



Helen and Raymond Snyder

Snyders to Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Raymond Thaddeus and Helen Kerekes Snyder of Mountainside, formerly of Westfield, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary this Saturday, August 29.

Dr. and Mrs. Snyder, who called Westfield home for nearly five decades, were married at Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Rahway.

The oldest of three children born to Lazlo and Helen Kontra Kerekes, Mrs. Snyder grew up in Rahway, where she was a member of the high school drama club and the Latin club and wrote for the school newspaper. In 1958, she received her teaching degree from New Jersey State Teachers College. While in college, Mrs. Snyder, fluent in Hungarian, volunteered at Camp Kilmer aiding the Red Cross in relocating Hungarian refugees. In 1958, she was crowned Centennial Queen of Rahway during the town's 100th anniversary celebration. Mrs. Snyder was a third-grade teacher at Lincoln School in Westfield and has been a successful floral designer for the past 35 years.

Dr. Snyder is the youngest of five children born to John and Lottie Kordeleski Snyder. He grew up in Linden, where he attended Linden High School. He went on to earn his Bachelor of Science degree from St. Peter's College, his Master of Science degree from Marquette University and his medical degree from Seton Hall College of Medicine in the charter class of 1960.

While attending graduate school, Dr. Snyder was given the honor of presenting his master's thesis to the Wisconsin Academy of Science. He was a member of Phi Sigma, honorary biology society, and Phi Rho Sigma, medical fraternity. Dr. Snyder has been in private practice in Plainfield for more than 30 years, during which time he served as chief of Family Practice at Muhlenberg Hospital and president of the Plainfield Area Medical Association.

Together the couple raised sons Raymond Louis, Thomas John and John James, and daughters Amy Helen and Jennifer Lynn. The owner of a

commercial landscaping company, eldest son Raymond and his wife of 17 years, Karen, have one daughter, Theresa Rose, and reside in Somerset. Tom, a family law attorney and partner in a New Jersey law firm as well as a member of the executive board of the New Jersey State Bar, has been married to Kelly for 19 years. They have two children, Thomas Joseph and Melanie Elizabeth and reside in Westfield. John received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business from Salve Regina University and now resides in Somerset. He has been married to Caryn for two years and on July 6 they enjoyed the birth of their first child, Brielle Rose.

A full-time mother of three, Ronald Henry, Emily Rae and Catherine Elizabeth, Amy resides in Westfield. Jennifer received her undergraduate degree as well as her master's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University and has one son, James Robert. She teaches special education in Elizabeth.

Besides raising their children, the Snyders have remained active in the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, where Mrs. Snyder is a lector and a Eucharistic minister. She also has led several pilgrimages to Medjugorje, Fatima, Lourdes and the Holy Land.

In 1992, Mrs. Snyder was among 1,000 pilgrims who carried the Fatima Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary into several former communist countries, culminating with the crowning of the statue in Red Square, celebrating the demise of communism and the return of Christianity to the Eastern Block.

Dr. Snyder, who has spent much of his professional life helping the needy, was invited to meet with Mother Theresa on two separate occasions, and he and his family had the honor of celebrating mass with Blessed Mother Theresa. Dr. and Mrs. Snyder have both received humanitarian awards from the Archdiocese of Newark. On September 26, at a special mass that will take place at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dr. and Mrs. Snyder will be knighted Sir Raymond and Lady Helen of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

Library to Host Exhibit Honoring Twin Towers

WESTFIELD - Now through the month of September, the Westfield Memorial Library is presenting "Tribute to the Twin Towers," an exhibit of photography by Martin Muller of Plainfield. Mr. Muller dedicates this show to the memory of the towers and the people who worked there. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street.

Mr. Muller photographed the towers from a variety of viewpoints, such as from under and at the foot of the

Manhattan Bridge, from Battery Park and near the Criminal Court Building.

Additionally, the library is showing the collections of several local individuals in its display cases through the end of August. At the front entrance of the library is the shore bird, lighthouse and shell collection of Jane and George Gross of Westfield, and in the display case nearest the New Fiction section and the Internet Lounge is the bottle opener collection of Brian Rodgers, also of Westfield.

The Gross collection includes small replicas of seals, walrus, pelicans, great blue herons, great white egrets and roseate spoonbills. There also is a model of the *USS Constitution*, otherwise known as Old Ironsides, and considered one of the most revered ships in the United States Navy.

Besides collecting seashore memorabilia, Mrs. Gross dries flowers, and several conch shells filled with her very life-like specimens are on display. Books, such as her mother's copy of the classic "The Little Red Lighthouse," are featured as well.

In addition to old and new bottle openers, Mr. Rodgers' collection includes beer memorabilia, such as Rheingold and Schlitz trays, antique corkscrews and Ballantine ale earrings. Among the more unusual bottle openers are a fish with abalone shell scales, a guitar, and a gold-and-pink gemmed piece that was made in Italy.

The photography exhibit and displays can be viewed anytime the library is open. Summer hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. The library is closed on Sunday.

The library will be closed Saturday through Monday, September 5 to 7, for Labor Day. As of September 12, the weekend hours will change to 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

League Thrift Shop To Reopen Sept. 1

SCOTCH PLAINS - To accommodate back-to-school shoppers, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League Thrift Shop will reopen its doors on Tuesday, September 1, at 10 a.m. The shop is located at 1730 East Second Street in Scotch Plains.

Since September generally is a warm weather month, lightweight clothing will be available for preschoolers through teenagers. Corduroys, jeans, T-shirts, lightweight sweaters and jackets have been restocked. A variety of shoes and sneakers for school and sports are available for children of all ages.

Operated completely by a staff of 50 volunteers, the non-profit thrift shop has been in business since its incorporation 35 years ago. The league annually donates all proceeds from the store to deserving recipients within the local communities and surrounding areas.

To receive a list of 2009 donations, which totaled \$33,000 this year, individuals may stop in at the store during business hours. The shop is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more details, directions or information on how to become a volunteer, call the thrift shop at (908) 322-5420. Free parking is available on the street and behind the store.

Williamsses Welcome Samantha Grace

Ben and Amanda (Podlas) Williams of Jamestown, N.C. have announced the birth of their daughter, Samantha Grace Williams, on Saturday, August 1, at 6:23 p.m. at The Women's Hospital of Greensboro.

Samantha weighed 8 pounds and 7 ounces and measured 20 1/4 inches in length at birth.

The baby's maternal grandparents are John and Mary Lou Podlas of High Point, N.C., formerly of Scotch Plains.

Keith and Cathy Williams of Randleman, N.C. are her paternal grandparents.

Samantha's paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Josephine Williams, also of High Point, N.C.

Chelsea Announces Senior Golf Outing

FANWOOD - All golfers age 62 and up are invited to participate in Chelsea Senior Living's first annual Senior Golf Open on Thursday, September 17. The event will start at 9 a.m. at the Warrenbrook Golf Club, located at 500 Warrenville Road in Warren.

For \$40, each golfer will receive 18 holes of golf and a buffet lunch. There also will be prizes. The only requirement is that each golfer be at least 62 years of age.

Checks should be made payable to Chelsea Senior Living. Participants are asked to send their check, along with their name, address and age, to: Chelsea Senior Open, Chelsea Senior Living, 316 South Avenue, Fanwood, N.J. 07023. For more information, call (908) 872-5921.

VFW Reveals Trip To Showboat Casino

MOUNTAINSIDE - Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 10136 of Mountainside will sponsor a trip to Showboat Casino in Atlantic City on Thursday, September 17.

The bus will depart at 9:30 a.m. from the Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church parking lot, located at 300 Central Avenue in Mountainside, and return at 7:30 p.m. The cost per person is \$28. The prevailing rate from the casino is \$30.

Checks may be made payable to: VFW No. 10136 and mailed to Eve Vitale, 286 Ravenswood, Mountainside, N.J. 07092. For more information about this event, interested persons may call Eve Vitale at (908) 789-8568. Participants are reminded to bring their player card for the slot games. All are welcome.

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MR. AND MRS. CHRISTOPHER PIPOLI
(She is the former Susanne Schrader)

Susanne Schrader Weds Christopher Pipoli

Susanne Schrader, the daughter of Richard and Eileen Schrader of Westfield, was married on Saturday, June 27, to Christopher Pipoli. He is the son of Judy and Harry Pipoli of Cranford.

The late afternoon ceremony at All Saints Church in Bay Head was officiated by the Reverend Neil Turton, with an evening reception following at the Bay Head Yacht Club.

The bride teaches fifth grade at George Washington School in Hillside. She received a Master of Arts degree in Education from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison.

The bridegroom attended Elon University in North Carolina and is a film editor for Major League Baseball's MLB.com in New York. The couple currently is teaching at Union County College in Cranford over the summer.

Mrs. Allison Dunn of Hoboken was the matron of honor for her sister, Michael Pipoli of Madison, brother of the bridegroom, and Josh Weaver of Brooklyn, N.Y. served as best men.

Mrs. Abigail Horev, Mrs. Rebecca Douglas, Ms. Jessica and Ms. Erica Chanley and Ms. Megan Devitt, all formerly of Westfield, were attendants of the bride.

James Lange, Louis Donovan,

Brian Bober, Ryan Stempniewicz and James Kuhl, all friends of the bridegroom, acted as groomsmen.

The bride wore a wedding gown designed by Christos of Alençon lace and silk organza, with the chapel-length Alençon lace mantilla worn by her mother on her wedding day. She carried a princess bouquet of white mini calla lilies with deep green hypericum.

The couple resides in Manhattan following a wedding trip to Costa Rica.

Halverson-McDonald Welcome Jeremy, Jr.

Kathy Halverson and Jeremy Scott McDonald of Elizabeth have announced the birth of their son, Jeremy Scott McDonald, Jr., on Sunday, August 9, at 8:02 p.m. at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Jeremy weighed 5 pounds and 12 ounces and measured 18 inches in length at birth.

Rosemarie and Guy Halverson of Fanwood are the baby's maternal grandparents.

Grace and John McDonald of Scotch Plains are his paternal grandparents.

Temple Invites Newcomers To Attend Erev Shabbat

WESTFIELD - Temple Emanu-El will hold a Prospective and New Member Erev Shabbat Meet and Greet event on Friday, September 11.

At 7 p.m., attendees will be able to meet newer and longtime members, clergy and senior staff. They also will have an opportunity to learn about the temple's religious school, youth group programs and Early Childhood Education Center, plus its education initiatives, social action programs, worship opportunities and social happenings. Tours of the sanctuary, classrooms, meeting rooms and community room will be available.

Additionally, the special education staff will be on hand to discuss learning opportunities for children with developmental disabilities,

which is part of the temple's Ma'ayan (water spring) program.

At 7:45 p.m., all will be invited to join the congregation for worship at Shabbat Hallelu. Shabbat Hallelu is a nationally recognized service in song, featuring contemporary melodies with which the congregation sings along as the Shabbat Hallelu band plays. Following services, new and prospective members will be able to share in a congregational Oneg Shabbat (Joy of Shabbat) and speak with clergy, members and staff.

Temple Emanu-El is located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield. For more information, contact Carolyn Shane, executive director, at (908) 232-6770, extension no. 114, or cshane@tewnj.org, or visit tewnj.org.

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Library Hours: Mon - Thurs 9:30 am - 9 pm Friday 9:30 am - 5 pm
Saturday 10 am - 1 pm Closed Sunday
As of Sept 12: Weekends: Saturday 9:30 am - 5 pm Sunday 1 - 5 pm

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

9/10	10 am	Computer Class: Intro to the Internet (Beginner level)
9/12	2:00 pm	"Brain Wave Vibration" by Dahn Yoga Tai Chi
9/17	7:00 pm	Computer Class: Download @ Your Library (intermediate)
9/18	1:30 pm	TGIF! Patsy Cline (video)
9/21	12:00 pm	Harpist Merynda Adams
9/22	10:00 am	Computer Class: Email Basics (intermediate)
9/23	7:00 pm	Chris Grabenstein Mystery Writer
9/25	1:30 pm	TGIF! Classic Movie: "My Favorite Wife"
9/30	7:00 pm	James L. Dean Big Band

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

9/21, 28	10:00 am	Toddler Time (Babies and toddlers up to age 3)
9/23, 30	10:00 am	PreSchool Storytime (ages 3 1/2 to 5 years)
9/25	10:00 am	Tots' Storytime (ages 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 years)
9/25	3:45 pm	Big Kids' Storytime (elementary school)
9/25	6:00 pm	Whose Library Is It, Anyway? Improv (grades 6 - 8)
9/27	1:30 or 3 pm	Book Buddies (grades 1 - 3 with teen volunteers)