

Toastmasters Club to Hold 'KidSpeak' Program at Y

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Y, located at 220 Clark Street, has announced a new program for children in its School Age Child Care program called "KidSpeak."

To be presented by Toastmasters of Westfield, the program is designed to help children eight to 10 years old develop communication and leadership skills.

According to Anne Baker, Toastmasters Club President, "KidSpeak" will teach children the proper tools and skills necessary for public speaking.

"The aim of this program is to give children self-confidence and learn how to speak comfortably in front of a group of their peers," stated Ms. Baker.

The class will be held on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. beginning on May 1 and will run for seven weeks. It will be offered to youngsters in grades 3 through 5 who are enrolled in the Westfield Y's School Aged

Child Care Program.

The cost is \$50 per child and space is limited. Interested individuals may register at the School Aged Child Care Office at the Westfield Y or call (908) 233-2700, extension no. 249, for more information.

Toastmasters of Westfield provides its members with a communication and leadership development program and is one of more than 8,000 Toastmasters clubs around the world.

The club meets on the first, second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7:45 p.m. Meetings are held at Sunrise Assisted Living of Westfield and are free and open to the public. For more information about Toastmasters, please call (908) 531-4477.

Midland School Aided By Local Rotary Clubs

AREA - During a recent meeting, the Westfield Rotary Club and the Mountainside Rotary Club agreed to help the Midland School in North Branch by selling \$2 Volvo raffle tickets.

"We're very fortunate to have committed organizations like the Rotary Clubs to help us," remarked Barbara Hase, Director of the Midland Foundation. "Through Volvo's generous donation of the car, we raised \$60,000 last year. This year, we are raffling off a Volvo 2002 S60 AWD, valued at \$36,500, and our goal is to surpass the \$60,000 figure."

Kristin Gonnella Placed On Dean's List for Fall

WESTFIELD - Kristin Gonnella, a senior at Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2001 term.

Kristin, an environmental science major, is the daughter of Anthony Gonnella of Westfield.

Tree Planting Seminar On Tap at Town Hall

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Tree Preservation Commission and the Westfield Garden Club will co-sponsor a tree planting seminar in the Council Chambers of the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, on Monday April 29, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The seminar will be conducted by local landscape designer Craig Stock, who will present his list of recommended tree species for Westfield and discuss tree planting practices.

Members of the town's Department of Public Works will also be on hand to address homeowners' requests for inspections and tree pruning for trees on town streets and rights of way.

The Garden Club will discuss its Elm tree re-planting efforts, which Mr. Stock is helping to coordinate.



SOARING TO A NEW HEIGHT...Westfield Boy Scout Troop No. 73 of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield awarded the rank of Eagle Scout to Kevin M. Dick on March 10. The son of Ken and Lois Dick of Scotch Plains, Kevin is a senior at Oratory Prep in Summit. For his Eagle Project, Kevin renovated the public restroom of Newman Hall at Oratory.

Scotch Plains Junior Women Plan Town-Wide Garage Sale

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains Junior Women's Club, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, will sponsor its Second Annual Town-wide Garage Sale on Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For \$15, residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood will get their homes listed on a detailed map of participating locations and items for sale. Participants will hold their own garage sales and keep all profits.

The maps will be distributed for free at various locations in Scotch Plains and Fanwood prior to the sale date. Nearly 100 homes participated in

last year's event, which supported local charities such as the Scotch Plains Volunteer Rescue Squad and the Scotch Plains Public Library.

This year's entrance fee will again benefit local charities, as well as the family of Jim Walsh, a Scotch Plains resident killed on September 11. To participate, please send a \$15 check payable to SPJWC to Box 284, Scotch Plains, 07076. Include the complete address and items for sale (for example, furniture, clothes, toys).

Individuals are also asked to include a contact name and telephone number for verification. For more information, please call (908) 889-4883.

Muhlenberg Center Adds Fast Track Area To ER

PLAINFIELD - The Emergency Department at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center recently expanded its emergency services with the opening of the newly renovated 'fast track' area. The 900 square foot renovation is equipped with seven beds and three chairs, allowing staff to treat up to ten patients at a time. This enhanced service will expedite services for non-emergent patients such as those with bumps, bruises, sprained ankles, colds, sore throats, and respiratory infections. The 'fast track' will be open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

With close to 35,000 emergency room visits each year at Muhlenberg

Regional Medical Center, their goal is to treat people with less serious injuries in approximately one hour, when possible. Nurses in the triage area who assess patients will determine if the individual will be treated in the 'fast track' or primary emergency room area.

The Emergency Department at Muhlenberg is open 24-hours-a-day, 365 days a year and is staffed by physicians and nurses trained in emergency care. The emergency department staff is supported by medical specialists and sub-specialists, surgeons, psychiatrists and dentists, as well as a surgical trauma team. Advanced cardiac capabilities are also available through the emergency department. Two Mobile Intensive Care Teams, Mercy 6 and 7, are available at all times, in conjunction with local rescue squads, providing advanced life support at the scene of an accident or trauma.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

CONTRACTOR: Richard C. Mariani, Esq., Stanton, Hughes, Diana, Cerra, Mariani & Margelloi, P.C., 10 Madison Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960

NATURE OF SERVICE: Special legal Counsel for Chief Thomas O'Brien in the matter of Longergan et al v. Township of Scotch Plains et al
DURATION: As needed.
AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$20,000.
THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT FOR SAME ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.
Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
1 T - 4/25/02, The Times Fee: \$17.34

Westfielder Deegan Receives Honors

WESTFIELD - Jeremy Deegan, a junior at Bayley-Ellard High School, has achieved a grade point average of 3.2 or higher and received no grade lower than 80. Jeremy is a Westfield resident.

Westfield Library Reveals 'Tuesdays on the Web'

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad Street in Westfield, will continue its Internet Programming classes with "Tuesdays on the Web" beginning April 30 at 10:30 a.m.

The classes, taught by Reference Department staff, will introduce participants to knowledge that is available on the Internet. The schedule is as follows:

April 30, "Internet Basics for Beginners;" May 7, "Our Town, Union County and New Jersey;" May 14,

"Job Searching Basics;" May 21, "Preparing for Your Next Book Discussion Group Meeting;" May 28, "E-Mail Basics for Beginners;" June 4, "Hidden Resources of Libraries Around the World" and June 11, "The Hidden Web: Beyond the Basics."

Due to space considerations, these classes are open to Westfield Memorial Library cardholders only.

Advance registration is required (in-person or by telephone) at the Reference Desk on the second floor, and will begin two weeks prior to each class. Class size will be limited. For further information, please call (908) 789-4090.

Reeve Center to Open To Provide Resources On Paralysis Issues

AREA - The Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Resource Center (PRC), a new national resource for people living with paralysis, their families and caregivers, will open on Friday, May 3. It will be located at 636 Morris Turnpike, Suite 3A, in Short Hills.

Trained information specialists will answer questions in English and Spanish on paralysis-related issues via the PRC's toll-free telephone number, (800) 539-7309, email at prc@crpf.org or in person.

The PRC will house a national clearinghouse library of paralysis-related publications; maintain a constantly-evolving self-help website and publish an extensive print manual entitled "The Paralysis Resource Guide" (the first edition will be for Fall of 2002).

Lunch & Learn Group To Sample Thai Food

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Y, located at 220 Clark Street, will continue its new program called the International Lunch & Learn on Wednesday, May 8.

Participants are invited to meet at the Thai Elephant Restaurant at 12:30 p.m. to experience the cuisine of Thailand and learn about the culture and food preparation.

Thai Elephant is located at 504 Millburn Avenue in Short Hills and features traditional Thai dishes.

The fee is \$20 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. Y membership is not required. Interested individuals are asked to sign up and pay at the front desk by Wednesday, May 1. For more information, please call (908) 233-2700, extension no. 335.

CSH Plans Events to Celebrate 'Bring Your Daughter to Work'

MOUNTAINSIDE - Forty children in grades 3 to 8 will visit Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH) in Mountainside today, Thursday, April 25, in honor of national Bring Your Daughter to Work Day.

Hospital employees participated in a raffle to allow their children to participate in the day's festivities, which will take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

To help mark the occasion and encourage children to pursue healthcare careers, the hospital has a comprehensive day planned for the youngsters that includes fun, interactive and educational activities.

On the agenda is a carnival at the hospital day care center, sponsored by Novartis; tours of the hospital; a

meeting with the CSH management team and a "hands-on" fair where children will interact with staff and participate in activities designed to teach them about the hospital environment.

CSH is located at 150 New Providence Road. The hospital treats infants, children and young adults from birth to 21 years of age, through a network of services including outpatient services, acute rehabilitation and long-term care at its sites in Mountainside, Fanwood, Toms River, Elizabeth, Newark and Union, as well as outreach programs in many communities.

Progressive Dinner To be Held Saturday

WESTFIELD - The Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH) Auxiliary and Twigs from Mountainside, Westfield, Fanwood/Scotch Plains and Summit/Short Hills will hold their Spring Party fundraiser this weekend.

This year's event will be a Progressive Dinner on Saturday, April 27. The festivities will begin at a home in Westfield, where cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. A catered, sit-down dinner will follow at various local homes, culminating at another Westfield home for desserts and entertainment.

The cost of the Progressive Dinner is \$50 per person and will benefit young patients at CSH. For further information and tickets, please call Paulette at (908) 753-4481.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD

The Westfield Planning Board will meet on May 6, 2002, in Council Chambers in the Westfield Municipal Building, Westfield, New Jersey at 8:00 p.m. to hear and consider the following application:

02-06(V) JIM SURGENT, 401 SOUTH AVENUE, EAST BLOCK 3204, LOT 16, SEEKING TO DEMOLISH AN EXISTING GARAGE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCT TWO BUILDING ADDITIONS, ONE AT REAR, THE OTHER IN THE FRONT, AND EXPANDING PARKING AREA. APPLICANT SEEKS VARIANCES FROM THE FOLLOWING:

Section 11.27E2 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires Minimum side yard of 10 feet - 26 exists
Section 11.27E6 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance allows maximum coverage by improvements of 90% - 96.3% is proposed.
Section 11.27E7 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires front yard landscaping and no paving in front yard - Paving is existing.
Section 17.03B5 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance prohibits parking in front yard - 2 1/2 parking spaces are located in technical front yard
Section 17.03C5 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires 2 feet setback for parking spaces - 0 feet proposed
Section 17.10 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires parking illumination - None is proposed.
Section 17.02C8a of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires 54 parking spaces - 50 spaces are proposed.

A variance might be required for front yard setback from Section 11.27E1.

Variations, waivers or exceptions from certain site plan details or relief from requirements may be sought as appropriate.

Plans and application are on file in the Office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Ave., Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kenneth B. Marsh
Secretary

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