



Robert J. Donnelly, III and Ms. Tara Behr

Ms. Tara Behr to Marry Robert J. Donnelly, III

Jack and Eileen Behr of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Tara Behr, to Robert J. Donnelly, III of Union. He is the son of the late Robert and Mary Donnelly and the grandson of Mrs. Frances Donnelly of Union.

A graduate of Westfield High School, the bride-to-be received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Mass. She is employed as an oncology nurse at Overlook Hospital

in Summit.

Her fiancé graduated from Union High School and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Seton Hall University in South Orange. He currently is a candidate for a Master of Arts degree in Human Resources Training and Development at Seton Hall and is employed as a police officer in Union.

The couple is planning a 2008 wedding and will reside in Westfield.

JCC Israeli Day to Feature Music, Dancing and Food

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey will host an Israeli Day celebration on Wednesday, July 25, as part of its Sensational Senior Summer programming.

This program will be held at Congregation Beth Israel, located at the corner of Martine Avenue and Shalom Way in Scotch Plains. The festivities will start at 10:30 a.m. and will include Israeli dancing, music and food.

The event will be run by Israeli citizens who are visiting the United States this summer as part of the JCC's Schlichim program, which brings Israelis to the United States every summer to help with cultural studies at the JCC's Camp Yachad.

All are welcome to attend the Israeli Day celebration. The cost is \$5 for JCC members and \$10 for non-members. Lunch is included in the price.

Library Invites Public For Evening of 'Clue'

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains Public Library will host a "Clue" board game night at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25. Community members of all ages are invited to play.

Families and groups are encouraged to participate. Registration is required. To reserve a spot, please call the library at (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204.

The event will be held in the library's Community Room. All programs at the library are free and open to all interested participants. The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue. For further information or directions, please call (908) 322-5007.

Westlake Students Create Library Bulletin Board

WESTFIELD – Students from the Westlake School in Westfield volunteered to design a bulletin board to be displayed in the Westfield Memorial Library's Children's Room throughout the summer. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street.

The Westlake School is a public school that prepares cognitively impaired, developmentally and physically disabled students ages 16 to 21 to succeed in occupational and sheltered workshops through life and social skills training.

Staff teacher BJ Butcher heads the community volunteer efforts at the Westlake School. She said that when Westfield Memorial Library Children's Coordinator Kathy Muhm asked for help from the Westlake School, "We were thrilled because the students love coming to the library. It's a great place for them to practice their social skills."

Ms. Butcher has brought the students for weekly visits to the library for the past five years. Entitled "Thanks for the Memories," the bulletin board highlights the students' favorite memories from their visits to the library over the past year.

Creating shapes and designing the library bulletin board is an extension of the students' business sense and work skills, which they have developed through the school's Social Academic Vocational Educational (SAVE) program. This program also provides the Westlake students with

the academic, social and life skills needed to operate three school-based businesses that currently fund school trips for the students.

For more information about library programs, please call (908) 789-4090, visit the library's website at wmlnj.org or stop by the library for a copy of its quarterly newsletter.

Henry IV, Part 1 on Tap In Library Parking Lot

MOUNTAINSIDE – The Mountainside Public Library will present the final 2007 "Shakespeare in the Parking Lot" performance, *Henry IV, Part 1*, this Saturday, July 21, at 7 p.m.

The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey Next Stage Ensemble will perform the play outdoors in front of the Mountainside Public Library on Constitution Plaza. It will run approximately one hour.

Attendees are asked to bring a lawn chair or blanket and are encouraged to arrive early. The parking lot will close at 7 p.m. In the event of rain, the performance will be held in the Mountainside Borough Hall Community Room.

Admission is free. The Friends of the Mountainside Public Library have sponsored these performances. For more information, please call the library at (908) 233-0115 or visit the library's website, mountainsidelibrary.org and click on Events Schedule.



EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS...The Fanwood-Scotch Plains College Club honored 14 graduating high school seniors and college students with scholarship awards this year. Pictured, from left to right, are: Front row, Karina DeMair, Allison Hoynes-O'Connor, Ana Castillo, Kristen Barry, Lauren Perrotta, Arianna Williams and Heather Rodriguez, and back row, Linda Squires, Scholarship Committee Chairperson; Michelle Swick, Rebecca McGuire, Sarah Halpern and Stacey Tanguy.

College Club Announces 14 Scholarship Recipients

FANWOOD – The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains has awarded a total of \$22,500 in scholarships to 14 students for the 2007-2008 academic year, seven of whom are high school seniors who graduated in June, and another seven of whom are currently attending college.

Among the high school recipients are Kristen Barry, daughter of Robert and Nancy Barry, who received \$2,000 and will attend Boston College; Ana Castillo, daughter of Angelica Samaniego and Jovencio Castillo, who received \$3,000 and will attend Rutgers University; Allison Hoynes-O'Connor, daughter of Michael O'Connor and Patricia Hoynes-O'Connor, who received \$1,000 and will attend Arizona State University; Heather Rodriguez, daughter of Lilia and Luis Rodriguez, who received \$2,000 and will attend Rutgers University, and Arianna Williams, daughter of Adrienne and Craig Williams, who received \$3,000 and will attend Ohio State University.

This year, the College Club awarded two memorial scholarships, the first of which was given by friends and family in memory of Eleanor Sturm. Mrs. Sturm was an active member of the club since 1968 and served in many capacities, including president from 1981 to 1983. Sarah Halpern, daughter of Alan and Debbie Halpern, received this scholarship of \$2,500. Sarah will be a sophomore at Brandeis University.

Club member Mary Claire Levins donated the second memorial scholarship in memory of her mother, Kathryn Bahrt. Mrs. Bahrt was very supportive of College Club activities and believed strongly in the education of young women. This memorial scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Stacey Tanguy, daughter of Lynne and Douglas Tanguy. Stacey will be matriculating at Colgate University this fall.

Additional college recipients include Deirdre Clark, daughter of Deanna Borchers, who received \$1,000 and will be a sophomore at George Washington University; Rebecca McGuire, daughter of Jennifer McGuire, who received \$2,000 and will be a sophomore at the Uni-

versity of Wisconsin/Madison; Lauren Perrotta, daughter of Jennifer and John Perrotta, who received \$1,250 and will be a junior at the University of Michigan; Mary Shashaty, daughter of Margaret and James Shashaty, who received \$1,000 and will be a junior at Catholic University; Tara Shashaty, daughter of Margaret and James Shashaty, who received \$1,000 and will be a senior at Catholic University, and Michelle Swick, daughter of Patricia and William Swick, who received \$1,250 and will be a junior at Lafayette College.

Karina DeMair, the valedictorian and top female 2007 graduate at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS), received an award of \$500 in recognition of her academic excellence. She is the daughter of Kathleen and Donald DeMair and will enter Rutgers University in September.

This is the 71st year that female students, seeking financial assistance to pursue a four-year college degree, have been helped by the club's fundraising efforts, primarily through its annual fashion show and the production and sale of the club's Community Calendar.

A special reception and dinner was held for the recipients at the Scotch Hills Country Club in Scotch Plains on May 21. Helen Piasecki, club president, and Linda Squires, scholarship committee chairperson, made the scholarship presentations at the dinner. Mrs. Piasecki and Marie Leppert, co-presidents, presented the awards at the SPFHS Awards Assembly.

For more information about the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains, please call the membership chairperson at (908) 889-4942.

Single Jewish Friends Post Luncheon Date

AREA – The Circle of Single Jewish Friends 49+ will hold a Meet and Eat Luncheon on Sunday, July 22, at noon. It will take place at Charlie Brown's Steakhouse, 247 Raritan Avenue (Route 27) in Highland Park. The cost is \$3 plus the price of a meal off the menu and tip. To respond, please call Roberta at (908) 668-8450.



FATHER'S DAY...Watchung Stable instructor Jude Ali, center, on Brutus, and his two children, Umar, left, riding Chowder, and Aisha, riding Jack, participate in the annual Father's Day Trail Ride last month. The Watchung Stable Auxiliary, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of the facility's recreational equine activities, sponsored the event. Guided trail rides are open to the public on Sundays during the summer at 1 and 2 p.m. For more information, please call (908) 789-3665 or e-mail stablequestions@ucnj.org.

Dinner and Show to Benefit Township Teen With Cancer

SCOTCH PLAINS – A dinner and show event entitled "A Benefit for Erika" will take place on Saturday, July 28, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Italian-American Hall, located at 1976 Valley Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Event proceeds will benefit Scotch Plains teenager Erika Blauberg, who is suffering from Ewing's Sarcoma – a rare form of bone cancer.

The Ashley Lauren Foundation, an organization that seeks to bring hope and help to New Jersey children who have been diagnosed with cancer, is assisting Erika and her family. It was founded two years ago by Scotch Plains native Monica Vermeulen, whose own daughter successfully battled childhood cancer.

After seven months of chemotherapy and radiation, Erika needs to travel to a hospital in Texas that specializes in this type of cancer. Her medical insurance does not cover doctor or hospital fees. Every dollar raised will go directly to Erika and her family, according to The Ashley

Lauren Foundation.

Carrabba's Italian Grill of Green Brook will donate the food for the benefit, while the Italian-American Hall will donate the venue. Mrs. Vermeulen expressed appreciation to both for their support of Erika's cause.

The evening will feature a full-course dinner, including an appetizer, salad, entrée and dessert. Dinner will be followed by what the foundation described as a "kid-friendly" show performed by Kidz-4-Kidz, a group founded by Ashley Lauren Vermeulen that uses theatrical arts to help children with cancer.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling (908) 322-8203, (732) 388-4419 or (908) 272-6051. No tickets will be sold at the door. To make a donation directly for Erika, please make a check payable to: The Ashley Lauren Foundation (indicate "Erika" on the check) and mail to 221 Sunrise Street, Brick, N.J. 08724. The foundation website is ashleylauren.org.



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