

Masonic Lodge to Present Child ID Event Saturday

WESTFIELD – Atlas Pythagoras Masonic Lodge will sponsor the 16th annual free child identification program on Saturday, May 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Masonic lodge, located at 1011 Central Avenue in Westfield. Parking is available at the rear of the building.

The target group of this program is approximately infancy to adolescence. There will be light refreshments and balloons for all the young participants.

In recent years, Atlas Pythagoras members have been using the Masonic Grand Lodge CHIPS format of child identification. This involves fingerprinting of children by a law enforcement officer; recording height and weight of the child; creating a short video and voiceprint on disc, and a toothprint.

The toothprint also will preserve a DNA sample that will be sealed in a plastic envelope.

The disc is a very important part of the process. If a child is lost or missing, parents can give the disc to police, who can send the photograph and other information out on the Internet. This would be part of the "Amber Alert" system.

All materials will be given to the parents or guardians, and those administering the program will keep no records. There is no cost involved to the public. All are welcome.

No reservations are necessary. For further information, or to volunteer for the program, please call Nick Pagnetti at (908) 245-5422. Mr. Pagnetti has chaired this event every year since its inception in 1991.



PEDAL FOR A PURPOSE... Westfield Cooperative Nursery School students from Angela's Murphy's 3-year-old, Cindy Babetsky's 4-year-old and Patricia Michaels' 4-plus classes recently participated in their annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Trike-A-Thon. Students pedaled to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospitals—a national charity started by Danny Thomas. The Trike-A-Thon was preceded by a presentation on helmet and bicycle safety and a Hop-A-Thon, also for MDA. Mrs. Michaels, pictured, presented the program.

Kean University Announces Series of Bus. Workshops

UNION — The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) of Kean University will host a free workshop, entitled "Developing a Winning Business Plan," on Tuesday, May 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at PNC Bank's Netherwood Office, located at 1125 South Avenue in Plainfield.

Herb Caesar, president of CED Solutions in Englewood, will discuss how to develop an effective business plan for planning purposes or for financing. Topics will include what investors and lenders look for; contents of a business plan, including the executive summary, management and personnel, marketing strategy and location; financial data and supporting documentation. Special arrangements for people with disabilities can be made upon request. For more information, call Mira Kostak at (908) 737-4220.

SBDC will host a free workshop, entitled "The Ins and Outs of SBA Loans," on Wednesday, May 16, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at PNC Bank's Netherwood Office. This workshop, will be conducted by William Boone, assistant district director of the U.S. Small Business Administration, Region 2 in New Jersey, and Ellen McHenry, director of financial programs for the Union County Economic Development Corporation in Union. They will explain what makes SBA loans the most popular of small business loans. For further information or to register, call Ms. Kostak at (908) 737-4220.

SBDC will host a free workshop, entitled "Surefire Marketing Techniques," on Tuesday, May 8, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at PNC Bank's Netherwood Office. The workshop, conducted by Ellen Silverman, president of ESA Marketing in Pluckemin, will discuss how to define, target and reach those markets where services or products will be most successful. For further information or to register, call Ms. Kostak at (908) 737-4220.

Kean University will host the seventh annual Women and Small Business Conference, entitled "Growth and Innovation Through Partnership."

Wright Wins U.S. National Award

SCOTCH PLAINS – The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Lauren Wright from Scotch Plains has been named a United States National Award Winner in the field of Journalism. The academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Lauren, who attends Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, received a nomination by Cathy Hoffman, a teacher at the school. Lauren will appear in the "United States Achievement Academy's Official Yearbook," which is published nationally.

She is the daughter of Marla and Jeff Wright of Scotch Plains.

on Thursday, May 24, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Downs Hall, located on the University's campus at 1000 Morris Avenue in Union. The free conference will feature two workshops: "Optimizing Supply Chain to Gain Competitive Advantage" and "Building and Managing Successful Alliances for Growth and Innovation."

For more information or to register, sponsor or host an exhibit, please call Michele Montgomery at (973) 486-0142 or visit the website diversityplus.com/njexpo.

Open House to Be Held For Kindergarten

WESTFIELD – On Monday, May 7, Temple Emanu-El of Westfield's Early Childhood Education Program will host an open house beginning at 9:15 a.m. for its full-day kindergarten program for 2007-2008.

Families will be able to learn about the curriculum and daily schedule, meet the teachers and observe the class in progress. The program is accredited by NAEYC (National Association for the Education of the Young Child).

For more information or to sign up for the open house, please call Jill Cimafonte, director of Early Childhood Education, at (908) 232-6770, extension no. 126. The temple is located at 756 East Broad Street. Information also is available at tewnj.org.

Annual Balloon Parade Is Held at Mindowaskin

WESTFIELD – Eight nursery schools in Westfield gathered in Mindowaskin Park yesterday, May 2, at 12:45 p.m. for the annual balloon parade around the pond in celebration of the "Month of the Young Child."

Every child participating was given a helium balloon in the color that signifies his/her school. Parents, siblings and staff members accompanied the children. The Presbyterian Nursery School hosts the affair which features 1,600 balloons.

Yosi and the Superdads provided the musical entertainment in the park from noon to 12:45 p.m.

Last year about 2,500 children and adults participated.

Caregivers Meeting To Be Held Monday

WESTFIELD – A support group for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones will meet on Monday, May 7, at 8 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield.

Meetings take place 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.

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Autism and the Gluten-Free Diet

Thousands of parents are finding that following a gluten-free and casein-free diet helps ease the symptoms of childhood Autism. What constitutes a gluten-free and casein-free diet? A gluten-free and casein-free diet is the elimination of gluten and casein, common gastrointestinal allergens, from the diet. Try cutting all wheat and milk products for a month and determine whether or not your child is: A) Responding better to his or her environment; B) Healthier look in the eyes; C) Rashes decrease and D) Less painful bloating and gas.

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