

Local Residents to Co-Chair Major Fund-raising Event

SCOTCH PLAINS — Steve Weisbrot of Scotch Plains and Ken Rotter of Westfield are among the co-chairs of this year's Super Sunday, the annual fund-raising phonathon and day of community building in support of the United Jewish Appeal Campaign of Greater MetroWest NJ (UJA).

Super Sunday will be held on December 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey's Wilf Jewish Community Campus in Scotch Plains and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Alex Aidekman Family Jewish Community Campus in Whippany.

Donations will support the work of Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ (Federation), which through its partner agencies serves people in need locally, in Israel, and around the world.

"I volunteer for Super Sunday because it is the one day all year where we can get together as a community and work together, shoulder-to-shoulder, with a singular goal in mind," Mr. Weisbrot said.

"I volunteer for Super Sunday because Israel and the most vulnerable among us need us now more than ever," added Mr. Rotter.

While the full-day phonathon takes center stage, the programs and activities for all ages will make Super Sunday a community celebration and day of social action. Many new and innovative family activities will be held this year at one or both campuses. Other activities will include a toy and food drive, blood drive, bone marrow registry and vendor marketplace on site with Judaica and other gift items.

Teens and college students also can participate in a call session from 5 to 8 p.m. in Whippany with the help of Federation's Rishonim (young Israeli emissaries). This event will include prizes, free food and the chance to

earn community service hours. For those living in the Scotch Plains area, a "Fun" bus will leave the Wilf Campus at 4:15 p.m. and return at 9 p.m.

Organizers will provide on-site phone solicitation training. Kosher meals and snacks will be provided to all volunteers and their families.

Local residents also can join in the national #GivingTuesday initiative on December 2, a day dedicated to giving back by celebrating and encouraging charitable activities. To learn more, visit jfedgmw.org/givingtuesday.

To register for the phonathon and see the complete Super Sunday schedule, visit jfedgmw.org/supersunday or call (973) 929-3010.

Daughter to Discuss 'Pawnbroker' Author

WESTFIELD — The community is invited to attend the Westfield Chapter of Hadassah meeting on Monday, December 1, at 11:30 a.m. It will take place in Greiffer Sacks Hall at Temple Emanu-El, located at 756 East Broad Street, Westfield.

Leslie Wallant Langer will be the guest speaker. She will talk about her father, Edward Lewis Wallant, author of "The Pawnbroker," and how he influenced her in her life. Ms. Langer will talk about life with him from a child's point of view before his death when she was 8. Photographs, early sketches, paintings, story fragments and unpublished works will be displayed.

Ms. Langer will discuss the background around the writing of "The Pawnbroker." In addition, as an author in her own right, she will talk about her children's book, "Evie and the ElemMates." This book will be available for purchase and signing. Dessert, coffee and tea will be served. For additional information, call (908) 654-5508.



GIVING SEASON...Last year area residents embraced the power of giving during the holiday season by taking an angel from the tree at the Westfield Area Y's Main Y Facility and donating wrapped gifts and monetary donations to benefit those in need within the community.

Westfield Area Y Takes Part In Giving During Holidays

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Y will join charities, families, businesses, community centers and students from around the world during "Giving Tuesday" on December 2. Participants will come together with one common purpose — to celebrate giving and to kick off the holiday giving season.

Giving will begin with the Y's Annual Angel Tree. Members of the community can select an angel off the tree to spread holiday cheer and help someone in need this season. "Our members' annual acts of kindness are truly making a difference and touching the lives of local children within our community," stated

Janice A. Carthens, Westfield Area Y senior director, Member Services and Quality Assurance.

Each angel on the tree represents a Christmas wish from a person in need within the community. In the past, more than 175 wrapped gifts were collected and distributed. Financial contributions also are welcome to help send a child to camp or child care in 2015. All gifts encourage youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

To learn more about the Westfield Area Y's "Angel Tree," contact Janice Carthens at (908) 233-2700, extension no. 227, or by e-mail at jcarthens@westfieldny.org.

Westfield Hist. Soc. to Hear About Roots of World War I

WESTFIELD — Guest speaker James Baker will discuss the events that led to World War I during the First Wednesday Luncheon of the Westfield Historical Society. The luncheon will begin at noon on December 3 at the Echo Lake Country Club, located at 515 Springfield Avenue, Westfield.

As Mr. Baker will describe in his talk, the state of the European nations, the dislocation and the consolidation of many of their lands and competition between their sovereigns were the roots and the prelude to the devastating First World War. He will explain the relationships and alliances among the great European powers — Germany, Great Britain and Russia. They were headed by first cousins, Willie, George and Nicky, all grandsons of Queen Victoria. However, the union of the German states in 1871 was to have a slow building and ominous effect upon all of Europe.

He will explore how the events of the late 1800s and early 1900s brought about such a cataclysmic event that generated the tragic mistakes of 1914 and caused geopolitical shock waves that still have a significant effect on today's geopolitical atmosphere.

Mr. Baker is a graduate of Penn State with degrees in physical education and Latin Education. He returned to college at Rutgers University and graduated with a de-

gree in Middle East Studies. He has been focusing on World War I for the past six years with classes at Rutgers in European History and studying the impact of that war on the Middle East. He also has participated in many lectures and panel discussions on World War I.

Mr. Baker served as vice-president of the Princeton Committee on Foreign Relations Institute, a geopolitical think tank in Philadelphia, Pa.

All those wishing to attend the luncheon are asked to make a reservation by calling (908) 233-2930 by noon on Monday, December 1. The cost is \$30 for Westfield Historical Society members and \$35 for non-members. It includes a three-course meal, coffee/tea and gratuity.

Florophile Pecan Sale Set For December 7

CRANFORD — The Florophile Garden Club of Cranford will sell gourmet Georgia pecans at this year's Holiday Boutique on Sunday, December 7, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It will take place at the Hanson House, located at 38 Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

Sponsored by Cranford's Green Thumb Garden Club, this annual boutique features one-of-a-kind wreaths, miniature boxwood trees and unique arrangements. In addition to the gourmet pecans, the event will feature an array of holiday décor, home-baked goods and unique gift items for sale.

Three different varieties of pecans will be offered for \$10 a bag: Fancy Mammoth Pecan Halves, Dark Chocolate Pecans and Glazed Pecans.

For information about joining the Florophile Garden Club of Cranford or to register for upcoming events, contact Mary Ellen at mecrafts@verizon.net. Additionally, individuals are invited to like the club on Facebook at facebook.com/florophillegardenclub.

Library to Feature Wreath Decorating

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Public Library will host Lisa Mohn from the Apple Blossom Flower Shop in Scotch Plains on Thursday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Mohn will give a demonstration on how to decorate a holiday wreath and keep it fresh throughout the season. Pre-registration is required.

This program will be free and open to all. Interested persons are encouraged to register through the library's website, scotlib.org; by calling (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204, or e-mailing library@scotlib.org. The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue, in the center of the township.

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS (Check website for all sign up information)		
12/1	6:30 pm	Zinio Workshop for Westfield residents. Downloading Zinio magazines
12/3	7:00 pm	Memories in Full Color: Creativity Workshop by Wendy Rosenberg
12/5	1:30 pm	TGIF! Best of Riverdance (video)
12/8	2 & 6:30 pm	Foreign Film: "Ilo Ilo"
12/10	7:00 pm	The Art of the Mini Memoir: Honor Your Life Story in 6 Words
12/12	1:30 pm	TGIF! The Pyramids of Egypt (video)
12/17	7:00 pm	Healthy Eating During the Holidays
12/19	1:30 pm	Classic Movie: "Holiday Inn"

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN (Check website for sign up information)		
12/2, 9, 16	10:30 am	It's Movie Time—All ages. Animated versions of picture books. Parent/caregiver attends.
12/4	7:00 pm	Code for Fun (4th, 5th and 6th grades only)
12/5	3:45 pm	Chess Club for Kids—No age limit but players must know how to move pieces
12/13	10:30 am	Polka Dots Winter Sing Along—All ages

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