

AIDS Benefit Committee Raises \$60,000 at Auction

Ron Oberdick, President of the AIDS Benefit Committee of New Jersey, announced that over \$60,000 was raised at the committee's 10th annual auction on March 7 at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield.

"We are gratified that a record number of people turned out this year to support our effort," Mr. Oberdick remarked.

Jon Bramnick of Westfield, voted the "Funniest Lawyer in New Jersey," served as auctioneer once again this year.

Among the things which the committee auctioned off were a silver-plated chafing dish, a day of sailing

out of Newport Harbor on an America's Cup 12 meter sailing vessel for 16 guests, and a Tex-Mex barbecue.

Proceeds from the auction will go toward fulfilling the committee's mission of disbursing funds to individuals and agencies throughout New Jersey that provide education and/or physical relief to people who live with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones.

The committee is made up entirely of volunteers. For information about next year's auction, or on how individuals may assist the committee's efforts, please call Helen Walton at (908) 766-7279.



COMING TO ST. BART'S...The cast of *Nunsense* are shown here. The performance is slated for St. Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains on Sunday, April 19, at 1:30 p.m.

Belles of St. Mary's to Perform Nunsense at St. Bart's Church

"The Belles of St. Mary's," a group of "nuns" from St. Mary's Parish in Bayonne, will perform the television musical, "Nunsense," on Sunday, April 19, at 1:30 p.m., at St. Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

The musical will feature Aggie Gillespie as "Sister Superior." Although there will be no charge for the performance, the "Belles" will accept donations for the Sisters of St. Joseph Villa of Flourtown, Pennsylvania.

St. Bart's School Presents Biannual Science Fair

St. Bartholomew Interparochial School in Scotch Plains held its biannual Science Fair on March 10, during which the works of many students from Kindergarten through eighth grade were displayed.

Awards were given in grades 4 through 8. First place awards were presented to Ashley Meyn, grade 4, "What Is the Effect of Overcrowding on Plants?"; Matthew Boyle, grade 5, "Does Weather Affect Transpiration?"; and Joseph Wilkinson, grade 6, "What Influences Hydroelectric Power Generation?"

Other award winners were Anthony D'Errico, grade 7, "The Effect of Water on Solid Substances and their Conductivity"; Daniel Lynch, grade 8, "Peripheral Vision," and Rachel Stefanoski, grade 8, "What Liquid Is the Best Plant Supplement?"

The judges consisted of scientists in the fields of biology, chemistry, computer technology and engineering from various companies. Father John Lester, Parochial Vicar, was the Avocation Scientist.

Other winning subjects included the effects of pollution on germination; measuring conductors; the effects on fabrics using different clean-

ers; what kind of insulation works best for keeping warm; which brand of batteries lasts longest in a flashlight; the effects of drainage on plant growth, and how plants grow in different soils.

Students in Kindergarten through grade 3 also participated in various experiments and projects in their classrooms throughout the week.

The Science Fair was held in the gymnasium and was attended by many families and friends, according to Mary Handsman, spokeswoman for the St. Bartholomew's School Home School Association.

Jason Gillet Earns Dean's List Status

Jason Gillet of Scotch Plains has been named to the Dean's List for the winter quarter at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York.

A fourth-year student in the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, Jason is studying film and video.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris H. Gillet and a 1994 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.



SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS...St. Bartholomew Interparochial School in Scotch Plains recently announced the winners, in grades 4 through 8, of its biannual science fair. Pictured, left to right, are: back row, Joseph Wilkinson, Patrick Kennedy, Kevin Rotondo, Michael Perinelli, Carolyn Avis, Corinne Tighe, Tiffany Sprague, Daniel Lynch, Jessica Binkiewicz, Brian Schiller, Anthony D'Errico, Rachael Stefanoski and Matthew Boyle; front row, Cassandra Searls, Ashley Meyn, Brinda Sen Gupta and Katharine Berka. Not pictured are Thomas Ritter, Cowles Stewart and Mark Vyzas.

St. Helen's Raffle to Benefit 'Sister Pat's' Camp for Kids

"Sister Pat's Kids Cancer Camp," now in its 14th year, will again be sponsored by St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield with the support of the Marist Brothers at the Mid-Hudson Valley Camp in Esopus, New York and Babies Hospital, Columbus Presbyterian Medical Center, in New York.

This free, week-long camp program is designed especially for children afflicted with cancer and other life-threatening blood disorders. These children, between the ages of 5 and 15, are welcomed without regard to race or religious affiliations.

The youngsters enjoy swimming, boating, fishing, sports, arts and crafts, drama and biking, as well as special events such as "Casino Nite," featuring games of chance and card games; "Carnival Nite" at the local county fair, disco dancing with a disc jockey, and a campfire with s'mores, stories and songs.

There is also "Game Show Nite," with the campers and staff as participants; "Cruise on the Hudson River," and "Scavenger Hunt." The campers additionally go to local farms to pick corn and go horseback riding. Older campers go shopping at an area mall and to Friendly's for lunch.

In order to fund the camp, a 50/50 raffle is organized annually. This year,

1,200 tickets will be sold at \$35 each. This is an increase of 200 tickets over the past years, in order to cover the increasing cost of running the camp.

Providing all tickets are sold, the Grand Prize will be \$14,000, with five consolation prizes of \$1,400 each. The remaining \$21,000 will go toward the camp costs, which were \$23,500 in 1997, according to St. Helen's spokeswoman Bernadine Liebrich.

Drawing of the winning tickets will be held on Sunday, April 19, after the 10:45 a.m. Mass at the St. Helen's Parish Center.

"Sister Pat's Kids Cancer Camp" is located on 200 acres at the Marist Brothers Retreat Center, approximately 90 miles north of New York City, in the foothills of the Catskill Mountains.

It was founded in 1985 by Sister Patricia Daly, herself afflicted with cancer, who was for many years the Director of Religious Education for elementary school children at St. Helen's and Leo Forrest, who is the Director of the Camp.

For information about purchasing tickets or possibly donating to camp costs, please call Peggy and Dennis Cogan at (732) 382-7515, or Carol and Jerry Barton at (908) 233-7525.



TO HELP THOSE IN NEED...John DeMarco of Coldwell Banker Real Estate in Westfield, right, who founded the AIDS Benefit Committee of New Jersey (ABCNJ) in 1986, examines an auction item with Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger of Westfield at the 10th annual ABCNJ auction which was held recently at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield. The auction raised more than \$60,000 to support care of New Jerseyans living with AIDS.

Mitzvah Day '98 Planned By Temple for April 26

Performing a good deed — or mitzvot, in Hebrew — is an integral part of Jewish practice. On Sunday, April 26, members of Temple Emanu-El of Westfield will have the opportunity to perform charitable acts at Mitzvah Day '98, which is dedicated to community service benefiting dozens of local organizations and charities.

Mitzvah Day was initiated in 1996 by Rabbi Charles Kroloff and Cantor Martha Novick of Temple Emanu-El as a way to involve congregation members of all ages in a day of service to their community. Over 500 temple members participate in this annual event at some 30 sites in Union County.

The various projects include construction, repairs, painting, landscaping, planting, trail restoration, visitation, recreation, food preparation, and administration.

Among the organizations and charities which will be receiving assistance on Mitzvah Day '98 are the Westfield Day Care Center, Westfield Neighborhood Council, Association for Rehabilitation with Kindness (ARK), Union County Parks and Recreation, New Jersey Geriatric Center, the Ashbrook and Genesis nursing centers, Union County Adult Retarded Citizens (ARC), Runnells Specialized Hospital, St. Joseph's Social Service Center, and the Interfaith Council for the Homeless.

Temple Plans Program On Midrash Process

Rabbi Arnold Gluck will discuss the process of Midrash at Temple Emanu-El on Thursday evenings, April 23 and 30, and May 7, at 8 p.m.

Midrash is described as "a dynamic process of engaging the sacred writings to draw forth meaning," according to a statement by the temple.

The course will allow participants to experience the midrashic process through text study. No prior knowledge is required. Please call the temple office to register at (908) 232-6770.

First Baptist Among Sites for Spring Fling

The First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street, will act as one of the host sites for Westfield's annual Spring Fling, from noon to 6 p.m., on Sunday, April 19.

Church members will host a hospitality tent with cold beverages on the front lawn of the church, and restroom facilities will be open inside the church. Tours of the church, including the sanctuary in the round, will be available.



LET'S GET WET...Getting ready to do some water activities at Sister Pat's Kids Cancer Camp, pictured left to right, are: front row, Rebecca, a camper; Camp Program Director Anne Wischusen, and campers Kimberly and Sharleen. Behind them is Tara Handerman, a camp counselor and lifeguard. The annual 50/50 raffle organized by St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield helps pay the cost of having youngsters afflicted with cancer and other blood disorders attend camp free. Raffle tickets are now available at St. Helen's Church.

Literacy Volunteers Schedule Training For Prospective Tutors

The Literacy Volunteers of American, Union County Affiliate, has announced its spring schedule for the training of tutors, organization spokesman Bonnie Anderson said.

A Basic Literacy Workshop will be offered at the Hillside Library, located at JFK Plaza, with classes running Saturdays, April 18 and 25; Saturdays, May 2, 9, 16, 30, and June 6, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Registration is scheduled for next Thursday, April 16, at 6 p.m.

There is a workshop fee of \$15 to cover supplies. For additional information or to register for the above workshops, please call (908) 925-7755.

Senior Social Club To Meet on Monday In Holy Trinity School

The regular meeting of the Senior Social Club of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield will be held on Monday, April 13, in the cafeteria of the church's elementary school.

Entertainment will be provided by the "Merry Men" of the Westfield Old Guard. Refreshments will be served.

On Tuesday, April 21, a day trip to Mount Haven Lodge in Pocono, Pennsylvania has been planned. The occasion is an Italian festival.

First Baptist 1x4

Temple Emanuel
2x3

Willow Grove Church
2x3

Fanwood Presp
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Reedeemer Lutheran
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Westfield Presp
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