

Rescue Squad Receives Homeland Security Grant

FANWOOD – The United States Department of Homeland Security has awarded a \$12,000 grant to the Fanwood Rescue Squad under a program created after 9/11 to help fire departments and EMS organizations buy equipment and train personnel.

Nationally, the Assistance to Firefighters Grants awards, which will be distributed in phases, will provide \$485 million to 4,500 fire and EMS-related organizations nationwide.

Through the AFG program, the department awards grants to firefighters, emergency-response personnel and first responders to enhance response capabilities and more effectively protect the health and safety of the public. The grants provide resources to purchase or receive training, conduct health and safety programs and buy equipment and response vehicles.

"We plan to use this money to buy new personal protective equipment for

our members," said Fanwood Rescue Squad Captain Jeffrey Downing. "Protective clothing such as all-weather coats and pants, footgear, gloves and helmets are essential to keep our members safe while responding to 911 calls. We're really thrilled that this grant will help defray this major expense."

The Fanwood Rescue Squad is an all-volunteer organization that derives the majority of its funding through direct donations from the community. In the past, the squad has also received local grants from the Borough of Fanwood to help upgrade communications systems and defray the cost of new ambulances.

More than 18,000 applications totaling \$2.5 billion in grant requests were received for fiscal year 2006 for AFG. Since 2001, AFG has provided more than \$2.4 billion in grants to fire departments and first-responder organizations to purchase response equipment, personal protective equipment, vehicles and fire prevention activities.

The department's Directorate for Preparedness administers the AFG program through its Office of Grants and Training (G&T) in cooperation with the United States Fire Administration.

Fanwood Recreation Announces Programs

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Recreation announced its schedule of fall programs, which begin on October 11. "This fall, we made an effort to offer something for everyone," says Recreation Director Bob Budiansky. "And we also wanted to make sure our programs are fun, creative, and educational. I think we succeeded."

For children, the offerings are Art Club for Kids, Junior Jazzercise, Video Game Creation and Scrapbooking for Kids. Get Together and Learn about Scrapbooking is a one-session introductory class for children and adults. For 'tweens, teens and adults, there is Fashion Illustration, Comic Book Illustration and Make You Wanna Dance, which teaches everything from the foxtrot to salsa dancing. For adults only, there's Yoga; Ready, Set, Sort: Organizing Your Photos; and Ceramics.

For more information about the classes, location, schedule, cost and how to register, go to visitfanwood.com or call (908) 889-2080.

Bramnick to Speak in Madison and Cranford

WESTFIELD — Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (LD-21, Westfield) will participate in Madison and Cranford school programs designed to motivate students about state government.

Students will play roles of governor and legislators. The students will be assigned bills that are pending in Trenton. They will defend their positions and seek support from classmates who will represent interest groups and legislators. The students will be encouraged to develop ideas for new laws.

Mr. Bramnick is a winner of the inspirational professor award at Rutgers University and a former professor at Rider University. He is noted for his comedy routines.



WESTFIELD UNITED FUND TEAM...More than 200 supporters attended the 2006 Westfield United Way fundraiser campaign kickoff at the Franz's home. Pictured, from left to right, are: Lou Franz, Jane Franz, Board of Trustees President Scott Cassie and general campaign co-chairs Cyrene and David Foltz.

WF's Hale Named to Overlook Foundation Board

SUMMIT – Lee Hale of Westfield has been appointed to a three-year term on the Overlook Hospital Foundation Board. Mr. Hale, now retired, was formerly assist treasurer of Merck & Co., Inc., where he worked for 42 years. He is a member of the Financial Executives Institute and was a director of Lincoln Federal and an advisory board member of Summit Bank.

Active in community service for much of his life, Mr. Hale is a director of the Downtown Westfield Corporation and is president of the Westfield Athletic Hall of Fame. He served as a councilman on the Westfield Town Council and chaired the budget committee for the Westfield United Fund. He is also past president of the Westfield YMCA, the Westfield Foundation, the Westfield School Boosters Association and Echo Lake Country Club.

Mr. Hale has experience in the management of health care organiza-

tions. He currently serves on the finance committee of the Cancer Institute of New Jersey. He is also a past president of the Westfield Hospitals Association, and a former trustee of both Elizabeth General Medical Center and Children's Specialized Hospital.

"We are delighted to welcome Mr. Hale to the Foundation Board," commented Chairman Bruce Wesson. "His expertise in the health-care field coupled with his dedication to community service make him a wonderful addition to our team as we help lead Overlook into its next century."

Mr. Hale and his wife, Anne, have three children and one grandchild.

The Overlook Hospital Foundation raises funds to help Overlook remain on the forefront of medical care. For further information on how to become a Friend of Overlook Hospital, please contact the foundation at (908) 522-2840 or visit overlookfoundation.org.



Lee Hale

Business Women to Hear NJ Clean Energy Program

SUMMIT – The Summit Business and Professional Women (BPW) invite the public to a meeting on Monday evening, October 16, at the Grand Summit Hotel, 570 Springfield Avenue, to hear Christine Bator discuss New Jersey's Clean Energy Program. Ms. Bator, a commissioner of the NJ Board of Public Utilities, will detail the statewide clean energy initiative.

The NJ Clean Energy Program, administered by the NJ Board of Public Utilities, provides education, information and financial incentives for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency measures. The statewide program targets approximately \$125 million each year toward technologies that save electricity and natural gas and increase the amount of electricity generated from clean, renewable resources. Learn how New Jersey residents, businesses and communities can reduce their energy use, lower costs and protect the environment.

Former Acting Governor Richard Codey appointed Ms. Bator to the NJ Board of Public Utilities in January 2006. For 30 years, she practiced law specializing in regulatory, corporate and corporate governance law. She has written extensively on director and officer liability and the Sarbanes Oxley Act.

Former Governor Christine Todd Whitman appointed Ms. Bator in 1995 as a commissioner of the New Jersey Highway Authority. The authority created the first Sarbanes Oxley Audit Committee Charter. She was a member of the joint NJ Turnpike Authority and NJ Highway Authority audit committee.

Ms. Bator is a director of the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal

Education, a trustee of Mercer County Bar Foundation, a past vice president of the State Bar Professional Responsibility Committee, a trustee and past President of Executive Women of New Jersey and a member of the Seton Hall University President's Advisory Committee.

The October 16 meeting begins at 6:15 p.m. with networking. Dinner is at 6:45 p.m. The cost is \$35. Make reservations at meetingrsvp@summitbpw.org before Friday, October 13.

The Summit Business and Professional Women promotes equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information. The group welcomes members from all communities. For more information, write to Summit BPW, PO Box 831 Summit, NJ 07902-0831 or visit the website, www.summitbpw.org.



Christine Bator

Industrial Hygiene Group to Meet Oct. 19

SCOTCH PLAINS — The New Jersey American Industrial Hygiene Association (NJAIHA) will host a dinner meeting on Thursday, October 19, at Snuffy's Pantagis Renaissance on Route 22 East in Scotch Plains.

The meeting starts at 5 p.m. and cost \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members and is free for students. "Before Dinner" speaker Bob Guinter, an industrial hygienist, will discuss stress management.

"After Dinner" speaker Walt Loftus, senior account representative for 3M, will discuss OSHA's new Hexavalent Chromium standard. Registrations should be made by Tuesday, October 17, by calling Ronnie Tutty at (973) 300-0144, e-mailing rtutty@ptd.net or faxing reservations to (973) 579-6202.

SPFHS Music Booster Seek Clothing Donation

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Music Boosters Association will hold a clothing drive fundraiser on Saturday, October 28, in front of the high school from 8 to 11 a.m. The proceeds will benefit students participating in the high school's music, marching band, chorus, color guard and other fine-arts programs.

The boosters seek donations of wearable and usable clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, linens and stuffed animals. To donate and for more information, visit the music boosters website at spfk12.org/musicboosters.

Adlers and Mikimoto Join Fight Against Breast Cancer

Everything is possible with hope! That's what Adlers Jewelers of Westfield and Mikimoto believe when they introduce a new special limited collection of cultured pearl jewelry to coincide with National Breast Cancer Awareness month in October to benefit breast cancer awareness and raise funds to benefit women all over the country.

Inspired by the pink ribbon, the symbol for breast cancer awareness, the 2006 collection highlight is an Akoya cultured pearl bracelet strung with pale string silk thread. A luxurious twist on the runner "cause" bracelet, it features a ribbon charm in 18K rose gold and is finished with Mikimoto clasp

in 18K rose gold. Other new pieces for 2006 are an Akoya cultured pearl necklace strung with pink thread and two Akoya cultured pearl and pink sapphire brooches.

Adlers Jewelers of Westfield with the belief "Everything is Possible with Hope" is proud to donate a percentage from sales to this important women's health issue to the Susan Jacobi G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.



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