

F-SP Service League Awards 2014 Grants and Scholarships

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League, which operates a thrift shop at 1741 East Second Street in Scotch Plains, recently completed its 2013-2014 fiscal year with the distribution of \$44,000 in scholarships and grants.

Grant recipients included Center for Hope, Children's Specialized Hospital, CONTACT We Care, Inc., Fanwood Arts Council, Fanwood Memorial Library, Fanwood-Scotch Plains YWCA, Flintlocks-BSA, Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood, Homefirst, Imagine, Literacy Volunteers of Union County, Inc., Master Gardeners of Union County, Mobile Meals of Westfield, Resolve Community Counseling Center, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Pre-school Program, Scotch Plains Public Library, Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, Trailside Nature and Science Center and YWCA Union County.

Additionally, the Service League awarded six college scholarships totaling \$12,000 to local students, all graduates of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. Scholarship recipients are selected with particular emphasis on demonstrated commitment to volunteerism and community service while in high school or college. The 2014 scholarship winners were Nada Amer, Grant Brown, Kathryn Bumiller, Nikhil Patel and Jahliisa Wall-Prunty, all 2014 graduates, and Christopher Stone, who graduated in 2013.

Nada will major in Early Childhood Education at Kean University. Her volunteerism included Peggy's House at the Center for Hope, Students Concerned for the Needy, Green

Dot Club (anti-bullying) and Student Movement Against Cancer.

Grant will major in International Business at the Catholic University of America. An Eagle Scout, he volunteered at area food pantries and single-handedly improved the landscaping at the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad.

Kathryn will major in Chemical Engineering at the University of South Carolina. She volunteered at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA and received the 2013 New Jersey YMCA Youth Volunteer of the Year award.

Nikhil will major in Business Finance at the University of Michigan. He created a Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) chapter at the high school and won multiple awards for his efforts pertaining to teen safe driving, including the 2013 New Jersey Governor's Jefferson Youth Award and the 2014 Comcast Leaders and Achievers Award.

Jahliisa will major in Business Administration at Montclair State University. She volunteered with Destiny After School Haven, Children's Specialized Hospital, Plainfield YMCA Christmas dinners and The Three Doctors Foundation.

Christopher is majoring in Business Administration at High Point University of North Carolina. He has organized fundraisers for the Seeing Eye Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, the Susan G. Komen Foundation and the American Cancer Society.

For more information about the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League or League membership, call (908) 322-5420, visit scotchplains.thriftshop.weebly.com or speak to a shop volunteer.



Ms. Julie Shilling and Adam Chinoy

Ms. Julie Shilling To Wed Adam Chinoy

It all started on Jdate.com when Ms. Julie Shilling and Adam Chinoy met in 2011.

Julie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Shilling of Verona. A 2011 graduate of Montclair State University of Upper Montclair, N.J., she received her bachelor's degree in English with a Journalism Minor. She is a beauty advisor and works for Brand Connections marketing company, sponsoring beauty products for the majority of Target stores throughout New Jersey.

Adam is the son of Dr. and Mrs.

Walter Chinoy of Scotch Plains. Dr. Chinoy is a dentist and has an office at 365 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Adam is a 2005 graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University of Madison, N.J. and received his bachelor's degree in Film. A jack-of-all-trades, he has his own company called Green Gecko Films, for which he is a director, editor and gaffer.

The couple lives in Colonia, N.J. and will be having a Batman-themed wedding at an arcade called Powerhouse Studios in Paramus, N.J. in September of 2014.

SAGE Program to Address Middle-Stage Alzheimer's

SUMMIT — SAGE Eldercare will present "Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers: Middle-Stage" on Tuesdays, August 5, 12 and 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. Offered free of charge and open to the public, these sessions will be held at SAGE, located at 290 Broad Street in Summit. Representatives from the Alzheimer's Association, Greater New Jersey Chapter are leading this series.

In the middle stage of Alzheimer's disease or related dementia disorders, gaps in memory and thinking begin to make it more difficult for the individual to manage day-to-day activities like dressing, bathing and eating without assistance. Personality, behavior and sleep patterns also continue to change. Caregivers assume greater responsibility in managing not only the personal care and finances of the individual but also meeting the challenges of maintaining safety while creating a supportive environment.

Caregivers will learn more about symptoms, care needs, techniques for managing behaviors, maximizing safety, relationship changes and supportive services available to help

with care-giving responsibilities. To register for this series, call 1-800-272-3900, or (973) 586-4300 after business hours.

SAGE is a community resource that provides an array of programs and services to older adults, their families and caregivers.

Newcomers Car Wash To Benefit Library

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Mountainside Newcomers Club will host a car wash on Saturday, August 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Mountainside Public Library. All proceeds from this event will benefit the library, located at One Constitution Plaza.

The cost of the car wash will be \$10 per car. A rain date is being scheduled for Sunday, August 10. On the day of the car wash only, the Newcomers Club will offer \$5 off of the \$25 registration fee for the Town Wide Garage Sale, which will be held on Saturday, September 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call the library at (908) 233-0115.

Temple Offers Membership Option to Young Families

SCOTCH PLAINS — Congregation Beth Israel has revised its membership categories to make joining the synagogue more affordable for young families whose children are entering its religious school.

"We always offered reduced dues for young families, but we recognized that we needed to alter our definition of a 'young family' to keep up with changing times," said David Feldman, president of Congregation Beth Israel. "Couples are waiting longer to marry and have children and, as a result, are joining synagogues and religious schools later as well. Our board of trustees voted to amend its membership categories to reflect these changes."

Congregation Beth Israel does not require synagogue membership for children to attend its religious school for programs through second grade. However, families with children below third grade now have the option of joining the synagogue at a reduced rate and enjoying full membership benefits, including High Holiday tickets.

"Religious School may be out for summer, but we are already busy preparing for its reopening in September. The fall's an exciting time because there's so much to learn about

the Jewish holidays that can be incorporated into our curriculum," said Education Director Elly Bauman.

The religious school was one of the first three congregations in North America to be designated as a Framework for Excellence School by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Classes are available for pre-school through 11th grade, as well as special-needs instruction. The curriculum includes the teaching of Hebrew language, Torah study, holidays and Mitzvot (doing good deeds). Additionally, the religious school offers student-led prayer services, grade-specific family education programs and online learning opportunities.

Classes for pre-school through second grade are held on Sundays. Religious School for grades 3 to 7 meets on Sundays and Wednesdays. The Machon Institute, a high-school program for grades 8 to 11, convenes Wednesday evenings.

Congregation Beth Israel is an egalitarian Conservative synagogue located at 18 Shalom Way, at the corner of Martine Avenue, in Scotch Plains. For more information on membership or the religious school, call the synagogue office at (908) 889-1830.



CELEBRATING BRONZE...Members of Girl Scout Troop No. 40223 of Westfield's Franklin Elementary School celebrate having achieved their Bronze Award. Pictured, from left to right, are: Jaclyn Dencker, Brianna Stewart, Alexa Kopolow, Laura Channell, Maeve Collins, Sara Perlin, Isabel Boufarah, Katie McHugh, Samantha Salz and Caroline Maher.

Franklin Girl Scouts Earn Bronze Award

WESTFIELD — Franklin Elementary School Girl Scout Troop No. 40223 of Westfield received their Bronze Award at a ceremony June 12 at the First Congregational Church in Westfield. The Bronze Award is the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can attain.

For their project, the troop hosted two Girl Scout events at Franklin and

promoted Franklin's Two Lunch Tuesday Program for St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth by collecting supplies and making sandwiches. Each girl completed 20 hours of service in order to receive this award.

Probitas Verus Honos



LEAGUE LAUDS STUDENTS...The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League has awarded scholarships to six students this year. Pictured, from left to right, are: Jahliisa Wall-Prunty, Grant Brown, Nikhil Patel, Jacqueline Casey, chairwoman, Service League Scholarship Committee, and Kathryn Bumiller. Missing from the photo are Nada Amer and Christopher Stone.

SP-F VFW Post Announces Winners of Essay Contest

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 10122 of Scotch Plains-Fanwood annually sponsors the local VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Writing Contest for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students. The 2014 theme was "What Patriotism Means To Me." Students were required to write an original essay between 300 and 400 words.

Chairman Joe McCourt has announced Post 10122's winners. They are as follows: First Place — Virendra Ghatge, Terrill Middle School/seventh grade; Second Place (tie) — Hanna Guarnuccio, St. Bartholomew Academy/eighth grade and Raymond Lestarchick, St. Bartholomew Acad-

emy/seventh grade.

Each winner was presented with a cash prize, a medal and a certificate of merit at awards ceremonies conducted at their schools in June.

Chairman McCourt observed that the overall quality of the essays was excellent. He extends his congratulations to the winning students and expresses his appreciation to all the pupils who submitted an essay. Mr. McCourt also thanks the teachers and staff for their support of this year's Patriot's Pen Essay Writing Contest.

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