

WF Rotary Club Foundation To Hold Pancake Day March 3

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Rotary Club Foundation will hold its 40th Pancake Day at Westfield High School, located on Dorian Road at the corner of Rahway Avenue, on Saturday, March 3, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Two all-new components have been added to the annual community breakfast, which raises money for the Rotary's Scholarship Fund and Grants Project, Nancy Jackson, chairman of the foundation and event coordinator, announced earlier this week.

In addition to the menu of breakfast fare prepared by an all-Rotarian crew, according to Mrs. Jackson, Overlook Hospital will provide health screenings, including diabetes testing and bone-density determination used in the diagnosis of osteoporosis.

Educators from Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside will also be on hand to demonstrate to parents and children the proper use of children's helmets to prevent potentially debilitating neurological injuries during sports and playtime.

Also, an all-new "Play Date for Children" will be produced in collaboration with the Westfield Area Y.

"Pancake Day is a popular local event – some might say a 'community tradition,'" Dr. Edred Shen, this year's Rotary Club president, said.

"Town residents and others find Pancake Day an excellent way to reconnect with friends and associates in a relaxed community atmosphere for local benefit as winter's temperatures and winds subside," Dr. Shen said.

Mrs. Jackson said proceeds from the event help fund the Rotary Club's scholarship program, through which more than \$1.6 million has been dis-

bursed to local students for college scholarships. She said grants to local non-profits advancing the quality of life in the community exceed \$100,000.

"Nearly everyone in town has a hand in the success of the breakfast," Mrs. Jackson said. "Not only do our members prepare an excellent breakfast, but music students from the high school and middle schools perform in a variety of ensembles, and there are special appearances by such revered organizations as the Westfield Community Band and the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts Concert Band."

This year's master of ceremonies is Rotarian Ted Schlosberg, executive director of the Workshop.

The Rotary Club's president-elect, Darielle Walsh, responsible for recruiting volunteers, said that Rotary-funded EarlyAct Clubs from McKinley and Jefferson Elementary Schools and Westfield High School's Interact Club will play major roles in facilitating the services associated with Pancake Day. Local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops are also volunteers, as are members of the Y's Future Leaders Club.

Tickets to Pancake Day are \$6 and are available from any Rotarian or at the door on the day of the event.

Mrs. Jackson said Westfield residents who are completing their senior year in high school and who can demonstrate good scholarship, community involvement and financial need should contact their guidance counselor about applying for a Rotary Club Foundation Scholarship.

She also directed charitable organizations to Rotary's website, westfieldrotary.com, to obtain an application for a grant award. The deadline for applications is April 15.

The Rotary Club convenes each Tuesday throughout the year for lunch, fellowship and education at 12:15 p.m. at the Westfield Y. Guests are always welcome.

All Saints' Church Sets Shrove Tuesday Supper

SCOTCH PLAINS – The All Saints' Episcopal Church, located at 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains, will mark Shrove Tuesday on February 20 with a traditional pancake supper from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

All are invited to enjoy freshly-made griddle cakes with butter and syrup, along with sausages. There is a charge of \$4 per adult and \$1 per child, with a maximum of \$12 for a family. Reservations are requested and may be made by calling (908) 322-8047.

Ash Wednesday, February 21, begins the season of Lent. Worship services at All Saints' are planned for 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

The church will follow the Ash Wednesday Liturgy from The Book of Common Prayer at both services. The service includes Holy Communion and distribution of ashes, with a homily from the Reverend Jane Rockman, rector.

The All Saints' Choir will sing at the evening service, under the direction of Peggy Tristram.

Parking is available in the lot behind the church, accessed through School Place. For more details, call All Saints' at (908) 322-8047.



CHEERY DISPLAYS...Members of the Garden Club of Westfield, Inc. made bedside flower arrangements February 2 at Lyons Veterans Hospital. The service is sponsored by National Garden Clubs, Inc. as part of the Garden Club Therapy programs. Pictured, from left to right, are: Eva Wiley, chairwoman, Sally Smeretsky and Nancy Brandt.

Temple Sholom Replaces Saturday-Morning Service

FANWOOD — Temple Sholom has replaced its traditional Saturday-morning service with a Congregational Minyan and Torah study.

The Congregational Minyan and Torah study is described by the Temple as "an open, welcoming, egalitarian and warm religious experience for members who are looking for a service that has a strong spiritual and intellectual component."

It is not uncommon to stop in the middle of the service to ask questions of each other or of Rabbi Joel Abraham. There is a discussion of the weekly Torah portion, and the congregation shares in reading parts of the service.

The Minyan meets at 10 a.m. almost every other Saturday to worship and study while sitting around a table in the sanctuary. Members have the opportunity to learn about the service, study Torah and experience one type of worship that may be new to many members of the congregation.

For children aged birth to 4 years, Temple Sholom offers Shabbat Pray n' Play. This is a program that is offered one Saturday per month at 11:15 and is led by Reform Jewish Educator Michelle Shapiro Abraham and student cantor Darcie Sharlein and her guitar. A Shabbat bagel brunch is included, along with playtime in the preschool playroom or outdoor

playground.

Non-members are welcome. Temple Sholom is located at the corner of Martine Avenue and LaGrande Avenue in Fanwood. For more information, call (908) 889-4900.

Lions Club Posts Date For Pancake Breakfast

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains Lions Club will once again hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 4, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Scotch Hills Country Club, located at Jerusalem Road and Plainfield Avenue in Scotch Plains.

This all-you-can-eat breakfast will feature pancakes, eggs, ham and sausage. Beverages will include juice, coffee, tea and milk. The cost for the breakfast is \$6; children under age 6 will be admitted for free.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance from a Lions Club member. This is one of the Lions Club's fundraisers, the proceeds of which are distributed to local charities and community activities, with primary emphasis on the multiple area organizations that serve the blind and visually impaired.

For more information on the pancake breakfast or obtaining tickets, please call Ron Kelly, pancake breakfast chairman, at (908) 753-8218.

Miller-Cory Invites Families For Tribute to Washington

WESTFIELD – The volunteers of the Miller-Cory House Museum will present "A Tribute to George Washington" on Sunday, February 18. Described as ideal for children, the program will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. at the museum.

Participants will learn facts about Washington, such as what his false teeth were actually made of and whether he really cut down a cherry tree as a little boy.

The program also will include a demonstration of the art of creating silhouettes; children will be assisted in making their own silhouette of George Washington. In another room of the house, children may relax and listen to storybooks being read about America's first president. Light refreshments will be served.

The program fee is \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for students and free for children under age 4. Visitors also are invited to stop by the museum gift shop for colonial toys, crafts, books and other educational materials.

The Miller-Cory House Museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield. Built in 1740, it is a restored, fully furnished farmhouse and a nationally recognized living museum. Upcoming Sunday events include "Maple Sugar Sunday" on March 4,

"Silhouettes" on March 11 and "Hat Boxes and Band Boxes" on March 18. For more information, call the museum office weekday mornings at (908) 232-1776.

Junior Women to Host Wine Pairing-Auction

WESTFIELD – The Junior Woman's Club of Westfield will hold its third annual Wine Pairing and Auction on Saturday, March 17, at 7 p.m. at Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains. It will include cocktails, dinner with wine pairings, silent and live auctions and raffles. Among the items will be trips, dinners, tickets, gift baskets, landscaping services and spa visits. Additionally, Irish beers and a bagpipe will be featured to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Tickets are \$75 each.

All proceeds will benefit New Jersey SEEDS (Scholars, Educators, Excellence, Dedication, Success), a privately funded, statewide non-profit organization committed to developing future leaders through education.

New Jersey SEEDS provides opportunities for highly motivated, academically qualified but economically disadvantaged students. In 2003, the organization received an Oprah's Angel Network Award for its continued support in improving educational opportunities for children.

The Junior Woman's Club of Westfield is a non-profit group of approximately 40 volunteer women dedicated to improving their community, state and the lives of others. Its activities include scholarship award programs, monthly donations to local families in need, clothing drives, volunteering with local charities and fundraising events on behalf of organizations such as Cherished Creations and New Jersey SEEDS. For tickets to or more details on the March 17 event or the Junior Woman's Club, call Janine at (908) 789-1008.

Mid-Day Musicales Set for Feb., March

WESTFIELD – The First Congregational Church of Westfield, located at 125 Elmer Street, has announced its roster of Mid-Day Musicales concerts for the Lenten season.

These free half-hour concerts are presented in the church sanctuary on Wednesdays during the church seasons of Advent and Lent, followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon available in the church social hall for \$5.

The concerts for this winter are: February 21 – Barbara Thomson, organ.

February 28 – Jersey Jazz Trio: Bill Shadel, clarinet; Ron Naspo, bass, and Bob DeBenedette, piano.

March 7 – Greg Giannascoli, marimba.

March 14 – Ron Levy, piano.

March 21 – Jonathan Carle, baritone, and Barbara Thomson, piano.

March 28 – The Manhattan Trio: Anton Miller, violin; Eliot Bailen, cello, and Daniel Epstein, piano.

Funding for these concerts has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

For further information, contact the church office at (908) 233-2494.

Spencer to Help Fight Muscular Dystrophy

GARWOOD – Spencer Savings Bank will host "Shamrocks Against (Muscular) Dystrophy" from February 16 through March 17. Customers can support the fight against neuromuscular diseases and help "Jerry's Kids" by buying and signing \$1, \$5 or \$10 Shamrock mobiles to decorate the bank's branches in green, gold and platinum. Donations will be used to send children with muscular dystrophy to a summer-camp program.

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