



ON THE BOARD...The Women's Resource Center of Summit recently held its Annual Board Dinner to install new board members and to honor retiring colleagues. New board members, pictured left to right, are: Ann Marie Finn of Westfield, Maureen Kritzer-Lange of Millburn and Sarah Sangree of Summit. Mrs. Finn served this past year as the Volunteer Coordinator for the center. The center is located in the Parish House of the Calvary Episcopal Church, at the corner of Woodland and DeForest Avenues.

Hospice Plans Open House To Recruit New Volunteers

EDISON - The Haven Hospice program of Solaris Health System will host an open house for community members on Monday, August 26, at 6:30 p.m.

The program, which will highlight volunteer opportunities, will be held in the third floor conference room of JFK Medical Center, located at 65 James Street in Edison.

There is a great demand for volunteers of all ages, backgrounds and abilities in the Hospice program and many possible volunteer placement opportunities.

These opportunities include home visitation, nursing home and hospital visitation, office support, transportation, hairstylists, cosmetology, entertainment and massage therapy.

Individuals interested in attending the open house or in learning

more about the Haven Hospice program may call (732) 321-7769.

The Haven Hospice programs provide a variety of services to patients and families experiencing the final stages of a terminal illness. Medical, emotional, psychological and spiritual support is available, as well as 24-hour-a-day information assistance and medical care.

Services are usually provided to patients in their own homes. However, individuals may also receive hospice care in a hospital or long-term care facility, if necessary.

Haven Hospice, available through JFK Medical Center in Edison and Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield, is an affiliate of Solaris Health System. It serves residents of Union, Middlesex and Somerset Counties.

Newcomers of Westfield Reveal Upcoming Events

WESTFIELD - The Newcomers Club of Westfield has posted its roster of activities for the remainder of this month, beginning tomorrow, Friday, August 16, with a couples night out.

All Newcomers and their spouses are invited to gather at 7:30 p.m. for drinks and appetizers at the outdoor bar at EJ's, located at 651 North Michigan Avenue in Kenilworth.

A day trip for parents and children is planned for Monday, August 19, to the Point Pleasant Aquarium and Beach. Participants will leave

Westfield at 8:30 a.m. sharp.

Poolside playgroups are also offered at the Westfield Memorial Pool, located off of Scotch Plains Avenue in Westfield. Parents and their children from newborns to age 2 will meet on Fridays at 10 a.m. at the baby pool and those with children ages 2 to 4 will meet Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the kiddy pool.

Age ranges are flexible and siblings are always welcome. A balloon will indicate the location of the activities. Individuals who do not belong to the pool but wish to attend are asked to contact the Newcomers Club to arrange for guest passes.

The Book Group has planned a night out at the Rialto Theatre for Tuesday, August 27, with the exact movie to be determined. Interested individuals are asked to respond in advance, so they may be advised of upcoming details.

The group will meet on Monday, September 9, to discuss J. D. Salinger's "The Catcher in the Rye," with the location and time to be announced.

An Infant/Child Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course will be offered on Thursday, August 29, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street.

A certified instructor from Overlook Hospital in Summit will teach the course, which will include CPR and dealing with obstructed airway emergencies. The cost is \$35 per person and advance reservations are required.

The Newcomers Club is open to women over age 21 who are new to Westfield or surrounding communities or established residents who have recently experienced a lifestyle change such as a marriage, birth or adoption of a baby, job change or move within the town.

For a membership application or more information about the club or any of its planned events, please call Carrie Votta at (908) 389-9248 or Renee Cox at (908) 233-5605.

Julia Marie Is Born To Gagliardi

Michael and Cindy Gagliardi of Westfield have announced the birth of their daughter, Julia Marie Gagliardi, on Monday, July 15, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Julia Marie weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces and measured 20 inches in length at birth.

Ed and Gina Coster of Chatham are the baby's maternal grandparents.

Michael and Rosemary Gagliardi of Westfield are her paternal grandparents.

Ensslins Welcome Emily Catherine

Ed and Liz Ensslin of Westfield have announced the birth of their daughter, Emily Catherine Ensslin, on Saturday, June 29, at 7:41 a.m. at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Emily weighed 7 pounds and 1 ounce and measured 20 inches in length at birth.

She joins her twin brothers, Noah and Joseph, who are 2½ years old.

The baby's maternal grandmother is Helen Romaine of Tennessee, formerly of Kenilworth.

Her paternal grandparents are Ed and Kathy Ensslin of Springfield. Minnie Leikauskas of Kenilworth is Emily's paternal great-grandmother.

Mothers & More to Host Forum With Pediatrician

CRANFORD - The Union County Chapter of Mothers & More, a local support group for mothers who have chosen to alter their career paths in order to stay at home with their children, will host an open forum entitled "Ask a Pediatrician."

Dr. Alan Meltzer, a practicing pediatrician in Madison, will present this informal question-and-answer session

on Wednesday, August 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hanson House, located at 38 Springfield Avenue in Cranford. Participants need not be members of Mothers & More to attend.

Mothers & More offers various social outings for mothers and their children, as well as information to members through lectures and meetings on topics of interest.

For inquiries about Dr. Meltzer's presentation or the group itself, please call Patty at (908) 497-1286 or Heidi at (908) 810-7165.

Commander Gross Reports For Duty

SCOTCH PLAINS - United States Navy Commander Robert L. Gross, Jr., a 1977 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in Scotch Plains, recently reported for duty with Naval Air Station Security Detachment in Lemoore, California.

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LOVE RENEWED...Charles and Melissa Santore, who were married last fall, stroll up the aisle again at SAGE Spend-A-Day in Berkeley Heights. The couple recreated their wedding day in June for the enjoyment of friends and clients at Spend-A-Day, where Mrs. Santore is Special Needs Coordinator and a social worker.

Couple Celebrates Nuptials At SAGE Spend-A-Day

BERKELEY HEIGHTS - Although it has been less than a year since they wed on October 21, 2001, Melissa and Charles Santore recently donned their wedding attire and marched down the aisle for a second time at a special ceremony held at the SAGE Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center in Berkeley Heights.

A Special Needs Coordinator and social worker at the center, Mrs. Santore wanted to share her special event with her older friends and clients who do not get a chance to get out much anymore. Because June is the traditional wedding month, she planned a small recap of her wedding day for her Spend-A-Day "family" on Wednesday, June 26.

"Back in October, a few weeks before the wedding, the staff and clients threw a lovely shower for me," said the recent bride.

"I brought in photographs after the wedding, of course. But now, they got a chance to see my gown firsthand and saw how handsome Charles looked in his tuxedo. We had music, a processional, a short service - even

an attendant," she continued.

"I spend most of my week at Spend-A-Day and have developed a close bond with the participants," explained Mrs. Santore. "They were very interested in my wedding plans and all the details and were so happy for me. 'The excitement of my wedding brought back many happy memories for them and encouraged them to reminisce about their own weddings.'"

Located at 550 Springfield Avenue, Spend-A-Day provides older adults with a day of socialization, recreation and physical activities in a medically supervised setting. Participants may attend from two to five days per week during daytime hours.

Transportation is available for clients from western Union County and adjacent sections of Essex, Morris and Somerset Counties.

Spend-A-Day is a program of SAGE, a private, not-for-profit organization that provides eldercare services to older adults and their families. For information about Spend-A-Day or SAGE, please call (908) 464-8217.

Deadline For Nomination Of Volunteers Extended

SCOTCH PLAINS - The deadline for nominations for Scotch Plains male and female volunteer of the year and volunteer organization of the year has been extended to Tuesday, September 3.

Nomination forms are available at

the Scotch Plains Recreation Department office, located at 430 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains, or by calling (908) 322-6700, extension no. 221. They should be returned to the Recreation Department by the above deadline date.

The chosen volunteers will be honored at the 2002 Mayor's Charity Gala to be held on Friday, December 6, at Snuffy's Pantagis Renaissance. The evening will begin at 7 p.m. and continue until midnight with dinner and dancing.

Tickets cost \$50 per person and the gala will once again feature a silent auction with items available from area merchants.

Proceeds from the gala will go to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Municipal Alliance Committee (MAC), a community coalition for the prevention of substance abuse.

The MAC has served the local communities since 1988 through support of such programs as Project Graduation, Teen Night and senior citizens luncheons, among other activities.

AnnMarie Granstrand Wins 4-H Fair Award

WESTFIELD - AnnMarie Granstrand, a Westfield resident, was among the award recipients at the 2002 Morris County 4-H Fair that was held July 26 to 28 at Chubb Park in Chester.

A member of the 4-Footed Leaders 4-H Seeing Eye club, she was awarded third place in the Seeing Eye B class during the Dog Show held that Saturday morning, with her Seeing Eye dog "Garlyn."

4-H is a Rutgers University-affiliated organization that offers informal educational experiences to children and young adults in first grade up through one year past high school.

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