



**A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN...**The Westfield Service League recently welcomed its 2005 Provisional Class during an end-of-year brunch. Class members, pictured left to right, are: Front row, Laura Bertrand, Lisa Black-Polak, Liz McAlister and Martha Kieczkowski, and back row, Diane Rose, Ingrid McKinley and Kristina Bangs.

## League Installs New Officers; Welcomes Provisional Class

WESTFIELD - At a recent end-of-year brunch held at the Echo Lake Country Club, the Westfield Service League installed its new officers, welcomed the new Provisional Class and honored those members celebrating service milestones.

The Provisional Class for 2005 includes Diane Rose, Laura Bertrand, Liz McAlister, Martha Kieczkowski, Lisa Black-Polak, Ingrid McKinley and Kristina Bangs.

These women will spend the 2005-2006 year doing one shift a week in one of the shops operated by the Service League and volunteering at the Westfield Food Pantry and Mobile Meals.

Volunteer members celebrating milestone service anniversaries were MarieLuce Watner, 20 years; Nancy Lau, Janet Williams, Mary Kay Danskin, Faye Sabola and Lucy Banta, 15 years; Darlene Finne, Ginny Leiz, Judy McLane and Pat Del Duca, 10 years, and Marnie Ainslie, Mildred Orlando, Meme Binko, Karen Biener and Mary McEnerney, seven years.

New officers installed for the 2005-2006 year include President, Gail Kender; First Vice President, Anne Fitzpatrick; Second Vice President, Nancy Smith; Recording Secretary, Lee Perry; Corresponding Secretary, Faith Bennett, and Treasurer, Liz Dwyer.

The Westfield Service League is a not-for-profit organization that runs Consignment and Thrift Shops at 114 Elmer Street in Westfield. The shops

have closed for the summer and will reopen on Wednesday, September 7. The shops are open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Upon reopening, the Thrift Shop will be stocked with fall and winter clothes for men, women and children, as well as shoes and household items. The Consignment shop will have some fall clothing items ready for sale and will accept items for consignment.

All proceeds are donated to local charities. This year, the Service League expects to give away more than \$70,000. For more information, please call (908) 233-2530 after September 7.

### Thrift Shop Announces Free 'Picnic' Drawing

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League's Thrift Shop, located at 1730 East Second Street in Scotch Plains, will have a free drawing for a "Picnic for Two."

No purchase is necessary and individuals need not be present to win. The prize consists of a picnic basket filled with goodies for two; two beach chairs; a beach umbrella; a camera and a \$25 gift certificate donated by the Stop & Shop in Watchung to purchase picnic food.

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday in July and Tuesday through Friday in August. For directions or more information, please call the shop at (908) 322-5420.

## First Baptist Youth Selected For 'Study Tour' in Kenya

WESTFIELD - A team of four youth from the First Baptist Church of Westfield has been selected to go on a "study tour" to Kenya, Africa this summer with World Vision to observe mission funds in action.

Gillian Clark of Scotch Plains, Jesse and Lee Hinman of Mountainside and Donnie Turlington of Westfield will join the trip, sponsored by World Vision and taking place July 25 through August 5. Accompanied by the Reverend Jeremy Montgomery, Minister of Local Outreach and church youth leader at First Baptist, they will study humanitarian aid projects throughout Kenya.

The group will depart on Sunday, July 24, flying to Nairobi, Kenya, and will return on Friday, August 5. During this trip, the tour will visit various villages and study the impact that World Vision's projects have on people living in poverty.

Eight other youth in the United States were selected for the study tour. The four youth from First Baptist won the right to participate in the selection process for the trip after they helped raise \$4,000 toward world hunger during their 30-Hour Famine in February. The youth took part in this project with several other churches in Westfield.

"This will be an eye opening experience for me and I still can't believe that I am going," said 14-year-old Gillian.

After the Famine, the youth learned that they qualified for a trip to Kenya because they were at least 14 years old and had raised at least \$360 individually for world hunger.

Each year, the Famine raises funds for a specified region of the world and the World Vision projects in that region. World Vision then sponsors a study tour trip to that region to view its projects and the impact of the Famine's fundraising successes.

The Baptist teenagers applied, wrote essays, and about a month later, on April 11, found out they were chosen for this opportunity. Their only cost is \$1,500 for airfare, and since then they have been appealing to friends and family for financial support.

World Vision has been helping the people of Kenya since 1965. Currently, 15,144 youngsters receive the benefits of child sponsorship through 12 United States-funded area development programs. Overall, World Vision intends to provide assistance to 1.2 million Kenyans this year.

For more information on the trip, please call Reverend Montgomery at (908) 233-2278 or email jermo.monty@verizon.net.



**CONFIRMATION OF THEIR FAITH...**Temple Shalom of Fanwood recently celebrated the Confirmation of 10th-grade students in its Religious School. To celebrate their Confirmation, the students led the service for Shavuot and shared impressions and stories of a trip to Europe that the class took in May. The Confirmation trip to Europe is an annual event at Temple Shalom. Pictured, from left to right, are: Front row, Student Cantor Shira Nafshi, Religious School Director Michelle Shapiro Abraham and Rabbi Joel N. Abraham; second row, Magda Isack and Laurynn Scholar of Scotch Plains; third row, Josh Nussenfeld of Fanwood, Steven Brander of Plainfield and Mitchell Stern of Piscataway, and top row, Grant Darwin of Scotch Plains and Matt Miller of Fanwood.

## Willow Grove Gad-Abouts Plan Playhouse Excursion

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Willow Grove Gad-Abouts, a sub-group of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains, will sponsor a trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Thursday, July 28.

Carpools will leave the church at 10 a.m. for the 30-mile drive to the playhouse, located in Hampton, to see the musical *Living It Up!* The festivities also will include dinner (five choices of entrée) and an array of desserts.

Interested individuals are asked to call the church office at (908) 232-5678 during morning hours or Barbara Couphos at (908) 322-7892.

Checks in the amount of \$53 may be made payable to Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, noted Hunterdon Hills, and sent to the church at 1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains 07076. Participants also are asked to provide their telephone number so transportation needs may be worked out.



**BOUND FOR AFRICA...**Members of the First Baptist Church of Westfield gather in preparation for their trip to Kenya. Pictured, from left to right, are: The Reverend Jeremy Montgomery, Lee Hinman, Gillian Clark, Jesse Hinman and Donnie Turlington.

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