

Scotch Plains' Gerald Resnick Named 2012 'Super Lawyer'

SCOTCH PLAINS – Scotch Plains resident and founding partner of the Resnick Law Group, P.C. in Roseland, N.J., Gerald Jay Resnick, has been recognized as a 2012 "Super Lawyer," a rating service of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. This is the seventh consecutive year that Mr. Resnick has received the honor.

Mr. Resnick, who has practiced law since 1979, focuses his work on representing individual plaintiffs in employment and discrimination cases. He has significant experience in all aspects of employment law, including discrimination, harassment, employment contracts and severance agreements, wage and hour cases, retaliation and whistleblower claims, and family and medical leave claims.

Mr. Resnick is certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Certified Trial Attorney. He has successfully tried numerous employment cases to a verdict in both state and federal courts. He also has argued before appellate courts, including the Appellate Division of the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Supreme Court, and the Second and Third Circuit Courts of Appeal in the federal court system.



Gerald Jay Resnick of the Resnick Law Group in Roseland, N.J.

Mr. Resnick has written numerous articles in the *New Jersey Law Journal*, and contributes to a legal blog as a resource for the public. He is a member of the American Trial Lawyers Association, the National Employment Lawyers' Association, the National Employment Lawyers' Association of New Jersey and the New Jersey State Bar Association. He also is a Bencher with the Sidney Reitman Labor and Employment Inn of Court, and a member of the highly selective International Network of Boutique Law Firms.

Mr. Resnick graduated from Bowling Green State University with a B.A. in Liberal Studies in 1974, and received his J.D. from Western New England School of Law in 1978. He is licensed to practice law in New Jersey, New York and the District of Columbia.

According to Super Lawyers, it "selects attorneys using a rigorous, multiphase rating process. Peer nominations and evaluations are combined with third party research. Each candidate is evaluated on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement. Selections are made on an annual, state-by-state basis."

For more information about Mr. Resnick, visit www.resnicklg.com or call (973) 781-1204.

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Arbor Day Event Set Tomorrow In Fanwood

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Shade Tree Commission will hold its annual Arbor Day Program tomorrow, Friday, April 27. The event will take place at 4 p.m. in Carriage House Park on Watson Road in Fanwood.

The program will feature the Park Middle School Environmental Club, which will demonstrate the proper way to mulch a tree. Cub Scout Pack No. 277 Tiger Den 4 from McGinn Elementary School also will be on hand for the festivities. There will be a free tree give-away to all who attend.



CANINE COMPANION...Kelso recently was brought by his owner, Bob DeRose of Westfield, to Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) University Hospital Rahway to assist John Ciani, an RWJ Rahway patient from Edison. Kelso also performed several tricks for Ciani family members who were visiting Mr. Ciani.

RWJ Rahway Pet Therapy Helps Patients Make Strides

AREA – For many at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway (RWJ Rahway), pets truly are a patient's best friend.

"Our Pet Therapy program has been in place for nearly 15 years, and we continue to be impressed with its benefits for our patients," said John Catarino, recreation therapist with RWJ Rahway. "Because hospital stays can feel isolating, RWJ Rahway's Pet Therapy Program provides social interaction, a welcome distraction and a little normalcy for our patients."

The Pet Therapy Program at RWJ Rahway involves a number of activities. For some patients, it's simply petting or cuddling the animals, which studies show helps reduce blood pressure and stress. Pets also perform tricks for patients, but primarily the program provides social interaction with the pet owners. Mr. Catarino said this gives patients the opportunity to reminisce about their own pets and to share stories with the visiting pet owners.

For the pet owners in the program, there are equal benefits.

"Our neighbors like serving their community, showing off their pets, and sharing their own stories with patients," noted Kirk Tice, Chief Executive Officer of RWJ Rahway. "At the end of their one or two hours of volunteer time, they know they've helped some people who appreciate a moment or two away from their medical concerns."

Approximately six dogs – from mixed breeds to Labradors and Springer Spaniels – can be found making the rounds at RWJ Rahway four days a week.

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway is an acute-care community hospital providing a healthcare continuum that includes services such as 24-hour emergency care, a sub-acute rehabilitation unit called Care Connection, a joint replacement center, cardiac care, including cardiac catheterization, telemetry, cardiac rehabilitation and stress testing. The hospital is designated a Primary Stroke Center by the State of New Jersey. For more information, call (732) 381-4200 or visit rwjuhr.com.

CAU's Golf Classic On Tap For May 10

AREA – Community Access Unlimited (CAU) will hold its 18th Annual Golf Classic on Thursday, May 10, at Suburban Golf Club in Union.

For more than 30 years, CAU's mission has been to provide community-based support services to people with disabilities and youth aging out of foster care, giving them the opportunity to live independently and lead normal and productive lives as citizens integrated into the community.

The Golf Classic will include: driving range, green fees, golf cart, hot buffet breakfast, refreshments on the course, cocktail reception and locker room facilities. A live auction will take place during the cocktail reception with prizes.

For pricing information or to make reservations, call Katie Baird, coordinator of Marketing/Fundraising, at (908) 354-3040, extension no. 376.



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