

Twelve Students Awarded College Club Scholarships

Twelve local students from Fanwood and Scotch Plains were presented with Scholarship Awards from the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains at a reception held recently at the Scotch Hills Country Club.

Manya S. Ungar, Scholarship Chairwoman, made the presentations, totaling \$12,000 to the recipients, who were either seniors in high school or college undergraduates.

Over the past 62 years, the College Club has awarded \$260,925 to 303 students from the two communities who have sought higher education.

With the exception of Katherine Santo, from Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, the seven other graduating seniors are from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

- Katherine, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Santo of Scotch Plains, received \$500 and will attend Lycoming University, Williamsport, Pennsylvania this fall.

- Jennifer Kanarek, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kanarek of Scotch Plains, received \$1,000 to attend Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts.

- Christina and Jennifer Kane, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kane of Scotch Plains, each received an award of \$750. Christina will be entering Boston University and Jennifer, Sacred Heart University, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

- Nicole Kreger, the daughter of Mrs. Maureen Kreger of Scotch Plains and Brian Kreger, received \$1,250. She will attend James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

- Suzanne Lamastra, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lamastra of Scotch Plains, received \$1,000 and will attend the College of New Jersey in Trenton.

- Jennifer Lee, the daughter of Mrs. Donna Williams of Scotch Plains, received \$1,500. She will be attending Monmouth University.

- Amanda Palmatier, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Palmatier, also of Scotch Plains, was the recipient of an award of \$500. She will attend Rutgers University.

In addition to the scholarships for graduating high school seniors, four young women currently enrolled as college undergraduates also were presented with awards. They include Elizabeth Brix, Emily Gray, Silvana Nizzardo and Kristy Statue.

- Elizabeth, the daughter of Reverend and Mrs. James Brix of Scotch Plains, is entering her senior year at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida. She received \$1,500.

- Emily Gray, the daughter of Matie O'Brien-Cole of Scotch Plains and Allan Gray of Tinton Falls, received \$1,750. She will be in her senior year at Springfield College, Massachusetts, this fall.

- Silvana Nizzardo, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michele Nizzardo of Scotch Plains, received an award of \$750. She will be a sophomore at Kean University in Union.

- Kristy Statue, the daughter of Barbara Hayser and Dennis Statue, received an award of \$750. Kristy is entering her junior year at Rowan College of New Jersey in Glassboro.

In addition to the 12 scholarship awardees, the College Club President, Peggy Tan, presented an award of \$250 to Joyce Chen, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I-Li Chen of Scotch Plains, for academic excellence.

She achieved the highest academic average in the 1998 graduating class of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. She will be attending Princeton University.



SPEAKING ON PUBLIC SAFETY...At a recent Rotary Club of Westfield meeting, First Ward Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick was a guest speaker. Currently Westfield Public Safety Committee Chairwoman, she spoke of her concern for safety matters in general and gave details of the establishment of pedestrian crossing street signs now erected at several cross-walks in Westfield. Councilwoman Vernick also talked of the program to supply phones to crossing guards to speed up the reporting of accidents in order to alert rescue organizations as quickly as possible. Pictured, left to right, are: Rotary Club President Dr. D. Michael Hart, Councilwoman Vernick and Rotarian Kenneth J. Mayti, Program Chairman.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Kids Recognized in Writing Contest

A number of students in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools were recently announced as local winners in the student writing contest sponsored by the National and New Jersey Councils of Teachers of English.

Katie Donovan, an eighth-grade student at Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains, was one of only 13 New Jersey students to be recognized in the National Council's Promising Young Writers program.

The program was established to stimulate and recognize students' writing talents and to emphasize the importance of writing skills. Students submitted two pieces of writing which were judged on content, purpose, audience, tone, word choice, organization, development and style.

Katie is a student of Cathy Mattfield and is the fourth national winner Mrs. Mattfield has produced in as many years. Elena Goetz, also a student in Mrs. Mattfield's classes, tied for honorable mention for poetry in the New Jersey Council of Teachers of English (NJCTE) Writing Contest for grades 7 through 9.

At the elementary level, the students in Phyllis Karvetsky's third-grade class at McGinn Elementary School captured third place in the NJCTE's script category for grades Kindergarten through third.

According to the contest coordinator, this was probably the first time that a class collaboration was a winner in the contest. NJCTE winners from Jane Lawlor's third grade at McGinn include Diana Chaves, first place for poetry, and Tim Salisbury and Adam Biner, both honorable mentions for poetry.

Meryl Coker from Michele Mottley's fourth grade at McGinn also received an honorable mention. Additionally, Mrs. Mottley's students participated in the New Jersey Poets Contest and the work of James Alfano, Anne Frier, Michael Bonacum, Ronnie Stein, Chelsea Rowe, Stephanie Ricca, Daniel Egan, Alexa Knox, Matthew Lavery, Brendon Jones, Alex Kontur, Caroline Lazur, Gary Schardien, Victoria Fosdal, Henry Cox, and Maggie Gousman has been selected for publication in the group's annual anthology.

Members of Garden Club Bring Cheer to Veterans

Members of the Garden Club of Westfield recently participated in a Garden Therapy program at the Lyons Veterans Hospital.

The program was originated in 1942 by Marguerite Mulligan, who served as a Red Cross Gray Lady in Europe during World War II.

As a member of the board of the Garden Club of New Jersey, she encouraged bringing flowers to veterans hospitals, and this practice started the Garden Therapy program.

The Garden Club of Westfield,

which is federated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs and the Garden Club of New Jersey District V, Piedmont Plain, is notified of dates throughout the year when they will participate in the Lyons flower service.

Recently, Dot Archer, Chairwoman of Garden Therapy for the Garden Club of Westfield, along with Lucille Finter, Lecia DeHaven, Otilie Greisemer and Nancy Roff, made bedside arrangements that were then delivered to the veterans.



BEAUTIFUL BOUQUETS...Members of the Garden Club of Westfield complete bedside floral arrangements for veterans at Lyons Hospital. Pictured, left to right, are: Dot Archer, Garden Therapy Committee Chairwoman; Lucille Finter, Lecia DeHaven, Otilie Greisemer and Nancy Roff.

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