

'Passport for Education' Is Ticket to Dance-Party

"Passport to Education," a major Westfield Dance-Party Benefit, will take place on Friday, May 8, from 7 p.m. to midnight.

All net proceeds raised during this community-wide event will benefit technology in the Westfield Public Schools.

Passport tickets are now available from all nine Westfield Public School Parent-Teacher Associations and Parent-Teacher Organizations, the Westfield "Y," Rorden's, and the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts.

Admission to the fund-raiser is

\$50 per person and will be limited to 900 adults only. The party will take place in the Westfield National Guard Armory Building, located across the street from Westfield High School.

"Passport" ticket holders will enjoy a deluxe hot and cold buffet dinner, dancing to the music and shows from three terrific bands, a disc jockey, plus a light show. The benefit is being sponsored by COMCAST@Home and The Education Fund of Westfield. "Passport to Education" tickets are also available by mail or by calling 654-4100.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader

PASSPORTS, PLEASE... Promoting the Saturday, May 8, "Passport to Education" fund-raiser to benefit technology in the Westfield public schools, left to right, are: Chris Molloy, Elena Schatz and Denise Shea, all members of the "Passport to Education" Dance-Party Benefit Committee; Darielle Walsh, representing The Education Fund of Westfield, and Debbie and Darryl Walker, members of the Dance-Party Committee.

Alzheimer Support Group Set to Meet Next Thursday

The Caregiver/Alzheimer Support Group of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will hold its next meeting from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, in the Family Conference Room of the facility, located at 40 Watchung Way in Berkeley Heights.

This professional support, education and information group for caregivers and family members is held the third Thursday of each month. It is open to the community free of charge, and is facilitated by Kathleen Balascio, a Runnells Specialized Hospital licensed social worker.

The support group shares information on the disease, research up-

dates, practical care techniques and a list of community resources. Participants also have an opportunity to discuss the frustrations which individuals feel in caring for those stricken with Alzheimer's disease.

Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County sponsors the meetings in conjunction with the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

For further information on this wheelchair accessible program, please call (908) 771-5835. Additional meetings will be held on Thursdays, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19 and December 17.

Mountainside Villa Included On Symphony Friends' Tour

A villa in Mountainside will be showcased on this year's "Tour of Notable Homes" organized by the Westfield Symphony Orchestra Friends (WSO).

The lavish villa, decorated with many antique English pieces, is one of five area homes that will be open to the public on Saturday, May 2. The annual event is the major fundraiser for the Friends, which every year donates all proceeds to the symphony.

Emma DeGiralamo, Chairwoman of the house tour, said this year's tour "offers something for everybody and every taste. The houses are all different styles, different decors and different character."

Two of the homes are central-hall Colonials located in Westfield. In addition to the villa in Mountainside, Emily Risko, Secretary of the Friends, has offered her Cape Cod, also located in Mountainside.

Mrs. DeGiralamo said visitors will get "one decorating idea after another" walking through this home. The very talented Mrs. Risko has sponge painted her walls, hand-painted rugs and worked on furniture to give it a distressed look.

The fifth house is located in Scotch Plains and will offer visitors a chance to see the antique collections of the owners, Marie and John Leppert.

For a second year, the Friends is also offering demonstrations during the tour. Patricia Bollinger, an accomplished Westfield artist and member of the Friends, will be painting a landscape on the lawn of the

Mountainside villa.

The homes will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$18 or on the day of the tour for \$20. The tickets are available at Baron's Drug Store, Coldwell Banker Schlott Realtors, Lancaster Ltd., Periwinkle's Fine Gifts, Rorden Realty and Weichert Realtors, all in Westfield.

Tickets can be purchased at Patterson's Interiors in Mountainside, at the Cranford Book Store in Cranford and at Burgdorf Era Realtors and Irma's Hallmark, both in Fanwood.

For further information, please call the symphony at (908) 232-9400.

Auxiliary to Present Spring Rummage Sale On Saturday, April 18

The Martin Wallberg American Legion Auxiliary of Westfield will hold its Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 18, at the post home, 1003 North Avenue in Westfield, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Clothing and household items will be featured. All proceeds will go towards the Wish List at the Lyons Veterans Administration Hospital for much needed items not in the hospital's budget, according to Auxiliary President Mary E. Blanes.



OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION... Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, center, presents a proclamation to chorus members of the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., honoring the group on its 50th anniversary. Pictured, left to right, are: Harold Snell of Scotch Plains, Dick Bodmer of Westfield, Mayor Jardim, George Ryan of Westfield, and Frank Dundon of Scotch Plains.

Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Honored With Proclamation

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim recently signed and presented the town's official proclamation naming April as Barbershop Harmony Month in Westfield to chorus members of the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. (S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.)

The national organization is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. The Rahway Valley Jerseyaires affiliate was formed 50 years ago in Westfield and is celebrating its Golden Jubilee.

In the proclamation, the Mayor commended the unit as being "dedicated to the enjoyment of the people of North America through building and encouraging close harmony groups and the encouragement of harmony among all people of the world."

The Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Chapter of the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. was founded in 1948 and includes over 90 members, from students to retired citizens, according to spokesman Charles Spozdzial.

Besides singing for enjoyment, the Jerseyaires perform community services and help raise funds for the

Society's national service project, Heartspring, in Wichita, Kansas, a life skills learning center that deals with afflictions that inhibit normal speech in children and adults.

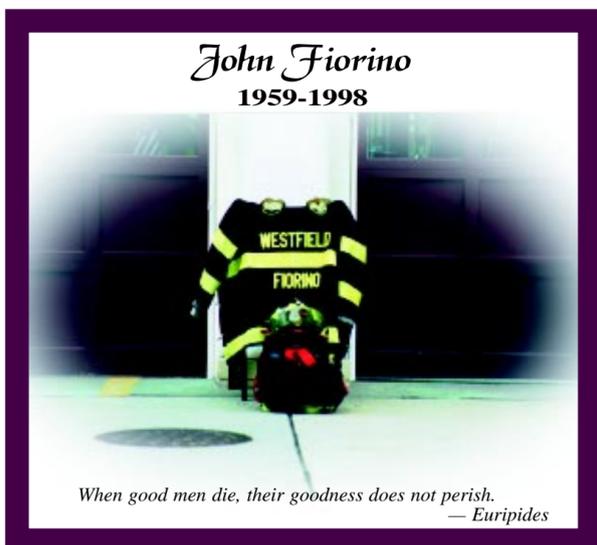
The Jerseyaires rehearse every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Hall, 170 Elm Street in Westfield. For more information, please call (908) 233-7188, or (908) 925-2629.

Funding for the group is made in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Fanwood Post Office Plans Extended Hours For April 15 Mailings

The Fanwood Post Office will be open on Wednesday, April 15, for business until 9 p.m. to help residents mail their tax returns on time.

Refreshments and forms will be available in the lobby for customers, according to Fanwood Postmaster John Alvarez.



When good men die, their goodness does not perish. — Euripides

Volunteer Guild to Present Sale to Benefit Runnells

The Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will hold its monthly product sale today, Thursday, April 9, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the facility, located at 40 Watchung Way in Berkeley Heights.

The sale will feature luggage, bags, briefcases and ties by T&D Accessories.

"The public is invited to shop at discounted prices from numerous vendors throughout the year," said Union County Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon, Liaison to the Runnells

Hospital Board of Managers.

"Part of each sale goes back to the Volunteer Guild to directly benefit our residents. The Guild has purchased televisions, video cassette recorders and bingo prizes for the residents, and they hold the annual picnic and holiday party/gift distribution in cooperation with the Berkeley Heights Lions Clubs," Ms. Scanlon said.

The Guild is looking for volunteers who wish to contribute a few hours. Interested individuals may call the Runnells Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 771-5848.

School-to-Work Program Prepares Students for Jobs

Union County Vocational-Technical Schools offers high school students a variety of school-to-work experiences to help them prepare for a chosen career.

The School-to-Work Program, under the direction of Dr. Deborah Rockafellow, contains three required elements: classroom learning, work-based learning, and connecting activities.

The work-based activities can be in the form of shadowing, where the student observes activities in the work place, or as an internship, where the student actually works in their chosen career.

The student gets a preview of what a particular business or industry is like, and this helps reduce turnover for the employer, according to UCVTS spokeswoman Paula Boss.

The employer in turn has an opportunity to influence the curriculum development to meet industry needs. This helps to ensure properly trained and qualified employees, the spokeswoman added.

Employer partners at UCVTS include The Hilton at Short Hills, Honeywell Controls, Howell Electric Motors, Longo Industries, Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, the Newark Airport Hilton, the Plainfield Police Department and

ShopRite Supermarkets, Inc.

For information regarding enrollment or becoming an employer partner, please call Dr. Rockafellow at (908) 889-2985 or visit the UCVTS web site at www.ucvts.tec.nj.us.

'Y' Announces Trip To Dogwood Festival

On Monday, May 11, the Westfield "Y" will host a trip to the Dogwood Festival in Fairfield, Connecticut for the Sixty-and-Better Set.

The festival is a major spring event in New England, according to "Y" spokeswoman Karen F. Simon. Highlights include a guided tour, plant and flower tents, and crafts. Lunch at the Silvermine Tavern, in Norwalk, Connecticut is included.

The cost of the trip is \$55 per person and includes transportation from and to the Westfield "Y," lunch and all entry fees. Reservations may be made at the Westfield "Y," located at 220 Clark Street, in Westfield. No refunds will be given unless an individual's place can be sold.

For more information, please contact Ms. Simon at (908) 233-2700.

Five WHS Students Selected For All State Orchestra

Five Westfield High School (WHS) students now share the distinction of having been selected to perform in the New Jersey All State Orchestra.

The regional finalists were chosen for the state orchestra following auditions at Howell Township High School on March 31.

The students included 11th graders Yair Ghitza, who plays the trombone, and Beth Satkin, string player, along with 9th graders Christina Yang, Allen Yu, and Peter Yu, also string players.

Beth also ranked first in the state for receiving the highest score among bass players, marking the second year that she has achieved all-state status.

Allen, who was named second cellist overall and his brother, Peter, who placed 12th overall, will be playing first violin in the orchestra. Sung Bin Lee, a sophomore at

WHS, was named as an alternate violin player.

Westfield High School Instrumental Music Teacher Raymond Wojcik commented, "This is an extraordinary achievement. Eleven students made Region II Orchestra, and now five have gone on to All-State. The students' achievements represent the high level of performance achieved by the entire Westfield High School Music Department."

The students will perform at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark at 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 21, following a Friday, November 13, concert in Atlantic City.

They have also been invited to perform with the All State Orchestra at Rutgers' home football games on Saturdays, October 3 and 24.



HITTING A HIGH NOTE...The five Westfield High School students selected to perform in the New Jersey All State Orchestra, pictured left to right, are: top row, 11th graders Yair Ghitza and Beth Satkin, and front row, 9th graders Peter Yu, Christina Yang and Allen Yu.

Beth Satkin Is Accepted Into National Orchestra

Beth Satkin, a junior at Westfield High School and a student at the Manhattan School of Music, was recently accepted into the National All-Girls Orchestra in Washington, D.C.

She was one of 40 young women selected out of more than 650 applicants from all over the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. The orchestra will perform an all-Vivaldi program at the Kennedy Center in Washington on Sunday, May 17.

Beth was recently awarded the principal chair in the 1998 New Jersey All-State Orchestra, which will

perform at the Atlantic City Convention Center and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in November.

The student has additionally been accepted into the Tanglewood Institute, in Lenox, Massachusetts, where she will perform with the Young Artists Orchestra and attend the Double Bass Workshop this summer.



Beth Satkin

While at Tanglewood, Beth will study with Todd Seeber, principal bassist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Beth is a double bass student of Linda McKnight at the Manhattan School of Music, where she is associate principal bassist of the Manhattan School of Music Philharmonic.

She was recently awarded the Manhattan School of Music Parents Association Scholarship.

Glee Club Announces Dates For Annual Spring Concerts

The Westfield Glee Club will present its 73rd Season Spring Concerts on Saturday, April 25, at 8 p.m. at Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark Street in Westfield, and on Sunday, April 26, at 4 p.m. at the Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman Street in Cranford.

Director Thomas Booth said the program will feature a music mix, with sections called "From Soup to Nuts," "Sea Chanties," "Folk Songs of the West," "Cross Cultural" and "Broadway and Pop Rock."

In addition to the piano accompaniment by George Lachenauer, a student string bass player will accompany the Glee singers on the Civil

War song "Goober Peas."

Tickets for either concert are available at The Music Staff, 102 Quimby Street in Westfield, and at the door for a donation of \$10 for students and senior citizens, and \$12 for adults.

For further information, please call Dale Juntilla at (908) 232-0673.

Jeffrey Williams Makes University Dean's List

Jeffrey L. Williams of Westfield was included on the Dean's Honor List at the University of Michigan College of Engineering for the Fall 1997 term.



HAPPY CAMPERS...Members of Daisy Girl Scout Troop No. 890 of McKinley Elementary School in Westfield spent a weekend during December at a "Mom and Me" camping trip to Camp Lou Henry Hoover. Pictured, left to right, are: Joan Penczak and daughter Elizabeth; Karen Callahan and daughter Heather; Troop Leader Linda Graham and daughter Brittany; Treasurer Linda Isaman and daughter Tyler, and Co-Leader Mary Liebau and daughter Amanda. The troop is part of the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council.

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