



Miss Kristin Michelle Wanca and David Petersen

Miss Kristin M. Wanca To Marry David Petersen

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wanca of Reeders, Pa., formerly of Westfield, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Kristin Michelle Wanca, to David Petersen of High Bridge. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Petersen of Edison.

A 2001 graduate of Westfield High School, the bride-to-be graduated magna cum laude in 2006 from Seton Hall University in South Orange with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education.

Miss Wanca is employed as a restaurant manager with Famous Dave's

Bar-B-Que in Hillsborough. She also currently serves as captain of the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad.

The future bridegroom is a 1998 graduate of John P. Stevens High School in Edison. In 2002, he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia with a bachelor's degree in Political Science.

Mr. Petersen is a paramedic and currently is employed by Atlantic Health in Summit as an education coordinator.

Their wedding will take place in August 2008 at the Stroudsboro Country Inn in Stroudsburg, Pa.

Lions Membership Drive To Begin at Open House

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Lions Club will launch its membership drive for the 2007-2008 season this fall with an open house on Tuesday, October 9, at 7 p.m. It will take place at B.G. Fields Restaurant, located at 560 Springfield Avenue in Westfield.

Dr. Vincent Vicci will be the guest speaker for the event. Interested persons are asked to respond by Monday, October 1, to acryan4@verizon.net.

In existence for over 80 years, the Westfield Lions Club is part of Lions International, a worldwide service organization. The club utilizes funds raised from its White Cane days and cell phone/printer cartridge recycling to support local community needs as well as various groups serving the blind and visually impaired.

Each year, the club hosts one of the Union County Blind meetings along with the Fanwood Lions Club. Additionally, the club donates to "The Caring Neighbor Fund" of Westfield and toiletries and socks to the Cranford-Elmora Soup Kitchen.

The club sponsors an annual Easter Egg Hunt in Westfield's Mindowaskin Park and performs a street cleanup semi-annually. Through referrals from the Westfield school system and social services, the club has provided vision and hearing exams, eyeglasses and hearing aids to Westfield adults and children.

The club collects used eyeglasses and hearing aids at its collection box at the corner of Elm and Broad Streets in Westfield to be recycled for needy people worldwide.

At Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield, the Westfield Lions support the Leo Club and sponsor a self-

esteem and substance abuse prevention program called Lion Quest.

New members are always welcome. For more information about the Westfield Lions Club or if interested in attending a meeting, please contact Douglas Schembs, Jr. at ds1ion@juno.com or visit westfieldnj.com/lions.

College Club to Learn About Amish Customs

SCOTCH PLAINS - The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains will learn about "Amish Traditions" immediately following its 7:30 p.m. business meeting on Monday, September 24, in the library of Union Catholic High School.

Sandy Riley will present the program. Living among the Amish in the Lancaster, Pa. area for 13 years, she collected many informative and humorous stories about Amish traditions.

Ms. Riley is a certified childbirth educator and a labor support coach. She worked with a local Lancaster midwife for five years and through that work learned even more information about the Amish.

The public is welcome to attend this presentation. Union Catholic High School is located at 1600 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains provides scholarships for young women of high school and college age who reside in the community. Thirteen students were awarded \$22,500 by the club for the current academic year. To learn more about the club, please call Elaine at (908) 232-1249.



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL JOSEPH CHECCHIO
(She is the former Miss Kelly Elizabeth Massenzio)

Miss Kelly E. Massenzio Weds Michael J. Checchio

Miss Kelly Elizabeth Massenzio, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Massenzio of Westfield, was married on Saturday, June 23, to Michael Joseph Checchio. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Amerigo Checchio of Watchung.

The afternoon nuptials took place at St. Teresa of Avila Roman Catholic Church in Summit, with the Reverend William Morris officiating. A reception followed at The Palace in Somerset.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a satin and tulle, pleated A-line gown. It had Swarovski crystal beaded spaghetti straps and bodice, with Robison Anton platinum embroidery on the bodice and skirt. Her train had tulle inset.

The bride's bouquet featured all white roses adorned with crystals and pearls. On the front of the stems was her grandmother's brooch that she used as her "something old."

The bride's maid of honor was her sister, Miss Katie Massenzio. Her other attendants included Miss Lindsay McBride, the bride's cousin; Miss Alana Palumbo, Mrs. Kristin Pudlak, Miss Brianne Dowd and Mrs. Melissa Brachelli, all friends of the bride.

All wore satin Amsale dresses in Wisteria and carried bouquets of orchid colored peonies, lilacs, lavender roses, lavender sweet pea, hydrangea and freesia, adorned with colored crystals.

David Checchio was the best man for his brother. The other groomsmen were Ryan Massenzio, the bride's brother; Andy Glaydura, Alex Dasheill, Eddie Sheehan and Giovanni Sparagna, all friends of the bridegroom.

The bridegroom and groomsmen all wore traditional black tuxedos.

Miss Melissa Marks, the bridegroom's cousin; Mrs. Lori McBride, the bride's aunt, and Miss Lisa Borromeo, a friend of the couple, did scripture readings.

The couple had 200 guests at their reception. Their first dance was to "I've Finally Found Someone" by Barbra Streisand. The bride danced with her father to "The Prayer" by Andrea Bocelli and the bridegroom danced with his mother to Josh Groban's "You Raise Me Up."

Mrs. Donna Checchio, the bridegroom's mother, hosted a bridal shower April 28 at il Tulipano in Cedar Grove.

The rehearsal dinner, hosted by the bridegroom's parents, took place June 16 at Cafe Vivace in Plainfield.

Following a wedding trip to Grand Cayman, the couple resides in Watchung.

Connors Welcome Haley Bridget

Patrick Connor, Jr. and Amy Connor of Westfield have announced the birth of their daughter, Haley Bridget Connor, on Monday, September 10, at 8:22 a.m. at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Haley weighed 6 pounds and 6 ounces and measured 18½ inches in length at birth.

The baby's maternal grandparents are the Reverend Jan V. and Lorna Knost of Charlestown, R.I.

Her paternal grandparents are Carol and Patrick Connor, Sr. of Mechanicsburg, Pa., formerly of Westfield.

Haley's paternal great-grandmother is Emma Mullen, also of Mechanicsburg.

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Fanwood Recreation Dept. Reveals Programs For Fall

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Recreation Department has announced its schedule of fall programs for all ages, from children to senior citizens. All programs will begin the week of Monday, October 1.

Parents and children are invited to participate in "Mommy and Me Art" (ages three to five plus adult) and "Mommy and Me Belly Dancing" (three and up plus adult).

For children, teens and adults, there will be "Art Club for Kids" (ages six to nine); "Digital Stop Motion Animation Workshop Club" (grades 2 to 4); "Robotics and Control Systems Workshop Club" (grades 5 to 8); "Video Game Creation Workshop Club" (grades 3 to 8); "Junior Jazzercise" (ages six to 11); "Fashion Illustration" (ages 11 to 18); and "Comic Book Illustration" (ages 11 to adult).

For adults only, Belly Dancing and

Ceramics classes will be available.

Fall programs for Fanwood senior citizens will begin the week of October 1 and run for 11 weeks. They include "Aerobics" (Tuesdays, 9:15 to 10 a.m.); "Tai Chi" (Tuesdays, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.); "Chair Yoga" (Wednesdays, 2 to 3 p.m.) and "Line Dancing" (Thursdays, 1 to 2 p.m.).

Additionally, "Water Exercise" will be offered on Fridays from 11 to 11:45 a.m. beginning Friday, October 12, and will run for nine weeks only.

All classes will be held in the recreation building at Forest Road Park in Fanwood, except for Water Exercise, which will be held at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey Wilf Jewish Community Campus indoor pool at 1391 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Registration forms may be picked up at Fanwood Borough Hall, located at 75 North Martine Avenue. For more information about all these programs, including fees, schedules and registration, please access visitfanwood.com/recreation or call the Fanwood Recreation Department at (908) 370-7092.

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