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THIRD UNION COUNTY DAY OF PRAYER DRAWS NEARLY 600

At a time when the nation is gripped by divisiveness and intolerance for those who differ from us is worn by many like a badge of courage, nearly 600 people from all walks of life came together for the Third Annual Union County Day of Prayer, held October 6 at The Parish Community of St. Helen in Westfield.

"Day of Prayer and Reflection: Honoring People of All Faith Communities" drew speakers and readers from the Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu and Sikh faiths. They were joined by people of all races and nationalities, as well as more than 100 people with disabilities. The event featured prayers, meditations and songs.

The Annual Union County Day of Prayer is planned and orchestrated each year by the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council, an organization comprising interfaith congregations and community-based nonprofits, including Community Access Unlimited (CAU). The council promotes inclusion of all people within the community and creates a clearing house of faith-based, nonprofit and government community services available to the public while bringing greater awareness of these services to the wider community, according to Sid Blanchard, CAU executive director.

"In these times when families are being rendered asunder, when communities are being torn apart, when someone who is different is being rejected, it is essential to come together," Blanchard said.

Rabbi Joel Abraham of the Temple Sholom in Scotch Plains said, "I think it's important to stand with people of other faiths whenever possible. Especially now when there is a force of division...we want to reach across the pew and see how we are more alike than different yet also celebrate the ways we are different."

Reverend Cynthia Cochran-Carney of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains, said, "There are many misunderstandings in our country about different faith groups, many stereotypes. I want to promote the vision we are all called by God and need to respect each other."

The Venerable Klint Kaevalin from the Buddhist Dhammakaya Meditation Center in



Fanwood, said, "It's nice when we can come together and share peace and have a true commonality that we want to have goodness in the world."

Dr. Mohammad Ali Chaudry of the Islamic Society of Basking Ridge said, "Interfaith cooperation is critical for not only the Muslim community but all communities. I've been talking about how to confront and counter bigotry. I will know I am making a difference when I see a Muslim say something hateful about another group and another Muslim stand up and say, 'That's not right.' When a Jew says something hateful and another Jew says, 'That's not right.' And a Christian and so on."

Chaudry encouraged everyone in attendance to sign a pledge to "stand up for the other" that reads: "While interacting with members of my own faith or ethnic community, or with others, if I hear hateful comments from anyone about members of any other community, I pledge to stand up for the other and challenge bigotry in any form." The pledge form is available online at www.standupfortheother.org.

"If you hear something hateful and bigoted, if you don't speak out they'll think you agree with them," Chaudry said. "If we can all take enough of a stand speaking out that that's not right, we can make a difference."

CAU is a statewide Elizabeth-based nonprofit providing support programs and services to adults with disabilities as well as youth served under the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to enable them to live independently in the community, providing supports in areas including housing, vocational skills and life-skills training, education, advocacy and recreation.

About Community Access Unlimited

Community Access Unlimited (CAU), celebrating its 37th year in 2016, supports people with special needs in achieving real lives in the community. CAU provides support and gives voice to adults and youth who traditionally have little support and no voice in society. CAU helps people with housing, life skills, employment, money management, socialization and civic activities. CAU also supports opportunities for advocacy through training in assertiveness, decision-making and civil right. CAU currently serves more than 6,000 individuals and families, with the number served growing each year. For more information about CAU and its services, contact us by phone at 908.354.3040, online at www.caunj.org or by mail at 80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202.

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Any veteran who wishes to participate in the march from the parking lot to the monuments in the center of town, are welcome to join us. At approximately 10:55 we will depart the parking lot under police escort. The program at the monument will begin precisely at 11 o’clock and will last about 20 minutes. There will be a few speakers and a presentation of wreaths. Immediately following this service of acknowledgement to all of our veterans, our Post will be hosting a light luncheon that is open to all.

The Martin Wallberg American Legion Post #3 is located at 1003 North Ave West in Westfield. Please plan on attending both of these events, as it is, after all, a day to celebrate our efforts in defending the rights and freedoms that we cherish and live with on a daily basis. We should all be proud of those who have served and are presently serving our country.

Besides sharing in this celebration, it will give you an opportunity to see some of the improvements that we have completed and are in the process of actually doing at the American Legion. Due to the efforts of many of our active Legion, SAL, and Ladies Auxiliary members, these necessary improvements have taken place. It will also give you the opportunity to see and talk with some new and old friends and acquaintances.

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RAKE & HOE GARDEN CLUB VISIT JARDINE ACADEMY

Rake and Hoe Garden Club members visited the Jardine Academy recently. Dedicated members planted daffodils and cleaned up their Rake and Hoe Butterfly garden. The students assisted by sorting out the plant material into compost and non-compost. Club members have been visiting the Jardine Academy for many years doing service projects at the school throughout the year. The visits provides a unique opportunity for the students to be involved with garden and flower projects.

The Jardine Academy is approved by the New Jersey Department of Education and is proud to maintain Middle States Association. The Academy provides a comprehensive Educational Program designed to meet the cognitive and physical needs of children who have multiple disabilities - needs that may not be fully met within the local school system. The Cerebral Palsy League operates a new, state-of-the art

facility in Cranford for students ages 3-21.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield has a long-term reputation for its many services to the community including creating flower arrangements to accompany Mobile Meals delivery service to clients; preparing flower arrangements for veterans at Lyons Veterans Hospital and maintaining the gardens at the

Westfield Train Station, the Miller-Cory House Museum, Shadowlawn Pocket Park and the Claire Brownell Wildflower Garden at the Westfield Historical Society's Reeve history and Cultural Resource Center.

If anyone is interested in joining the Rake and Hoe Garden Club, please call Pat Wilson, 908-389-9342.



(above) Members Lee Perry, Kathy Becker, Sharon Shiraga, and Irene Greenstein.

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ALIMONY STATUTE AMENDMENTS FROM 2014 CAN BE APPLIED TO DIVORCES FINALIZED YEARS EARLIER

By: James McGlew II, Esq.

Today's current economic reality is one of great uncertainty, especially when it comes to employment. Employees who could count on receiving an annual cost of living adjustment or performance bonus no longer have that luxury, nor the security that their years of experience and training will translate into an equal or higher-paying position should they lose their job. These realities of employment cut across the entire New Jersey labor market, yet they have an even deeper impact when faced by divorced individuals with existing alimony obligations.

Alimony, which is sometimes referred to as spousal support or maintenance, is defined as the obligation upon one spouse to provide financial support to his or her spouse before or after marital separation or divorce. In 2014 the New Jersey Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, an alimony reform bill which "modernized" how alimony awards are to be calculated. One change in the new alimony statute deals with how judges can interpret cases where the payor of alimony attempts to lower or all together eliminate their alimony obligations due to job loss.

Recently, a Superior Court judge in New Jersey rendered a decision effecting thousands of divorced spouses in our state. The judge's ruling confirmed for the first time that the 2014 alimony overhaul would not just apply to individuals divorced since the revisions were enacted two years ago, but to all divorced individuals currently paying or receiving alimony.

In *Mills v. Mills* the Court reviewed a petition made by the supporting spouse (the payor of alimony) to reduce their alimony obligation due to the loss of long-term employment and the acceptance of a new position at a considerably lower salary. The Court granted the petition to reduce the alimony obligation and held that under the 2014 amendments to the alimony statute, the family court has the authority to reduce alimony

obligations when the supporting spouse loses their employment and has made reasonable attempts to find alternative employment. The interesting thing about the Court's decision is that the Mills were divorced in 2013, one year before the alimony revisions were signed into law.

The Court in *Mills* found that judges have the authority to apply both the spirit and terms of the 2014 amendments to the alimony statute, even when the individuals had a final divorce order entered before 2014, so long as there is no written agreement applying a different standard in place, and the issue has not been litigated and already adjudicated by the Court. In so doing, the Court determined who could avail themselves of the remedies written into the new statutes. The Judge in *Mills* acknowledged that changes often occur in the employment status of individuals after they are divorced. This has become a more common occurrence over the past several years with the economic downturn and static recovery which has affected tens of thousands of individuals. The Judge specifically referred to the "harsh present day reality" which exists for many people who have lost their jobs and may never regain their former earning level.

If any of these circumstances apply to you and you would like to discuss how the 2014 amendments to New Jersey's alimony statute may impact your alimony award or obligation, I invite you to contact my office. Lindabury's Family Law Group has decades of experience representing clients in negotiating, enforcing and amending alimony and other support obligations. We provide the full range of divorce and family law services and are easily accessible from our Westfield New Jersey office. Call today to schedule a consultation with James McGlew at (908) 233-6800.



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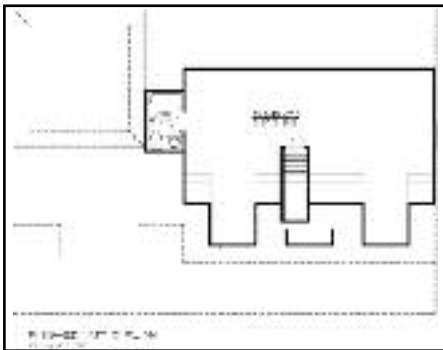
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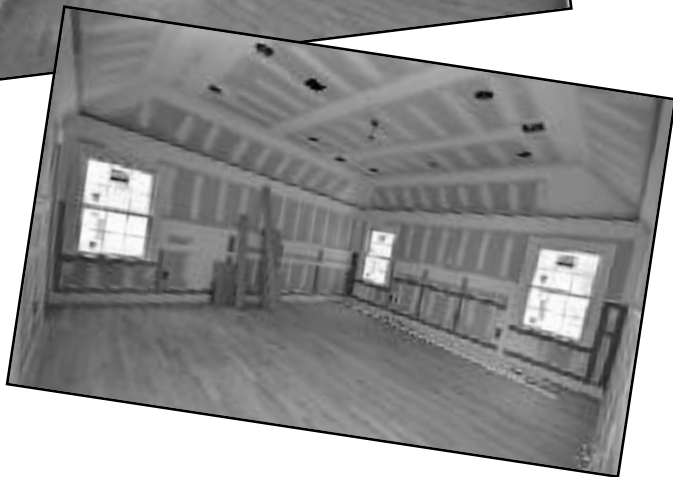


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COVENANT HOUSE AND RAPHAEL'S LIFE HOUSE VISIT THE WOMAN'S CLUB

The Ladies of the Woman's Club of Westfield learned at a general meeting held recently about Covenant House and Raphael's Life House from representatives of both organizations. Marcia Mann, Developing Director of Covenant House told of its founding in 1972 and its dedication to the mission to help homeless kids escape the streets to a safe haven. It is the largest privately funded charity in the Americas today providing care and vital services to homeless, abandoned, abused, trafficked and exploited youth. Since 1993, Covenant House in Elizabeth, has provided food, shelter, immediate crisis care, plus other important services to homeless youth between the ages of 18 and 21.

Edie Coogan co-founder of Raphael's Life House in Elizabeth told of the transitional residence for young women who are homeless and pregnant. The girls are offered a safe place to rebuild their lives and give their child a positive start in life. All expecting women between the ages of 18 and 20 are welcome, including all races, creeds, national origins and economic status. Classes are offered in prenatal

care, parenting education, vocational training along with life skills programs from budgeting to building self esteem.

The members of The Woman's Club were truly inspired by the wonderful, good work that is being done daily by the staff of workers at Covenant House and Raphael's Life House.

The Junior Woman's Club of Westfield, Inc. is a group of volunteer women between the ages of 18 and 40 who share a common goal: improving our community, our state and the lives of others. To learn more about the Club and its activities visit westfieldnj.com/jwcw or call Jennifer (908) 789-8991.



(above l-r) Lori Rudzich, Raphael's Life House Volunteer Coordinator, Jean Murphy, Woman's Club of Westfield Parliamentarian, Edie Coogan, Co-Founder of Raphael's Life House and Marcia Mann Development Director of Covenant House New Jersey.

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97% OF WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES CONTINUING EDUCATION

A total of 97 percent of the Westfield High School (WHS) graduates of 2016 are pursuing a higher education this fall. According to a report released by the WHS Office of Counseling Services, 450 students are continuing their education with 91% attending four-year colleges and universities, 5 % attending two-year colleges, and 1% entering vocational, business and other post high school institutions. The remaining graduates have entered the work force, are taking a year off, or had future plans that were undecided.

The class of 2016 – having earned 99.2% graduation rate -- is attending a significant list of 162 colleges and universities in more than 30

states. Four graduates are studying in Canada.

The most popular out-of-state colleges and universities selected by this year's graduates include: University of Delaware (24 students); Pennsylvania State University (20); University of Maryland (14); Syracuse University (11); and University of Vermont (9). Six graduates are attending Ivy League schools.

A total of 82 WHS graduates are continuing their education in New Jersey, with 59 attending four-year colleges and universities and 23 entering two-year colleges.

The most widely attended 4-year New Jersey school is Rutgers University with 19 WHS graduates, followed by Seton Hall University

where 7 grads are enrolled. Looking at two-year secondary institutions, Union County College welcomed 19 WHS graduates this fall.

In summarizing the report to the Board of Education on October 18, Margaret Dolan, Superintendent of Schools, commented that she wished all the graduates much success and encouraged them to keep the district informed of how they are doing and of any suggestions they might have. "We want all of our students to be prepared for their college and career choices," stated Dr. Dolan.

A complete list of 2016 plans is posted at www.westfieldnj12.org on the Westfield High School Counseling Department's website.

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(above) A total of 97 percent of the Westfield High School graduates of 2016 are continuing their education this fall. The class is attending an impressive list of 162 colleges and universities.

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Mussels marinara	20.00	30.00
Zuppa di clams	25.00	40.00
Seafood salad	75.00	95.00
Broccoli rabe & sausage	40.00	65.00
Buffalo wings	7.95 per dozen	

	Small (8-10 people)	Medium (15-20 people)	Large (25-35 people)
Cold Antipasto	35.00	50.00	75.00
Fresh Mozzarella & Tomato	30.00	40.00	60.00
Roasted Peppers & Mozzarella	30.00	40.00	60.00
Fresh Tomato Bruschetta	15.00	25.00	35.00
Seasonal grilled Vegetable	20.00	30.00	45.00
Assorted imported Cheese	35.00	50.00	80.00
Seasonal fresh fruit	25.00	35.00	45.00
Vegetable Crudite	20.00	30.00	40.00

SALADS

	Small (8-10 people)	Medium (12-15 people)	Large (18-20 people)
Italian	15.00	25.00	30.00
Roasted Beet	30.00	35.00	45.00
Caesar	20.00	30.00	40.00
Fennel	30.00	40.00	50.00
Benny's Salad	30.00	40.00	50.00
Arugula	25.00	30.00	40.00

Descriptions

- Ciao Bello** – organic baby greens, fresh arazberries, walnut, goat cheese, side of raspberry vinaigrette
- House** – mixed green with cucumber tomatoes olives red onions side of Italian dressing
- Roasted Beet** – cucumber, tomatoes, red & golden beets, red onion, gorgonzola cheese side of balsamic vinaigrette
- Caesar** – crispy romaine hearts croutons & parmigiano reggiano side of caesar dressing
- Fennel** – thinly sliced fennel & baby arugula, roasted pecan, sundried cranberries, goat cheese side of figs vinaigrette
- Benny's Salad** – iceberg tomato, grape tomatoes, avocado, red onions, corn, black beans, cucumber side of red wine vinaigrette & parmigiano reggiano
- Arugula** – Organic baby arugula, pigaroli nuts, raisins, tomatoes, avocado, sweet corn and gorgonzola cheese in a balsamic vinaigrette

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- Prosciutto roasted peppers & mozzarella

Wrap It Up: Choice From		
Small-16 pieces (4-6 people)	Medium-32 pieces (8-10 people)	Large-48pieces (14-16 people)
\$25.00	\$45.00	\$65.00

- Grilled chicken ceasar
- Grilled vegetable with fresh mozzarella
- Stilton steak with sautéed onions peppers mushrooms & mozzarella
- Chunky white tuna salad
- Grilled chicken sautéed spinach, onions, mushroom & fresh mozzarella
- Sliced turkey with lettuce tomatoes & onions
- Grilled chicken broccoli rabe roasted peppers and fresh mozzarella
- Barbeque chicken lettuce tomatoes Bacon & Monterey jack cheese

CHICKEN

	Small (8-10 people)	Medium (12-15 people)	Large (18-20 people)
Murphy (Hot or Sweet)	40.00	50.00	65.00
Oregonato	35.00	50.00	60.00
Cacciatore	35.00	50.00	60.00
Scarpariello	40.00	50.00	60.00
Ciao Bello	5.00/piece	Saltambuca alla romana	5.00/piece
Rollatine	5.00/piece	Francese	5.00/piece
Balsamico	5.00/piece	Marsala	5.00/piece
Milanese	5.00/piece	Parmigiano	5.00/piece

Descriptions

- Murphy (hot or sweet)** – medallions with onions, peppers, potatoes & mushrooms
- Oregonato** – medallions sautéed in lemon, butter white wine topped seasoned bread crumbs
- Cacciatore** – medallions sautéed with mushrooms & onions in a light basil marinara sauce
- Scarpariello** – medallions with sliced sausage, fresh rosemary in a wine demiglace
- Saltambuca alla romana** – topped with prosciutto & mozzarella over spinach in a marsala demiglace
- Francese** – breast lightly battered sauté in a lemon butter sauce
- Marsala** – breast sautéed with exotic mushroom in a marsala wine demiglace
- Parmigiana** – lightly breaded with mozzarella & meat sauce
- Ciao Bello** – lightly battered chicken breast layered with ricotta, eggplant, tomatoes, mozzarella in a marinara sauce
- Rollatine** – breast stuffed with prosciutto mozzarella & wrapped with bacon in a mushroom marsala demiglace
- Balsamico** – breast chopped tomatoes, white wine balsamic demiglace over spinach
- Milanese** – panko crusted chicken breast cutlet with arugula, chopped tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, in a light balsamic vinaigrette

SEA FOOD

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Ways Prepared:

- Napolitano** – fresh basil chopped tomatoes and sliced garlic white wine balsamic sauce
- Oregonato** – topped with seasoned bread crumbs in a lemon white wine butter sauce
- Livornese** – sautéed with onions, capers, olive and garlic in a light marinara sauce
- Herb crusted** – seared spinach and sun dried tomatoes drizzled a balsamic reduction
- Francese** – lightly battered sautéed in a lemon white wine sauce
- Mare Chiaro** – white wine garlic clam sauce with touch of marinara chopped shrimp
- Cajun or Blackened** – served over sautéed broccoli rabe and cherry peppers

SLIDERS PLATTERS

Small-10 pieces (4-6 people)	Medium-18 pieces (8-10 people)	Large-24pieces (14-16 people)
\$25.00	\$45.00	\$65.00

- Angus Beef slider served on potato rolls
- Angus Beef slider with cheese served on potato rolls
- Meatball Parm slider served on potato rolls
- Chicken Parm slider served on potato rolls

PASTA

	Small (8-10 people)	Medium (12-15 people)	Large (18-20 people)
Baked Ziti	25.00	40.00	50.00
Ziti Sicilian Eggplant or Sausage	35.00	45.00	55.00
Cavatelli Broccoli	35.00	45.00	55.00
Baked Lasagna	30.00	50.00	N/A
Penne Marinara	20.00	30.00	45.00
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Ravioli Marinara	2.00 ea.		
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FAVORITES

	Small (8-10 people)	Large Thin (12-15 people)	Large Deep (18-20 people)
Sausage Peppers	40.00	50.00	60.00
Eggplant Parm	30.00	50.00	N/A
Eggplant Sorrentino	25.00	40.00	N/A
Eggplant Rollatine	3.00 ea.		
Jumbo Meatballs with Sauce	3.00 ea.		
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VEAL

Marsala	6.00 piece	Sorrentino	7.00 piece
Saltimbocca Alla Romana	6.00 piece	Parmigiana	7.00 piece
Francese	6.00 piece	Milanese	7.00 piece

Descriptions

- Marsala** – with exotic mushrooms in a marsala demiglace
- Saltimbocca alla romano** – topped with prosciutto & mozzarella over spinach in a marsala wine demiglace
- Francese** – lightly battered sautéed in a lemon white butter sauce
- Sorrentino** – lightly battered with eggplant, sliced tomato, prosciutto, mozzarella cheese and olives in a light pink vodka sauce
- Parmigiana** – lightly breaded with mozzarella and meat sauce
- Milanese** – panko crusted with arugula chopped, chopped tomatoes, fresh mozzarella in a light balsamic vinaigrette

VEGETABLE & SIDE DISHES

(Sautéed or Steamed)	Small (8-10 people)	Large Thin (12-15 people)
Spinach	20.00	40.00
Broccoli	25.00	45.00
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NJWA MUSIC CONNECTION ADDS MUSIC THERAPY TO NEW SCHEDULE

The Music Connection, an instrumental and vocal music program for special needs families, has added a new phase to its program and will now include Music Therapy as the first phase of instruction. Certified music therapists will guide the students in developing the skills necessary to succeed in a private music lesson setting.

Students who are neurologically, developmentally and/or physically handicapped must be at least 6 years old and have a music partner who will attend all lessons and will practice daily with the student. Those who enroll in The Music Connection may study violin, viola, cello, trumpet, piano, clarinet, snare drum or choose to take vocal lessons. Various times for instruction are available, daily and on weekends.

Phase 1, the Music Therapy foundation part of the program, consists of 8 private or group sessions and requires a fee. Phase 2 involves the vocal music or instrumental study, which is tuition free. These Phase 2 lessons are funded by generous donations through grants, such as the Union County HEART Grant, the Westfield Foundation Grant, the Union County LAP Grant, individual and corporate sponsorship and attendance at fundraising events. In Phase 3, students will perform in various ensembles.

Participation in the program can benefit the student in many ways. Numerous academic studies have shown that playing a musical instrument enhances academic performance and brain development. Music Connection students have successfully been mainstreamed into their school ensembles.

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts is



(above) Florian Schantz and his Jazz Combo have performed a number of fundraising events for the benefit of The Music Connection.

presently interviewing and evaluating potential students for admission to the Music Connection. Classes will be held at the NJWA studios at 150-152 East Broad Street, Westfield. To receive a brochure, arrange for an interview or inquire about sponsorship, please call 908-789-9696. Email njwa2@aol.com, or visit the NJWA studios. Log on to www.njworkshopforthearts for additional information on the NJWA, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization.

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TEACHER WINS REACH FOR THE STARS AWARD

Kimberly Leegan, Westfield High School Social Studies teacher, has been selected for the 2016 Christa McAuliffe Reach for the Stars Award. The award will be presented by the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS), the organization, which in 1986 established the award to help classroom teachers “reach for the stars” and achieve a dream that under ordinary circumstances would not be fulfilled. The purpose of the fund is to support research and classroom application projects which improve social studies education, foster enlightened citizenship, and promote civic competence.

“Kim is being recognized for her 'Adopt a Country Project' that she uses in her 9th grade Global Perspectives course,” stated Andrea Brennan, Westfield’s Supervisor of Social Studies, who together with Leegan submitted the grant proposal last spring. As the grant recipient, Leegan will receive a check for \$2,500 for classroom materials. She also has been invited to be a presenter at the 97th Annual NCSS Conference in San Francisco, CA, November 17-19, 2017, when she will discuss the implementation of her project.

“The Adopt a Country project allows students to learn more about the countries we hear so much about in the news today,” explained Leegan. “I want my students to learn more than just the sound bites. Every country, every culture is made of many stories, not just one. This project affords students an opportunity to learn about the rich history, culture, and people of these countries and to educate, not only themselves, but their classmates.”

As part of last year’s project, Westfield High

School Global Perspective students used their research to create Weebly Sites to showcase what they had learned. In addition, students created web quests, which were exchanged and completed by classmates, so that other students could benefit from their knowledge.

Leegan emphasized that the most important part of the project is the informed action component. After learning about their adopted country, students identify a problem that the country faces and propose a service project to address that problem. Proposals are vetted and selected by the students. According to Leegan, “We start the year with the question: What does it mean to be a global citizen? We end our year with the realization that citizenship takes action.”

Upon notification of the award, Leegan responded, “We are so fortunate to be able to obtain this grant because it will allow us to expand this project by incorporating the use of Google expedition goggles in the classroom. This device enables students to take virtual tours of some of these countries. We also intend to use the grant money for guest speakers who will address the issue of global citizenship.”

“We are very excited and proud of Kim's efforts,” stated Brennan. “This award is well deserved and demonstrates the importance of social studies education and good citizenship,” added Superintendent of Schools, Margaret Dolan. “It remains a core of our school district’s mission statement to ‘educate all students to reach their highest potential as productive, well-balanced and responsible citizens who respect individual differences and diversity in an ever changing world’,” added Dr. Dolan.



(above) Westfield High School Social Studies teacher, Kimberly Leegan (at right), and Supervisor of K-12 Social Studies, Andrea Brennan.



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We would like to give special thanks to the organizations and donors that helped raise the money needed for the mandatory switch to new digital radios. These organizations and donors include: The Westfield Service League; The Westfield Foundation; The Overlook Foundation; Ms. Wendy Nitche; The William C Eiff and Vivian M. Eiff Foundation; The Westfield Area Y Men's Club; Two River Community Bank; and The Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

The WVRS is grateful and blessed to have such caring and generous donors. With the noted donors' help, the WVRS able to purchase the new digital radios required by the new FCC regulations. Fortunately, the actual expense of the digital radios was a bit less than the initial perceived cost. Additional funds will be used to maintain the radios as well as purchase extra receivers or scanners necessary for the squad building. The new radios are currently in use and we are pleased with the improved communications it provides.



(above) The Westfield Service League presented the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad with a \$10,000 check earlier in the year to help raise funds for the new digital radios. (l-r) WVRS Treasurer Lynn Feldman, WSL President Sheila Gagliano, and WSL Donations Committee Co-Chairpersons Michele Williams and Patty Tata.

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Robert L. Barchi, who lived in Westfield when he was a youngster, will discuss "Rutgers---Celebrating

250 Years" in the final lecture of the 2016 Hale Speaker Series. The hour-long talk is slated for Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Bauer Branch of the Westfield Y at 422 East Broad St., Westfield.

In his annual report to the University Senate, Barchi noted the excitement about such

initiatives as the emerging master plan for Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences, the construction of new buildings on the school's campuses, and the optimism tied to the university's third year as a member of the Big Ten. The Rutgers 250 activities included many events as well as two visits by President Barack Obama, including his delivery of the anniversary commencement address.

Barchi, who holds M.D. and Ph D. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, came to Rutgers after serving as president of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. He holds board certification in neurology and has published widely in his field.

As a side interest, Barchi collects clocks and watches from the 17th and 18th centuries; he also designs and constructs precision clocks in his basement machine shop.

The Hale Speaker Series, now in its ninth year,

is named in honor of the late Lee and Anne Hale, who were active in community affairs and longtime library patrons. Their daughter, Barbara, is a member of the series committee. Funding comes from The Anne and Lee Hale Fund and The Thomas Glasser Foundation.

The Barchi talk is free and open to the public but pre-registration is required by signing up at www.wmlnj.org or by calling 908-789-4090 ext. 0.

Linnea Rhodes serves as head of the Hale Speaker Series committee whose members also include Sherry Cronin, Mary Orlando and Tina Leshner.

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from 1 – 2 pm

The Harmonics singing throughout downtown
from 3 – 5 pm

NJ Workshop for the Arts Brass Quintet playing throughout downtown

from 2:30 – 4 pm

If you love Westfield, shop downtown on November 26!

TREE LIGHTING

The Annual Tree Lighting with Santa & Mrs. Claus will take place Sunday, November 27, 5:30 pm at the North Ave. W. Train Station.

MENORAH LIGHTING

The Annual Menorah Lighting Ceremonies take place at the North Ave. Train Station, sponsored by the Union County Torah Center, 908.789.5252.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT DOWNTOWN WESTFIELD THROUGHOUT DECEMBER

The DWC sponsors family entertainment during the holidays, typically on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays in December. The fun roaming musical entertainment has been a Westfield tradition for decades.

Harmonics Quartet

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The Yuletide Carolers

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Saturday • Lord & Taylor
Dec. 10 • 1-2 pm

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This will be an informative event for business professionals, small business owners, and nonprofit organizations. Panelists include Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, Speaker Vincent Prieto, advocacy leaders Tom Bracken (President and CEO of the NJ Chamber of Commerce) and Michele Siekerka (President and CEO of the NJ Business and Industry Association), and Ken Bagner of the Tax Department of Sobel & Co. Moderated by Westfield Mayor Andy Skibitsky. To register visit gwaccnj.com, or call 908-233-3021.

Breakfast Networking Tuesday, November 15 8:00 - 9:30 am, Paragon Tap & Table, 77 Central Avenue in Clark.

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11/1	11:00 am	Medicare Questions and Answers
11/4	1:30 pm	TGIF! F. Scott Fitzgerald (video)
11/5	10:00 am	Computer Class: Photo Editing with GIMP (advanced level)
11/5	1:00 pm	Introduction to PC Computers (not hands-on)
11/9	10:00 am	Computer Class: Microsoft Word Basic 2010 (basic level)
11/9	1:00 pm	DeMystifying Accounting Part II
11/12	2:00 pm	The Beatles Next: The Solo Years
11/14	2 & 6:30 pm	Foreign Film: Dough In English
11/16	2:00 pm	Computer Class: Prezi (advanced)
11/18	1:30 pm	TGIF! Classic Movie: Bottle Shock

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

(Check website for sign up info, dates and eligibility)

11/1	6:30 pm	Evening LEGO Club grades 1-5
11/3, 10, 17	10:30 am	Zumba Fun 2-5 yrs w/caretaker
11/4	10:00 am	All about Thanksgiving—3+years Stories and Crafts
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Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey was excited to announce the grand opening of the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey Museum on September 24, 2016. Located in Westfield at one of GSHNJ's council service centers, volunteers had collected and archived pieces of Girl Scouts history. The museum features uniforms dating back to 1918, registration cards from the 1930s, vintage camp memorabilia, and more. GSHNJ's museum is possible through the efforts of three of our

dedicated volunteers, Nancy Avery, Dolores Kresge, and Sherley Penrose.

"We are so excited to be able to share our Girl Scout history with our members, volunteers, alumna, and members of the public," says Patricia Carroll, Chief Executive Officer of Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey. "Through our museum, visitors are be able to travel back in time and witness Girl Scouting in a whole new way."

In attendance was Girl Scout alumnae, Virginia Wolf, who earned her Golden Eaglet (comparable to the Girl Scout Gold Award today) in Rahway in 1936. "I have nothing but good feelings and good memories of my Girl Scout days," says Wolf.

For more information about the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey museum and to register for the grand opening event, please visit www.gshnj.org.

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THE JUNIOR MUSICAL CLUB WILL HOLD AUDITIONS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

The Junior Musical Club, a club for students in 8th -12th grades from Westfield and nearby towns, welcomes applications from young instrumentalists and vocalists who have a personal commitment to performing music of any and all genres. For more information about the Club and how to apply, please email juniormusicalclub@gmail.com.

Teen-aged musicians may audition to join the club on Sunday, November 20, 2016, between 5:00 and 7:00 pm. Exact audition times will be set after the candidate submits an application. Auditions will take place at the home of Beverly Shea, Senior Advisor to the Club, 2121 Princeton Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Each candidate must perform two pieces in contrasting styles. Total playing time should be 5 to 8 minutes in length. Auditioners are encouraged to perform some portion of a piece from memory and must provide their own accompanist, if needed. To obtain an audition form and to request the name of a possible

accompanist, applicants may email Samantha Sprechman at juniormusicalclub@gmail.com.

The club meets once each month on a Sunday evening at the homes of various club members. Each meeting consists of discussions about future concerts or events, and club members perform some of their current repertoire for one another. The club holds two concerts each year at the First Baptist Church of Westfield, open to the public free of charge. On March 29, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., The Ensemble Concert presents all club members in duets and group performances; on June 1, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., the high school junior and senior members will perform solo pieces in the Upper Class Recital. Club members also perform at senior citizen centers and play chamber music, solos and duets during the Tour of Notable Homes for the New Jersey Festival Orchestra, Saturday, May 13, 2017.

For additional information contact Beverly Shea, 908-654-1036, Senior Advisor, The Musical Club of Westfield.

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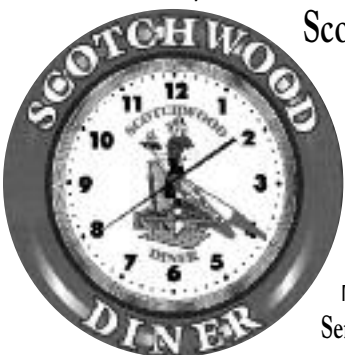
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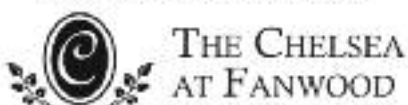
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ADVOCATES NEEDED FOR LOCAL FOSTER YOUTH: CASA OFFERS NEW FLEX-TRAININGS IN DEC, JAN

CASA of Union County is seeking Westfield residents to step up and be the voice for one of the nearly 600 Union County youth, ages 0-21, currently in foster care through no fault of their own.

Traditionally, the required 30-hour training is held over six weeks, with volunteers meeting several evenings each week. However, two new training options are now available, in response to prospective volunteers seeking more scheduling flexibility. A December training — which begins Monday, Dec. 5, 2016 — allows those home during the day to complete all training within five days from 9 am to 4 pm at the CASA offices; the January training — which begins Thursday, Jan. 12 — continues the traditional six-week format, but incorporates online learning at the volunteer's convenience, and fewer in-person sessions. Lunch or light dinner is provided. At the conclusion of training, a Superior Court judge swears in the new child advocates at the Union County Courthouse.

Trained CASAs are court-empowered to speak to foster parents, teachers, doctors, lawyers, therapists and more. CASAs visit the youth regularly and incorporate findings into a report for the judge. They attend quarterly court hearings, working to ensure a youth's time in care is as short as possible and their best interests remain the priority. Although not required, there is an additional need for male advocates and advocates who speak Spanish. Just who is a typical child referred to CASA of Union County? Meet 12-year-old Marissa:

When my mother was pregnant with me, she drank alcohol and used cocaine, and I was born with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. Even though the state was working with my mom to help her get clean and be a better mom to me and my brother, she couldn't stay away from the drugs and alcohol. My older brother tried to take care of me, but he said it was too hard, and our house was so dirty and cluttered. A worker from the state came and took me, and put me into a foster home. That

worker left and I have a new worker. When I met her, she said the plan was for me to go back with my mom as soon as she's better. I was so happy. But I just found out that now my mom is missing! I'm so worried and hope she's okay. Is she drinking again? Is she hurt? Every day I wonder what will happen to me and what's happened to her. I'm so scared. I don't see my brother anymore at all. My family is so broken and I feel all alone.

Westfield residents are encouraged to contact Rachel at (908) 527-7044 or rwhite@casaoofunioncounty.org to RSVP for an information session below, or for more details on claiming a seat in the December or January class.

Evening information sessions are: Thursdays, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15 at the County Clerk Building, 300 North Avenue East, Westfield; morning sessions are 10 a.m. Fridays, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16 at CASA's offices, 1143-45 East Jersey Street, Second Floor, Elizabeth.



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