

## AARP to Meet on Monday; Announces New Trip Date

WESTFIELD – Westfield Area Chapter No. 4137 of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet on Monday, April 2, in the Assembly Hall of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, located at 140 Mountain Avenue.

Following the social period with refreshments at 1 p.m. and a brief business meeting, guest speaker Dr. Karen Enslie of the Rutgers University faculty will speak on "Reducing Stress In Your Life." She will discuss stress management, the causes and symptoms of stress, reactions to stress and tips for better daily living.

The new date for the chapter's day trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse is Tuesday, April 17. Originally scheduled for February 14, the trip was postponed due to last month's snowstorm. It will include a sit-down luncheon with a choice of five entrées, a mystery-comedy show entitled *Catch Me If You Can* and a deluxe bus ride. There also will be a dessert room featuring various selections, including a special table with non-sugar

### Miller-Cory to Host 'Tea' This Sunday

WESTFIELD – The Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, will present a program entitled "A Spot of Tea" on Sunday, April 1, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Visitors will learn about the varieties of tea, their origin and their availability and history in New Jersey during the 18th and early 19th centuries. A collection of teapots will be featured as well.

The program also will include tours of the fully furnished 1740 farmhouse as well as open-hearth cooking in the museum's Frazee Building. Joan Barna and Arlene Soong of the Cooking Committee will use authentic Colonial recipes and cooking methods of the period. Taste treats will be available.

Visitors also are invited to stop by the museum's gift shop, which offers a variety of Colonial toys, crafts, books and educational materials. Admission to the museum and its grounds is \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for students and free for children under age four.

Upcoming Sunday programs include "Jamestown 1607: A First for America" on April 15; "Open Hearth Cooking" on April 22 and the "Sheep to Shawl Festival" on April 29. For more information, please call the museum office weekday mornings at (908) 232-1776.

treats. All gratuities are included in the \$70 cost.

Although the expected quota for this trip has been met, a few seats on the bus remain available for members and guests. The bus will leave at 10 a.m. from the far end of the Lord & Taylor parking lot on North Avenue in Westfield. Reservations may be made at Monday's meeting or by calling (908) 232-1362.

The chapter's annual June luncheon will be held on Monday, June 4, at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant on Springfield Avenue in Westfield. A full luncheon will be served with a choice of three entrées.

The cost is \$20 for the entire meal, including gratuities. Ample parking is available. Chairwoman Marie Stock will take reservations at the chapter's April 2 and May 7 meetings, or they may be made by calling her at (908) 925-2536.

Members are asked to donate canned and boxed grocery items for poor and homeless people. Additionally, used costume jewelry is requested for use as prizes at bingo games with patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights. Finally, the Knitting and Crocheting Group needs yarns of any color and thickness to make items for patients at Runnells Hospital.

### New Program to Begin For Moms, Newborns

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Area "Y" will offer a program for new mothers called "My Newborn and Me" on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at its Robert and Virginia Bauer Family Branch, located at 422 East Broad Street in Westfield. It will begin on April 3 and run for eight weeks.

This group is especially designed for new mothers with infants up to 10 months old at the start of the session. Participants will have the opportunity to socialize with other new mothers, trade ideas and simply get out of the house with their baby.

Refreshments will be served and several guest speakers will attend throughout the eight-week session. Registration currently is taking place at the front desk of the main "Y" facility at 220 Clark Street in Westfield.

"Y" members and non-members are welcome to register for this program. For more information on this or other "Y" Family Life programs, please contact Dave Mueller at (908) 233-2700, extension no. 415, or by e-mail at dmueller@westfieldnj.org.



Miss Hanina M. Rawnicki and Colin P. Osborn

## Miss Hanina M. Rawnicki To Wed Colin P. Osborn

Mr. and Mrs. Bernardo Rawnicki of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Hanina M. Rawnicki, to Colin P. Osborn. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Osborn of Westfield.

A 1998 graduate of Westfield High School, the future bride received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English and her Master of Arts degree in English Language Arts from Rutgers University in New Brunswick. She is in her fourth year of teaching language arts at William Annin Middle School in Basking Ridge.

Her fiancé, also a 1998 graduate of Westfield High School, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Resource Management. He is employed with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as a biological technician at the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in Basking Ridge.

The couple will be married in July of 2007.

### Student at St. Bart's Plans Benefit Concert

SCOTCH PLAINS – A benefit concert will be held on Sunday, April 22, at 2 p.m. at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, located at 2032 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The concert is being organized by graduating eighth grader William Shore. All proceeds will benefit St. Bartholomew parish and the interparochial school.

Featured will be violin solos by William, as well as a duet that he will perform with Andrea Cristiani. William also has invited several other friends to join him in this event, including Bob Steinfeld, who will play two piano selections. Both William and Bob are members of the music ministry at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church.

William, who will attend Regis High School in Manhattan in the fall, has planned this concert as a way to thank the parish and school that have been so supportive and instrumental in his education and musical pursuits.

A donation of \$20 for adults and \$5 for students is suggested for the event. Tickets may be obtained by calling (908) 338-8495 or (908) 754-7697.

### Visitors Invited Sunday To Cannonball House

SCOTCH PLAINS – The circa 1750 Osborn Cannonball House, located at 1840 Front Street in Scotch Plains, will be open to visitors on Sunday, April 1.

An Easter theme will be featured, with a display of hats from the collection owned by the museum. Costumed docents will give tours of the house from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be no admission charge.

## Library to Present Forum For Poetry Enthusiasts

SCOTCH PLAINS – To celebrate National Poetry Month in April, the Scotch Plains Public Library will present the fourth annual "Poetry Out Loud: An Evening of Poets and Poetry" on Wednesday, April 11, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Gwyn English Nielsen, a Scotch Plains resident for 11 years, will host the event in the Community Room on the lower level of the library. All poets, as well as those who enjoy poetry, are invited to share either their own original poems or the works of other poets in an open-mike forum. Attendees need not participate and there are no age limitations; however, parents or guardians must accompany children who are 14 and younger.

Ms. Nielsen has published two children's books, "Torey the Turkey Goes Skiing" and "Serendipity and the Dream Catcher," and a collection of autobiographical poems called "Teaching Love Life." She also has written poetic copy for advertising and articles for newspapers and magazines.

A single mother to 16-year-old daughter Saxony, Ms. Nielsen teaches language arts and theater at Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains. Last year, she founded the Young Playwrights' Festival, a troupe of student playwrights, directors and actors at Terrill. She currently is producing this year's presentation, to be held in June, and is writing an

anthology of one-act plays for teenagers.

Ms. Nielsen also sings professionally with Music for All Seasons, a coalition of musicians based in Scotch Plains who bring music into the lives of the less fortunate.

The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue. For more details on "Poetry Out Loud: An Evening of Poets and Poetry," please call the library at (908) 322-5007.

### Shapiros Welcome Son, Reid Asher

Jill and Jared Shapiro of Millburn have announced the birth of their son, Reid Asher Shapiro, on Friday, February 9, at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

Reid weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces and measured 19¼ inches in length at birth.

He joins his brother, Ethan Dane, age 2½.

Reid's maternal grandparents are Rita and Leonard Selesner of Scotch Plains.

His paternal grandparents are Bonnie and Theodore Shapiro of Livingston.

The baby is named for his maternal great-great-grandmother Fanya Selesner and his paternal great-grandfather Irving Shapiro.



HAVING A BLAST...Cub Scouts from Jefferson Elementary School, Pack 673 in Westfield enjoyed the 50th Annual Blue and Gold Awards Dinner held March 21 at Westfield High School. The scouts were treated to a comical magic show after having dinner, socializing with family and friends, and receiving their trophies and awards.

## Frank Krack to Discuss Role Teaching Others to Read

WESTFIELD – Westfield attorney Frank Krack will discuss his journey "From Public Defender to Literacy Volunteer" at the First Wednesday Luncheon of the Westfield Historical Society. The luncheon will take place at noon on April 4 at B.G. Fields Restaurant, located at 560 Springfield Avenue in Westfield.

As a criminal defense attorney, Mr. Krack worked for the state Office of the Public Defender for 27 years, which, for the most part, was as a trial attorney in the Union County office, where he tried over 225 criminal jury trials.

A New Jersey native, he graduated from Rutgers-Camden Law School in 1970 and spent a year in judicial clerkship in the Civil Division of the Superior Court before deciding he would get more satisfaction as a criminal attorney.

After retiring, Mr. Krack, a 10-year resident of Westfield, opened up a private law practice with his wife, Linda Mehling. At age 61, however, he still felt the need to volunteer for some worthy cause.

In November, through the Union County Branch headquarters at the Plainfield Public Library, he joined the Literacy Volunteers of New Jersey, which teaches adults to read. Currently, he is teaching a 44-year-old man to read, meeting with him once a week for an hour at the Elizabeth Public Library. According to Mr. Krack, it is a very challenging process and progress can be slow, but he hopes to have his pupil reading "War and Peace" by the time he is through.

All those wishing to attend the luncheon are asked to make reservations in advance by calling (908) 233-2930 by noon on Monday, April 2.



GRATEFUL STUDENT...In appreciation for the roles St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church and its interparochial school have played in his education and musical pursuits, graduating eighth grader William Shore, pictured above, has organized a benefit concert at which he and others will perform. The concert will take place on Sunday, April 22, at 2 p.m. at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church in Scotch Plains.

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