

Westfield Historical Society Announces Annual Dinner

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Historical Society's Annual Dinner will take place on Wednesday, May 30, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Echo Lake Country Club on Springfield Avenue in Westfield. Former Westfield Mayor Garland "Bud" Boothe and his wife, Gaile, will serve as honorary chairpersons for this year's event.

"Bud and Gaile are committed leaders for the society and the community," said Nancy Priest, president of the Westfield Historical Society. "We are so fortunate that they are involved and active in so many ways."

The historical society also will present its annual President's Award to George and Jane Gross for their many contributions to the organization. Additionally, Lois Wight will receive the annual Trustee Award for her support of the society and community.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Raymond Frey, a history professor and historian at Centenary College in Hackettstown. His talk will be entitled "Life of Harry Truman: The Buck Stops Here."

New board trustees will be installed at the membership meeting at 5:30 p.m. The historical society will welcome Don Mokrauer, a past president of the society; Clayson W. Foley, retiring superintendent of Westfield Public Schools, and Deborah Montick, an active Westfield resident, to the board.

Members of the community are invited to attend the dinner, which will include an update on the historical society's Reeve House project. The cost is \$40 for Westfield Historical Society members and \$45 for non-members. Checks may be made payable to the Westfield Historical Society and mailed to P.O. Box 613, Westfield, N.J. 07091. For more information, please call the Westfield Historical Society Museum and Archives at (908) 654-1794.

'Sugar Blues' Lecture Is Slated at Library

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Memorial Library will present a program entitled "Sugar Blues?" on Thursday, May 17, at 7 p.m. This free lecture is open to the community and registration is not required.

Mindy Szeto, an integrative health counselor and Fanwood resident, will present the program. She will address why some people have a constant craving for sweets and how to gain control of the situation, as well as other issues that affect health and wellbeing.

The Fanwood Memorial Library is located at North Avenue and Tiltonson Road. For more information about this or other programs offered by the library, please visit fanwoodlibrary.org and click on the events page or call the library at (908) 322-6400.

Gaffneys Welcome Christopher Joseph

Amy and Christopher Gaffney of Westfield have announced the birth of their son, Christopher Joseph Gaffney, on Monday, March 12, at 2:16 p.m. at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Brent N. and Amalia Papi of East Brunswick.

James D. and Joan Gaffney of Harrington Park are his paternal grandparents.

Christopher's maternal great-grandparents are Anthony and Helen Papi of Edison and Carmela Petracca of Matawan.



LEMONADE WITH A PRETZEL TWIST... Gillian Carannante, Sean and Kyle Hess and Olivia Hendzrak pass a recent lazy weekend at their lemonade stand in Mountainside. The pals also sold pretzels, Nutri-Grain bars and chips to passersby on bicycles and those out for a stroll in the borough.

Golden Agers Club Features Theater-Sightseeing Trip

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains Golden Agers Club has planned an overnight trip featuring a visit to the Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. from Wednesday to Thursday, October 17 to 18. They will see a production of *In the Beginning*, a telling of the biblical account of creation.

Participants will depart by motor coach at 8 a.m. on October 17 from St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, located at 2032 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains, and return on October 18.

The cost for the trip will vary based on accommodations selected. For hotel double occupancy, breakfast and dinner, the show, a guided tour of the Amish country, a visit to the Kitchen Kettle Village and the motor coach ride, the cost is \$179. A single occupancy rate of \$229 also is available. A deposit of \$75 is due by Friday, June 1, with the balance payable by Wednesday, August 1.

The Golden Agers Club provides senior citizens with a chance to meet with their peers, share ideas, interact and gather information to enhance daily living. The club meets weekly on Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the Scotch Hills Country Club in Scotch Plains.

Birthday celebrations, bingo and social opportunities are all part of weekly meetings. Members are invited to offer suggestions for activities, and free luncheons are provided at least one week during each month. Guest speakers present information on health and other topics.

Membership, theater, musical reviews and other fun activity trips are available to everyone. For trip details, please call Jean DeTorre at (908) 889-4121 or Mary DeJesso at (908) 654-4512. Club information is available by calling Marge Van Duyn at (908) 889-4631.

Hamiltons Welcome Son, Thomas Reed

Carrie and Michael Hamilton of New York City have announced the birth of their son, Thomas Reed Hamilton, on Sunday, April 8, at 9:53 p.m. at Beth Israel Hospital in New York.

Thomas weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces and measured 21½ inches in length at birth.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Lois and Scott Benton of Wayzata, Minn.

Louise and Jeffrey Hamilton of Westfield are his paternal grandparents.

Letter Carriers to Hold Food Drive Saturday

WESTFIELD – Westfield and Mountainside letter carriers will participate in the 13th Annual National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive this Saturday, May 12. Last year, local residents' generosity enabled the letter carriers to collect 25,000 pounds of food for the Westfield Food Pantry at the Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield.

Patrons wishing to donate non-perishable foods are asked to place the items by their mailbox, to be collected by their carriers when the mail is delivered. Food donations also may be brought to the lobby of the Westfield Post Office at 153 Central Avenue between noon and 4 p.m. that day.

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Justin Berger of Troop 33 Attains Eagle Scout Rank

FANWOOD – Boy Scout Troop 33 of Fanwood honored its newest Eagle Scout, Justin Berger, with a special Eagle Court of Honor April 23 at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

Ed Klug, representing the National Council of Boy Scouts of America, presented Justin with his award at the event. Also on hand to offer congratulations were Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr and Scotch Plains Deputy Mayor Paulette Coronato.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank in Boy Scouting.



Justin Berger

Justin dedicated his project to the memory of Mr. Swenson, noting, "Just like a pathway, Mr. Swenson had an excellent ability to lead, so finishing the pathway would remind everyone to follow his example and be the best you can be."

Justin entered scouting many years ago as a Tiger Cub. He has attended the selective Boy Scouts' National Youth Leadership Training Program and served Troop 33 as a Patrol Leader, Troop Quartermaster and Senior Patrol Leader.

A junior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Justin has had featured roles in the past three productions of the school's Rep Theatre and also has performed during summers at the prestigious Stagedoor Manor Performing Arts Training Center. He is the son of Scott and Maura Berger of Scotch Plains.

Justin extended appreciation to Home Owners Heaven of North Plainfield and Parker Greenhouses of Scotch Plains for their contributions to his project. For more information about Boy Scout Troop 33, please visit bsatroup33.com.

Seeds of Sun to Appear Tomorrow at Temple

WESTFIELD – Temple Emanu-El of Westfield will welcome Seeds of Sun, a New York-based instrumental ensemble specializing in World Jazz and Israeli music, tomorrow, Friday, May 11, at 8:15 p.m.

This award-winning ensemble will offer a program commemorating Yom Yerushalayim, a day honoring the city of Jerusalem. Cantor Martha Novick and the Temple Emanu-El Choir will perform with Seeds of Sun during this Erev Shabbat service, to be followed by a traditional oneg Shabbat (dessert).

The temple is located at 756 East Broad Street. For more information, please contact Carolyn Shane, executive director, at (908) 232-6770 or cshane@tewnj.org or visit tewnj.org.

Walk-a-Thon to Benefit Arc of Union County

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Step Up for The Arc of Union County 2007 Walk-a-Thon will take place on Sunday, May 20, at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, located at 1776 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.

Registration will start at 10 a.m., with the walk beginning at 11 a.m. Free lunch will be available at noon, courtesy of Applebee's of Watchung. Fun activities also are planned for children and families. Those interested in registering or in forming teams are asked to call Cari Liby, special events coordinator, at (973) 315-0020.

This annual walk benefits The Arc of Union County, a non-profit organization based in Springfield serving people with developmental disabilities throughout Union, Middlesex, Essex and Somerset Counties. For more information about the organization, please visit arcunion.org.

Funeral Consumers Set Meeting for May 17

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central New Jersey, Inc. (formerly the Plainfield Area Memorial Society) will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m.

It will take place at the Scotch Hills Country Club recreational building, located at 820 Jerusalem Road at the corner of Jerusalem Road and Plainfield Avenue in Scotch Plains. The building is next to the putting green.

A short business meeting and election of officers will be held. Afterward, guest speaker Daniel M. Pellegrino will discuss "If you or a family member dies outside of the state or country."

Mr. Pellegrino is the funeral director of the Scarpa Funeral Home of North Plainfield. He will tell attendees how to avoid double billing (being billed by the origin and destination funeral home) and will be available for questions. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

There will be no fee or solicitation of any kind at this meeting, which is open to the public. The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central New Jersey, Inc. is a not-for-profit and educational organization specializing in pre-need information before death. For more information, please call Fred Lange at (908) 889-6289 or e-mail flplains@aol.com.

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