

Rosemarie Riley Attends Annual Highlights Foundation Writers Workshop in New York

WESTFIELD - Westfield resident Rosemarie Riley participated in the 18th Annual Highlights Foundation Writers Workshop at the Chautauqua Institution in western New York state

during the week of July 13 through 20.

The workshop offered Ms. Riley and other writers, who attended from two countries and 32 states and terri-

ories, a full week in the world of writing for children.

Ms. Riley worked closely with faculty members all week as they shared technical expertise, inspiration and recreation. She joined 85 other writers and a faculty of 35 writers, editors and publishers for the week at Chautauqua.

As part of the program, Ms. Riley met in private manuscript consulting sessions with Judy Burke, Larry Rosler served as Ms. Riley's mentor for the conference.

The 128-year-old Chautauqua Institution is a national pioneer in combining education, cultural events, and resort activities in a lakefront setting.

The workshop faculty consisted of well-known writers, editors, publishers and educators in the world of contemporary children's literature. Among them were Newbery Award winner Jerry Spinelli, poet, editor and creative consultant Mary Lou Carney, editor, lecturer, teacher and reviewer Patricia Lee Gauch, picture book writer Sandy Asher, journalist Peter Jacobi, and Joy Cowley, writer of over 30 books.

Ms. Riley was also joined and instructed by editors of *Highlights for Children*, the national publication for youngsters from 2 to 12 years of age.



HONING HER SKILLS...Rosemarie Riley of Westfield attended the 18th Annual Highlights Foundation Writers Workshop at Chautauqua, N.Y. from July 13 to 20. She was joined by journalist Peter Jacobi.

Concepts & Thought

Westfield Foundation Offers Scholarship to Tomlinson

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Foundation recently awarded Meghan Tomlinson, a Westfield High School senior, a \$2,500 renewable four-year scholarship.

The winner is selected on a basis of academic achievement, need, character, leadership and community service.

At the end of the ninth grade, Meghan transferred from a high school in Indiana to Westfield High School.



Meghan Tomlinson

She quickly made friends and became involved in school and community activities.

Meghan was a member of the National Honor Society and Key Club, a community service organization. She was a staff member of the *Hi's Eye* for three years and served as the student newspaper's Advertising Manager during her senior year. She was also a staff member of *Weather Vane*, the high school yearbook. As a sophomore, Meghan participated in winter track and girls' lacrosse.

After school and during the summers, Meghan was employed at The Gap as a sales associate and cashier at Baron's Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician and sales clerk. She was also a math tutor and, in her senior year, took on the responsibility of a daily after-school childcare.

Despite her busy schedule, Meghan was a member of the Junior Twig at the Children's Specialized Hospital, where she volunteered for two years, interacting with the children and helping with office work.

Meghan will attend Villanova University in the fall, where she will pursue a major in business finance or economics.

Brittany Sanders Lauded By Miss Teen Program

MOUNTAINSIDE - Brittany Sanders, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sanders of Mountainside, was named 17-year-old Achiever and received the Interview Award at the 2002 Miss Teen of New Jersey Scholarship and Recognition Program, which was held from July 26 to 28 in Lakewood.

Approximately 53 teenaged girls from across the state competed in the event, which culminated with the naming of the new state titleholder, Amanda Feldman of Linwood.

Brittany was sponsored in the pageant by Alvin and Sondra Pollock, Portraits of Patriots, as well as Merrill, Bill and Erin Sanders.



DISTINCTIVE HONOR...Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield recently reported the recipients of the school's Christian Citizenship Award for the Fourth Marking Period of the 2001-2002 school year. Pictured, above, the honorees are students in the fifth through eighth grades at the schools.

American Univ. Graduates Corinne Brena Liebrich

WESTFIELD - Corinne Brena Liebrich, the daughter of Bernadine K. Liebrich of Westfield and the late Robert F. Liebrich, was awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Communication with a minor in Theatre from the School of Communication at the 115th Commencement of The American University in Washington, D.C. on May 12.

Corinne was one of nine recipients honored with the First Senior Star Award for ongoing commitment and contributions to The American University and Washington, D.C. area communities.

All nine students were recognized at the Senior Toast, which was held at the French Embassy graduation eve. In this first year of the award program, each student had to be nominated by a member of the American

University community.

Corinne was nominated by Joseph A. Trotter, Jr., professor and director of justice programs in the School of Public Affairs.

While at American University, Corinne was very active in the Greek system, along with being a member of the Delta Gamma Fraternity. She was an active member of the university's Dance Team and DC TAPestry, a professional rhythm tap company.

Over the past four years, Corinne has also participated in and led the Freshman Service Experience in the Washington, D.C. area.

A 1998 graduate of Westfield High School, Corinne was accepted into the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps Program and will begin her service in October in Sacramento, Calif.

Ensign Cosmas Visits Turkey During Naval Assignment

FANWOOD - United States Navy Ensign Laura M. Cosmas, the daughter of Theresa M. and John T. Cosmas of Fanwood, recently visited Marmaris, Turkey, while assigned to the guided missile destroyer *USS Laboon*, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

Ensign Cosmas is one of more than 10,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the *USS*

George Washington Carrier Battle Group and *USS Nassau* Amphibious Ready Group, which will soon participate in Operation Enduring Freedom.

The port calls started with an ascent up the Bulbul Mountain that offered a view of the Turkish countryside. Sailors and Marines also had an opportunity to visit Christian holy sites.

The last stop during the visit was a journey to the ancient ruins of Ephesus, one of the largest towns of the Roman Empire. Sailors finished with a trip to the great temple of Artemis, considered to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

The computer-based AEGIS weapons system serves as the heart of the *USS Laboon's* war fighting capability. It centers around a powerful radar that enables the crew to detect, track and fire on more than 100 targets at a time.

A 1996 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Ensign Cosmas joined the Navy in June 2000.

Levine, Cordes Enroll At American University

SCOTCH PLAINS - American University in Washington, D.C. has reported that Scotch Plains resident Terrell H. Levine, a 2002 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, has been accepted to the university and will be among the freshman class of 2006 this fall.

Jay W. Cordes, who is also a 2002 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, will join Terrell at American University as a member of the Class of 2006. Jay is also a Scotch Plains resident.

Nicole Manziano Earns Dean's List Recognition

SCOTCH PLAINS - Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. has announced that Nicole Manziano of Scotch Plains was awarded honors on the Marist College Dean's List for the spring 2002 semester.

Nicole is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Manziano of Scotch Plains.

Hobart College Grants Degree to Lucas Irish

WESTFIELD - Lucas S. Irish of Westfield was one of 167 seniors to graduate at commencement exercises on May 12 at Hobart College in Geneva, N.Y.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Irish, Lucas majored in English and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

Marianne Kranz Completes Eldercare Certificate Program

FANWOOD - Marianne Kranz, Coordinator of Meals-on-Wheels and the Shopping Service of SAGE, a not-for-profit eldercare service provider headquartered in Summit, recently completed the Grotta Foundation for Senior Care's Certificate Program on Aging through the Brookdale Center on Aging of Hunter College.

She was selected in a highly competitive process for one of only 25 available slots for the rigorous, nine-month course of study that presented an overview on aging.



Marianne Kranz

Courses in the Certificate Program included Normative Approaches to Aging, Clinical Assessment: Treat-

ment Planning and Interventions with Older Adults, and Social and Psychopathologies of Aging.

"I want to thank the Grotta Foundation for giving me the opportunity to gain insight into my clients' needs," said Mrs. Kranz, who lives with her husband and two sons in Fanwood.

"The program has also enabled me to interface with others in the community who share SAGE's goal of providing services to the elderly and their families," she added.

Mrs. Kranz has been with SAGE for more than four years. Besides her involvement with SAGE, she is active in her local Parent-Teacher Association and in the Borough of Fanwood. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications from Temple University.

Founded in 1954, SAGE is a private, not-for-profit organization that provides solutions for older adults and their caregivers, through services that promote independence and a dignified quality of life.

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