

Ann Saltzman Earns Award For Fighting Bias, Bigotry

FANWOOD – Temple Shalom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains has announced that congregant Ann Saltzman of Fanwood, Professor Emerita of Psychology and director of the Center for Holocaust/Genocide Study at Drew University, was honored with the Sister Rose Thering Award on June 20 in Trenton.

Presented annually since 2007 by the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education, the award is given to a person who has initiated and supported educational and community programs to combat bias, bigotry and intolerance and that bring together people of different faiths for better understanding of each other and of Israel.

Ms. Saltzman has worked at the Drew University Center for Holocaust/Genocide Study since its inception 20 years ago. She started as associate director, then became co-director, and has been the director for the last five years.

The mission of the Drew University Center for Holocaust/Genocide Study is to commemorate those who perished in the Holocaust and to celebrate those who survived, to educate upcoming generations to remember for the future and to work toward ongoing research and scholarship.

"I am honored to have received such a prestigious award," said Ms.

Saltzman. "It is a testament to the important work that we do at Drew. In addition, I try to infuse the lesson of tolerance into my everyday life and carry on the work started by Sister Rose Thering."

Sister Rose Thering (1920-2006) was a Roman Catholic nun, teacher and former professor at Seton Hall University who battled anti-Semitism within the Catholic community and around the world. While at Seton Hall, she developed workshops to promote understanding between Christians and Jews.

"The Temple Shalom community is honored to have Ann Saltzman in our midst. We pride ourselves on tikun olam, repairing the world," said Temple Shalom President Sandra Nussenfeld. "Ann's work to create religious and cultural tolerance is a shining example of what we try to do as a congregation."

Prior to her current work, Ms. Saltzman received a doctorate in Social-Personality Psychology from the City University Graduate Center in New York and served on the psychology faculty at Drew University from 1984 to 2012. She began teaching Holocaust courses in 1990 and served as the faculty coordinator for the minor in Holocaust Studies. She also co-led study trips on the Holocaust to Germany and Poland.



NEW ROTARY LEADERS...The Rotary Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains inducted new officers at a June 20 ceremony at The Westwood in Garwood. Pictured, from left to right, are: Adrienne Bzura, District 7510 guest speaker; Michael Dietrich, president; Maria LaMorte-Wright, vice-president; Cathy Harris, secretary, and Andy Calamaras, treasurer.

F-SP Rotary Club Installs New Slate of Officers

FANWOOD – The Rotary Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains installed its new officers on the evening of June 20 at a ceremony held at The Westwood in Garwood. They include President, Michael Dietrich; Vice-President, Maria LaMorte-Wright; Secretary, Cathy Harris, and Treasurer, Andy Calamaras.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains club currently has 53 members and is part of Rotary International. Rotary International is comprised of citizens from various disciplines who volunteer their time and talents to make a positive difference both locally and internationally. There are more than 34,000 clubs worldwide, with 1.2 million members.

Mr. Dietrich, a Certified Financial Planner for UBS Financial Services in Westfield, has been a Rotarian for the past five years. As the club's new president, he said, "My first goal is to maintain our momentum in growing our membership. I believe the club is historically the largest it has ever been."

"Second, I'd like each of our members to become just a little more Rotarian. By that, I mean I'd like to see more of our members get exposed to Rotary outside our own club by attending District events," he said.

Mr. Dietrich succeeds Club Presi-

dent William "Bill" McClintock. When asked about his major accomplishment during his tenure, Mr. McClintock said, "We worked on marketing our activities a little better. We succeeded by making money in every one of our activities, which had not been the case in the past couple of years. Our best success was the luminary sale, where we 'sold out' for the first time in memory."

Rotary Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains member Robert "Dwight" Leeper is the newly elected Rotary District 7510 Governor. Rotary Districts connect various clubs to each other and to resources from Rotary International.

In his upcoming one-year term, Mr. Leeper said, he would like to strengthen and support the district's membership, to build public relations and to advertise what Rotary is all about.

For more information about Rotary or if interested in becoming a Rotarian, visit the website fsproty.org.

Florophile Club Plans 'Artists In Bloom'

CRANFORD – The Florophile Garden Club of Cranford, in conjunction with The Artist Framer in Cranford (artistframer.com), will present "Artists in Bloom," a garden/nature-themed art exhibition and sale taking place in May 2013.

The club invites professional, amateur and student artists (grades 9 to 12) to participate. Each artist category will be grouped and displayed separately. The month-long event will begin on May 2, 2013 with an opening night of food, fun, a door prize and awards for the artist participants. Buyers will have the opportunity to purchase Mother's Day gifts or add to their personal art collection.

A maximum of two pieces per artist will be accepted. Applications will be available online and at The Artist Framer, 17 North Avenue, East, Cranford, in early September. Future information regarding this event will become available. For more information, interested persons may e-mail theartistframer@hotmail.com. To learn more about joining the Florophile Garden Club or for information on upcoming events, contact Mary Ellen at mecrafts@verizon.net.

Scotch Plains Public Library Receives Big Read Grant

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains Public Library has announced that it has received a grant of \$5,000 to host The Big Read for Scotch Plains and neighboring communities.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The Scotch Plains Public Library is one of 78 not-for-profit organizations to receive a grant to host a Big Read project between September 2012 and June 2013.

The Big Read in Scotch Plains will focus on "In the Time of the Butterflies," by Julia Alvarez. Activities will take place in May and June of 2013, with lead-up programs and events occurring from October 2012 through April 2013.

"We are enthusiastic about the opportunities for reading, discussion, entertainment and community involvement the Big Read affords," said Library Director Meg Kolaya. "We are proud to partner with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district, Literacy Volunteers of Union County, Inc., New Jersey City University and the Friends of the Scotch Plains Pub-

lic Library, to offer musical events, lectures, book discussion groups, including interaction with Julia Alvarez, and classroom involvement with several of Julia Alvarez's works."

The Big Read provides communities nationwide with the opportunity to read, discuss and celebrate one of 31 selections from United States and world literature. The 78 selected organizations will receive Big Read grants to promote and carry out community-based reading programs featuring activities such as read-a-thons, book discussions, lectures, movie screenings and performing arts events.

Participating communities also will receive high-quality, free-of-charge educational materials to supplement each title, including Reader's, Teacher's and Audio Guides, which also are available for download on neabigread.org.

For more information about The Big Read, visit neabigread.org. Further information about the Scotch Plains Public Library is available at scotplib.org. The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue.



TEMPLE CONGREGANT HONORED...Ann Saltzman, a member of Temple Shalom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains, recently was honored with the prestigious Sister Rose Thering Award, given annually to an individual who initiates or supports programs to combat bias, bigotry and intolerance. She is pictured at the award ceremony with Dr. Paul Winkler, center, executive director of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education, which presents the award, and Commission Chairman Phil Kirschner.



VFW AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP...The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 10122 presented its annual scholarship to a local veteran's child at the recent Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School awards ceremony. This year's recipient was Joseph McQuoid, who will major in history at The College of New Jersey, with plans to eventually become a teacher. This is the 20th year that Post No. 10122 has given a scholarship. Joseph, left, is pictured with Frank Chupko, VFW Post No. 10122 commander.

Library Storytelling Event To Feature Water Theme

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Memorial Library will present another storytelling event called a Story Slam on Wednesday, July 18, at 7 p.m. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street.

A Story Slam is an event in which people tell true, five-minute stories based around a particular theme. All stories are told in front of an audience, without notes, scripts or cheat sheets. The theme for the evening of July 18 will be "Water, Water Everywhere."

"I hold Story Slams on a quarterly basis because people really like to have a chance to talk about the memorable events in their lives," said Jen Schulze, head of adult services for the library. "I chose the topic of water because people have so many good memories around oceans, pools and lakes. We're always eager for new storytellers."

This program is free and open to

Westfield Memorial Library and MURAL cardholders. MURAL cardholders belong to libraries that are part of the Middlesex Union Reciprocal Agreement Libraries. To check if a library participates, visit the Westfield Memorial Library's website, wmlnj.org. To register for the program, visit wmlnj.org and click on the Online Calendar, or call (908) 789-4090, extension 0.

Library hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Sunday hours will resume on September 23.

For more information on library programs and services, call (908) 789-4090, visit wmlnj.org and sign up for the library's monthly e-newsletter, "Library Loop," or stop by the library for a copy of its award-winning quarterly newsletter, "Take Note."

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