

Temple's Second Connect Assists People In Need

WESTFIELD—Marci Fisher and Susan Klein, members of Temple Emanu-El's Second Connect organization, donated ShopRite gift cards June 29 to Tom Beck, executive director of Jewish Family Service (JFS) of Central New Jersey, for its Food Pantry and to the Westfield Food Pantry, along with more than 150 food items given at the temple's Munch 'N Mitzvah (to do good deeds) Shabbat Dinner sponsored March 30 by Second Connect and chaired by Ms. Fisher and Ms. Klein.

Begun three years ago at Temple Emanu-El, Second Connect is an organization that reaches out to congregants in their mid-40s to mid-60s to promote new friendships and connections with other "baby boomers."

The Munch 'N Mitzvah Shabbat Dinner is an example of the social, cultural and educational events that this organization develops. More than 40 people attended the dinner before services and shared stories, food and fun as well as their donations to the Food Pantry.

Additionally, the event generated money that could be used to support local organizations that serve the needy who live in the community, according to Ms. Fisher.

Susan Dickstein chaired the Sec-

ond Connect committee; the new chairwoman for fiscal year 2012-2013 will be Nan Statton.

Established 30 years ago, the Westfield Food Pantry provides food to approximately 125 families a month, all of whom are referred to the pantry by social-service agencies throughout Union County. The Westfield Pantry is located in Holy Trinity Interparochial School at 336 First Street.

Mr. Beck explained that JFS, a non-profit, non-sectarian, social-services agency, provides two food programs to support those in need. The first gives meals to over 200 people each month, both delivered to their homes and distributed at the Food Pantry in the organization's Elizabeth building. This program also provides food for people who are facing emergencies, and meals delivered by volunteers to the elderly and frail. The second program that JFS provides is Kosher Meals on Wheels. Each day, 100 people receive two meals — one hot and one cold.

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.



Miss Giovanna Romano and James McCombie

Miss Giovanna Romano To Wed James McCombie

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Romano of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Giovanna Romano, to James McCombie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McCombie of Harpenden, England.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Westfield High School's Class of 2000 and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations at Monmouth University. Throughout those years she was involved in sports, Greek life and was an active member of the St. Helen's youth

ministry. In 2000, Miss Romano was crowned Miss Peru-USA. She currently is the Director of Custom Sales for HMX LLC and will be a wardrobe stylist for NBC at the summer Olympic Games in London.

Her fiancé was born and raised in England and attended St. George's School. The future bridegroom earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Geography at the University of Exeter in 2004. He is a Manager at Ernst & Young LLP, having spent periods of his career in London, Melbourne, Australia and New York.

The couple will wed in June 2013.

USS Mount McKinley Group Sets Reunion

AREA — The USS Mount McKinley Association will hold its 24th annual reunion in Annapolis, Md., September 12 to 16, 2012, for veterans of all branches of the military and associate members who served on the Amphibious Force Flagship, USS Mount McKinley AGC/LCC-7 and associate members from the Flagship Alliance group who served on one of the other AGCs during their years of commissioned service.

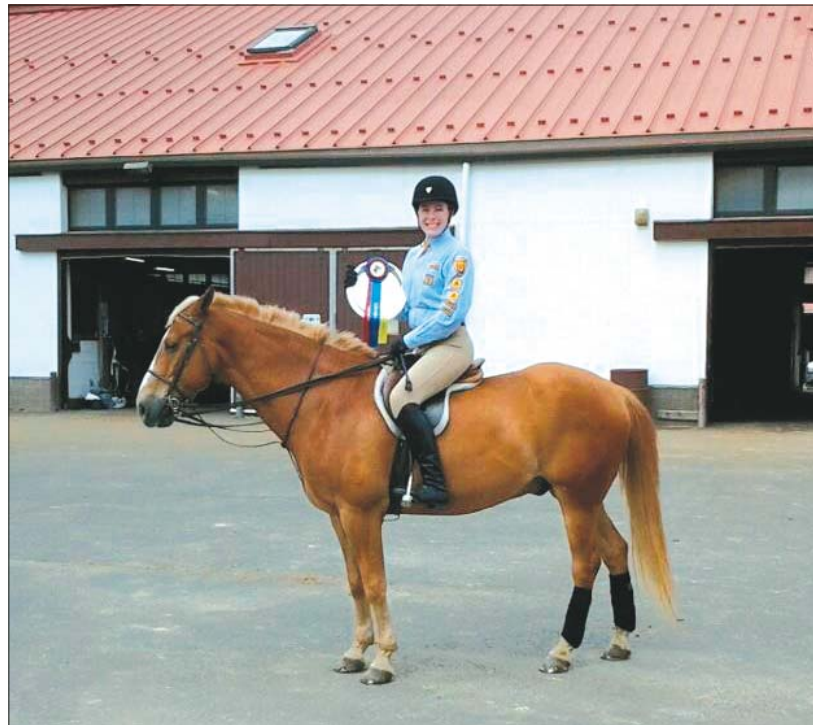
For more information, contact Lee Temanson, Association secretary, 10749 108th Avenue, N., Maple Grove, MN 55369-2609, (763) 425-6315 (evenings and weekends) or lateman@comcast.net (preferred contact).

Mountainside Seniors Plan Showboat Trip

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Senior Citizen Club of Mountainside will sponsor a trip to the Showboat Casino in Atlantic City on Monday, August 13. The bus will depart at 9 a.m. from the Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church parking lot, located at 300 Central Avenue in Mountainside. The cost is \$25 per person.

Checks should be made payable to the Mountainside Senior Citizen Club. For more information, call Eve Vitale at (908) 789-8568. Participants are reminded to bring their card for the slot games.

The Mountainside Senior Citizen Club is always looking for new members. All are welcome.



VICTORY RIDE...Thirteen-year-old Madison McBride of Fanwood recently won the Horsemanship Over Fences Championship at the Watchung Stable's 79th Annual Spring Troop Horse Show. She is pictured holding the Hilton F. Williams Trophy with horse "Junior." Madison rode "Clifford" of the Watchung Stable to victory, competing against 13- to 17-year-olds. The Watchung Stable is located at 1160 Summit Lane in Mountainside.

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F-SP Service League Gives Grants and Scholarships

SCOTCHPLAINS—The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League recently completed its 2011-2012 work year with the distribution of \$25,000 in grant awards and scholarships.

The League reviewed detailed applications and approved grants to the following area groups and agencies: Center for Hope Hospice, Children's Specialized Hospital, CONTACT We Care, Inc., Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, Fanwood Arts Council, Fanwood Memorial Library, Fanwood Rescue Squad, Fanwood-Scotch Plains Girl Scouts, Flintlocks-BSA, Homefirst, Literacy Volunteers of Union County, Inc., Master Gardeners of Union County, Mobile Meals of Westfield, Resolve Community Counseling Center, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Preschool Program, Scotch Plains Public Library, Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA and the YWCA of Eastern Union County.

Additionally, the League awarded three \$3,000 college scholarships to local students. Scholarship recipients are selected with particular emphasis on students' demonstrated commitment to volunteerism and community service while in high school or college. The 2012 scholarship winners were Kathryn Powell, Kristen Spirko and Madelyne Dhaliwal, all of Scotch Plains.

Kathryn will be a senior at the University of Maryland, majoring in marketing and international business. She has assisted non-profit groups in the Washington, D.C. area, supported area food banks, worked on breast cancer awareness projects and as a volunteer intern in 2011 did marketing and development for the Overlook Foundation.

Kristen, a Dean's List senior majoring in organizational leadership and marketing at the University of

Delaware, was a camp counselor for urban youth and led the Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge in West Virginia. She also has worked locally as a summer teaching assistant at First Children.

Madelyne, a 2012 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School who will major in communications at the University of Miami, was the co-originator of the high school's Interact Club, a service organization affiliated with Rotary International; worked with autistic children as a volunteer at Intensive Therapeutics, an occupational therapy clinic; was a peer tutor and participated for five years in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life."

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that has served local communities since 1974 through the operation of its thrift shop at 1741 East Second Street in Scotch Plains. For more information about the League or membership, call (908) 322-5420 or speak to a League volunteer at the shop.

ECF Seeks Vendors For Outdoor Bazaar

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation is seeking vendors to participate in its Outdoor Vendor Bazaar on Saturday, September 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fanwood Train Station. The rain date is Sunday, September 23.

Admission for vendors is \$40 for a 12-foot by 10-foot space (144 square feet). All proceeds will benefit children with cancer and their families. For further information, contact Barbara at (908) 322-4323, extension no. 17, or barbara@emmanuelcancer.org.

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