

the Scotch Plains Business Community

organizations, among them the Scotch Plains Volunteer Rescue Squad, the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, DECA and the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

In addition, local businesses have donated tens of thousands of dollars worth of products and services annually to area churches and synagogues, schools and other non-profit organizations for various fundraising activities in the community.

Between 1996 and 1997, individual business owners and professionals in the township donated more than \$2,000 towards the purchase of holiday decorations for the Scotch Plains Village Green.

Besides financial contributions, members of the association have also given hundreds



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS...Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association "elf volunteers" welcome visitors to the township's 1998 holiday celebration. Pictured, left to right, are: Gerry Vadas, Debbie DiGuiseppe, Vi Brown, "Santa" Steve Goldberg, Joe Donnatelli, Nancy Woodward and Steve Hoeckele (kneeling).

of hours of time during the past five years to various local committees and other organizations, working to help the downtown make a prosperous transition into the 21st century.

These groups include the Downtown Business Alliance, the Downtown Task Force, the Scotch Plains Day Committee, the Downtown Development Committee, the Holiday Decorating Committee, the Clean Communities Committee and the Memorial Day Parade Committee.

Mr. Pardon has stated that the association's efforts to create a more vibrant and informed business community has contributed, in part, to what he described as "a number of positive trends within the business district."

These trends, according to Mr. Pardon, include a fairly low vacancy rate in the township; improvements made by landlords to building facades, and other enhancement projects currently in the works. In addition, the SPBPA President has observed that a number of businesses have relocated to Scotch Plains.

Any business owner or professional person interested in becoming a member of the SPBPA may call Mr. Pardon at (908) 322-7388. Individuals may also learn more about the association by visiting www.visitscotchplains.com on the Internet.

The annual membership fee is \$40, although members may contribute more during the year toward special events or promotional activities.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS...Each year, the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association awards scholarships to deserving high school students. Recipients for 1999, pictured left to right, are: Latasha Nehemiah, Robert Lechner, Scott Patterson and Adena Plesmid.



"Working To Serve You Better And Make Scotch Plains A Strong Community For The New Millennium"

For Upcoming Events, Township Information or To Find A Business Product/Service Go To:

www.VISITSCOTCHPLAINS.com

A Community Service Provided by the SPBPA

Since 1994 The Scotch Plains Business & Professional Association, Its 170 Members And Its Dedicated Volunteers Have Worked To Improve Our Business Community While Benefiting The Entire Township Of Scotch Plains In The Following Ways.

- Scholarship Program - Town Beautification - Annual Car Show - Halloween Window Painting
- Weekly Farmers Market - Town Directory - Music On Park Ave.- Candidate Nights - Town Web Site
- Holiday Celebration & Hay Rides - Expanded Scotch Plains Day Activities - Co-op Purchase of Banners In Towne Centre
- Support To Other Non-Profit Community Groups - Volunteer Service On Numerous Township Committees

Your Local Merchants & Professionals Are A Vital Part Of Your Community Providing Products And Services To Meet Your Needs And Are Always There To Donate To Your Community Activities. They Need And Appreciate Your Support And You Need Them Please Support Your Local Merchants

For More Information, Or To Join The SPBPA , Please Call Ray Pardon, At Nuts N' Plenty, 322-7388