

Hist. Soc. to Spotlight Women Who Nursed Civil War Troops

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood will feature as the kick-off program for its opening meeting of the season on Tuesday, September 23, a discussion of the intrepid women who left their homes to nurse the wounded and dying in the Civil War.

These women were from the north and south and of varied races, religions, marital circumstances and motivations. A handful of women physicians met unrelenting hostility from the male medical corps. Some women proved to be excellent administrators for organizations such as the United States Sanitary Commission.

Dr. Sandra Moss will be the expert presenter. A graduate of Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, she practiced internal medicine in New Brunswick for many years and was a clinical associate professor of medicine at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. In

2005 she earned a master's degree in the History of Medicine. The practice of medicine in New Jersey in the 19th and early 20th centuries is her major area of interest. She is the author of two books about New Jersey physicians as well as some 40 articles, chapter, reviews and encyclopedia entries in the field.

The focus of this program will be on New Jersey women, but many national figures will be met as well. Whenever possible, the women will speak for themselves through their letters and memoirs. To keep everyone on their toes, there will be multiple little quizzes along the way. Following Dr. Moss' presentation, there will be time for comments and discussion.

Free and open to all, this meeting will begin at 8 p.m. at the Scotch Hills Country Club, located at Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the meeting.

Westfield Adult School Posts Fall 2014 Course Offerings

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Adult School will begin its Fall 2014 semester on Monday, September 22. Class lengths vary from one session to eight weekly sessions and courses start on different dates and times during the semester. Many classes are held on Monday evenings at Westfield High School, but there also are classes offered other evenings or during the daytime at other locations.

There are 125 classes offered this semester. Some new classes include "Writing for Film," "Protecting Your Basement from Water and Mold," "Introduction to American Sign Language," "Cooking with Quinoa," "Managing Healthcare in Retirement," "Facebook Basics," "Ceramics," "Chocolate Workshop," "Perspectives for Artists," "Collage/Mixed Media," "Twitter for Social and Professional Networking" and "Italian-Advanced Beginner."

Returning favorites include "Acrylic Painting," "Zumba," "iPad for Beginners," "Guitar" and a large variety of fitness classes, plus many more.

All courses can be viewed, from "Adobe Photoshop" to "Zumba," at WestfieldAdultSchool.com. Individuals also may register for

courses on the website.

On-line registration offers convenient payment by credit card. Participants also may register by mail, following directions in the catalog, or in person in the Westfield High School main office, located at 550 Dorian Road, on Monday evenings throughout the semester with payment by check or cash. For more information, call the Westfield Adult School at (908) 232-4050.

Township to Conduct Free Rabies Clinic

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Health Department will sponsor a free rabies clinic to vaccinate cats and dogs on Wednesday, September 17, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the north-side firehouse on Senger Place, behind the township municipal building.

Cats will be vaccinated between 6:30 and 7 p.m. Dogs will be vaccinated between 7 and 8 p.m. All pets must be accompanied by an adult capable of controlling the animal. Cats should be contained in a pet carrier or sturdy box and dogs must be on a leash or in a pet carrier. For additional information, call the Scotch Plains Health Department at (908) 322-6700, extension no. 309 or no. 310.

'Teddy Bear Picnic' on Tap At Crane-Phillips Sept. 21

CRANFORD — The community is invited to "A Teddy Bear Picnic" on Sunday, September 21, beginning at 2:15 p.m., in the Gardens of the Crane-Phillips House Museum, located at 124 North Union Avenue in Cranford.

Participants are invited to bring a Teddy Bear and a blanket to sit on and enjoy Teddy Bear stories and games in the museum's gardens. Juice and snacks will be provided. This program is intended for small children accompanied by an adult. The rain date is Sunday, September 28.

Admission is free and limited seating is available. Interested persons are asked to respond by Thursday, September 18. To reserve a seat, call the Historical Society's office at (908) 276-0082 or e-mail cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net.

Established in 1928, the Cranford Historical Society, a non-profit organization, has been dedicated to the preservation and perpetuation of Cranford's history. For more information, visit the Historical Society's website at cranfordhistoricalsociety.com.

Mountainside Library Lists Schedule of Free Programs

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Mountainside Public Library, located at 1 Constitution Plaza, invites the public to multiple free programs this month.

A health education seminar entitled "The Diabetic Solution" will be offered this evening, Thursday, September 11, from 7 to 8 p.m. Dr. Bob White of Advanced Integrated Health will discuss the many issues connected to diabetes.

"Healthcare and End of Life Decisions," with Bill Logue and Matt Filik, will take place on Monday, September 22, from 10 a.m. to noon. This program will help participants develop a firm understanding of the financial, legal and social aspects

of healthcare and estate planning. The class will span legacy planning with videos and stories to protecting one's assets from taxes, creditors and predators after death. Refreshments will be provided.

The Friends of the Mountainside Public Library will present "Wildlife Gardens" with Bryan Lowe on Thursday, September 25, from 7 to 8 p.m. Mr. Lowe will discuss how with the proper design individuals can devote a backyard corner or an entire landscape to providing food and shelter for various types of wildlife.

For further information or to register for any of these programs, call the Mountainside Public Library at (908) 233-0115.

Golden Agers Club Begins New Year, Reveals Trips

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Golden Agers Club, under the auspices of the recreation department of the Township of Scotch Plains, invites senior residents to join the fun at its weekly meetings. Meetings are held at the Scotch Hills Country Club every Thursday, September through June, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Scotch Hills Country Club is located at Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains.

The club, which began its new year September 4, allows senior citizens the chance to meet with their peers, express their opinions, enjoy bingo and other offerings and let their voices be heard on township planning and activities that impact their lives.

Birthdays are celebrated each month with well wishes, cake and

coffee. Monthly business meetings update seniors on township happenings. Recreation Director Ray Poirer is always available to answer questions and address concerns.

Officers for the new year are President Jean DeTore, Vice-President Jeanette Rotella, Treasurer Lorraine Menist and Secretary Ilse Heinemeyer.

A trip to Bally's Atlantic City casino is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24. Club members also will travel to Sight & Sound on Wednesday, October 22, to see the production of *Moses*, and to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Tuesday, November 18. Further trips will be scheduled for the new year. Trips are open to all. For trip details or membership information, call Jean DeTore at (908) 889-4121 or Joan at (908) 322-4015.



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS...Pat Wilson, left, and Beth Siano, co-chairwomen of the Rake and Hoe Deck the Halls Holiday House Tour set for Saturday, December 6, 2014, examine ongoing plans for the four elegant homes in Westfield that will be decorated by members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield.

Rake and Hoe Gearing Up For Holiday House Tour

WESTFIELD — The Deck the Halls Holiday House Tour of four classic homes in Westfield, scheduled for Saturday, December 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will feature interior and exterior holiday designs by the members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield.

This event is only presented every four years because of the intense planning and attention to detail involved. The members of the Rake and Hoe Juniors Garden Club, who are first through eighth graders, will join in decorating of the homes.

Each home will be decorated with a different theme reflective of the character of the residence. The four chosen homes include a 1905 neoclassical home, a colonial revival shingle style home built in 1906, a low impact green home built in 2011 and a Dutch colonial renovated in 2011. For ticket information, visit the club's website, rakeandhoe.org, or Facebook at facebook.com/rakeandhoe.

The Holiday House Tour is the

club's primary source of revenue in support of its many service projects benefiting the town, county and state. The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield has a long-term reputation for its service to the community and donations to worthy causes. As a volunteer organization, the garden club provides service to the community by maintaining the gardens found at the north side of the Westfield Train Station, the Miller-Cory House Museum, the Shadowlawn Pocket Park (a Blue Star Memorial) and the Claire Brownell Memorial Wildflower Garden at the Reeve History and Cultural Resource Center, the home of the Westfield Historical Society, as well as many other service projects for Westfield Mobile Meals, Lyons Veterans Hospital and the Jardine Academy for special-needs children.

For information about membership, call Karen Jolley-Gates, club president, at (908) 233-5125.

Senior Council to Showcase 'Technology Today' Sept. 17

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Union County Senior Citizens Council will hold a special program entitled "Technology Today: Update 2014" on Wednesday, September 17, at L'Affaire Fine Catering, located at 1099 Route 22 East in Mountainside. The purpose of this event is to show what technology means in people's lives today.

"Technology now touches on every aspect of our lives. From medical treatment to banking to communication, everything is a touch screen away," said Ellen Steinberg, chairwoman of the Senior Council. "It is now just a question of how much technology we personally choose to use."

Doors for the program will open at 9 a.m. with a free continental breakfast. All attendees will be able to browse the informational exhibits on display, showcasing offerings from AT&T, ShopRite, Summit Medical Group, Social Security and many others. As a special opportunity, Walgreens Pharmacy representatives will be on hand to provide early flu shots. In addition to the exhibit room there will be a formal program featuring a panel of experts on computers, cell phones, iPads, medical technology and computer banking.

Bill Kornecki, chairman of the CISO Networking Academy at Union County College (UCC), will give an overview on today's computer and the special class offerings at UCC. Louis Brucker, with Apple and an AT&T representative, will explain the latest offerings of iPads and iPhones and the capabilities of each.

Yard/Bake Sale Sat. To Aid Eagle Project

WESTFIELD — James Fritz will hold a yard sale/bake sale fundraiser for his local Eagle Scout Project benefiting the Westfield Historical Society this Saturday, September 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will take place at 619 Maye Street in Westfield. The rain date is Sunday, September 14.

Angelo Puerari, district executive at Santander Bank, will address the safety of online banking. Christian Wallace, an IT expert from Trinitas Regional Medical Center, will discuss advances in medical technology and what it means in detection and treatment. The formal program will run from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. with time for questions at the end.

"Although many of us already use the computer for e-mailing, banking, and on-line shopping, there are many others who want to join the new age, but are not sure how to begin and who and what to trust," added Richard Stone, executive director of the Senior Council. "Our goal is to provide information for our seniors. However, this program is relevant and open to everyone."

For more information or to respond, call the Union County Senior Citizens Council at (908) 964-7555. The Senior Citizens Council is a not-for-profit organization devoted to the needs of older Americans, their families and caregivers.

New Convenience Store Is Open For Business

FLASH!...New convenience store now open located on the site of the BP Gas Station (after Bowcraft Amusement Park) at 2435 Route 22 West, Scotch Plains, N.J. The store is under new management and features many amenities, Lotto, ATM, FedEx, Telephone Cards, Cigarettes, Chewing Tobacco, Cigars, Coffee, Tea, Candies, Sandwiches, Various Beverages, Ice Cream, Ice, Chewing Gum, Various Car Supplies and Home Center.

There also is a sitting area to have breakfast and lunch. We welcome any suggestions and our phone is (908) 288-7701. In the future we are planning on adding a party area and stationary supplies. Our prices are competitive and we welcome all to come in. Thank you very much for your undivided attention and we are very appreciative.

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Westfield

Tuesday, August 26, Tyler Clark, 25, of Westfield was arrested and charged with theft, along with a 16-year-old male suspect, for receiving stolen property on Elm Street, authorities said.

Monday, September 1, a burglary was reported at a residence on the 100 block of Cedar Street that occurred between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 11:40 p.m. on August 31. Someone unknown forcibly entered the premises through a rear door and ransacked the residence. Among the items taken were a digital camera and several wristwatches. The total value of the missing items was undetermined at the time of the report, according to police.

Monday, September 1, a Unami Terrace resident reported being the victim of a burglary. The victim stated that between the hours of 8:30 and 9:51 p.m. that evening someone unknown entered her open garage and removed a silver mountain bike, valued at \$100.

Monday, September 1, Jose Duran, 51, of Plainfield was arrested pursuant to a motor vehicle stop in the area of South Avenue near Summit Avenue on an active warrant from South Plainfield in the amount of \$600. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting the full bail.

Monday, September 1, a burglary was reported at a Roger Avenue residence that occurred between the hours of 3 p.m. on August 28 and 4 p.m. on September 1. Someone unknown forcibly entered the residence via a rear door and ransacked several rooms, including the master bedroom and an office. An undetermined amount of jewelry and cash were taken, according to police.

Tuesday, September 2, Marquese Paisley, 22, of Edison was arrested at the Middlesex County Court House on two outstanding warrants from Westfield. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and held in lieu of posting the requisite \$881 bail.

Tuesday, September 2, a resident of Michael Drive reported being the victim of a theft. The victim stated that between August 31 and September 2 his red Lamborghini Toro men's dual-suspension mountain bike, valued at \$499, was stolen from outside his house.

Wednesday, September 3, Kwame Thompson-Haynes, 19, and Marc Vazquez, 18, both of Westfield, were arrested on charges of possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia pursuant to a motor vehicle stop in the area of North Scotch Plains Avenue near West Broad Street. Both were transported to police headquarters, processed and released with a mandatory court date.

Sunday, September 7, Malcolm W. Lee, 23, of Westfield was arrested on outstanding criminal warrants out of Scotch Plains, in the amount of \$700, and Newark, in the amount of \$500. He was processed and released pending a court appearance.

Scotch Plains

Tuesday, September 2, a resident of Front Street reported that sometime overnight someone removed his bicycle, valued at approximately \$300, from the side of his house.

Wednesday, September 3, the manager of a Westfield Avenue store reported that someone removed several items, worth approximately \$75, from the store without paying for them.

Thursday, September 4, a resident of Lyde Place reported an act of criminal mischief after someone spray painted a sign on her property sometime overnight.

Friday, September 5, a resident of Katherine Street reported that sometime during the day someone entered her house by smashing the back door. Several thousand dollars worth of jewelry was removed from the house, police said.

Friday, September 5, a resident of Burnham Court reported that sometime overnight someone removed a decoration from her tree, valued at approximately \$65.

Saturday, September 6, a resident of Nicholl Avenue reported that sometime overnight someone unknown hit his motor vehicle and drove away. The vehicle was legally parked in front of the victim's house when it was struck, police reported.

Saturday, September 6, Andrew Schwartz, 41, of Fanwood was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) following a motor vehicle stop on Princeton Avenue. After Schwartz failed several field sobriety tests at the scene, he was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Saturday, September 6, an investigation into the deaths of two Scotch Plains residents revealed that both died of gunshot wounds in what has been determined to have been a murder-suicide, acting Union County Prosecutor Grace H. Park

announced Monday.

The joint investigation involving the Prosecutor's Office's Homicide Task Force and the Scotch Plains Police Department revealed that 48-year-old Jens Elberling fatally shot his 11-year-old son, Thomas Elberling, in their home sometime late last week before also fatally shooting himself. That determination was made following autopsies performed Sunday by the Union County Medical Examiner's Office and the examination of evidence and dental records.

Police arrived at a home on the 300 block of Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains Saturday morning in response to a welfare check request from a family member. Arriving officers found the two bodies inside the home and also recovered a rifle used in the shootings. There were no signs of forced entry.

Thomas Elberling was home-schooled and did not attend local public schools.

Fanwood

Wednesday, September 3, Alex Zhang, 50, of Scotch Plains was arrested following a motor vehicle stop at Martine Avenue and Cliffwood Street and charged with DWI. According to police, after failing several field sobriety tests at the scene, Zhang was transported to police headquarters, processed and released to a responsible person.

Thursday, September 4, a victim reported his bicycle, valued at \$150, was stolen from the train station.

Friday, September 5, an attempted burglary was reported at a business on the 400 block of South Avenue. An unknown person tried to pry open a window but entry was not gained.

Sunday, September 7, Dawn Healey, 36, of Plainfield was arrested following a motor vehicle stop at South Avenue and Shady Lane on an active warrant out of Scotch Plains. She was processed, posted bail and released.

Cranford

Saturday, August 30, Kevin Caviedes, 23, of Edison was arrested and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana and possession of paraphernalia after a motor vehicle stop on Raritan Road near Moen Avenue. Caviedes was processed and released pending an appearance in Cranford Municipal Court.

Sunday, August 31, Chase Coleman, 25, of Newark was arrested and charged with DWI after a motor vehicle stop on Mohawk Drive near Mohican Place. Coleman was processed and released pending an appearance in Cranford Municipal Court. He also was cited for careless driving and use of a handheld electronic device, police said.

Sunday, August 31, Philip Ruddy, 26, of Rahway was arrested on charges of burglary, theft and criminal mischief after police were notified of a possible burglary in progress at a local electrical/mechanical contractor. According to police, a witness described two persons forcing entry to the locked facility and removing items from a rear yard, after which both suspects fled on foot prior to police arrival.

An officer located Ruddy approximately two blocks away and recovered evidence linking him to the burglary scene, authorities reported. Ruddy was arrested, processed and committed to the Union County jail pending an appearance in Superior Court. Bail was set at \$25,000.

Monday, September 1, Aline Denomme, 37, of Cranford was arrested and charged with DWI, refusal to submit a breath sample, failure to report an accident and leaving the scene of an accident after police were notified of a motor vehicle crash on North Avenue East near Elizabeth Avenue. According to police, one vehicle left the scene and was followed by the second driver, who contacted police, authorities reported. She was processed and released pending an appearance in Cranford Municipal Court. The driver of the second vehicle, a 22-year-old male from Union, was transported to Overlook Medical Center in Summit for evaluation of non-life-threatening injuries, police reported.

Mountainside

Monday, September 1, a resident of Sunny Slope reported that while she was on vacation, from August 19 until August 29, someone egged her house.

Tuesday, September 2, Keith L. Atkinson, 41, of Perth Amboy was arrested and charged with eluding police with a motor vehicle on Route 22. Bail was set at \$36,000.

Monday, September 8, a resident of Route 22 reported that he had received a call from someone claiming to be from PSE&G who stated the victim's electricity would be shut off if he did not immediately pay \$1,500. According to police, the caller instructed the victim to go to a 7-11 and to purchase two, pre-paid cards for \$750 each. The victim declined the request and notified PSE&G, which instructed him to call the police, authorities reported.