

Jean DeSantis, 75, Was Co-Owner Of Restaurant in Bound Brook

Jean DeSantis, 75, of Point Pleasant died on Wednesday, October 22, at the Meridian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Brick.

Born in Sayreville, she had resided in Bound Brook before relocating to Point Pleasant 11 years ago. Mrs. DeSantis and her husband of 51 years, Joseph DeSantis, along with her brother-in-law and his wife, Lawrence and Olga DeSantis, had co-owned The Brass Rail, a restaurant in Bound Brook. They sold the

business, which they had owned for 40 years, in 1992.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are a son, Joseph DeSantis, Jr. of Scotch Plains; a daughter, Lynn Harac of Little Falls; a sister, Helen Liss of Naples, Fla.; a brother, Steve Charzan of Bridesburgh, Pa., and three grandchildren.

Services were held on Saturday, October 25, at the Pable-Evertz Funeral Home in Point Pleasant.

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Charles Morris, Jr., 64, Was Employed As Carpenter at Merck For 28 Years

Charles Morris, Jr., 64, of Westfield died on Saturday, October 25, at St. Bonaventure Extended Care Center in Elizabeth.

Born in Elizabeth, he had been a resident of Linden prior to moving to Westfield 15 years ago.

Mr. Morris was employed for 28 years as a carpenter with Merck & Co. in Rahway.

He was a member of the Paper Allied Industrial Chemical and Energy Workers International Union Local No. 20575 and the Merck 25-Year Club.

Surviving are two sons, Lionel Morris and Duane White; his mother, Berlie Morris; a brother, Fred Morris; five sisters, Juanita Morris, Patricia Dismukis, Barbara Gates, Alice Morris and Jennifer Anderson, and two grandchildren.

Interment took place yesterday, Wednesday, October 29, at the Rosehill Cemetery in Linden.

Arrangements were under the direction of the G.G. Woody Funeral Home in Roselle.

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Annual Mineral Show Set For Sunday at Trailside

MOUNTAINSIDE - The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the New Jersey Mineralogical Society will present the 20th Annual Mineral Show this Sunday, November 2, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.

A variety of gemstones, jewelry and hands-on activities will be featured at this event. Admission is \$2 per person; children age six and under may attend for free with an adult.

Neil Brown of Dinosaurs Rock will present an interactive program in which audience members will be able to see and touch genuine, life-sized fossils.

Show times are 12:30, 2 and 3:30 p.m. Registration is required on the day of the event, as space is limited, and attendees are asked not to bring strollers. There is no fee.

Throughout the afternoon, children may participate in a genuine fossil dig or pan for gems and minerals in rushing water for an additional fee.

Participants may also hike a rocky

trail with a geologist on an interpretive geology hike at 1:30 or 3:30 p.m., for a look at the geologic history of the Watchung Reservation.

Registration is required on the day of the event and there is no fee. The hike is limited to 50 participants per walk. It is slightly strenuous and not recommended for children under nine years of age.

Children ages six and older, accompanied by an adult, are invited to take part in a rock collecting walk with a naturalist at 1, 2, 3 or 4 p.m. Families will use rock hammers to gather geologic samples to take home. Hammers, goggles and collecting containers will be supplied.

Registration is required on the event day and the fee for rock collecting is \$1 per person. There is a limit of 40 participants per walk. It is requested that people refrain from bringing scout groups.

Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road. For more information on the Mineral Show or other upcoming events at Trailside, please call (908) 789-3670.

- Obituaries -

Henry Beenders, 87, Pro Basketball Player; Was Member of NBA Championship Team

Henry "Hank" Beenders, 87, of Bridgewater died on Saturday, October 25, at the Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Haarlem, Holland, he emigrated to the United States 79 years ago. He had lived in Brooklyn, N.Y. and in Scotch Plains before relocating to Bridgewater 36 years ago.

Mr. Beenders had been a professional basketball player, playing center for the Providence Steam Rollers and the Philadelphia Warriors in 1947 when they won the National Basketball Association championship. He last played for the Boston Celtics.

He subsequently worked for Henry Issacs, a dry goods clothing exporting firm in Manhattan. Mr. Beenders was an international sales representative for the company for 35 years, prior to retiring in 1983.

He was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Long Island University, where he also played center on the basketball team that won two National Invitation Tournament championships.

Mr. Beenders served in the United States Air Force during World War II, achieving the rank of Captain.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Kathleen Beenders; three sons, Henry Beenders, Jr., Rich Beenders and Kevin Beenders; a daughter, Kathy Teeling; a brother, Leo Beenders; a sister, Gladys Letter; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, October 28, from the Branchburg Funeral Home in Branchburg. A Mass followed at St. Bernard Roman Catholic Church in Bridgewater.

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Rev. George A. Clyde, 86, Had Served At Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

The Reverend George A. Clyde, 86, of Caldwell, a priest who had served at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains, died on Monday, October 20, at Valley Hospital in Ridgewood.

Born in Jersey City, he was educated at Seton Hall University in South Orange, the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Mahwah and Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He was ordained as a priest in 1942.

Reverend Clyde served at several parishes, including Our Lady of Libera in West New York, Holy Family in Union City and Sacred Heart in Haworth, during most of the 1940s and 1950s.

He subsequently served at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Hillside, St. John the Apostle Church in Linden and St. Anne Church in Garwood, in addition to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Reverend Clyde retired in 1993, but filled in at St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church in Toms River for eight years afterward. He moved to the Monsignor Kelly Residence for Retired Priests in Caldwell about a year ago.

Surviving are a sister, Alice Cahalan of Flemington, and many

nephews and nieces.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday, October 24, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Interment took place at St. Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia.

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Evelyn Powers, 79

Evelyn Powers, 79, of Toms River died on Saturday, October 25, at the Medical Center of Ocean County in Brick.

Born in Hoboken, she was a resident of Scotch Plains for many years prior to moving to Toms River 11 years ago.

She was a communicant of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Toms River.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph J. Powers.

Surviving are a son, Joseph J. Powers, Jr.; a brother, William Moran, and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, October 28, from the Quinn-Hopping Funeral Home in Toms River. A Mass followed at St. Joseph's Church. Entombment took place at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Toms River.

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More Community News

Miller-Cory to Spotlight Cornhusk Dolls Sunday

WESTFIELD - The Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, will feature cornhusk doll making and open-hearth cooking on Sunday, November 2, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Eileen O'Shea of Summit will show visitors how to create dolls from cornhusks. Maize, also known

as Indian corn, is native to North America. Early settlers in New Jersey learned of corn from the Indians. Cornhusks were often used to stuff mattresses and make toys.

Diane King of Cranford and Jean Peters of Edison, members of the museum's cooking committee, will demonstrate open-hearth cooking. They will prepare 18th century foods using authentic recipes and cooking methods. Visitors will be able to sample taste treats prepared by the cooks.

Costumed docents will provide tours of the 1740 farmhouse and answer questions about early American life in New Jersey. The last tour will begin at 4 p.m. A variety of Colonial reproductions, teas, cookbooks and educational items are available in the gift shop.

Admission is free for children under six, 50 cents for students and \$2 for adults. For more information about the museum, its schedule of events or volunteer opportunities, please call (908) 232-1776.

Dedication Scheduled For Blue Star Marker

WESTFIELD - The Garden Club of Westfield, Inc., in conjunction with the Blue Star Memorial Highway Council and the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, has invited members of the public to attend the dedication ceremony for the Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker at the Dickson Drive entrance to Tamaques Park in Westfield.

The ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 6. The marker honors past, present and future members of the armed services.

Sunday's Walk for Mom To Benefit CancerCare

CRANFORD - On Sunday, November 2, the Fifth Annual Walk for Mom in Memory of Charlotte Dursee will take place at Nomahegan Park in Cranford.

All proceeds from the walk will benefit CancerCare of New Jersey. The walk will begin at 10:30 a.m., with walkers following a scenic route through the park. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. There is a \$25 walker registration fee.

Each year, Tim Dursee of Scotch Plains organizes the walk in memory of his mother, Charlotte Dursee, who died of cancer. Over the past four

years, the walk has raised over \$10,000 for CancerCare. For more information about the walk, please call CancerCare at (201) 444-6630, extension no. 122.

CancerCare is dedicated to helping people face the many challenges of a cancer diagnosis, providing free, professional support services including counseling, education, financial assistance and practical help.

A non-profit organization, CancerCare operates offices in Ridgewood, Millburn, Princeton and Trenton. Further information is available by calling (800) 813-4673.

Author Nat Bodian to Speak On 20th Century First Ladies

WESTFIELD - Nat Bodian, a Cranford author and presidential historian, will follow up on his October

talk on presidential First Ladies as he tells of the lives, accomplishments and personalities of America's First Ladies of the 20th century.

Mr. Bodian will be the guest speaker at the First Wednesday Luncheon of the Westfield Historical Society on November 5 at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant, located at 560 Springfield Avenue in Westfield.

This will mark Mr. Bodian's 12th talk before the Society and his seventh discussion related to America's presidents. He will deal with each of America's 20th century First Ladies, beginning with Anna Roosevelt, wife of Theodore, in 1901, and continuing up to the incumbent, Laura Bush.

One of the highlights of Mr. Bodian's talk will be the numerous "firsts" among the 19 First Ladies of the 20th century, including the first descended from Native Americans and the two Mayflower descendants; the first to speak fluent Chinese; the first to vote in a presidential election; the first to be elected to public office, and the first to give a speech in the sign language.

Others include the first to have the same profession as their husbands; the first to have a graduate college degree; the first to use the same initials as her husband, and the first to be named after an Irish holiday.

Mr. Bodian will also talk about the First Lady who brought the cherry blossoms to Washington; the First Lady who served liquor in the White House during Prohibition; the First Lady who carried a gun in her purse, and the First Ladies who danced professionally or appeared on stage and screen.

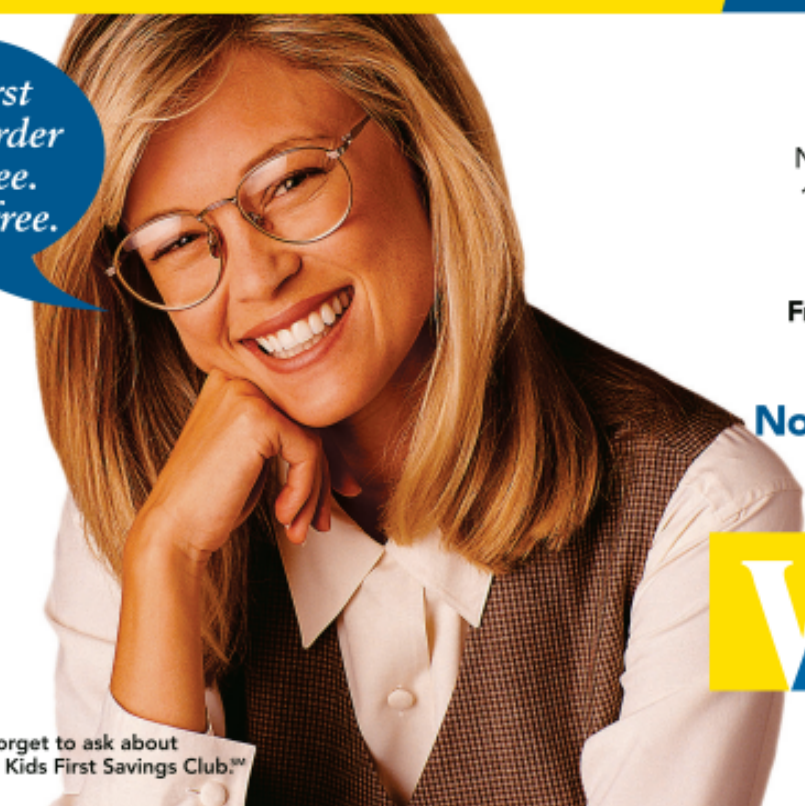
Regular attendees of the luncheon will be contacted by telephone to verify their reservations. Space permitting, others may attend. Interested individuals are asked to call (908) 233-2930 by noon on Monday, November 3.

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