

Neil Sullivan to Spotlight Curling During Luncheon

WESTFIELD — “The History of the Sport of Curling in the United States” will be the slide/lecture presentation by Neil Sullivan at the First Wednesday Luncheon of the Westfield Historical Society. The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, January 8, at the Echo Lake Country Club, located at 515 Springfield Avenue in Westfield.

In his presentation, Mr. Sullivan will show that in addition to skating, skiing and hockey, one of the most watched sports at February’s Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia in February 2014 will be the sport of curling.

Curling is an ice sport of fitness and finesse, and is played with sportsmanship worldwide by more than 1.5 million curlers, including in New Jersey, where the Plainfield Curling Club was founded over 50 years ago in Union County.

Mr. Sullivan will discuss how curling was brought to North America by Scottish immigrants in the 19th century. He hopes that those in attendance will learn about the history of the sport here in the United States and gain an appreciation of curling with the approach of the next Olympiad, where curling will be one of 11 sports conducted.

A Westfield resident and a curler for 12 years, Mr. Sullivan has served on

the board of the Plainfield Curling Club and was a member of the organizing committee for the 2006 Men’s World Curling Championship held in Lowell, Mass.

All those wishing to attend the luncheon may make a reservation by calling (908) 233-2930 by noon on Monday, January 6. The cost of the luncheon is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members.

Registration Is Open For Senior Recreation

FANWOOD — Registration is now open for the Fanwood Recreation Department’s winter programs for senior citizens. Programs will begin the week of Tuesday, January 7, and run every week for 12 weeks. They will include Aerobics, Tai Chi, Zumba Gold, Gentle Yoga and Line Dancing.

All classes will be held in the recreation building at Forest Road Park in Fanwood. Each 12-week program is \$15 for Fanwood and Scotch Plains residents and \$30 for all others. Schedules and registration forms are available online at fanwoodnj.org and at Fanwood Borough Hall, located at 75 Martine Avenue North. Registrants can pay online by credit card or by mailing a check with their registration form to Borough Hall.



RIDE TO VICTORY...At Union County’s 80th annual Fall Troop Horse Show, held October 25 to 27 at Watchung Stable in Mountainside, more than 100 events were organized for riders age 9 through adult. Pictured are trophy and ribbon winners from the event “First Class Troopers Over Fences.” From left to right, they are: First place, Courtney Maier of Mountainside; Second place, Lauren Baldowski of Cranford; Third place, Meghan Foley of Clark; Fourth place, Lindsay O’Donnell of Garwood; Fifth place, Caroline Culp of Scotch Plains; and Sixth place, Candice Mason of Clark. First Class Troopers are the most advanced riders in Watchung Stable’s group riding lesson program for youth, beginning at age 9 and lasting through the rider’s senior year in high school. For more information, call the facility at (908) 789-3665 or visit ucnj.org/stables.

Local Synagogue to Offer Shabbat Program For Tots

SCOTCH PLAINS – Congregation Beth Israel will introduce a program called “Let’s Do Shabbat” on Thursday, January 9, from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Designed for children 4 years old and under accompanied by a parent or caregiver, the program will expose the very young to basic Jewish concepts and rituals as they prepare for the Jewish Sabbath.

Free and open to the community, “Let’s Do Shabbat” will include challah baking, crafts, story telling and kosher snacks. It will meet monthly on the following Thursday mornings: January 9, February 6, March 6, April 24 and May 29. The February and May programs will be co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel and PJ Library, a project of The Partnership for Jewish Learning and Life.

To respond or for more information, contact education director Elly Bauman at Congregation Beth Israel at (908) 889-1830 or school@cbisp.org, or Linda Poleyeff at The Partnership for Jewish Learning and Life at lpoleyeff@thepartnershipnj.org. Congregation Beth Israel is located at 18 Shalom Way, at the corner of Martine Avenue, in Scotch Plains.

Westfield Library to Present Second Workshop on Zinio

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library will host a second workshop on “How to Download Zinio Magazines.” It will take place on Monday, January 6, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and will be for Westfield residents only. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street.

Zinio Magazines is a digital magazine service that the library acquired last summer in partnership with RBDigital from Recorded Books. Zinio’s unique technology digitally recreates a magazine page for page, including full color pictures, intuitive navigation, key word article search and interactive elements such as audio and video.

Zinio is accessible through PCs, MACs, iPhones, iPads, Androids, Kindle Fire/FireHD, Nook HD/HD+ and BlackBerry Playbook. Through the library’s website, wmlnj.org, patrons of Westfield have unlimited, simultaneous access to complete digital magazines, which can easily be viewed on any Internet-enabled device inside or outside of the library.

Andrew Gross, a representative from RBDigital Recorded Books, will explain this service, and go through all the steps users need to view and download titles. This workshop will not be hands-on; it will be an interactive presentation.

Currently, Westfield has 24 magazines available through Zinio, among them *Cosmopolitan*, *Men’s Health*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *O, The Oprah Magazine*, *Reader’s Digest*, *Esquire*, *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance*, *Popular Science*, *Newsweek* and *Rolling Stone*. Library Journal awarded Zinio Best New Database of 2012.

To register for the workshop, visit wmlnj.org and click on the Calendar link, 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.

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

Caregivers to Hold Meeting on Monday

WESTFIELD — A support group for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones meets on the first non-holiday Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen’s Roman Catholic Church on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield.

The next meeting will take place on January 6. These are information and sharing sessions. For more information, call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 232-1214.

Temple Beth Ahm Sets Shabbat Event

SPRINGFIELD — Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, located at 60 Temple Drive in Springfield, will offer Shabbat Alive!! on Friday, January 3, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

This event is described as a spiritual Kabbalat Shabbat that is fun for the whole family. For more information, call (973) 376-0539, extension no. 11.



WOMAN OF VALOR...Vi Linder of Westfield, right, recently was honored as a Woman of Valor during the Northern New Jersey Region of Hadassah’s Myrtle Wreath Celebration. She is pictured with Loren Roth, president of the Northern New Jersey Region of Hadassah.

Hadassah Honors Vi Linder As 2013 Woman of Valor

WESTFIELD — Vi Linder, a resident of Westfield and Life Member of the Westfield Chapter of Hadassah, recently was named the chapter’s 2013 Woman of Valor.


The Northern New Jersey Region of Hadassah held its Myrtle Wreath Celebration on December 8 at Congregation Keter Torah in Teaneck. The celebration honored the “Woman of Valor” from each chapter — the outstanding woman selected by her chapter in recognition of her time and energy devoted to Hadassah’s projects.

The Hadassah Region also bestowed its highest honor, the 2013 Myrtle Wreath Award, to Aviva Kempner of Washington, D.C. Ms. Kempner is an award-winning filmmaker, journalist

and philanthropist who has devoted her life to making films that focus on social issues. Her award-winning documentaries include *The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg* and *Yoo-Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg*. She currently is working on a film entitled *The Rosenwald Schools*, which details the life of Julius Rosenwald and his work in building schools with the African-American communities in the South in the early 20th century. Laurie Green and Sheri Taback of Wayne co-chaired the event.

The Northern New Jersey Region of Hadassah encompasses 26 chapters, spans six New Jersey counties and parts of Staten Island, N.Y. and has more than 11,000 members.

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