

## College Men's Club Awards Scholarships to 15 Students

WESTFIELD—The College Men's Club of Westfield held its 83rd annual scholarship award presentation on June 7 at the offices of the Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care in Scotch Plains. Scholarships totaling \$51,000 were granted to 15 graduating Westfield High School (WHS) seniors.

Club President Kevin Lynch and Scholarship Chairman Randy Masel presented the grants to David Ackerman, James Arbes, Charles Barber, Maurice Blackmon, Nicholas Brownstone, Stephen Caprario, Raymond Chen, Patrick Daurio, Kristopher Kagan, Timothy Matthews, Kyle Murray, Thomas O'Brien and Steven Royston.

Winners were selected based upon multiple criteria, including academic merit, extracurricular activities, community service, personal achievement and financial need.

Daniel Schwartz was named the recipient of the Keith Hertell, Jr. Memorial Award, given to a WHS senior who excelled in the performing, fine, visual or media arts during his high school career.

Stephen Markowski was named the winner of the Melvyn Coren Memorial Award, given to a WHS senior who exemplifies academic achievement, public charity and community service. Melvyn Coren, who died earlier this year, was a long-time trustee of the College Men's Club of Westfield and spent many years as the club's scholarship chairman.

Over the last 83 years, the College Men's Club of Westfield has aided hundreds of students through the

awarding of hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarship grants. In the last five years, the club has expanded its mission and now provides full tuition scholarships to needy juniors for private SAT preparation classes.

Members of the community are invited to help the club continue its efforts by becoming a dues-paying member (\$50 per year) of the club or sending contributions to the College Men's Club of Westfield, P.O. Box 841, Westfield, N.J. 07091.

## Historic Hetfield House Receives Watts Grant

MOUNTAINSIDE—The historic Hetfield House in Mountainside recently received a grant from the Blanche M. and George L. Watts Mountainside Community Foundation to repair the house's kitchen fireplace.

"We are grateful for this financial assistance in repairing and restoring the fireplace so it can be used once again," said Scott Daniels, chairman of the Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee. "Our long-range mission is to repair all five fireplaces in the house, and this grant gets us started," he added.

Once completed, the fireplace will be used for cooking demonstrations and all that once represented the importance of a central source of heating the house prior to modern heating systems.

The Watts grants, awarded semi-annually, recognize organizations and activities that contribute to the Mountainside community.



Mrs. Sara Jennifer Becker and Marcin Jan Szajda

## Ms. Sara Jennifer Becker Weds Marcin Jan Szajda

Ms. Sara Jennifer Becker, the daughter of Catherine and Robert Becker of Plainfield, was married on Sunday, May 28, to Marcin Jan Szajda. The Becker family is formerly of Westfield, where Catherine continues to teach special education at Tamaques Elementary School. Marcin is the son of Dr. Teresa and Jozef Szajda of Farmington, Conn.

The Reverend Betsy Alden and Father Joe Vetter co-officiated at the afternoon ceremony, which took place at the Duke University Chapel in Durham, N.C. A reception followed at Café Parizade, a contemporary restaurant located in Durham.

Both the bride and bridegroom were given in marriage by their parents. In lieu of a maid of honor and best man, the bride and bridegroom were supported by married couples who they deemed inspirational.

The bride's Couple of Honor was her sister and brother-in-law, Reyna and Timothy Clancy of Boston, Mass., while the bridegroom's Best Couple was his brother and sister-in-law, Adam and Jenny Szajda of Lebanon, Pa. Other bridal party members included siblings Mr. Jesse Becker, Ms. Basia Szajda, Mr. Pawel Szajda and Mr. Philip Szajda and the bride's college friend, Ms. Lyndsay Harding.

To celebrate the heritage of the two families, readings were selected from the Old and New Testaments and repeated in English and Polish. Readers included Ms. Jennifer Livaudais and Ms. Stephanie Sasso, both friends of the bride from Westfield High School.

A 1996 graduate of Westfield High School, the bride earned a Bachelor of

Arts degree in Psychology and Economics, summa cum laude, in 2000 from Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. She was employed as a management consultant with The Boston Consulting Group before returning to academia to pursue a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at Duke University.

The bridegroom, a 1995 graduate of Farmington High School, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics in 1999 from Rice University in Houston, Tex. He was previously employed as a financial analyst with Hewitt Associates and recently earned dual master's degrees from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina. He has joined the UNC Management Company as an Investment Associate in the Private Investments Group.

Following a two-week wedding trip to three Hawaiian Islands, the bride and bridegroom now reside in Durham, N.C.

## Ketubah Unit Plans Annual Barbecue

COUNTY—The B'nai B'rith Ketubah Married Couples Unit (40+) will hold its annual barbecue on Sunday, July 23, at 2 p.m. at a member's Marlboro home. The cost is \$25 per member couple and \$30 per non-member couple.

If a non-member couple joins the Ketubah Unit at the event, they can attend for free. The rain date for the barbecue is Sunday, July 30. To respond, interested persons are asked to call Eileen at (732) 617-2438 by Thursday, July 20.

## Runnells Foundation Plans Second 'Party in the Park'

MOUNTAINSIDE—The Runnells Specialized Hospital Foundation will sponsor its second annual "Party in the Park" on Wednesday, August 9, at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside.

The festivities will commence at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$35 and include a performance of "Mustang Sally" as part of the Union

County Summer Arts Festival held annually in the park.

Patrons, who will receive preferred parking, will dine on an "All-American Grilled Buffet." Wine and micro brewed beers also will be available.

Sign and party sponsors are being sought. Sponsors may choose to fund various aspects of the event including dinner, dessert or beverages and will be acknowledged with a sign prominently displayed in the party tent. There also is the option of sponsoring a sign to promote a business or honor someone.

The purpose of the event is to raise money to benefit the residents and patients of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights. The foundation is presently seeking to secure funding for an outdoor solarium on the second floor of the facility, which will provide outdoor access for residents, patients and their families.

For further information, sponsorship opportunities or to purchase tickets, please call (908) 771-5803.

## Owenses Welcome Grace Alexandra

Rodney E. and Tamri Lowery Owens of Glen Burnie, Md. have announced the birth of their daughter, Grace Alexandra Owens, at 5:09 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7, at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md.

Grace weighed 5 pounds and 8.4 ounces and measured 19 inches in length at birth.

The baby's maternal grandmother is Eleanor Hahn Lowery of Plainfield.

Heide Owens of Havre de Grace, Md. is her paternal grandmother.

## First Congregational Church Offers Vacation Bible School

WESTFIELD—Children ages four through fourth grade are invited to be part of the Vacation Bible School offered by the First Congregational Church, located at 125 Elmer Street in Westfield.

It will be held Monday to Friday, July 24 to 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. This year's theme will be "Trading Places," during which participants will "trade places" with children from around the world. They will explore stories of Biblical heroes who traded one place in life for another and learn how Jesus makes a difference in their world.

The children will "travel" to Mexico, Brazil, Poland, China and Kenya as they explore themes such as loyalty, bravery and truthfulness.

Children entering kindergarten through fourth grade will form small Tour Teams with an adult or teenage

tour guide, with a special team and guide planned for preschoolers. Every day, Tour Teams will rotate through lively sites with music, theater, Bible stories and crafts from the featured country.

The cost for the week is \$15 per child, with a \$30 maximum for families with two or more children. An optional light supper will be available from 5:30 to 6 p.m. for an additional \$15.

Vacation Bible School is open to all area children; campers need not be church members or attend. For more information or to register a child, please call Agnes Meade at (908) 889-0914 or email akm83@comcast.net.

## Local Church to Offer RCIA Inquiry Sessions

SCOTCH PLAINS—The Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains has invited interested area residents to become part of its Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process.

The Roman Catholic Church uses this process to welcome and fully initiate those who seek to become Catholic. It also is offered for those adult Catholics who are seeking to complete the sacraments of initiation, such as receiving the Eucharist and Confirmation.

Individuals who are interested in the process personally or who know someone who might be are encouraged to attend one of the church's Inquiry Sessions for 2006-2007. Participants may attend sessions on Sunday, July 30, at 1 p.m. or Monday, July 31, at 7:30 p.m. Sessions will be offered again on Sunday, August 27, at 1 p.m. or Monday, August 28, at 7:30 p.m.

Inquiry Sessions are held in the Nazareth Center lounge, the building at the far end of the property, behind the church at 1571 South Martine Avenue. For further information or to confirm the date of the session one plans to attend, please call (908) 889-2100.



TEA PARTY...Westfield Girl Scout Troop 722 recently held a "thank you" tea for past and present staff members at Wilson Elementary School in Westfield as their Silver Award project. The tea took place in the Wilson School Library. Pictured with Brownie and Cadet Girl Scouts, from left to right, are: former teacher Drude Roessler, then-Principal Dr. Andrew Perry and current teacher Richard Salls.

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