

First Baptist 'Band Nite' Aids Katrina Resettlement

WESTFIELD - During the first show of its fall series on September 30, "Band Nite @ First Baptist" attracted more than 350 local teenagers to the downstairs Fellowship Hall at the First Baptist Church of Westfield, located at 170 Elm Street.

The event raised \$2,500 for the Westfield United Way's "Hurricane Katrina Resettlement Project." Featured bands included A Day at the Fair, Broken Soldier, Top of the Fair, and Selsius. Admission was granted to youth under age 21, with \$8 per person collected at the entrance.

Westfield Interfaith Caring Community (WICC), an interfaith network comprised of Westfield clergy and community leaders, is seeking support for the "Hurricane Katrina Resettlement Project."

As a result, Drew Skibitsky, a Westfield High School senior and student organizer of "Band Nite," decided to dedicate 100 percent of the evening's proceeds to that fund.

The WICC emerged in 2000 to successfully resettle two families among the thousands of traumatized Kosovo refugees. It is comprised of representatives of houses of worship, social agencies and community volunteers. The network seeks through the re-

settlement project to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment for a few families to live, work, socialize and educate their children as they become self-sufficient members of the community.

In addition to the entrance fee, many local teens attending the concert even contributed all the money they had in their pockets. "We couldn't be happier about the result," said Drew of the benefit.

Westfield High School students, both those not normally affiliated with the church and those who are youth members of the church, coordinate the Band Nights. The Reverend Jeremy Montgomery, Minister of Local Outreach at the First Baptist Church, oversees the program.

All the proceeds from each show benefit a local charity. For more information on the next "Band Nite," slated for Saturday, October 29, please visit www.myspace.com/bandnite or www.fbcwestfield.org/bandnite.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the "Hurricane Katrina Resettlement Project" may send checks to: Westfield United Way, 301 North Avenue, West, Westfield, N.J. 07090-1421. They should write "Katrina Resettlement" on the memo line.

Sponsors, Walkers Sought For CROP WALK Oct. 23

CRANFORD - Houses of worship and organizations from Westfield, Garwood, Clark and Cranford will join together on Sun-

'Evening With Friends' To Benefit Resolve

SCOTCH PLAINS - A dinner benefiting Resolve Community Counseling Center will take place on Thursday, October 20, at the Stage House Inn, 366 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. Dinner, starting at 5:30 p.m., will be \$50, with choices of soup/salad, main courses and desserts. The restaurant will donate a portion of the evening's proceeds to Resolve.

A private, non-profit mental health agency founded in 1974, Resolve offers counseling, advocacy and educational programs for children, adolescents and adults, individually and in groups. Fees are determined on a sliding scale basis, according to ability to pay.

Resolve always welcomes volunteer and financial support to help it maintain high quality services. Reservations may be made by calling (908) 322-4224, extension no. 3, and callers should mention Resolve.

day, October 23, for the 2005 Cranford Clergy Council 31st Annual CROP WALK against hunger.

The three- or six-mile walk will begin at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, located at Walnut and Lincoln Avenues in Cranford.

Once again, 25 percent of funds raised will benefit Cranford Family Care, as well as the food pantries at the Osceola Presbyterian Church in Clark and the First Congregational Church of Westfield.

The balance will be given to Church World Service, a ministry of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. that works to combat hunger and supply disaster relief within the United States and around the globe.

The walk is open to people of all ages, and families are encouraged to walk together. Last year, 109 walkers took part in the event, with \$13,666 raised.

Anyone wishing to walk or sponsor a walker is asked to contact his or her house of worship or to call Robin Marko at (908) 789-0379. Information also is available from the CROP coordinators at local houses of worship.



MANY THANKS...Allison O'Hara, center, of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce presents a check for \$825 to Maureen Kaufmann of the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. The funds were raised at Westfield's Festfall celebration, where 140 hand-painted Halloween pumpkins were sold. They were painted by Chamber members and WaySharers volunteers from the First Congregational Church of Westfield. Charles Serson, Red Cross Disaster Relief Coordinator, is at right.

Mr. Mahmoud to Present Egypt's Historic Wonders

WESTFIELD - Hassan "Sam" Mahmoud will present a slide and lecture tour of the many historic wonders of Egypt at the Westfield Historical Society's general meeting on Friday, October 21. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, located at 425 East Broad Street.

Mr. Mahmoud has previously given talks at the Society's luncheons

on "The Ancient History of Egypt," "800 Years of Moorish Spain" and "The Crusades."

A native of Egypt, he studied and observed the many historic marvels of his country. He is an author, lecturer and a student of the history and culture of many countries.

Mr. Mahmoud came to the United States 35 years ago and has been a Westfield resident for 12 years. He serves on the boards of trustees of both the Westfield Historical Society and the Westfield Symphony, and has published several articles about history and politics in local newspapers.

This free program is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the presentation.

Women's Book Club To Meet Saturday

WESTFIELD - The Women's Book Club of the First Baptist Church of Westfield, located at 170 Elm Street, will meet at 10 a.m. this Saturday, October 15, to discuss "The Ladies of Conviction Send Their Love" by Joan Medlicott.

Bette Savage will be the discussion leader. Participants are urged to read the book prior to the meeting. Refreshments will be served. For information, please call (908) 233-2278 or e-mail firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net.

Baptist Church Invites Children to Fall Fest

SCOTCH PLAINS - Children of all ages are invited to Fall Fest on Sunday, October 30, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Terrill Road Baptist Church, located at 1340 Terrill Road in Scotch Plains.

The free event will include food, games, candy and many surprises. Participants are asked to wear a non-scary costume. For more information, please call (908) 322-7151.

Dr. Glaser to Speak Sunday At Mountainside Chapel

WESTFIELD - On Sunday, October 16, Dr. Mitch Glaser, President of Chosen People Ministries, will speak on "The Fall Feasts of Israel" at 11 a.m. at the Mountainside Chapel, located at 1180 Spruce Drive in Mountainside.

Legion to Celebrate 75th Anniversary

SCOTCH PLAINS - Scotch Plains-Fanwood American Legion Post No. 209 will celebrate its 75th anniversary on Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, at Snuffy's Pantagis Restaurant. Dinner will be at 7 p.m.

The post will honor members who served in World War II and all past post commanders. In the morning, the post will conduct services in Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Dinner is \$40. There is no charge for members who are World War II veterans or past post commanders.

To purchase tickets, please send checks payable to American Legion Post No. 209 to George Hauck, 237 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076. For more details, please call the post at (908) 322-9845.

Halloween Contest On Tap in Garwood

GARWOOD - The Borough of Garwood has announced its annual Halloween home decorating contest, with the top three decorated houses to be awarded prizes such as gift certificates.

Judging will take place from 8 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, October 22, so homeowners are asked to leave their decorations on. Winners will be announced soon afterward.

The Ministries is a mission founded in 1894 by Leopold Cohn, a Hungarian rabbi who came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah of Israel.

From humble beginnings in Brooklyn, N.Y., it has grown into a worldwide ministry with outreach centers in Argentina, Australia, Canada, England, France, Germany, Israel, Mexico, Ukraine and the United States.

Dr. Glaser came to faith in the Messiah in 1970. For over 25 years, he and his wife, Zhava, have been active ambassadors of the Gospel in many parts of the world.

He is a graduate of Northeastern Bible College and the Talbot School of Theology (part of Biola University). Dr. Glaser holds a Doctoral degree in Intercultural Studies. His dissertation topic was the History of Missions to the Jews in the 20th Century.

This program is open to the public. A love offering will be received. Members of the Christian and Jewish communities are invited to attend. For more information, please call (908) 232-3456.

Woman's Club to Hold Scholarship Luncheon

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Woman's Club will hold its annual Scholarship Luncheon on Wednesday, October 19, at 11:30 a.m. This year the event will be held at the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield.

A buffet, cash bar and Chinese Auction will all be included. The Choraleers of Westfield High School will provide entertainment.

Proceeds from this event will benefit Westfield High School students. All are welcome. For ticket information, please call (908) 233-4815.



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