

Richard Whitehead Receives Eagle Scout Recognition

WESTFIELD - Richard Whitehead, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 73 sponsored by the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield, recently received his Eagle Scout Award - the highest award in Boy Scouting.

While a Cub Scout, Richard, the son of Robert and Teresa Whitehead of Westfield, earned the Parvulie Dei Religious Award and the Arrow of Light Award. Since crossing over into Troop 73, he has participated in almost all troop activities, among them camping, hiking, canoeing and the Klondike derbies.

Additionally, he assisted with several service projects, including Scouting For Food; Women's Cornerstone; Camp Bernie Service Days; cleaning up the Delaware River and various trail maintenance projects.

He attended Junior Leadership Training at Camp Winnebago in northern New Jersey and was invited to serve on staff at both the Camp Winnebago and Camp Sabattis Junior Leader Training courses. In 2003, he was invited to attend the National Junior Leader Training Camp in Philmont, N.M.

Richard has traveled to Ireland on

three different high adventure trips and also to the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, N.M., where he backpacked 78 miles and climbed three peaks over 11,000 feet.

For his Eagle Project, Richard decided to build an outdoor play area for the Starlight Foundation in Jersey City, transforming an area to the rear of the building into a bright and attractive play area for the 300 children who attend the before and after school programs offered by the foundation. Family and friends assisted him with the project and Westfield Lumber in Garwood provided donations.

Since completing his Eagle Project, Richard has spent four months in Ireland at the Curragh Chase Scout Center, volunteering as a leader to young scouts from all over Europe. He most recently returned from volunteering at the International Scout Center in Kanderstag, Switzerland, working with younger scouts.

Richard, a registered Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop No. 73, plans to return as a volunteer. He acknowledged all the troop's adult volunteers for their many years of service and the encouragement he received from them over the years.



Richard Whitehead



IN REMEMBRANCE...A dedication ceremony was held June 4 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains for the newly erected Memorial to the Unborn. Father John S. Nelligan, Council 5730, Knights of Columbus donated the monument, located next to the Nazareth Center behind the church. Pastor John F. Kennedy presided over the prayer service, attended by some 60 people. Pictured among the attendees, third and fourth from right, are Reverends Kennedy and Martin Mondol, also of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Camping Trips Scheduled During July and August

WESTFIELD - As part of its continuing effort to enhance family relationships, the Westfield Area "Y" will offer three camping trips this summer, beginning with an overnight trip to Promised Land State Park in Pennsylvania for single mothers and fathers and their children.

Participants will leave on Friday, July 14, and return on Sunday, July 16. Open to novice and experienced campers alike, the trip will feature day and evening hikes, swimming, campfires and blueberry picking, among other offerings. Reservations are required by Monday, July 10, and the cost is \$79 per family.

The second trip to Promised Land is for families and will take place from Friday through Sunday, July 21 to 23. Participants will learn about nature, see wildlife, practice setting up camp, sleep in a tent and have a chance to meet new people. Reservations for this trip are required by

Monday, July 17, and the cost is \$92 per family.

There also will be a family trip to the Colorado Rockies that will take place from Sunday, August 20, to Sunday, August 27. This visit to Estes Park, Colo. will include hiking, campfires, horseback riding and go-carts, among other activities. Reservations for this trip are required by Thursday, August 3.

All three of these trips are open to both members and non-members of the Westfield Area "Y." Those interested are asked to contact Dave Mueller at (908) 233-2700, extension no. 415, or by e-mail at dmueller@westfieldynj.org.

The Westfield Area "Y" serves the communities of Cranford, Garwood, Mountainside and Westfield. For further information about programs that are offered by the "Y," individuals are asked to visit www.westfieldynj.org.

Historical Society to Recall Old Towne Books Author

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Historical Society will spotlight Olde Towne historic books of Westfield historian Robert V. Hoffman during its First Wednesday Luncheon at noon on July 5 at B.G. Fields Restaurant, located at 560 Springfield Avenue in Westfield.

A native of Westfield, Mr. Hoffman was a newspaper reporter and magazine editor who devoted his final years to historical research and editing. He originally set out to take photographs of old houses and write their histories, but then realized the real stories were not about the houses, but involved the people who had lived during those historic years.

The result was three Olde Towne books published between 1937 and 1947. Chronicling the period from the late 1600s to the late 1920s and using excerpts of items from both local and statewide newspapers, Mr. Hoffman said he took what had been used before as incidents in general history and wove them into historic tales that illustrated a simpler era and the lives of God-fearing country people.

"It seemed to me inappropriate to attempt to bring the tales up to date," Mr. Hoffman said after his books were published. "The modern town is

in a different tempo. Let us leave the present to the sympathetic consideration of the historian of the future."

A telephone committee of the society will contact regular attendees of the luncheon to verify their reservations. Space permitting, others also may attend the luncheon. Interested individuals are asked to call (908) 233-6360 by noon on Monday, July 3.

Knights of Columbus Offer Summer Lunches

WESTFIELD-SCOTCH PLAINS - Knights of Columbus Council Chapter No. 1711, located on North Avenue on the border of Westfield and Scotch Plains, is now offering summer lunches for members and non-members alike. Proceeds help support various goodwill efforts sponsored by the Knights.

For \$5 per person, club guests can enjoy luncheon staples, daily soup and hot entrée specials, plus various side dishes. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

According to chef Ron Martins and his wife, Kathy, some of the most popular offerings are chicken, egg and tuna salads, cold meats and cheeses, hot roast beef, pastrami and meatballs. A variety of sandwiches and soups also are featured, plus complimentary coleslaw, potato salad and pickles.

Diners may have lunch outside at the club's picnic tables and smoke if they wish. Take-out orders also are available by calling (908) 232-9767.

The Knights is a national men's organization that performs charity work for local Catholic and other groups. Council Chapter No. 1711 is located at 2400 North Avenue in Scotch Plains, between the American Legion and Charlie Brown's Restaurant. For additional information, please call Ron Martins at (908) 232-9767.

Events? E-mail to: community@goleader.com

Borough Committee Plans Town-wide Night Out Event

GARWOOD - The Public Celebrations Committee of Garwood, a municipally appointed committee, has announced that the borough will honor National Night Out this year with a town-wide block-by-block event.

The borough's plan is to have each block's neighbors meet from 7 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1, for a neighborhood get-together.

The purpose of the Night Out event is to provide participants with an opportunity to know their neighbors and neighborhood better and to heighten crime and drug awareness.

Each block can participate in different ways - a cookout in the driveway of a neighborhood house, or a progressive dinner or perhaps people just relaxing with snacks and soda.

The Public Celebrations Committee is presently seeking an individual from each block in the borough (there are about 60 blocks) to volunteer as a block sponsor. Sponsors will receive a flyer and information from the committee, distribute it and then set up the gathering with those neighbors who wish to participate. This event was last held in Garwood in 1993 and is successfully being done in several other area communities.

Anyone interested in being a block sponsor is asked to call the Garwood Municipal Building at (908) 789-0710 to contact the Public Celebrations Committee. Individuals may visit the National Night Out website, www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno/party-ideas.asp for ideas.

Sidewalk Sale Days On Tap During July

WESTFIELD - Sidewalk Sale Days will take place rain or shine in downtown Westfield from Thursday through Sunday, July 13 to 16, sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC).

"Chips the Clown," caricaturist Gina Minichino and the "Mad Hatter" will appear during the four-day event. For more details, please call the DWC at (908) 789-9444 for a Destination Westfield brochure with events calendar or visit WestfieldToday.com.

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