

## Shirley Walsh Is Honored By Westfield Girl Scouts

WESTFIELD – Shirley Walsh of Westfield was honored by the Westfield Girl Scout community with the Thanks Badge, an award recognizing outstanding contributions to the Girl Scout organization over a number of years.

Created in 1913 by Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of the Girl Scout organization, the Thanks Badge is one of the Girl Scouts' highest national adult awards. Mrs. Walsh received the award this spring at the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council's (GSWRC) 50th anniversary celebration.

A member of the Westfield Girl Scout community for nearly 25 years, Mrs. Walsh has been active in many capacities, among them as Service Bulletin Coordinator for the Service Team. She created a booklet – which she updates annually – of service opportunities that has grown over the years to nearly 20 pages.

Mrs. Walsh keeps track of service hours for more than 1,000 Girl Scouts in Westfield. To add more incentive for service, she initiated the Red Star program, given for every 10 hours of service.

Additionally, she introduced the Westfield Girl Scout Service Day, which provides various opportunities for girls to be involved with service projects. Among these endeavors has been Project Linus, in which the girls design cotton squares

and help prepare quilts for needy children.

In 1992 Mrs. Walsh started the Westfield Mitten Tree Project, an annual holiday event to collect mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks. It continues today to include collections of items for military personnel serving overseas.

She also was Westfield Cookie Coordinator for many years, a Religious Award Coordinator and, as a Westfield delegate, has helped form the policies of the GSWRC. Mrs. Walsh also for many years prepared "The Trailmarker," Westfield's news bulletin for Girl Scout leaders.

She was a member of the 40th Anniversary Quilt Committee that selected the picture representing early Girl Scouting in Westfield and was instrumental in its creation.

Her daughters, Christa and Kate, both earned Girl Scouting's Cadette Silver Award and the Gold Award.

For her efforts on behalf of Girl Scouting, Mrs. Walsh was recognized with the Outstanding Volunteer Pin in 1989, the Emerald Award in 1994, the Appreciation Pin in 1998 and the Outstanding Service Team Member Award in 2004.



Shirley Walsh

### Parkinson's Group To Resume Meetings

WESTFIELD – Following a summer break, the Westfield Parkinson's Disease Support Group will resume its fall schedule on Monday, September 10, at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish House Lounge of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, located at 140 Mountain Avenue.

Guest speaker David King, clinical specialist at the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, will provide information on the benefits of physical therapy for Parkinson's patients, including reducing the risk of falls.

Mr. King also serves as physical therapist for the ALS clinic at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and is a columnist for the quarterly newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Parkinson Disease Association. He worked as a physical therapist at Beth Israel Medical Center in Manhattan for 12 years prior to his current positions.

Persons with Parkinson's Disease and/or their caregivers are invited to attend this meeting, which is offered free of charge. The Parkinson's Disease Support Group regularly meets on the second Monday of each month.

Light refreshments will be served following the presentation. For more information, please call Barbara Ringk at (908) 322-9214 or the church office at (908) 233-0301.



Jeffrey M. Boccia and Ms. Pamela A. Lygate

## Ms. Pamela Anne Lygate To Wed Jeffrey M. Boccia

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lygate of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Pamela Anne Lygate of Westfield, to Jeffrey Michael Boccia of Stamford, Conn. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Boccia of Poughquag, N.Y.

A 1998 graduate of Westfield High School, the bride-to-be attended Rutgers University in New Brunswick, graduating in 2003 with both a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a Masters in Education degree.

Ms. Lygate taught English for four years at Millburn High School and

will teach special education at Millburn High School in the fall.

Her fiancé graduated from Arlington High School in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. in 1997. He attended Hartford University in Connecticut, graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design in 2001.

Mr. Boccia worked at ESPN in Bristol, Conn. for four years and currently is employed as a graphic designer with Versus in Stamford, Conn.

The couple will be married in July of 2008 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

## Calvary Lutheran to Hold Backpack Blessing Sunday

CRANFORD – The Calvary Lutheran Church will present its second annual "Blessing of the Backpacks" on Sunday, September 9, at the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Worshippers are invited to bring their backpacks, lunch boxes and computer bags for the blessing from Calvary's pastor, the Reverend Carol A. Lindsay. Calvary Lutheran is located at 108 Eastman Street in Cranford.

Continuing the theme of this Backpack Sunday, the congregation also will collect new and gently used school backpacks and lunch boxes to be given to needy school children in Camden.

The following Sunday, September 16, Calvary will return to its fall schedule with worship services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Both services will include Holy Communion.

A Rally Day Celebration at 9:45 a.m. will welcome Sunday school

children and their families in Fellowship Hall. Sunday school for children from three years old through seventh grade is held from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the Education Building behind the church.

Also meeting at the same time is the Adult Forum, which offers a look at church issues, current events and spiritual growth.

Calvary will continue to offer a mid-week worship opportunity this fall known as "WOW," Worship on Wednesdays, at 7:30 p.m. Dress is casual at this 45-minute, informal service.

Additionally in September, the Calvary Lutheran Church is celebrating its 79th anniversary. The church is a congregation of the New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, serving the Cranford-Westfield area and surrounding communities.

## Library Friends Book Sale To Extend Over Four Days

FANWOOD – The Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library will hold its annual book sale this month, which for the first time will extend to four consecutive days.

Members-Only Night will take place on Thursday, September 27, from 3 to 7 p.m. Friends members are invited to preview and buy any item (membership may be purchased at the door).

The sale will open to the public on Friday, September 28, from 9 a.m. to noon and from 3 to 7 p.m., and will continue on Saturday, September 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fourth and final day of the sale will be Bag Day on Sunday, September 30, when bags of books and other materials may be purchased for \$5 each from noon to 4 p.m.

Donations for the sale will be collected and the sale itself will be held once again at Forest Road Park, located three blocks from the Fanwood Memorial Library at the end of Forest Road across Midway Avenue. Donations of salable items may be brought to Forest Road Park on Sep-

tember 18, 20, 22, 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 4 p.m.; on September 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. and on September 26 from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Friends will accept recent fiction, paperbacks, current and relevant nonfiction, as well as DVDs and compact disks. This year, the organization cannot accept toys, games, puzzles, video or audiocassettes, fiction or nonfiction that is out of date, textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, condensed books or any mildewed or damaged item.

Volunteers are welcome to help sort and sell items. To sign up or obtain more information, please contact Carol Campbell at (908) 322-9179 or campell@verizon.net, or Thena Rosahl at (908) 889-1661 or thena88@hotmail.com.

### Hypertension Clinics To Resume Sept. 11

SCOTCH PLAINS – The monthly hypertension (blood pressure) screening clinics sponsored by the Scotch Plains Health Department will resume on Tuesday, September 11, at the Scotch Plains Public Library from 10 a.m. to noon. All residents are welcome.

Those who either have not had their blood pressure checked recently or who smoke, are overweight or have a family history of hypertension, heart disease or diabetes are particularly encouraged to attend.

The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue. For more details, please call (908) 322-6700, extension no. 306.

### Garden Club to Debut New Season Monday

WESTFIELD – The Garden Club of Westfield will meet at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11, in Assembly Hall of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, located at 140 Mountain Avenue.

To inaugurate its new season, the club will welcome Wini Applegate, former Garden Club of New Jersey president, member of the Seaweeders Garden Club of Bay Head and Mantoloking, active environmentalist and wedding and party designer. She will demonstrate how to use garden flowers in home design.

The club will structure its activities for the coming year under the banner "Think Heritage, Plant Native" to encourage gardeners to use native species in landscapes in order to combat the growing problem of invasive plants. Invasive plants choke forests and meadows, changing eco-systems, and destroy habitats that nurture animals, birds and butterflies.

This effort follows the general theme chosen by the president of National Garden Clubs, Inc., the director of the Central Atlantic Region and the Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc. president. The Garden Club of Westfield, Inc. is a member of these organizations, joining the New Jersey Federation in 1925.

### Genealogy Meeting To Have Irish Theme

WESTFIELD – The Genealogical Society of the West Fields will present a program on Thursday, September 13, featuring aspects of Irish genealogy. It will be held at 1 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, located at 425 East Broad Street.

The speaker will be Dick O'Malley, who has extensive experience in Irish genealogy. He will cover advanced preparation for a research trip to Ireland, important books to review, the services of county genealogy offices and new websites offering maps.

The public is invited to attend this program and refreshments will be served. For additional information, please call Elizabeth Youngs at (908) 276-7104.

### Scanlons Welcome Katherine Ann

Kevin and Laura Scanlon of Westfield have announced the arrival and adoption of their daughter, Katherine Ann Scanlon.

Katherine was born on Friday, May 4, 2007, at 4:57 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces and measured 20½ inches in length at birth.

Katherine joins her brother, Dylan Alfred, age 2½.

The baby's maternal grandmother is Joan DeYoung of Staten Island, N.Y.

Helen Scanlon of Jackson, N.J. is her paternal grandmother.

Katherine was baptized on Sunday, July 15, at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Garwood. Her godparents are John and Kathryn DeYoung of Staten Island, N.Y.; Doreen Aiello of Chester, N.J. and Patricia Canfarotta of Stratford, Conn. The baby was named in honor of her mother's grandmother, the late Ann Schubert.

# Family Fun Day

In Honor of Grandparents Day

## Saturday, September 8

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