



**HAPPY AND HEALTHY...**More than 700 people turned out for Healthy Kids Day on April 14 at the Westfield Area "Y," sponsored by Merck & Co. Youngsters enjoyed arts and crafts, face painting, carnival games, rock climbing, a moon bounce, inflatable obstacle course, game bikes and meeting various characters in costume. There also were activities for adults, plus healthy refreshments for all. Pictured above, Benjamin Outten meets the Princess and the Pirate.

## Miller-Cory Invites All Ages To 'Sheep to Shawl Festival'

WESTFIELD - The Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, will host its annual "Sheep to Shawl Festival" this Sunday, April 29, from 1 to 4 p.m. rain or shine.

Master sheep shearer Jeremy Mills of Hamilton Square will demonstrate the entire process of sheep shearing, using hand shears as was done in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kafka of Kafka Farms in Watchung will provide the sheep for the festival. The production of woven cloth from woolen fibers will continue with demonstrations of carding, spinning and weaving.

Museum volunteers will demonstrate other 18th-century farm skills such as butter churning, "wash day" tasks and tin piercing. Additionally, children will have an opportunity to make crafts to take home and listen to the festival's storytellers.

A bake sale will be conducted

throughout the afternoon featuring a variety of homemade cookies, breads and cakes. Refreshments will be available for visitors in the Frazee Building for a small fee. The museum gift shop, which carries Colonial toys, crafts and books, also will be open for business.

Built in 1740, the Miller-Cory House Museum is a fully furnished farmhouse and has served as a local museum since 1972. It is listed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places and as a site on the New Jersey Women's Heritage Trail.

There is no admission charge to attend the "Sheep to Shawl Festival;" however, any donations to the museum to support its educational programs are welcome.

For information about upcoming programs at the museum or volunteer opportunities, please call the museum office weekday mornings at (908) 232-1776.

## Local Clubs Team to Raise Money For Scholarships

WESTFIELD - In light of rising tuition costs coupled with students' increased need for financial aid, the College Women's Club and the College Men's Club have launched their first combined fundraising campaign to support scholarships for deserving Westfield High School graduates.

Together, the clubs hope to encourage community support to fuel this year's annual scholarship drive. The new campaign combines a community-wide appeal for donations and a 50/50 cash raffle.

Last year, the College Women's Club granted scholarships to seven graduating high school senior women based on financial need and merit. Similarly, the College Men's Club awarded 15 scholarships to graduating men. Additionally, the College Men's Club provided 25 grants to Westfield juniors for SAT preparation classes.

The College Men's Club is entering its 85th year of scholarship donations, while this year marks the College Women's Club's 90th anniversary.

Epie Betancourt, president of the College Women's Club, and Kevin Lynch, president of the College Men's Club, endorse the joint effort as a way to raise resources and impact community awareness. Assisting students in affording college is the charter goal of both clubs. "We embrace the opportunity to become a stronger voice by working together," said Ms. Betancourt.

Anyone interested in making a direct contribution to support the scholarship fund can send a check to the College Women's Club/College Men's Club Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 2694, Westfield, N.J. 07091.

Tickets for the 50/50 cash raffle are \$25 each, with two drawings to be held on Saturday, May 5 (winners need not be present). Tickets can be obtained by contacting the College Women's Club via e-mail at cwclub@aol.com or by calling Ms. Betancourt at (908) 233-3772.

### CROP Walk Meeting Scheduled For Sunday

FANWOOD - An organizational meeting for the CROP Walk for Hunger next October will be held at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church this Sunday, April 29, at 2 p.m.

Guest speaker Marie Varley, regional director for New Jersey Church World Service, will explain how that group has been partnering with people from some 80 countries to combat hunger and help educate those living in impoverished areas of the world to become self-reliant.

Representatives from all Fanwood and Scotch Plains groups are invited to attend, as well as any individuals who are interested in helping out with the fall CROP Walk.

The meeting will be held in the church dining room, which can be accessed from Marian Avenue or MacDermott Place in Fanwood. For more information, please call Cena Pollitt at (908) 889-2029.

### Thrift Shop to Feature Mother's Day Drawing

SCOTCH PLAINS - In celebration of Mother's Day, a free drawing will take place at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League's thrift shop, located at 1730 East Second Street in Scotch Plains.

A full year's subscription to *Gourmet* magazine and a cookbook will be awarded to the winner. Participants just need to visit the store during business hours, write their name and telephone number on a slip of paper and put it into the contest bag.

No purchase is necessary and individuals can enter each time they visit the shop. The drawing will take place on Thursday, May 10. Participants do not need to be present to win. A gift card will be given to the winner and the subscription will begin in about a month.

Among the items available for purchase at the shop are women's dresses and suits, along with shoes, purses and hats, plus "Designers Corner" selections.

Additionally, spring decorations and floral arrangements are displayed for sale on the specialty shelf near the front door of the shop. Picture frames of all sizes also are featured.

The thrift shop is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information or directions, please call the shop at (908) 322-5420.

### Hiking Club Events Available to Public

COUNTY - The Union County Hiking Club offers a regular program of hiking and bicycling activities designed to provide wholesome recreation while contributing to physical fitness. Most events take place in central and northern New Jersey. Membership dues are \$10 per year. Guests are invited to participate in several outings. For a complimentary schedule, please call (908) 527-4900.

### Benefit 'Sew-A-Thon' Set Tomorrow Night

FANWOOD - The Presbyterian Women of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church will hold a "Sew-A-Thon" tomorrow, Friday, April 27, starting at 7 p.m. at the church's Westminster Hall. All are invited to participate.

Attendees will create tote bags, sport sacks and gift bottle bags. The finished bags will be available for sale that evening and also at Fanwood's Street Fair on Sunday, June 24. All proceeds will benefit the Water Wells for Women in Kenya.

Guests may bring their own sewing machines if they wish. Children over age 10 are welcome to join the adults for this activity. Westminster Hall is located at Marian and Martine Avenues in Fanwood. For more details, please call Barbara Knapp at the church office at (908) 889-8891.



**IN FASHION...**Sophia Stappas of Mountainside, left, and Mary Demiris of Basking Ridge, president of the Ladies Philotochos Society of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Westfield, prepare for the "Forever Beautiful" dinner and fashion show to be held Wednesday, May 9, at The Chanticleer in Millburn.

## Dinner-Fashion Show Event To Benefit Various Charities

WESTFIELD - The Ladies Philotochos Society of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Westfield will host "Forever Beautiful," its annual dinner and fashion show, on Wednesday, May 9, at 6 p.m. at The Chanticleer in Millburn.

Chaired by Avi Kiriakatis of Kenilworth, the event will feature fashions by Noel Brogan Productions of Montclair. Metropolitan President Bessie Drogaris of Holmdel and many out-of-state guests are among the more than 300 expected attendees.

On-premise gift raffles will include theme baskets and individual items valued at over \$200 each. There also will be valuable door prizes.

The Grand Raffle will feature five prizes, including an original oil painting by Dimitri Politicos valued at \$1,250 (first prize); a \$1,000 Short Hills Mall gift certificate (second prize); a cashmere cape valued at \$995 (third prize); a one-carat diamond pendant valued at \$700 (fourth prize) and a 32-inch Sony television or a \$500 gift certificate from 6th Avenue Electronics (fifth prize).

Proceeds will benefit the more than 50 charities and scholarships Philotochos supports annually and to

which over \$46,000 was directed last year. Among them are the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Hospice of America, Ronald McDonald House, the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation and the Valerie Fund.

Other beneficiaries include Lainie's Angels, National Goucher Foundation, Children's Specialized Hospital, Parkinson's Research, the National Cancer Fund, St. Michael's Home for the Aged, St. Basil's Academy and Sloan-Kettering Memorial Cancer Research. Additionally, more than \$8,000 has been given to date to the Hurricane Katrina appeal, which remains an ongoing commitment addressing the needs of several families.

Proceeds from the Grand Raffle will be given to two research foundations: the American Cancer Society Research Program and the American Heart Association Research Program.

Tickets are \$55 each and may be purchased by calling Ladies Philotochos Society Treasurer Mary Coutros at (732) 494-4641. For more details, please call (908) 233-8533.

### Lecture Series on Tap For Sundays In May

WESTFIELD - The Presbyterian Church in Westfield will launch a new education series and invites the community to hear the Reverend Robert Smylie speak on consecutive Sundays, May 6, 13 and 20, at 9:15 a.m. in the Christian Lounge.

Reverend Smylie is a retired member of the Presbytery of the Palisades. For 27 years he served the national church as a staff person in the Peace-making Program and as the denomination's official representative at the United Nations.

The topics for discussion will include "The Presbyterian Church's Vision: Just Peace, Not Just War (May 6); "Americans' World Rule: Messianic, Manichaeism, Millennialist or Machiavellian (May 13) and "Between Reality, Hope and Necessity: The Church, the United Nations and the United States (May 20).

The Presbyterian Church in Westfield is located at 140 Mountain Avenue. All are welcome and no pre-registration is necessary. For more details, please call the church office at (908) 233-0301 or visit westfieldpc.org.

### Rosary Altar Society Posts Next Meeting

SCOTCH PLAINS - St. Bartholomew's Rosary Altar Society will meet on Monday, May 7, following the 7:30 p.m. Mass and Novena at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, located at 2032 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains. The May crowning of the statue of the Blessed Mother will occur at the mass.

The society will hold its annual birthday party and installation of new officers that evening. All women of the parish are invited and refreshments will be served.

The society also extended appreciation to parishioners and others who donated many gifts to its baby shower held last month for women and their babies at Raphael's Life House of Elizabeth. According to the society, the response was so great that three vans were needed to transport the gifts, as well as baby furniture and accessories that were picked up individually from so many others.

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