

Turtles and Music Among Latest Library Offerings

WESTFIELD - A program featuring turtles and music will take place at the Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad Street, on Saturday, March 11, at 10:30 a.m.

"Turtlesinger" Karen Buckley, a naturalist and musician, will perform with her husband, Charlie Buckley, and their three large turtles. The couple will show their audience the many features of their turtles. Additionally, Mrs. Buckley will perform her original turtle songs, which encourage respect for all living creatures.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library, the program is suitable for children age three and older with a Westfield Library card.

"Budgeting and Saving" will take place tomorrow, Friday, March 3, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. This program, sponsored by Commerce Bank, instructs youngsters in kindergarten through second grade on practicing good money skills. Pre-registration is requested.

Another children's activity slated tomorrow (a school holiday) is a screening of the film *The Iron Giant* at 10:30 a.m. The following Friday, March 10, the library will show the film *Pippi Longstocking* at 3:30 p.m. Both events are for those in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Every Saturday morning, chess sets are available for youngsters who know how the pieces move and enjoy the game.

For adults, TGIF: Bing Crosby will be featured tomorrow, Friday, March 3, at 1:30 p.m. On Friday, March 10, the library will offer TGIF: Langston Hughes, also at 1:30 p.m.

Finally, the Great Decisions discussion group, co-sponsored by the Westfield Area League of Women Voters and the Westfield Adult School, will kick off its eight-part series on world issues on Monday, March 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. with "Pandemics and Security." Individuals may attend as many of the sessions as they wish.

The fee for the series, including the workbook, is \$55. Individual sessions without the workbook are \$15 each. All fees are payable to the Westfield Adult School. For more information or to register, please call (908) 233-1055.

To learn more about library programs, please call (908) 789-4090, visit www.wmlnj.org or pick up the library's quarterly newsletter.

JCC Announces Date For Newcomers Brunch

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey, located at 1391 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains, will host a free brunch for new and prospective members from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 19. This event will acquaint attendees with the JCC's facilities and programs.

The Early Childhood Director will be available to assist with Fall 2006 Preschool registration and answer questions, and a Camp Yachad representative will be on hand as well to visit with new and prospective camp families. Interested individuals are asked to respond by Friday, March 10, by contacting Marla Itzkin, JCC Membership Director, at (908) 889-8800, extension no. 236, or at mitzkin@jccnj.org.

Cannonball House To Be Open Sunday

SCOTCH PLAINS - The historic Osborn Cannonball House, located at 1840 Front Street in Scotch Plains, will reopen for 2006 this Sunday, March 5, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Betty Lou Jones of Scotch Plains will give a demonstration of hand quilting. Visitors also will have an opportunity to view a display of quilts.

Costumed docents will be available to give tours of the museum, built circa 1760. There is no admission fee.

Organizer to Speak To Woman's Club

FANWOOD - The Woman's Club of Fanwood will welcome professional organizer Jamie Novak at its Wednesday, March 8 meeting. Ms. Novak has given workshops and presentations nationwide.

The meeting will begin with refreshments at 12:30 p.m. in the dining room of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church. Attendees may reach the dining room through the Marian Avenue entrance near Martine Avenue.

After a fellowship period and a very brief opening exercise, Ms. Novak will present her program, entitled "How to Have a 25-Hour Day!" She will offer practical advice for getting tasks done without becoming overwhelmed. To confirm plans to attend or for more details, please call Barbara Couphos at (908) 322-7892 by Monday, March 6.



Miss Marla R. Genoni and Brian J. Norton

Miss Marla R. Genoni To Wed Brian J. Norton

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Genoni of Arlington, Va. and Westfield and Monmouth Beach, N.J. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Marla Reinoso Genoni of Newport Beach, Calif., to Brian Joseph Norton, also of Newport Beach. He is the son of Ms. Deborah Jane Burditt of Glen Ellyn, Ill. and Crystal Lake, Mich. and Thomas Carter Norton of Washington, D. C. and Chicago, Ill., and the grandson of George Burditt of Chicago.

A member of the Class of 1995 at the Oak Knoll School in Summit, where she was valedictorian, Miss Genoni graduated cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. in 2000. She also was valedictorian of the Class of 2005 at the Institute of Interior Design in Newport Beach, Calif.

The bride-elect is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the Harvard Club of New York and the International Interior Design Association, as well as a board member of the American Society of Interior Design.

Her fiancé is a member of the graduating Class of 1997 at Glenbard West High School in Glen Ellyn, Ill. He graduated cum laude with a Bachelor

of Arts degree in History, Class of 2001, from Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. Norton is a member of the Fly Club of Cambridge, Mass. and the Harvard Club of New York. He is employed as Vice President of Business Development with LandAmerica Corporation in Newport Beach.

The wedding will take place in June 2006 in Washington, D.C., after which the couple will reside in New York.

Urbanos Welcome Gabriella Rose

John and Jacqueline Urbano of Westfield have announced the birth of their daughter, Gabriella Rose Urbano, on Friday, February 10, at 1:57 p.m. at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

Gabriella weighed 8 pounds and 12 ounces and measured 20.5 inches in length at birth.

She joins her sister, Grace, age five, and brother, Brian, age three.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Jack and Diane Cleary of Martinsville.

Salvatore and Jeanette Urbano are her paternal grandparents.

Service League Awarded ExxonMobil Grant Funds

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League recently was granted \$2,000 from the ExxonMobil Foundation Volunteer Program in recognition of the volunteer service of three members of the league.

The league operates a thrift shop located at 1730 East Second Street in Scotch Plains. The spouses of three retired Exxon employees completed the required number of volunteer hours at the shop to make them eligible to apply for the grant. Volunteers work two-and-a-half hours per week at the store, plus three Saturdays a year.

With all funds raised through daily sales at the thrift shop donated back into the local communities, less rent, utility bills and other operating expenses, the award will pay for improving the store's air conditioning, installing an awning over the back door and a minimal security system.

The thrift shop has been in operation for over 30 years. Over the years, the league has donated more than \$800,000 back into the community.

The league expressed appreciation to ExxonMobil for recognizing the volunteers who help local charities. For more information about the thrift shop, please call (908) 322-5420.

Library Friends Seek Sale Items and Help

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library are asking area residents to donate their used books and audio-visual materials and/or volunteer for a few hours to help with their used book sale, scheduled from Thursday through Saturday, March 16 to 18.

Donated items need to be in good condition, as they will be resold. The Friends are requesting fiction and non-fiction works, children's books and cookbooks, as well as material in other categories.

Additionally, volunteers are needed to help set up for the sale, assist with publicity, provide service during the sale and box the remainders. Publicity assistance currently is needed. Help will be needed to set up for the sale between Monday and Wednesday, March 13 to 15.

The sale hours will be as follows: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on March 16; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 17 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 18. Cleanup work will immediately follow the event.

Interested volunteers may sign up at the library's Circulation Desk, where sign-up sheets are available, or call the library at (908) 322-5007. The library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue.

Genealogical Society Posts Meeting Date

WESTFIELD - The Genealogical Society of the West Fields will meet on Thursday, March 9, at 1 p.m. in the Program Room of the Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad Street.

The program, entitled "Researching at the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society" will be presented by Edward H. L. Smith. Mr. Smith is Director of the society's library.

The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society is one of the oldest genealogical societies in the United States and has one of the nation's leading genealogical research libraries. Mr. Smith will give an overview of the society and how its resources can be used for researching family history in New York and neighboring states.

The public is invited to attend this meeting. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For additional information, please call Elizabeth Youngs at (908) 276-7104.

Tennis Club's 'Tea Party' To Aid Lymphoma Group

MOUNTAINSIDE - The Mountainside Indoor Tennis Club will host a Tennis Tea Party to benefit the Lymphoma Research Foundation's New Jersey Chapter on Sunday, March 26, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the club, located at 1191 Route 22, East, in Mountainside.

Besides tennis, the "Tea Party" will feature free and fun activities for attendees while "sitting out," such as yoga and Pilates demonstrations provided by the Westfield/Fanwood Yoga and Pilates Center. Former Olympian Lisa Iuliano will lead the Pilates class.

Complimentary chair massages also will be available, along with food, beverages, live music and many prizes. All players will receive a "goody bag."

The requested donation is \$50 per player, and 100 percent of the money collected from the event will go to the Lymphoma Research Foundation for lymphoma research and services provided to those who are touched by the disease.

Anyone who cannot attend the Tea Party but who would like to make a donation is asked to mail a check made payable to Lymphoma Research Foundation to Karen Dorne, 319 Harrison Avenue, Westfield, N.J. 07090. Spaces are limited. Interested individuals are asked to respond via email to kdmedia@webtv.net or call (908) 233-6075.

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