

## Sale of Girl Scout Cookies Gets Underway In Westfield

WESTFIELD – Westfield Girl Scouts from first grade through high school will take orders for boxes of Girl Scout cookies through Sunday, February 4. Through the door-to-door sales, local residents will have an opportunity to choose from a variety of cookies.

This year, the selections will include the perennial favorites Thin Mints, Shortbreads, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Caramel Delights, Oatmeal Cartwheels and Peanut Butter Patties, plus the new Lemonades

### CPA Breakfast to Look At Office Technology

GARWOOD – The Union County Chapter of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants will present a breakfast seminar entitled "The Paper-less Office/Emerging CPA Firm Internal Technologies" on Tuesday, January 9, from 8 to 9:40 a.m. at The Westwood, located at 438 North Avenue in Garwood. Registration will take place at 7 a.m.

James Bourke, NJSCPA president, will discuss the current best practices of document management applications deployed within the CPA firm environment. He will cover the paperless audit, time and billing, staff scheduling and other "must have" technologies.

The seminar costs \$35 for NJSCPA members and \$45 for non-members and qualifies for two Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits. A full buffet breakfast will be provided. For additional information, please call the NJSCPA at (973) 226-4494 or visit njscpa.org/union online.

### Workshop to Address Memory Enhancement

AREA – SAGE Eldercare, located at 290 Broad Street in Summit, will offer a free Memory Enhancement Workshop on Thursday, January 11, at 1 p.m. Dessert and coffee will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Sandra Frank, a certified senior advisor and motivational speaker, will teach participants ways to improve their memory and discuss how emotions and stress impact memory.

Ms. Frank has developed special programs, lectures and workshops for senior citizens and those who work with them, such as caregivers, professional staff and students. To respond or for more details, please call Suzanne Lyon, SAGE Eldercare director of volunteers, at (908) 598-5514.

and chocolate-coated Thanks-A-Lot cookies. All cookies are baked by ABC Bakeries.

"The Service Team of leaders in Westfield are hopeful that this will be a great year for cookie sales. In addition to making money for each troop, the sales also benefit Washington Rock Council to support Camp Hoover and the various programs girls enjoy," said Westfield Unit Manager Cathy Kattak.

"Girl Scouts of America has found that over 75 percent of women in the workplace stated that selling Girl Scout cookies was their first business experience," stated Cookie Manager Merry Wisler. "So we hope that the community will appreciate how important this event is for the girls."

Westfield is one of 24 communities served by the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council, based in Westfield. For more information about the GSWRC, please access westfieldnj.com/girlscouts. Anyone who does not receive a visit from a scout but would like to purchase cookies may buy them at the Council offices after Tuesday, March 20.

### Open House to Feature Offerings For Children

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey's Early Childhood Services Department will host an Early Childhood Services Open House on Sunday, January 14, from 1 to 3 p.m.

This free event will provide adults with information on the types of programming offered, while children will have an opportunity to enjoy fun-filled activities. Building tours also will be available.

The Early Childhood Services Department features classes and programs for children from birth through kindergarten. In addition to regular preschool and kindergarten classes, there are dozens of enrichment programs taught by specialists during the week.

No reservations are necessary for the open house and all are welcome. The JCC is located at 1391 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. For more information on this event or the Early Childhood Services Department, please contact Early Childhood Services Director Nancy Kovacs at nkovacs@jccnj.org or call (908) 889-8800, extension no. 204.

More details about the department and programs also are available at www.jccnj.org.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN ERIC HUDDY  
(She is the former Miss Elizabeth S. Mattfield)

## Miss Elizabeth S. Mattfield Marries John Eric Huddy

Miss Elizabeth Sarah Mattfield, the daughter of Kenneth and Catherine Mattfield of Scotch Plains, was married on Saturday, September 23, to John Eric Huddy. He is the son of Martin and Anita Huddy of Kings Park, N.Y.

The morning wedding was held at Barbetta in New York City, with Dr. Harry M. Shallcross officiating. An afternoon luncheon reception followed in the historic townhouse.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory halter floor-length silk gown and carried a bouquet of ivory flowers, including large and miniature roses, hydrangeas, lilies and stephanotis.

The bridal attendants were Ms. Jessica Mattfield of Plainfield, the sister of the bride, and Ms. Kathryn Garibaldi of Vernon, Conn. Ms. Mattfield wore a strapless pale pink sashed dress, while Ms. Garibaldi wore a shirred-bodice halter dress, also in pale pink. Both carried pale pink and ivory nosegays in the same style as the bride's bouquet.

Readings were done by the father and sister of the bride.

A Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School graduate, the bride received a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Mechanics from Columbia

### Fanwood Recreation Posts Winter Activities

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Recreation Department has posted its Winter 2007 program schedule. Beginning the week of Monday, January 8, the following programs will be offered:

Art Club for Kids (five sessions, ages four to seven); Fashion Illustration (five sessions, ages 11 to 18); Video Game Creation Workshop (eight sessions, grades 3 to 8); Taekwondo (16 sessions, kindergarten to grade 8) and Ceramics (six sessions, adults).

All programs will be held at either the Forest Road Park or LaGrande Park recreation buildings. For more information and registration forms, please access visitfanwood.com/recreation or call (908) 370-7092.

University in New York City in 2000. She is an engineer and employed with DCM Erectors, a steel construction company in New York City.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Kings Park High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1983 and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Architecture from the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art. He works as a senior project manager for Bovis Lend Lease in New York City and teaches a course in construction management at Cooper Union.

The mother of the bride hosted a bridal shower in August at The Stage House Restaurant in Scotch Plains.

The couple took a fall wedding trip to Venice, Milan and Nice. They currently reside in New York City's financial district.

### Temple Reveals Rise In Donations of Coats

WESTFIELD – Members of Temple Emanu-El donated 455 coats during the synagogue's coat drive on December 17, representing a 12 percent increase over last year's collection. This marked the fourth year that the temple, located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield, had collected coats for the needy.

"More striking was the quality of what we received," said Debra Judd, Temple Emanu-El's coat drive coordinator. "The coats that were donated were in great condition for the most part, some even had tags still on them."

In past years, many of the coats given were typical giveaways, older and worn. However, this year there was a real difference. "Our temple members donated items that they would use themselves rather than just cast-offs," Ms. Judd said. "To me, that's very meaningful and beautiful; everything was of a quality worthy of donation."

All the coats were delivered to the Community Food Bank of Hillside. The Food Bank serves as the distribution point for the statewide effort run by Jersey Cares. Jersey Cares handles the distribution to those in need.

## Service League Thrift Shop Reopens With New Items

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League has announced that its thrift shop, located at 1730 East Second Street in Scotch Plains, has reopened and is stocked with fresh merchandise.

After a successful December of boutique sales, half-price and bag sales, league volunteers totally cleaned out, rearranged and restocked all of the merchandise in the shop. Remaining items were directed to other charitable organizations.

Leftover clothes were donated to the American Red Cross, the Fanwood Recycling Center, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Marching Band clothing drive and St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Plainfield. The men's clothes were collected for the New York City Rescue Mission in New York City.

The store has been restocked with new and gently used outerwear for men, women and children; boots, scarves and gloves; dresses and two-piece outfits for women, as well as sports jackets and suits for men.

Shirts, blouses and sweaters can be found hanging on the racks. Shoes and purses also have been restocked.

Winter snowsuits and warm clothing are available for infants and toddlers in the Children's Department.

Toys, bric-a-brac and books are all "new" and appropriately arranged. The thrift shop is located at the corner of Willow Avenue and East Second Street.

Operating hours are 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 (908) 322-5420.

### Caregivers Meeting To Be Held Monday

WESTFIELD – A support group for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones will meet on Monday, January 8, at 8 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield.

Meetings are held on the first non-holiday Monday of each month. These are information and sharing sessions. For more information, please call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 233-8757.



A WARM WINTER GIFT...Debra Judd, coat drive coordinator for Temple Emanu-El in Westfield, collects coats for the needy during the synagogue's December 17 coat drive. Temple members donated 455 coats, an increase of 12 percent over last year's drive. See article on this page.

## Attorney to Discuss Issue Of Slavery Reparations

AREA – The Racial Justice Committee of the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield will mark the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's birth with a talk and forum on the question of reparations for slave labor. Among the FUSP congregation are residents of Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Attorney Diane Sammons, co-lead counsel in the first class action United States slavery reparations case, will

speak at the "Journey Toward Wholeness" service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, January 14, at the FUSP church.

The case was filed against United States corporations that profited from slavery. A second suit against United States and European companies seeks reparations for victims of apartheid.

Among the seven Unitarian Universalist principles, the second calls on members to affirm and promote justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

Enslaved Africans contributed greatly to the wealth of the United States and the question at the center of the slavery reparations movement is whether their descendants should benefit from the product of this labor.

The FUSP church is located at 724 Park Avenue in Plainfield. All are welcome to attend the service and the forum that will follow. For more information, interested individuals are invited to visit www.fusp.org or to call (908) 756-0750.

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