



MR. AND MRS. BRIAN GARTLAND MURPHY
(She is the former Miss Sarah Hamilton Rood)

Miss Sarah H. Rood Weds Brian G. Murphy

Miss Sarah Hamilton Rood, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Rood of Westfield, was married on Saturday, September 8, 2007, to Brian Gartland Murphy of Upper Montclair. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Murphy of Mountainside, formerly of Westfield.

The evening ceremony, officiated by Ms. Mary Dougal, took place in the Alice Ransom Dreyfuss Memorial Sculpture Garden at the Newark Museum. A reception followed inside at the Engelhard Court of the museum. Guests were given the opportunity to tour two different art galleries during the cocktail hour and later spent the evening dancing to a band.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a strapless, princess line gown of white Alençon lace over ivory silk organza designed by Elma Reis, featuring a delicate silk organza sash and chapel-length train. She carried a bouquet of varied shades of pink roses and white and green hydrangeas.

Ms. Kathryn Mancini of Philadelphia, Pa., a friend of the bride, was the maid of honor. Ms. Jamie Rood and Ms. Tracy Rood, both sisters of the bride from Westfield, were bridal attendants. Miss Paige Robinson and Miss Lindsay Robinson, the bride's second cousins from Lower Macungie, Pa., were the junior brides-

maids. All wore chocolate colored tea length gowns with coordinating sash by Bill Levkoff in iridescent taffeta and carried bouquets of varied bright pink roses and orchids.

Sergeant Scott Sullivan of Fort Wainwright, Alaska, a friend of the bridegroom, was the best man. Serving as groomsmen were William Maslovsky of Hoboken and Justin Meo of New York City, also friends of the bridegroom.

The bridegroom's sisters, Ms. Kristine Murphy of Jersey City and Ms. Liz Murphy of Stamford, Conn., did readings during the ceremony.

A 1996 graduate of Westfield High School, the bride was awarded a degree in fashion merchandising from the University of Delaware in 2000. She is employed as a buyer with Linens-N-Things in Clifton.

The bridegroom also graduated in 1996 from Westfield High School. He was awarded a degree in history from the University of Delaware in 2000 and is employed by Smith Barney in Newark.

The bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Murphy, hosted a rehearsal dinner on the eve of the wedding at the restaurant Spain in Newark.

Following a wedding trip to the Amalfi Coast of Italy, the couple resides in Upper Montclair.

Juliette Low Golf Classic To Benefit Girl Scouting

SCOTCH PLAINS - The 11th Annual Juliette Low Golf Classic will take place on Monday, October 20, at the Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains. The day also will feature a women's golf clinic for those interested in sharpening their skills or who are just beginning to learn the game.

The action will get underway at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast and registration. A 10:30 a.m. shotgun start is planned, allowing golfers to tackle Shackamaxon's challenging and scenic 18-hole layout. Hole-in-One prizes, as well as recognition for longest drive and closest to the pin, are at stake.

The clinic will take place from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., with prizes awarded in various categories as well.

A cocktail hour will follow at 4 p.m., with a dinner reception slated for 5 p.m. Prior to dinner, guests will have the opportunity to participate in a silent auction.

New this year is an early bird discount, with individual golfers paying \$325 and foursomes paying \$1,300 prior to Monday, September 1. After that date, the cost will be \$350 individually and \$1,400 for foursomes. A variety of sponsorship opportunities also are available, ranging from \$125 to \$10,000.

All proceeds from the golf classic will benefit Girl Scouting throughout the current jurisdictions of the Girl Scout Council of Greater Essex and Hudson Counties, the Girl Scouts of Rolling Hills Council and the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council (GSWRC). As of Wednesday, October 1, pending approval, the councils will merge and become Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey.

For more information on becoming involved, call Ross Blacker at (908) 232-3236, extension no. 1209, Marion McCarthy at (973) 746-8200, extension no. 136, or Regis Donovan at (908) 725-1226, extension no. 117. Information also can be accessed at gshnj.org.

Les Marmitons Reveal First Dinner of Season

CRANFORD - Les Marmitons of Cranford, drawing members from across Union County and beyond, will hold its first dinner event of the 2008-2009 season on Monday, September 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kenilworth Veterans of Foreign Wars, located on 21st Street in Kenilworth.

Andrea Carbine, chef/owner of A Tote Heuer in Cranford, will guide members and guests through the preparation of a multi-course, locally sourced menu paired with wines. This event is open to members and guests.

An international culinary and social club, Les Marmitons is comprised of men who share a common interest in friendship combined with the preparation, understanding and enjoyment of fine food, wine and culinary arts.

Les Marmitons of Cranford meets on the second Monday of the month. For more information, visit lesmarmitons.org and select the Cranford chapter, or e-mail Richard Dreher, president, at rdreher@cranfordmarmitons.org.

Club Invites Public To Join Activities

AREA - The Union County Hiking Club offers a variety of hiking and bicycling activities, most of which take place in central and northern New Jersey. Membership dues are \$10 per year.

Prospective members are invited to try out the club by taking part in up to three outings before joining. For a complimentary schedule, which includes a new member application, call Union County Parks and Community Renewal in Elizabeth at (908) 527-4900.



WORKING THROUGH THE SUMMER...The Intermediate Department of the Woman's Club of Westfield (WCW) met recently at Isabella's American Bistro of Westfield. This department meets monthly at a local restaurant, where members socialize while discussing club activities such as the Bridges Program, through which the WCW shops for and prepares lunches for the needy. Pictured, from left to right, are: Standing, Eileen Spitzer, Clemmie Tabor and Anne Magnotti, and seated, Anne Galante, President Dolores Geisow, Charlotte Clevenger and Sally Brown.



Nathan James Loofbourrow and Ms. Laura Michelle Kaufman

Ms. Laura Kaufman To Wed Nathan Loofbourrow

Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Kaufman of Glendale, Calif. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Laura Michelle Kaufman, to Nathan James Loofbourrow. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Loofbourrow of Westfield.

The bride-to-be graduated in 1992 from Westridge School for Girls in Pasadena, Calif. and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of California at Irvine in 1997. Ms. Kaufman has worked in the field of social services.

A 1988 graduate of Westfield High School, her fiancé earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Computer Science in 1992 from Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa. and a Master of Science degree in Computer and Information Science from Ohio State University in Columbus in 1996.

The future bridegroom has worked for DreamWorks Animation as a Character Technical Director Supervisor in Glendale, Calif. since 2001.

The couple will marry in November.

AAI Program to Explore Hubble Telescope Impact

CRANFORD - On Friday, September 19, Amateur Astronomers Inc. (AAI) will conduct its monthly membership meeting at 8 p.m. in the Main Lecture Hall of the Nomenegon building at Union County College, located at 1033 Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

Immediately following the business meeting, at approximately 9 p.m., the club will present a lecture on "The Hubble Space Telescope, An Idea That Would Not Die." Robert Zimmerman, an award-winning science journalist and historian, will present the program. Mr. Zimmerman will discuss the political and scientific controversy behind the construction and maintenance of the telescope and will illustrate how the telescope's design has reshaped the concept of how space exploration should be carried out.

Following the lecture, attendees will be invited to the William Miller Sperry Observatory that is located nearby on campus and will have the opportunity to speak with club members and tour the facility. Refreshments will be served. If weather permits, a celestial viewing focusing on Jupiter will be conducted using the club's two large telescopes.

In addition to the monthly meetings held on the third Friday of each month September through May, more informal meetings take place on the remaining Fridays at the Sperry Observatory.

An appropriate program for youth groups will be held at 7:30 p.m. if requested in advance by contacting Anthony Espinoza at symmetry57@hotmail.com. At 8:30

p.m., programs for the general public are presented on topics such as space exploration and the solar system. If weather permits, celestial viewings take place throughout the evening.

All meetings and lectures are free and open to the public. Free parking is provided. For more information on AAI and directions, visit asterism.org or call (908) 276-STAR.

Ice Cream Social Set Sunday at Synagogue

AREA - Temple Beth Or/Beth Torah, a regional Conservative synagogue located at 111 Valley Road in Clark, will hold an Ice Cream Social for prospective new members on Sunday, August 24, at 4 p.m. at the synagogue.

In addition to making their own ice cream sundaes, participants will have an opportunity to tour the synagogue, meet clergy and congregation members and learn about programs and activities offered for all ages.

The temple offers a religious school, youth groups, adult education, a sisterhood, men's club and groups for young couples and senior citizens. Also available are community service activities, various classes, book discussions and lectures by scholars, among other programs. For more information and to respond, call (732) 382-4674 or (732) 381-8403.

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TEMPLE HONOREES...On June 13, Temple Shalom of Scotch Plains held its annual Chai dinner and Shabbat service to honor those who have been congregation members for 18 years or more. Additionally this year, the event honored those graduating from high school. Pictured, Rabbi Joel Abraham, center, joins some of Temple Shalom's 2008 high school graduates. They are, from left to right: Clarissa Lyons, Wendy Harris, Jordan Neuhauser and Rachel Leitner.

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VP Salon in Westfield Welcomes Nicole Craft

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Victor Passucci the owner of VP Salon in Westfield has been totally involved in the pursuit of excellence in hair design. With an active list of clients, and an even more active waiting list, Passucci has been on a constant search for a professional trained in the Jacques Dessange technique.

It was his good fortune that Nicole Craft, senior stylist at Carsten Union Square, was yearning to bring her energy and exuberant New York hair designs to New Jersey. Actively involved with the hectic pace of runway shows, Nicole not only trained in the same haircutting technique as Passucci, she is consistently invited to cut and style hair for the Ford

Model Agency in Manhattan. Notably interested in the constant pursuit of continuing education, Nicole Craft eagerly awaits August 26th, her first day, at VP Salon. "I truly recognize the importance of a great hairstyle," she said. "I believe when your hair looks good, you look good. I also believe it is important to establish a relationship with your stylist. I look forward to meeting my new clients."

Victor Passucci cordially invites the public to call for an appointment. "Remember, when you look good, you feel good." VP Salon is located at 210 South Avenue, Westfield. (908) 928-1133.



Nicole Craft, VP Salon
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