



COOKED TO PERFECTION...Members of the Cranford chapter of Les Marmitons prepare a gourmet meal for the winner of the Arc of Union County's Tricky Tray fundraiser. Pictured above are: Barry Obsgarten (front) of Westfield and Chef Harry Reiter (back).

F-SP Rotary Awards Community Raffle Prizes

SCOTCH PLAINS - The winners and organization recipients of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club's Community Share raffle received their prizes recently at the

SPFHS 'Moonglowers' To Perform at Chelsea

FANWOOD - The Chelsea at Fanwood, an assisted and independent living community located at 295 South Avenue, will host a performance by the Moonglowers, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School jazz band, tonight from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The Moonglowers play all styles of jazz and compete in various competitions throughout the region. This free event is open to the public. For more information, contact Linda Caminiti, The Chelsea at Fanwood's community relations director, at (908) 654-5200, extension 511.

Pantagis Renaissance restaurant in Scotch Plains.

A total of \$20,000 in prizes is shared, with half going to the four winners and half to seven local charitable organizations. The four prize winners were: Mitchell Portnoi, first prize; Steve Schmitz, second prize; Tony and Joe Buontempo, third prize, and Karen Kraus and Kathy Bolks, fourth prize. The local beneficiaries were the David Ringle Scholarship Fund, Fanwood Community Foundation, Resolve Community Counseling, Contact We Care, Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Frazee House, Inc., and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Student Leadership Program.

The F-SP Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Pantagis Renaissance restaurant. Guests are invited to come and learn more about the Rotary.

Les Marmitons Donates Gourmet Dinner to Arc

CRANFORD - The Cranford Chapter of Les Marmitons donated to the Arc of Union County's 2006 Tricky Tray fundraising event a gift certificate for a five-course gourmet dinner for four, to be cooked and presented in the comfort of the winner's own kitchen.

Les Marmitons members Richard Dreher and Barry Obsgarten of Westfield and Chef Harry Reiter said in a joint statement: "We thought this was a great way to support one of our local non-profit agencies while at the same time doing something we love, which is planning, cooking and presenting an unforgettable and elegant dining experience."

Prize winner Lucy Carugan of Roselle Park chose to wait until after the holidays before planning her special evening with three of her closest friends. Towards the end of January, Ms. Carugan contacted the club and a menu-planning meeting took place. With the assistance and expertise of Mr. Dreher, Ms. Carugan chose from a variety of suggested menu themes, and the dinner date was scheduled for the end of January.

On January 27, the gentlemen of Les Marmitons entered Lucy's kitchen two hours ahead of time and prepared for her an Italian-themed 6 p.m. dinner party. Once the guests arrived, the chefs served hors d'oeuvres consisting of smoked trout paté, tepanade and essence of sun-dried tomato.

The first course was a pasta e fagioli soup served in a roasted butternut squash. The soup was followed by seared scallops served on a three-color potato pancake with caper hollandaise sauce. The salad course featured a roasted pears, bacon, pecans, cranberries and roquefort with a port reduction vinaigrette.

The main course was a traditional chicken marsala with mushroom risotto. For dessert, the chefs served panna cotta with fresh berries.

After the ladies had finished their last bite of dessert, the table was cleared, the kitchen cleaned and the three gentlemen from Les Marmitons departed after five hours of non-stop work.

People who would like to coordinate a similar dining experience in their home can do so at a cost of \$100 per person.

A non-profit organization, Les Marmitons is a gastronomic and social club for men. With its origins in Europe, Swiss businessmen introduced Les Marmitons to North America almost 30 years ago.

Each chapter of Les Marmitons typically meets a minimum of eight times a year. During the monthly meetings, Les Marmitons members form smaller teams, each of which prepares a course of the preplanned menu under the direction and guidance of an invited professional chef. The teams then serve their dishes to fellow members and the guest chef.

Pancake Supper Feb. 20 At United Methodist

WESTFIELD - Westfield's First United Methodist Church invites all to attend its annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 20, between 6:30 and 9 p.m.

The menu will include plain and pecan pancakes with flavored whipped cream, ham, fruit, juice, coffee, tea and water. The kitchen will close at 8 p.m. to allow everyone to relax and enjoy the music.

The Big Apple Jazz Band will provide live music throughout the evening. The charge is \$5 per person. This event is a fundraiser to support the Education Ministry's Scholarship Fund.

First United Methodist Church is located at 1 East Broad Street, Westfield. For more information, call (908) 233-4211.



MR. AND MRS. FRANKLIN C. NELSON, JR.

Franklin and Janice Nelson Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin C. Nelson, Jr. of Westfield and Lighthouse Point, Fla. celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary today, Thursday, February 15.

Mr. Nelson and the former Miss Janice Griffith were married in The Little Church Around The Corner in Manhattan in 1957.

Raised in Roselle, Mr. Nelson received an undergraduate degree in entomology from Rutgers University and a master's degree in business from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He was employed by the Standard Oil Company in Linden for 25 years and later held the position of tax assessor in 10 different towns and cities in New Jersey.

Mrs. Nelson grew up in North Wildwood, graduated from Trenton State College and served as a fourth-grade teacher in Haddonfield and Wildwood.

Single Jewish Friends To Have Lunch at Uno

AREA - The Circle of Single Jewish Friends 49+ will hold a meet-and-eat lunch on Sunday, February 18, at noon at Uno Chicago Grill, located at 61 US Highway 1 South (near the Menlo Park Mall) in Edison.

The cost is \$3 plus the price of a meal off the menu and tip. For directions and more information, call Roberta at (908) 668-8450.

Married Couples Unit Meet February 25

KENILWORTH - The B'nai B'rith Ketubah Married Couples Unit (40 and older) will meet for brunch on Sunday, February 25 at the Kenilworth Inn, located at 60 Boulevard South and 31st Street in Kenilworth, at 11:30 a.m.

The cost is \$14.95 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Prospective members are welcome to attend. RSVP to Elaine at (908) 232-0062 by February 23.

Crest. She finished her career with Saks Fifth Avenue in Springfield.

The Nelsons are parishioners of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield and are members of Echo Lake Country Club, the Westfield Tennis Club and the Lighthouse Point Yacht Club.

A United States Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, Mr. Nelson is a member of American Legion Post No. 3, the Elks and the 200 Club. Both he and his wife have been active volunteers in their church and children's schools; their most treasured volunteer memory is their tenure in the Grant-Washington School Show.

The couple's four children and their spouses include Vicki Kimmins of Westfield, Franklin Christian Nelson, III and his wife, Mary, of Barrington, R.I., Amy Parada and her husband, Ray, of Westfield and Guy Jeffrey Nelson and his wife, Ha, of Watertown, Mass. They also have five grandchildren, Britton, Griffith and Spencer Kimmins of Westfield and Christian and Paige Nelson of Barrington, R.I.

The snowbirds are celebrating their anniversary in Florida.

First Baptist Youth Headed to Poconos

WESTFIELD - On two upcoming weekends, February 18 and 19 and March 23 and 25, the youth group of First Baptist Church of Westfield will travel to the Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center in the Poconos to raise funds for its 2007 summer mission trip.

To earn money, the youth and their adult chaperones will serve meals in the inn's dining room to guests and retreat participants. Tuscarora will then donate \$50 for each worker from First Baptist. The funds will support the youth's efforts to do home repair projects for needy families with Confrontation Point Ministries in New Jersey.

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