

## Melanie L. Sordill, 86, Registered Nurse; Sunday School Teacher and Scout Leader

Melanie L. Sordill, 86, of Cranford died on Monday, April 17, at Robert Wood Johnson-Rahway Hospital in Rahway.

Born in Bayonne, she was raised in Westfield, graduating from Elizabeth General Nursing School in Elizabeth in 1940. She had lived in Washington, D.C. for a short time before settling in Cranford, where she resided for over 50 years.

A registered nurse, Mrs. Sordill had worked for her husband, Dr. Anthony Sordill, in his private practice in Cranford and for over 30 years at Elizabeth General Medical Center in Elizabeth before retiring. Her husband, to whom she was married for more than 50 years, predeceased her in 1997.

Mrs. Sordill was a Sunday school

teacher for the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford; a Girl Scout leader in Westfield and Cranford and a member of the Rotary Women's Bowling Club and the Village Improvement Association of Cranford.

Surviving are a daughter, Joyce Campos; a sister, Frances Perry, and a granddaughter, Cheryl Puorro, with whom she lived.

A memorial service was held on Friday, April 21, at the Chapel of Evergreen Cemetery in Hillside.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Funeral Home, 218 North Avenue, West, in Cranford.

Memorial donations may be made to the Homeless Animal Rescue Team, 231 North Avenue, West, No. 156, Westfield, N.J. 07090.

## Simone J. Mokrauer, 95, Was Devoted To Education and Pursuit of Knowledge

Simone J. Mokrauer died peacefully at her home in Oak Park, Ill. on Friday, April 21, 2006 of cancer. She had just returned from a trip to Jerusalem to celebrate her 95th birthday on March 1 when her cancer was discovered.

Born in Strasbourg, France, Simone also had lived in Germany, England, Scotland and Lebanon before moving to the United States in 1946. After seven years in Manhattan and five years in Rochelle Park, N.J., she and her family moved to Westfield, N.J., where she lived for the next 45 years. In 2003 she retired to Holley Court Terrace in Oak Park, Ill.

Simone was educated at the Sorbonne in Paris and dedicated her life to French and German education - as a teacher and a private tutor, traveling the world to sightsee and visit her many friends and her constantly expanding family. She was an inveterate reader and Scrabble player in French, German and English, and in her constant effort to expand her horizons was an avid participant in various activities, most notably the Great Books Program.

In Westfield, she was a member of Le Petit Coin de France, the Westfield Historical Society and the Westfield Community Players and hosted a group of former French students from Kean University for more than 25 years. In Oak Park, she attended meetings of the French Club.

She was predeceased in 1980 by her husband of 45 years, Bernhard Mokrauer, and is survived by her three children, Margot Loewenstein of West Palm Beach, Fla., Tyny Mokrauer (Dan Madden) of Oak Park, Ill. and Donald Mokrauer (Ellen Kirschner) of Westfield, N.J.,

as well as nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

A graveside service was held on Monday, April 24, at Cedar Park Cemetery in Paramus, N.J. In lieu of flowers, she asked that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 400 Morris Avenue, Suite 251, Denville, N.J. 07834.

Arrangements were by Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union.

## Doris Eggleston, 78

Doris Kirk Eggleston, 78, of Richmond, Va. died on Saturday, April 22, at Henrico Doctors' Hospital in Richmond.

Born and raised in Westfield, she graduated from Westfield High School in 1945. She lived in Richmond since 1979.

Mrs. Eggleston had been a bookkeeper for Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountaintop.

She was a member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield and the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Richmond, as well as the Canterbury Garden Club in Richmond.

She was predeceased by her husband, John H. Eggleston, in 1996.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda Vernon, with whom she lived; a son, David Eggleston, and five grandchildren.

Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 29, at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Avenue in Westfield. Burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, April 28, at the Dooley Funeral Home, 218 North Avenue, West, in Cranford.

**Prayer to the Blessed Virgin**

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN: (Never known to fail) Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me show me herein, you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3X). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for the things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. The person must say this prayer three consecutive days. After three days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted. V.T.

**Open House to Be Held For Religious School**

SCOTCH PLAINS - Temple Shalom in Fanwood has invited members of the community to its religious school open house on Sunday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to noon at Union Catholic High School, located at 1600 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The program will include a presentation by Rabbi Joel Abraham and Director of Education Michelle Shapiro Abraham, as well as a tour of the religious school. The school features such aspects as family, congregational and adult education; art, music and dance specialists; a small student/teacher ratio; an integrated program for children with special needs, and hands-on interactive learning.

To respond for the open house or to speak with Mrs. Abraham, please call (908) 889-4900.

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# Obituaries

## Joseph Pompilio, 84, Framer/Designer; Had Been Army Hospital Ward Master

Joseph M. Pompilio, 84, of Plainfield died on Saturday, April 22, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Newark, he was raised in Plainfield and had lived in Westfield for five years before returning to Plainfield.

Mr. Pompilio had been employed as a framer/designer with the Markay Bag Company in Plainfield, retiring in 1978 after more than 40 years with the firm.

He served in the United States Army during World War II as a staff sergeant and army hospital ward master for the care of sick and wounded soldiers.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Frances Ponturo Pompilio; two

daughters, Patricia Heinze of Piscataway and Connie Sheehan of Branchburg; a sister, Julie Stanislaw; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren and a step-great-grandson.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered yesterday, Wednesday, April 26, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Entombment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 507 Westminster Avenue, P.O. Box 815, Elizabeth, N.J. 07207-0815.

## Community/Area News

### Students, Faculty to Enter Relay For Life May 19, 20

SCOTCH PLAINS - Students, staff and faculty members, cancer survivors, caregivers, family members, corporate sponsors, neighbors, individuals and relay teams will participate in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Scotch Plains on Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20, at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

The event will be held from 7 p.m. on May 19 to 7 a.m. on May 20. There will be a survivor lap at 7 p.m. and luminaria service at 9 p.m. on May 19.

Since 1985, this community event has become a worldwide movement that has spread to over 4,700 communities in the United States and in 19 countries around the world.

Survivors of all ages will walk around the Scotch Plains-Fanwood track in a victory lap and friends will honor loved ones lost to the disease in an evening candlelight vigil.

Caregivers will also be honored with a special ceremony and lap in their honor. The overnight event joins teams of 10 to 15 people who camp out at community sites and take turns circling a track or path to raise awareness and funds to support cancer research, education, advocacy and patient services in the community.

Relay For Life opens as cancer survivors walk, run, or otherwise move around the lawn for the first lap. Highlighting the evening will be the luminaria service held at nightfall to honor cancer survivors and to remember loved ones lost to cancer.

In addition to the Scotch Plains event, the American Cancer Society will host Relay For Life in 62 other communities across New Jersey and 4,700 other communities across America. For more information, please call (800) ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

## Nature Club Announces Meeting and Event Dates

MOUNTAINSIDE - The Greater Watchung Nature Club has revealed its calendar of upcoming activities, beginning with its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Courthouse of the Mountaintop Municipal Building, located off New Providence Road just prior to the traffic light on Route 22.

Holly Hoffman will present pictures of wildflowers taken during her travels through the Italian, Austrian and Swiss Alpine meadows.

On Saturday, May 6, Tom Halliwell will lead a trip through the Kittatinny Valley Rails-and-Trails State Park to view wildlife and learn the railroad's history. Participants will meet at 8 a.m. at the south side Fanwood train station.

The club's second Walker Walk will take place on Sunday, May 7, at Lenape Park on Springfield Avenue in Cranford, in the parking lot of the former Trap and Skeet Range. Birding will begin at 7 a.m., with coffee and pastries to follow at 9 a.m.

The New Jersey Audubon Society's Big Day of Birding is scheduled for Saturday, May 13. Individuals are invited to support the society with a monetary pledge or by joining a team

to find as many bird species as possible in New Jersey in 24 hours. For more details, please call the society at (908) 204-8998.

Additionally on May 13, the third Walker Walk will be held at the Deserted Village in the Watchung Reservation. Participants should turn left as they exit from Surprise Lake onto Glenside Avenue, then travel a short distance and turn left again into the Deserted Village parking lot.

Other club activities for later in May will be announced. Guests are always welcome at club meetings and on trips.

**Musical Drama to Tell Of Moses and Exodus**

FANWOOD - During the Fanwood Presbyterian Church's regular 10 a.m. service of worship on Sunday, April 30, the combined Westminster, Celebration and Cherub Choirs of the church will present *Moses and the Freedom Fanatics*.

A musical drama by Hal Hopson, it tells the Old Testament story of Moses and the Exodus from Egypt. This humorous play, complete with frogs, lice, flies and fleas, will be sung and spoken in modern day language and is designed to appeal to school age children through adults. Robert Gangewere, Jr., the church's Minister of Music, is the organizer, director and accompanist.

All are invited to attend. The church is located at the corner of Martine and LaGrande Avenues in Fanwood and is wheelchair-accessible. Childcare is provided for youngsters in pre-kindergarten and younger. For more information, please call the church office at (908) 889-8891.

## Barbara A. Short, Research Librarian; Championed Animals and Environment

Mrs. Barbara A. Short of Westfield, N.J. passed away on Wednesday, April 19, 2006 at home.

She was born in Westchester County, N.Y. on April 27, 1927 and had lived in Westfield for many years.

Barbara was a graduate of Middlebury College and received her master's degree from Swarthmore College. She was employed for many years as a research librarian with ExxonMobil before her retirement in 1982 after 31 years of service.

Barbara was predeceased by the love of her life, her husband, Abram T. Short, who died in 1994. Also deceased are her sister, Elizabeth Herschel; her brother, John Schobinger, and a nephew, George Herschel, 2nd. She leaves behind her sister Trudi Battershall; 16 nieces and nephews and a large number of close and caring friends.

Mrs. Short was a great music lover as well as a supporter of animal and

environmental groups. She also was known for her keen wit and intense belief in issues that were important to her. Barbara enjoyed hiking in the Alps and skiing in Europe, as well as many places here in the United States. Mrs. Short also was an accomplished swimmer and took part in many synchronized swimming competitions. She will be missed and remembered by many.

A memorial service will be held at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield, on Saturday, April 29, 2006 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the environmental organization of the donor's choice.

Barbara's family would like to publicly thank her caregivers at Overlook Hospital, Rumlins Specialized Hospital and Atlantic Hospice, especially Pat Haran and her very special home care giver from Atlantic Home Care, K.K. Go in peace.

## Black Achievers Banquet On Tap May 5 at L'Affaire

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Area "Y" will host its eighth annual Black Achievers Fundraising and Recognition Banquet on Friday, May 5, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at L'Affaire Fine Catering, 1099 Route 22, East, in Mountaintop.

United States Senator Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Noah Tennant, assistant principal at Westfield High School, will be the special honoree. Dr. Tennant served as a Black Achievers volunteer and mentor eight years ago.

Begun at the Harlem YMCA in 1968, the Black Achievers Program focuses on building community partnerships in which young people are encouraged to reach their full potential in spirit, mind and body. By matching youth with achieving Afri-

can-American and other minority professionals as role models, the program aims to raise the academic standards of young people, expose students to diverse career options and inspire them to reach their goals.

The Westfield Area "Y" offers the program at its main facility, located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield, on Wednesday evenings from September through June. Students in grades 5 through 8 meet from 6 to 7 p.m., while students in grades 9 through 12 meet from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Participants have assisted in community events and service activities such as the New Jersey Food Bank, Martin Luther King Service, the "Y"'s Men's Tree Sale, a Pre-School Holiday Boutique and the "Y" Lunch with Santa.

The cost for this event is \$75 per person, with 10 percent of the proceeds benefiting the Black Achievers Scholarship Fund. The Black Achievers program is funded in large part by this annual banquet.

For more information on this event and how to participate in this program, please call Amy Gantz at (908) 233-2700, extension no. 252, or e-mail her at agantz@westfieldynj.org.

## Mr. Evans to Present Talk on Medicare D

SCOTCH PLAINS - Volunteer Senior Advocate Ed Evans will present an informational talk on the Medicare D Drug Program at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 8, in the Scotch Plains Public Library Community Room.

The final date to enroll without penalty for this program is Monday, May 15, after which there is a 12 percent penalty per year for life.

Mr. Evans will explain the forms of coverage available from several approved Medicare D companies, as well as how the actual program works for those with existing drug coverage. Additionally, he will clarify who should and should not enroll and share his expertise with audience members who have questions.

This free program is open to all area residents who have Medicare A and B. The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue. For further information or directions, please call the library at (908) 322-5007 or visit www.scotlib.org.

## Junior Women Reveal Wine and Cheese Event

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains Junior Woman's Club will host a New Member Wine and Cheese event on Thursday, May 4, at 7 p.m. at the Scotch Hills Country Club, located at Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains.

Guest speaker Jaime Novak will present a humorous and informational workshop entitled "Cut the Clutter and Store the Stuff." Attendees also will have an opportunity to meet and socialize with current members and learn about club activities. The club seeks to provide women with opportunities to socialize, make friends and make a difference in their community.

Members can be as active as they wish. Club endeavors have included Mobile Meals, hosting the township Easter Egg Hunt, a spelling bee and a coat drive, among other events. The club also holds social events such as women's nights out and family fun days. For more details on the wine and cheese event, please call Josephine Walsh at (908) 889-5109 or email majwalsh@comcast.net.

## Light The Night Walk Set May 6 In Westfield

WESTFIELD - The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Northern New Jersey Chapter will hold a "Light The Night Walk" fundraiser for the first time in downtown Westfield on Saturday, May 6. All are welcome to participate.

A parade of flickering red and white balloons will wind two to three miles through downtown Westfield. Cancer survivors will carry white balloons, while other participants will carry red balloons.

Check-in will begin at 5:30 p.m. that day at the Westfield train station's South Avenue entrance, with the walk getting underway at 7 p.m. The event also will include music and refreshments. The society hopes to raise a minimum of \$100 per walker to support its goals, which include fighting leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and improving the quality of life for patients and their families.

Anyone wishing to organize a team, become a corporate or community sponsor or to volunteer behind the scenes is asked to contact Kisha Achoe at the Northern New Jersey Chapter at (908) 654-9445 or achoek@lls.org.

## Rosary Altar Society To Gather on May 1

SCOTCH PLAINS - The St. Bartholomew's Rosary Altar Society will meet on Monday, May 1, following the 7:30 p.m. Mass. Novena and May Crowning of the Blessed Mother at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 2032 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The meeting will include installation of new officers and the group's Annual Birthday Party. All women of the parish are invited to attend and refreshments will be served.

## DDR to Make Return To Library on May 2

FANWOOD - Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) will return to the Fanwood Memorial Library on Tuesday, May 2, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. It will be open that night to all in the community who want to learn to dance.

A music video arcade game, DDR is typically played on a dance pad with four arrow panels. These panels are pressed using the players' feet in response to arrows that appear on the screen in front of them. The arrows are synchronized to the general rhythm or beat of a song and success is dependent on the player's ability to time his or her steps.

This DDR event will feature games, competitions, prizes and refreshments. The library is located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road. For more information, please call Nancy Kipping at (908) 322-6400.

## Nonsense to Benefit WF Library Friends

WESTFIELD - The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library have invited area residents to a benefit performance of Dan Goggin's *Nonsense* by the Westfield Community Players at 1000 North Avenue, West, in Westfield on Friday, May 12. The pre-show party will begin at 7 p.m., with the curtain rising at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$35. Checks may be made payable to Friends of the Library and sent to Letty Hudak, 409 Harrison Avenue, Westfield, N.J. 07090. Individuals should include their name, address, telephone number, the number of tickets needed and the amount enclosed. For more details, please call (908) 233-6233.

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