: September 21, October 19, November 16, January 25, February 15, March 22 and May 17. Early registration is recommended, as space is limited.

For further information on Westfield recreation programs, please call (908) 789-4080.



UNITY...Religious leaders from Westfield and Mountainside gathered for an interfaith service September 19 at Temple Emanu-El following the World Trade Center and Pentagon tragedies.

Religious Community Stands Together With Hope, Resolve Following Tragedy

By MILLICENT K. BRODY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — "We unite with those who are stunned, shocked, dismayed and distraught over distressful news that will bring suffering to them now and in the future. We unite with ourselves, with the pain and hurt that we meet when we enter into our own life situations."

"We unite with those who are receiving loss and death into the arms of their lives. We unite with those who are saying farewell to those they love."

With those words, Senior Minister Reverend David Harwood of the First United Methodist Church in Westfield welcomed more than 1,400 people to Temple Emanu-El in Westfield on the evening of September 19, in a gathering of the religious communities of Westfield, Mountainside and beyond following the World Trade Center and Pentagon disasters.

Regardless of race, creed or religion, residents from Union County and elsewhere gathered as one. They stood together, and prayed together, with fervent hopes for peace on earth.

"It was the largest gathering of people that I can recall in more than five decades," said Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff of Temple Emanu-El.

"The warm greetings from clergy to congregants, and congregants to clergy, and all of us to one another was overwhelming. The appearance of the Imam from Plainfield, signaling our respect for our fellow citizens who are Islamic, touched our souls," he said.

"What we are witnessing is the product of hate and jealousy that has been growing in people for a long time," remarked the Reverend Leon E. Randall of St. Luke's African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Westfield.

"Anytime we become fanatical in those beliefs, we go to the extreme without regard for life. The service was overwhelming. I pray we show as much concern for everything in our town, as we showed Wednesday night. People of all races and religions got together as one," he said of last week's event.

"I thought it was wonderful to see the community come together," said Westfield resident Judi Siegel. "It was touching to hear all of the participants join as one to sing 'America the Beautiful.'"

"It was a very special night in Westfield," concurred the Reverend Dr. William Ross Forbes of the Presbyterian Church in Westfield. "It served as a powerful experience within the religious community."

"To come together in time of tragedy, to support and care for each other, and to appreciate the rich diversity of the community was overwhelming. I was moved by the presence of so many of our citizens. I look forward to another time when we can gather as one community and pray for blessings and peace," he added.

"The service was very appropriate and moving," said Executive Director of Temple Emanu-El, Carolyn Shane. "Each of the attending clergy took seats on the Bima" (stage).

"The focus of the program was an attempt to make human connections," stated Reverend Harwood. "It was an attempt to touch base with the forces of life that got us together with this overwhelming tragedy. It was a time to remember our religious traditions. To invoke the spirit that we are not going through this alone, but we're all going to draw from the past. It was a witness," he added.

"The community spoke. Everyone stood and sang as one. It was a striking experience. So many members of the different religious communities gathered under one roof, to share the same grief," Reverend Harwood noted.

"The community came together to share sadness and support for the unfortunate who lost their lives. They came together to share the grief and injustice that each of the families struck by this tragedy are

feeling. It is nice to be part of a caring community," said Dr. Stanley Gersch, Co-Chairman of Temple Emanu-El's Rededication Committee.

"It was a source of great strength to gather as one interfaith community and pray together," added Rabbi Mary Zamore of Temple Emanu-El.

"While there was a great deal of shock and sadness, there was a great deal of warmth and hope. There is something incredibly special about Temple Emanu-El and the support that this entire town has shown to families, extended families and friends who have suffered unforgettable losses in this tragedy," she said.

Three of the town's clergy, Reverend Forbes, Rabbi Kroloff and Reverend Harwood planned the service. Participating in the musical aspects of the program were: Cantor Martha Novick of Temple Emanu-El; Charles Banks, Organist and Music Director of St. Paul's Episcopal Church; Music Director Trent Johnson and Richard Foley on oboe from the First United Methodist Church.

Choir members from the following Westfield congregations took part in the choral arrangements: First Congregational Church, First Baptist Church, Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, First United Methodist Church, The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Temple Emanu-El.



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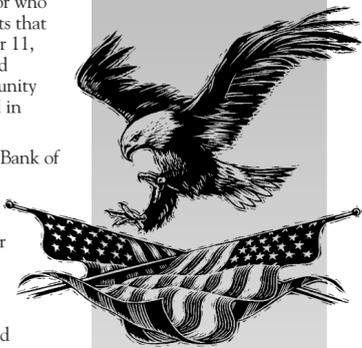
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