

## Friends Continue Campaign To Benefit Ill WHS Alumna

WESTFIELD - Friends and former classmates of a Westfield High School graduate suffering from the autoimmune disease scleroderma are mounting a final push to collect the remaining \$50,000 necessary to pay for her stem cell transplant this month—a procedure her doctor maintains is needed to save her life.

Michele Marron-Meyerhoff, a member of the Class of 1959 now living in Cranford, has sustained severe lung damage and needs oxygen around the clock. She already has incurred \$2.5 million in medical bills and needs \$160,000 for the opera-

tion, which involves removing her stem cells, cleansing them and re-infusing them into her body.

The fundraising effort, which already has resulted in donations of \$110,000, was launched because her insurance carrier has refused to pay for the transplant—contending it is an experimental procedure.

Response to Ms. Marron-Meyerhoff's plight has been heartening to her friends and family and has generated an outpouring of donations both large and small, according to the committee spearheading the fundraising campaign. Members of the committee expressed appreciation to the hundreds of people who have already responded and encouraged others to make a contribution as well.

Contributions can be made by check or VISA, Mastercard or American Express to the National Foundation for Transplants, N.J. Stem Cell Fund, 2560 Route 22, P.O. Box 208, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076-1529.

To contribute online, please visit [transplants.org](http://transplants.org), click on Patients We Help and type "Marron" in the search box. All donations made either to the Scotch Plains Post Office box or to the Internet address will exclusively benefit Ms. Marron-Meyerhoff and are tax-deductible. For more information, please call Barbara O'Desky, fundraising chairwoman, at (732) 748-1485 or Gene Dillard, publicity chairman, at (609) 871-4267.

### Single Jewish Friends To Dine on Sunday

AREA - This Sunday, September 23, the Circle of Single Jewish Friends 49+ will hold a Meet and Eat Lunch at noon at Jack Cooper's Celebrity Deli, located at 1199 Amboy Avenue (in the Tano Mall) in Edison.

The cost to attend this event is \$3 plus the price of a meal from the menu and tip. Interested persons are asked to call Roberta at (908) 668-8450.

### Miller-Cory to Hold Antiques Appraisal

WESTFIELD - An "Antiques Appraisal Affair" will take place this Sunday, September 23, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Miller-Cory House Museum. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

Members of the public are invited to bring their hand-carried heirlooms and collectibles to be identified and evaluated by experienced dealers.

The following dealers will donate their time and expertise to this event: Lynn Caporoso and Robert Selig of Country Cottage Antiques in Scotch Plains and Ina Giardina of Ina's Antiques at the Summit Antiques Center in Summit.

Requested donations are \$4 for one item and \$10 for three items. All proceeds from the event will be used to support educational programs at the historic Miller-Cory House Museum.

Participants are asked not to bring any very large items, weapons or firearms. Complimentary refreshments will be served. Tours of the museum will not be conducted that day.

Upcoming Sunday events at the museum include house tours on September 30 and "Ghost Hunt with 'Beyond the Grave'" on October 14. For more information, please call the museum office at (908) 232-1776.



PIECE OF THE PAST...The Miller-Cory House Museum of Westfield will hold an "Antiques Appraisal Affair" on Sunday, September 23, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Pictured, antique dealers Ina Giardina of Summit Antiques Center in Summit, left, and Lynn Caporoso of Country Cottage Antiques in Scotch Plains, who will appraise visitors' pieces, study an antique vase. Dealer Robert Selig of Country Cottage Antiques and Parse House Sales in Scotch Plains also will participate. See release about the event on this page.

## Free Rabies Clinic to Offer Cat and Dog Inoculations

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains Health Department will sponsor a free rabies clinic for cats and dogs on Wednesday, September 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Northside Firehouse on Senger Place opposite the Scotch Plains Municipal Building.

Cats must be contained in a "cat carrier" or a box and accompanied by an adult able to control the animal. If this is the animal's initial vaccination (which includes those animals with an unknown vaccination history), the inoculation has a one-year duration.

Subsequent booster vaccinations have a three-year duration if the animal is age six months or older. 2007 cat licenses for \$5 will be available at the clinic. Cats will be vaccinated from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

An adult capable of controlling the animal also must accompany dogs. Revaccination is not necessary for three years unless the dog is under six months of age, thus requiring revaccination the subsequent year (or if the animal's vaccination history is unknown).

Dog licenses for 2007 will be available at the clinic. The cost is \$6.20 if

the pet is spayed or neutered and \$9.20 if not. Dogs will be vaccinated from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Participants are asked to pay with a check or exact cash for the licenses. The New Jersey Department of Health recommends vaccination every two years, and the township will not issue a license unless the vaccination is valid for the entire licensing period. For more information, please call (908) 322-6700, extension no. 309.

### N.J. Tax Dept. Extends Filing Date to Oct. 31

AREA - The State of New Jersey Tax Department has extended the filing date from June 1 to Wednesday, October 31, for those persons who have not yet filed for the following programs:

Fair Homeowner Rebate for homeowners and tenants.

Property Tax Reimbursement Forms PTR-1 and PTR-2 (tax freeze) for property owners over 65 and those on Social Security Disability.

For forms and assistance, please call Ed Evans at the Scotch Plains Public Library at (908) 322-5007, extension no. 208.

## First Baptist Delegation Set To Attend ABCNJ Session

WESTFIELD - Congregation and clergy members of the First Baptist Church of Westfield will attend the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey's (ABCNJ) Annual Session tomorrow and Saturday, September 21 and 22, in Ocean City.

The session, which will include

meetings on missions, new church development and baptism, is open to both ministers and lay people.

Delegates from the First Baptist Church will include Ed Lehecka of Westfield, Shirley Miller of Scotch Plains, Bette Savage of Bridgewater and Kay Schmitt of Mountainside. Mrs. Schmitt also will be presented as the church's special "treasure," based on her active involvement in church life over the past 60 years.

Jean Kellogg of Scotch Plains, the Reverend Jeremy Montgomery, associate pastor, and the Reverend Dee Turlington, senior pastor, also will attend the session. The First Baptist Church is located at 170 Elm Street.

The mission of ABCNJ is to be Christ-centered, mission focused and pastoral in spirit, as it encourages its churches and pastors to be faithful and healthy witnesses of the Gospel.

Additional information on ABCNJ is available online at [abcnj.net](http://abcnj.net). For more information on the ABCNJ's Annual Session, interested persons may contact the First Baptist Church of Westfield at (908) 233-2278, e-mail [firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net](mailto:firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net) or visit [fbcwestfield.org/](http://fbcwestfield.org/).

## Mothers' Center Welcomes All to Expanded Fall Sale

AREA - The Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey (MCCNJ) will hold its semi-annual consignment sale with expanded hours on Friday, September 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, September 29, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Trinity Episcopal Church, located at North and Forest Avenues in Cranford.

The sale will feature gently used children's fall and winter clothing in sizes from newborn to children's 12. Other merchandise will include children's toys, videos and books, sports equipment and bicycles, Halloween costumes, strollers and other baby equipment.

Quality items will be available at discounted prices. The sale will be cash only, and no strollers will be admitted. Anyone interested in consigning at this event is asked to leave

a detailed message at the Mothers' Center before Monday, September 24, by calling (908) 561-1751.

Proceeds will benefit the Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization that provides friendship, education, outreach and support for all parents across Central New Jersey.

Now in its 29th year, the group offers daytime and evening discussion and craft groups, book clubs, morning and afternoon playgroups, library and referral resources and special events. On-site babysitting is available for most daytime activities.

New members are welcome at any time. For more information about the Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey, please call (908) 561-1751 or visit [westfieldnj.com/mccnj](http://westfieldnj.com/mccnj) online.

### Stokes Farm Owner To Speak at Library

SCOTCH PLAINS - Ron Binaghi, the owner and operator of Stokes Farm in Old Tappan, will speak at the Scotch Plains Public Library on Monday, September 24, at 7 p.m. This program will take place in the Community Room.

He will discuss the New York City Greenmarket system, the work it takes to grow dozens of varieties of vegetables and how he keeps his farm running in the midst of suburban sprawl.

Mr. Binaghi is the fifth generation to farm his family's 15-acre plot in northeastern Bergen County, and his Greenmarket stand has been rated in the 2008 Zagat New York City Marketplace guide.

Registration is required and may be done by calling (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204. All programs at the library are free and open to all interested persons. The library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue. For more information and directions, please call (908) 322-5007.

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