

## Optimists to Provide Needy With Holiday Food Baskets

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Optimist Club, a not-for-profit service organization, continued its tradition this year of providing holiday food baskets to members of the community in need.

In early December of 1989, the charter members of the newly formed Westfield Optimist Club were seeking a special project that would benefit the community.

It was the late Bill DiLouie who, on the spur of the moment and with a few colleagues, began assembling baskets of food to distribute to needy families in town a few days before Christmas. That year, the club distributed 45 baskets and a tradition was born.

### Rotarians to Wind Up Sales of Luminaries

FANWOOD - The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club will continue its annual luminary sale on Saturday and Sunday, December 23 and 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will be sold at the Fanwood Municipal Garage on Manfra Way, across from the Fanwood Memorial Library at Tillotson Road and North Avenue.

A popular Christmas custom that began centuries ago in Spain and Mexico, luminaries are contained in paper bags that are placed outdoors along a sidewalk or driveway on Christmas Eve to symbolically light the way to Bethlehem.

Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club volunteers will wrap up this year's candle sales this weekend. Each candle "kit" costs 50 cents and contains one candle, a paper bag and sand. All proceeds from the luminary sale will go to charities supported by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club.

The club also will accept non-perishable, packaged food for distribution to the local food pantry. For more information about the luminary sale, please call Neil Schembre at (908) 889-9500.

The holiday food basket program is the Optimists' oldest project. Since that first inspired and hastily arranged effort, the club has delivered some 925 baskets to date, club President Steve Wearnly has estimated. "And the 80 we will provide this year, our 18th," he noted, "will take us over 1,000 meals."

The club's community budget covers the cost of about 70 baskets, and individual members are sponsoring the remaining 10. Each basket contains the fixings for a complete Christmas dinner, including a turkey, potatoes, vegetables, fruit and dessert. Kings Super Markets of Garwood fills and assembles all the boxes for much less than what the contents actually cost.

Several other local merchants also have supported the club's efforts by providing additional items to help brighten the holidays for fellow townpeople in need. Last Saturday, the Optimists gathered to load up the goods and deliver them to members of the community.

### Chapter U Represented At Luncheon Event

WESTFIELD - The New Jersey P.E.O. Reciprocity Christmas Luncheon and group meeting was held on December 4 at The Barclay in Belmar.

Those in attendance included Chapter U members Kathy Storcks of Westfield, president; Lee Mumford of Scotch Plains, Cindy McCrackin of Warren and Sue Miller of Basking Ridge.

A philanthropic and educational organization, P.E.O. established the P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund in 1907 to lend money to deserving women students to assist them in securing a higher education.

For more information about P.E.O., please visit the organization's website at [www.peointernational.org](http://www.peointernational.org). Interested women also may contact Chapter U to confirm eligibility at [kstorcks@comcast.net](mailto:kstorcks@comcast.net).



THREE GENERATIONS...Family members join Jeanne Goldstein of Westfield, standing, as she is honored as the Westfield Chapter of Hadassah's Woman of the Year December 10 at Hadassah's Myrtle Wreath event. Seated, pictured left to right, are: Mrs. Goldstein's daughter, Carol Barlia; her granddaughters Alana Barlia and Rachel Goldstein, and her daughter-in-law Lori Loebelsohn.

## Calvary Lutheran Reveals Christmas Service Schedule

CRANFORD - The Calvary Lutheran Church, located at 108 Eastman Street in Cranford, has announced its schedule of services for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Services are designed for all ages and everyone is invited to attend.

The Reverend Carol Lindsay, Calvary's pastor, will preside and preach at all services. Music will be under the leadership of F. Paul Dickey, director of music ministry.

On Sunday, Christmas Eve, December 24, the church will bring the season of Advent to a close with a 10 a.m. worship service. The Sunday school children will present "A Gift for Advent" as the sermon message for the day.

A young children's Christmas Eve Service will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. This service will include simple carols, the reading of the Christmas story and the placing of the nativity figures by some of the children. The Alleluia Choir, composed of four-, five- and six-year-olds, will sing.

Calvary's Christmas Eve Services of Holy Communion will be held at new times this year - 6 and 9 p.m. - to better accommodate family schedules.

The 6 p.m. Family Service will feature a Nativity tableau presented by the older children and youth of the church. The SPIRYT Hand Bell and

Singing Choirs will provide music, with Daniel Nelson of Scotch Plains playing saxophone.

The 9 p.m. Candlelight Service of Holy Communion will feature prelude music by the Calvary Hand Bell Choir and seasonal anthems and carols by the Calvary Choir, with Melissa Toddings of Cranford, soprano soloist.

A Festival Service of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Monday, Christmas Day, December 25, at 10 a.m. Edward Leicht of Cranford, bass soloist, will provide music.

On Sunday, December 31, a Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion will be held at 10 a.m.

The Calvary Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It has served the Cranford-Westfield area and surrounding communities for 78 years.

### Menorah Lighting Set Tonight In Borough

MOUNTAINSIDE - The Union County Torah Center has announced that the Mountainside Menorah Lighting will take place at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, December 21, in observance of Chanukah.

It will take place at Route 22, East and New Providence Road in front of the Mountainside Municipal Building. Live music, refreshments and "Chanukah Gelt" will be available for everyone in attendance.

Chanukah, known as the Festival of Lights, began December 15 at sundown and continues through Saturday, December 23. It focuses largely on civil liberties and religious freedom. For more information, please call the Torah Center at (908) 789-5252.

## Westfield Hadassah Chapter Honors Jeanne Goldstein

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Chapter of Hadassah honored Jeanne Goldstein as its Woman of the Year at the Northern New Jersey Region of Hadassah Myrtle Wreath event December 10 at the Short Hills Caterers.

A Westfield resident and three-generation Life Member of Hadassah, Mrs. Goldstein is a former chapter president and also served as vice-president in several positions. As a Keeper of the Gate, she has pledged an annual high level of financial support to Hadassah. She also is a volunteer with several other organizations.

Mrs. Goldstein is a board member of the "I Have a Dream" program which tutors and mentors students in Plainfield. She also serves on the board of ARK, the Association for Rehabilitation with Kindness, a joint project of Temple Emanu-El in Westfield and St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Plainfield that assists low-income homeowners with crucial repairs.

Additionally, she has undertaken weeklong building stints with Habitat for Humanity in Georgia, Michigan and Vermont. She also is a member of the Auxiliary of Children's Specialized Hospital and, in her "spare" time, knits caps for African newborns through the Save the Children Foundation.

A graduate of Brooklyn College and Columbia Teachers College, Mrs. Goldstein worked for 27 years as an administrator at Brooklyn and Kean Colleges. She has taught modern and folk dancing and enjoys ten-

nis and ceramics.

Involvement and a commitment to "tikkun olam" (repairing the world) run deep in the Goldstein family. Mrs. Goldstein's late husband, Alan, served as president of Temple Emanu-El, the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey and the New Jersey Jewish Federation. An endowment fund was established in his honor to develop young leadership in the Jewish community.

### FCC Posts Schedule Of Christmas Services

WESTFIELD - The First Congregational Church will celebrate Christmas Eve on Sunday, December 24, with three separate services at 10 a.m., 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. in the sanctuary at 125 Elmer Street in Westfield.

The regular 10 a.m. worship service will be a Family Service. Children of all ages are invited to stay and enjoy the Christmas music and message. The Crib Room will be provided for infants through two-year-olds.

A children's pageant will take place at 5 p.m., based on the book "The Littlest Angel" by Charles Tazewell. At 10 p.m., there will be a traditional candlelight service of Lessons and Carols. Both evening services will feature soloist Meredith Hoffman-Thomson performing "O Holy Night."

First Congregational Church is a member of the United Church of Christ. The sanctuary is accessible by a wheelchair ramp and offers infrared listening devices for the hearing impaired.

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WELCOME BABY JESUS...The Westminster Preschool of Fanwood performs "The Christmas Story" on December 15 in which youngsters reenacted the Nativity for parents and other family members. Pictured are students from Diana Vasselis' and Lorene Knierim's Four-Year-Old morning classes.

### Thrift Shop at Church To Close For Holidays

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Presbyterian Church Thrift Shop currently is closed for the holidays. It will reopen on Wednesday, January 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with many new selections of clothing and other items.

Volunteers run the thrift shop, which is located on McDermott Place and offers merchandise at bargain prices. All proceeds are forwarded to local charities. Everyone is welcome.



## SOME OF OUR BEST FOR YOUR HOLIDAY

### SORI PAITIN BARBARESCO 1998 \$59.99

Even at eight years of age, this requires a significant decant of at least an hour. Made of 100% Nebiolo, this has cherry and raspberry fruit tones surrounded by leather, earth, tar and smoke elements. Great structure ensures that it will age very nicely for at least eight more years. Buy two and stick one away.

### MOTIF MERLOT \$11.99

The most improbable of retail holiday miracles - an affordable high quality California merlot. Lots of lush mulberry and blackberry fruit. A fascinating mid-palate with hints of clover, earth and tomato-leaf like herbs. Very food flexible, and fine on its own both before and after dinner.

### SHOTTESBROOKE BERNESH BRAY TAWNY PORT \$39.99

Among the finest tawny we have had. Made from 50 year old Grenache vines in McLaren Vale, South Australia. Enormously complex with flavors of raisins, figs, butterscotch, clove, nutmeg, orange peel, and caramel - to name a few. And you can still taste that it is from Grenache. Dessert and soft cheeses. Great wine.

### CHATEAU PLO DU ROY MINERVOIS \$19.99

While Minervois is largely overlooked by wine writers today, the Roman writer and politician Cicero was ordering it shipped to him in Rome before the first Christmas. Made of a blend of southern French grapes, Carignan, Syrah, Grenache and Mourvedre, this is dark, full, and long. Great earth and spice tones with a strong influence on Russian oak. Perfect with strong red meat dishes. Decant for 45 minutes.

### LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2001 \$47.99

The Horgan's are among the founding families of viticulture in Western Australia's Margaret River Region. Among the great cabernets we have had from them, dating back to the early 80's, this may be the best. Blackberry, currant, cassis, hints of French oak, spice box and herb. The power of California fruit, the elegance of great French wine, and distinctly and unmistakably Australian.

### NEUDORF VINEYARD PINOT NOIR \$23.99

The Nelson district of New Zealand's South Island is across the mountains to the west of the famous Marlborough district. This wine demonstrates that despite of being tiny and almost unheard of in the States, Nelson and the Neudorf Vineyard deserve the most serious attention. Precise, light in color, a touch of gentle cherry & strawberry fruit with easy hints of spice. If Audrey Hepburn had been a wine...it's that beautiful.



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### Feature Special

#### AUGUST BRIGGS DIJON CLONE PINOT NOIR \$21.99

The essence of northern California Pinot Noir. Big styled and filled with rounded blackberry and cherry fruit. Aged in 100% French oak. 35% of it new, the wine has a deep creaminess and a healthy hint of vanilla. This is the kind of pinot noir that will stand up to roast beef. The usual suggested retail price for this is around \$40. We will not have this wine at this price again. Get a few and tuck some away.

#### TERREDORA DIPAOLO FALANGHINA IRPINIA \$12.99

The most prized white wine in the Roman Empire was an aged version of the Falanghina. This is tied for third as the least expensive wine the Spectators Top 100 of the Year. And our price is better. Flavors of apple, pineapple, quince, and pear. Great with soups, fish and moderately light cheese.

#### FRUHWIRTH SCHEUREBE \$21.99

Scheurebe is a cross between Silvaner and Riesling that originated in Germany and thrives in a few small pockets of Austria including South Styria. Light, with good balanced acid and hints of grapefruit and black currant, this has the characteristic mineral and pine needle notes of a Styrian white. Lovely with fish and lighter cheeses.

#### BELLAND MEUSAULT-SANTENONS PREMIER CRU 2000 \$49.99

A classic Meursault from a monopole sight (a vineyard owned by single individual or company). It has begun to display some of the traits of quality aged Meursault. It has developed a rich creamy and nutty quality to compliment the honeysuckle and orchard fruit elements. Try with richer poultry and fish dishes.

#### MICHEL-SCHLUMBERGER DRY CREEK CHARDONNAY \$19.99

The cool hillside vineyards where this grows help keep the acidity level higher than in most similarly priced California chardonnay. While there is a moderate oak element, it does not overwhelm the citrus, apple and fig notes in this finely made bottle. Try with light pastas, chicken or fish.

#### ROBERT AMPEAU PULIGNY-MONTRACHET 1994 \$99.99

One of the greatest chardonnays in the world. Ampeau holds his wine until he thinks it is ready to drink. The 1994 is his current release. Intense honeyed fruit flavors and a perfect smooth structure. Unique and worth every penny. This will continue to age gracefully for many more years.

#### KRACHER CUVÉE BEERENAUSELE 2003 \$32.99

Alois Kracher is arguably the greatest dessert wine maker in the world right now. He combines his academic training as a chemist with his background growing up in the family vineyard to a remarkable effect. This, his introductory level wine, is 80% chardonnay and 20% welschriesling. Honey and apricot and peach and spice and acid and...wow. Decant for 30 minutes.

### Your Favorite Vodka

Absolut 80	\$30.99	1.75L
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Grey Goose	\$26.99	750ml
Smirnoff	\$19.99	1.75L
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Wolfschmidt	\$13.99	1.75L
Gordons	\$14.99	1.75L

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Baileys	\$17.99	750ml
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Kahlua	\$16.99	750ml
Southern Comfort	\$14.99	750ml
Amaretto Di Saronno	\$18.99	750ml

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Bombay Sapphire	\$35.99	1.75L
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Jack Daniels	\$36.99	1.75L
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