

Columnist Bruce Johnson To Be Next Hale Speaker

WESTFIELD—Bruce Johnson, a *Westfield Leader* and *Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* columnist who has chronicled sports history in Westfield, will be the next speaker in the Seventh Annual Anne and Lee Hale Speaker Series.

Mr. Johnson's talk, "Westfield, the Sports Capital of New Jersey," is slated for Wednesday, September 17, at 7 p.m. It will take place at the Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad Street.

Mr. Johnson, who was a staffer for many years at *The Courier-News*, now works for *The Burlington County Times* in Willingboro. He also pens the popular weekly column, "Devil's Den," in *The Leader* and *The Times*.

He is a 1963 graduate of Westfield High School, where he was a member of two state championship swim teams. Mr. Johnson also played varsity basketball as a freshman at Fairleigh Dickinson University. He coached the Westfield High swim team from 1994 to 2007, and also coached

Little League in the town. A Navy veteran, he served during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Johnson is the author of three books: "The History of New Jersey Interscholastic Swimming," "110 years of Blue Devil Football" and "Covered Wooden Grandstands." He currently is working on a history of all sports at Westfield High School.

A founding member of the Westfield Athletic Hall of Fame, Mr. Johnson was inducted into that group in 2010. He and his wife, Susan, reside in Langhorne, Pa.

This talk will be open to the public but pre-registration is required by logging on to wmlnj.org and clicking on Online Calendar, or calling (908) 789-4090, extension 0.

The speaker series, now in its seventh year, was founded by Lee Hale to honor his wife, Anne, an active community volunteer and library patron who passed away in 2007. After Mr. Hale's death last year, the series was renamed to also honor him.



Bruce Johnson



HOUSE FINDS NEW HOME...Mountainside's Deacon Andrew Hetfield House will be the site of a yard sale on Saturday, September 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., to raise funds for the restoration of the historic Levi Cory House, which was recently lowered onto its new foundation, as well as the Hetfield House. Pictured is Scott Daniels, chairman of the Mountainside Restoration Committee, after the circa 1818 Levi Cory House was lowered on September 5. Both the Hetfield House and Levi Cory House are located on Constitution Plaza.

Mountainside Yard Sale To Benefit Historic Homes

MOUNTAINSIDE — In conjunction with the Mountainside Newcomers' Club town-wide garage sale on Saturday, September 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Mountainside Restoration Committee will participate with a yard sale to raise funds for the restoration and maintenance of the historic Deacon Andrew Hetfield House and Levi Cory House.

The committee is asking the community to donate saleable items for this event. Donated items can be brought to the Hetfield House on Thursday and Friday, September 18 and 19, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Receipts will be available for donations.

On September 5, the Levi Cory House was lowered onto its new foundation located on Constitution Plaza. The circa 1818 house was moved last

FCC Plans Class On Moving Meditation

WESTFIELD—A Moving Meditation workshop for beginners will be offered this Saturday, September 13, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., in the Patton Auditorium of the First Congregational Church of Westfield. A suggested donation of \$15 to \$20 will benefit the church's Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Moving Meditation is a simple, graceful movement based on ancient Asian Qigong wellness systems. Benefits include stress reduction, flexibility and enhanced wellness. The practice is performed standing up and ordinary street clothing is appropriate.

Laura Berzofsky, a certified Integral Tai Chi and Qigong instructor with the International Integral Qigong and Tai Chi Institute at Santa Barbara College of Oriental Medicine, will lead the workshop. She is a member of the National Qigong Association.

The First Congregational Church of Westfield is located at 125 Elmer Street. Weekly Qigong classes will begin on Tuesday, October 7, from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. For additional information or to register, call Ms. Berzofsky at (908) 232-0169. Drop-in students also will be welcome.

November from its original location on the corner of Mountain Avenue and New Providence Road to make way for commercial development. Since November, the house had been suspended on cribbing waiting for a foundation to be poured and block walls to be built thus allowing for the house to be safely lowered. Now that the house is lowered and secured to a foundation, work can begin toward its restoration starting with a new roof and repairs to the fascia. Funds are needed for the restoration of this historic home.

The Deacon Andrew Hetfield House and Levi Cory House are located on Constitution Plaza adjacent to the Mountainside Public Library. Constitution Plaza is the first right off Birch Hill Road, which is off New Providence Road near the Mountainside Volunteer Firehouse.

The Mountainside Restoration Committee is a committee of volunteers governed by the Borough of Mountainside that is dedicated to restoring and maintaining the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House and the Levi Cory House and collecting and saving historic information and items from destruction. For further information or to donate funds, call (908) 789-9420 or visit mountainsidehistory.org.

Mum and Plant Sale Set at Hetfield House

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Mountainside Historic Restoration Committee will hold its Annual Fall Mum and Plant Sale Thursday through Sunday, September 18 to 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., while supplies last, at the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House on Constitution Plaza in Mountainside.

Additionally, the committee will host a garage/yard sale on Saturday, September 20, at the Hetfield House from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds from these sales support the restoration and maintenance of the Hetfield House and Levi Cory House. For further information, call (908) 789-9420 or go to: mountainsidehistory.org.

'Sabbath in Suburbs' Author To Lead Parents Workshop

SCOTCH PLAINS — A free workshop for parents and grandparents, featuring the author of "Sabbath in the Suburbs: A Family's Experiment with Holy Time," will be offered on Sunday, September 28. It will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church's Alexander Hall.

Author and Presbyterian pastor Reverend MaryAnn McKibben Dana will lead this workshop, funded by a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth. She also will preach at the 10 a.m. worship service that day. Free childcare will be provided during the workshop. Her book will be available to purchase. Reservations are not necessary. All are welcome.

Pastor Dana summarizes her book this way: "Part memoir, part spiritual reflection, part practical guide, 'Sabbath in the Suburbs' is about our family's experience of taking a day-long Sabbath every week — a time when we stopped all work, striving, hurrying and producing and focused on play and rest. It's about our family's cobbled-together successes and our flat-on-our-face failures. It's a book for people who sense the dysfunction

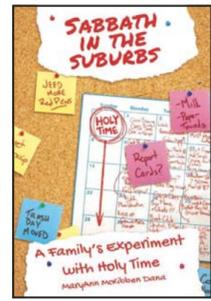
in our 24-7 world but need some inspiration and some realistic help to do something about it."

Reverend Dana is pastor of the Idylwood Presbyterian Church in Falls Church, Va. Her forthcoming book is entitled "Spirituality for the Smartphone Age." Her writings have appeared in multiple publications and she recently was featured on the PBS show "Religion and Ethics Newsweekly" for her work on sabbath.

She is a sought-after speaker, preacher, conference leader and writer around issues of leadership, faith formation, technology and congregational transformation. A mother of three, she

graduated Rice University in Houston, Tex., and received her Master of Divinity in 2003 from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga. Her website is [The Blue Room \(theblueroomblog.org\)](http://TheBlueRoom.org).

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church is located at 1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, near the corner of South Martine Avenue. All church facilities are handicap-accessible. For more information, contact the church at (908) 232-5678 or office@willowgrovechurch.org, or visit willowgrovechurch.org.



Fanwood Library Friends To Host Fall Book Sale

FANWOOD — The Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library will host their 28th Fall Book Sale this month. A special feature of the event will be sorted categories. Browsers will be able to find books by subject matter: history, romance, classics, art, cookbooks, politics, crafts, science, parenting, children and general fiction. The Friends also collect DVDs and CDs, but not toys or games.

The sale netted more than \$9,500 last year, and this year the goal is to reach \$10,000. Funds from the sale support library programs for all ages, ranging from the kids' summer reading program, theater workshops and hands-on animal shows to teen book clubs and Live at the Library, plus materials and equipment. Library visitors depend on the fax machine, audiovisual system and other equipment provided by the 29-year-old volunteer Friends organization.

The Friends welcome donations of lightly-used hardcover and paperback books, DVDs and CDs. All donations, sorting and selling will occur in the red brick building at Forest Road Park, located at 153 Forest Road. Donations will be accepted and sorting done tomorrow, Friday, September 12, noon to 4 p.m.; Saturday, September 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, September 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Septem-

ber 16, 4 to 8 p.m., and Wednesday, September 17, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A Friends Preview, open to Friends of both the Fanwood and Scotch Plains libraries, will take place Thursday, September 18, from 5 to 8 p.m. Anyone may purchase a membership, starting at \$15, at the door.

The Book Sale will take place Friday, September 19, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, September 20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, September 21, noon to 4 p.m., which will be Bag Day.

To volunteer, contact lori.friends.fml@verizon.net. For more information, go to fanwoodlibrary.org/get-involved/friends. Additional questions or concerns can be e-mailed to friends@fanwoodlibrary.org.

Cranford Sip & Shop Set For October 10

CRANFORD — The Downtown Cranford Sip & Shop event, sponsored by the Cranford Junior Woman's Club, will be held Friday, October 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.

Proceeds will benefit the Cranford Junior Woman's Club Philanthropic and Scholarship Fund. Tickets may be purchased at Augusta Mae Boutique, Periwinkle's or online at cranfordjwc.com.

F-SP Girl Scouts to Hold Recruitment Night Sept. 16

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Community of Girl Scouts will hold an informational meeting for girls in kindergarten through 12th grade and adults who are interested in joining Girl Scouts. It will take place on Tuesday, September 16, at 7 p.m., in the cafeteria of Terrill Middle School, located at 1301 Terrill Road in Scotch Plains.

Kindergarten and first-grade girls can join Daisy Girl Scouts. Older girls can join one of many Fanwood-Scotch Plains Girl Scout troops, which range from kindergarten through high school.

The formation of new troops, especially at the Daisy level, depends

upon adults volunteering to be leaders. Free training is provided for all adult volunteers, and ongoing support is available. Volunteers also are needed to help with short-term projects such as fun events, badge workshops and cookie sales.

Fanwood-Scotch Plains is part of the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey Council. For more information about Fanwood-Scotch Plains Girl Scouts, contact Eileen Villar at evillar@yahoo.com or visit fanwoodscotchplains.org. Further information about Girl Scouts elsewhere in central New Jersey is available by contacting Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey at (908) 518-4400 or visiting gshnj.org.

Vintage Baseball to Be Topic Of Westfield Hist. Society

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Historical Society will present a program about baseball in New Jersey's past on Thursday, September 18. Free and open to the public, it will take place beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building at 425 East Broad Street.

Amateur historian and vintage baseball enthusiast Russ McIver will focus on the Brooklyn Bridegrooms, describing how in 1898, the owner of the team that became the Brooklyn Dodgers passed away and left the team in turmoil. The 1898 Brooklyn Bridegroom season was one of transition and Allaire, N.J. played a big part in it. The Bridegrooms had their Spring Training there that year.

In his presentation, Mr. McIver will describe various theories that led to their presence at Allaire and the implications for the team if it was not able to train there. Different personalities who made up the team — with colorful names including Lefty Hopper, Brickyard Kennedy, Candy LaChance and Butts Wagner — will be discussed.

That year the team played in the National League with the Boston Beaneaters, Cleveland Spiders,

Chicago Orphans and the New York Giants and finished 10th out of 12 teams. Additional information will be given as to the role of Allaire, now Allaire State Park, and the Howell Works in New Jersey. The park is named for master mechanic and steam engine builder James Allaire, founder of Howell Works at the same location.

A goodwill donation of \$5 per person to help support ongoing programs is appreciated. Light refreshments, including peanuts and Cracker Jack, will be served. For more information, call the Westfield Historical Society at (908) 654-1794.

SP Seniors Invited For Appreciation Day

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Recreation Commission will sponsor Senior Citizen Appreciation Day on Thursday, September 18, at the Scotch Hills Country Club. All senior residents of Scotch Plains are invited to attend.

The event will feature free golf and mini-golf, bingo at 11 a.m. and a free barbecue lunch at noon. The Scotch Hills Country Club is located at Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains. For more information, call (908) 322-6700, extension no. 223.

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