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## Quilt-A-Thon to Take Place At Greek Orthodox Church

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Funded by the Ladies Philoptochos Society and chaired by Connie Wygera of Tewksbury Township, this event is free and open to the public.

All ages are invited to participate in the Quilt-A-Thon. Volunteers may stay for an hour or two or the entire day and are asked to bring their lunch and a pair of scissors.

The Reverend Peter Delvizio will bless the quilts on Sunday, February 25. Last year, more than 200 volunteers made over 300 quilts for at-risk babies.

The Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church hosts the quilt-a-thon as a one-day Lenten project. It is coordinated through ABC Quilts, a national, non-profit organization. Materials are provided for free, but volunteers are welcome to bring baby products such as baby food, wipes, disposable diapers and other items. These will be given to St. Claire's Home in Elizabeth.

There are eight steps to making a quilt. Volunteers assemble the quilt - iron, cut, measure and knot - and a team of sewers sew them on sewing

machines. The quilts will be distributed to infants with AIDS and other serious illnesses at nine hospitals and transitional homes.

These include the University of Medicine and Dentistry, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Columbus Hospital Pediatric Services, FCB Pediatric Center and The Family Place, all in Newark; Trinitas Hospital and St. Claire's Home, both in Elizabeth; Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield and JFK Medical Center in Edison.

## Museum to Celebrate 'Historic Valentines'

WESTFIELD - A family program entitled "Historic Valentines" will be presented this Sunday, February 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Miller-Cory House Museum. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

The custom of sending Valentine's Day cards was widely practiced in Colonial America. Many young men would send cards to their sweethearts that were festooned with hearts and flowers and included a poem inside.

Evelyn Kennelly will discuss the history of valentines and exhibit some examples. Children also will be able to make two valentine crafts to take home for someone special.

The fee is \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for students and free for children under age four. Visitors also are invited to stop by the museum gift shop, which features Colonial toys, crafts, books and educational materials.

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

Upcoming Sunday events include "A Tribute to George Washington" on February 18 and "Maple Sugar Sunday" on March 4. For more information, please call the museum office weekday mornings at (908) 232-1776.

## Senior Advisory Committee Reveals First Trip of 2007

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains Senior Citizen Advisory Committee has announced that its first outing for 2007 (with bus transportation underwritten by the township) will be to the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn on Saturday, April 28, to see the musical *Seven Brides For Seven Brothers*.

Registration will open on Monday, February 12, for Scotch Plains residents and Tuesday, February 20, for non-residents in Room 113 of the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, located at 430 Park Avenue.

Orchestra seats have been reserved at a cost of \$45 for township residents and \$50 for non-residents. The bus will leave from the rear of the municipal building at 12:30 p.m. for the 2 p.m. matinee. It is expected that arrangements will be made so that playgoers might socialize at dinner (at their own expense) following the performance.

On January 29, the committee held its first meeting of 2007 at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, with a few changes in its membership.

Paul Montalbano, a long-time contributing member of the committee, wrote of his move to Colorado, thereby being forced to resign from participation. Mayor Martin Marks named Rosemary Tarulli to fill the vacancy.

Other long-time committee members include Olga Bruce, former president of the Golden Agers group; Jeanne Butler, Jean DeTorre, Mary

DeJesso, Camille DiBella, Peggy Hoff, Elsie Lestrangle, Bridgid Marinaro, Liz Mangan, Clarie Minnis, Marge Van Duyne and Laura Swidersky, chairwoman.

Welcomed to the first meeting was Township Council Liaison Kevin Glover, who said he was glad to have the opportunity to provide any assistance.

Announcements of future trips, dates and costs will be forthcoming. The township has provided subsidized funding for the bus charters and therefore most of the trips will be offered at nominal costs.

## FCC Invites Public To Evening Classes

WESTFIELD - The First Congregational Church is continuing its series of evening Bible study and spirituality workshops, which are free and open to the public.

On Mondays through February 19, a program called "Women of the Bible" explores the significant role that women have played in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures.

Led by Joy Mounts, director of Youth and Family Ministry, it examines the roles of Sarah, Esther, Hannah and Rachel, as well as unnamed women who figure prominently. The class meets on consecutive weeks from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel Lounge.

On Tuesdays through February 20, a spirituality workshop entitled "Faith and Career" addresses what it means to be a Christian in one's workplace and what role faith plays in carrying out one's professional duties.

Led by the Reverend Mark Boyea, senior minister, the course also explores issues such as ethics, leadership and service with others who share a concern about living faithfully in an environment that can be "faith challenging." The class meets weekly from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the church's Patton Auditorium.

The First Congregational Church, a member of the United Church of Christ, is located at 125 Elmer Street in Westfield. For additional information, please call the church office at (908) 233-2494 or visit the church website at [fcofwestfield.org](http://fcofwestfield.org).



**FIFTY YEARS IN FANWOOD...**Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr, center, joins nine LaGrande Avenue neighbors to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their move to Fanwood. Pictured, clockwise from left, are: Marion Dosch, Bob and Inga Sommerich, Anita Welkner, Mayor Mahr, Steve and Millie Ritter, Roxy and Gerry Hauptly. Not pictured is Ed Hollien.

## Library Releases Calendar Of Adult and Youth Events

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad Street in Westfield, has scheduled several activities for adults and children through next week.

For adults, "Travel, Travel, Travel" will be held on Tuesday, February 13, at 10 a.m. This demonstration and hands-on class will cover the basics of searching Internet resources for the best prices for travel; booking tickets online and making hotel reservations. It is open to full-service Westfield Memorial Library cardholders only and registration is required.

The film *Casa de Areia* (House of Sand), winner of the 2006 Alfred P. Sloan Prize, will be shown on Wednesday, February 14, at 2 and 7 p.m.

"Puzzled by the Internet" will be held on Thursday, February 15, at 10 a.m. This hands-on beginners' class will cover the basics such as using the browser, typing Internet addresses and selecting a search engine. It is open to full-service Westfield Memorial Library cardholders only and registration is required.

TGIF: Beatrix Potter will be presented on Friday, February 16, at 1:30 p.m. and will explore the life of the "Peter Rabbit" author and illustrator. For children ages three and up, "Voices of Africa" featuring an all-women a cappella and percussion ensemble, will be performed this Sat-

urday, February 10, at 10:30 a.m. Registration is open to full-service Westfield Memorial Library and MURAL cardholders only.

"Art History Adventures," for grades 3 to 6, is set for Thursday, February 15, at 3:45 p.m. Children are inspired to create their own "masterpiece" while learning about a great artist. Registration is open to full-service Westfield Memorial Library cardholders only.

For more details, please call the library at (908) 789-4090, visit [wmlnj.org](http://wmlnj.org) or stop by the library for a copy of its quarterly newsletter.

## Church Thrift Shop Reveals Spring Sale

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Presbyterian Church Thrift Shop's annual spring sale will begin on Wednesday, February 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a large new selection of clothing for the whole family, plus kitchen supplies, jewelry, small furniture and other decorative items.

The church is located at LaGrande and Martine Avenues, with the entrance on McDermott Place. Ample parking is available. All the workers are volunteers and proceeds benefit local charities.

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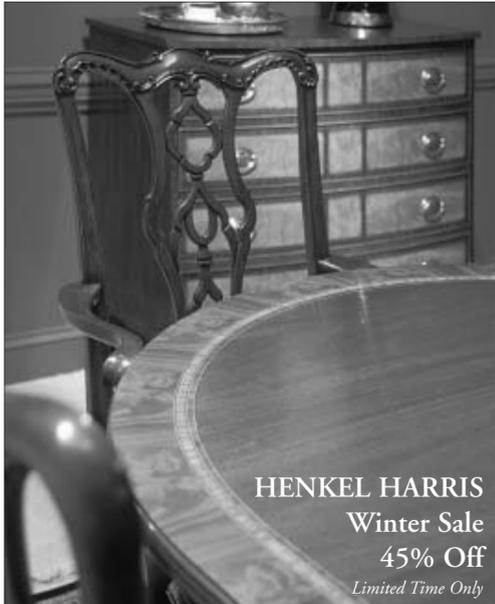
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