

Westfield Rescue Squad Begins Annual Membership Drive

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad will be conducting its annual membership drive during the upcoming months.

According to Recruiting Chairman Richard Jackson, every residence and business in Westfield is expected to receive a letter from the rescue squad concerning the need for volunteers.

This need continues to increase due to the rise in emergency call volume and the decreasing availability of people who are able to volunteer their time, Mr. Jackson said. The all-volunteer squad has been serving the community for more than 48 years.

Volunteers are needed to serve as dispatchers as well as emergency medical technicians (EMTs). Dispatchers are required to serve only two hours per week during weekday daytime hours and on some weekends. Training usually takes just a couple of weeks and is conducted by current dispatchers.

Duties typically include dispatching an ambulance crew to an emergency call, answering and forwarding telephone messages, lending out donated healthcare equipment, and arranging non-emergency transports. The squad has dispatcher coverage 24 hours a day.

Those serving as EMTs provide

emergency medical services to residents and visitors to Westfield and the surrounding communities.

To train as an EMT, an applicant must have a valid and clean driver's license, and be able to perform the tasks required during patient care. Prospective EMTs must then attend and satisfactorily complete a 120-hour course offered at various local locations.

Additional training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other squad duties are provided by the rescue squad.

Anyone interested in volunteering may pick up an application to become either a dispatcher or an EMT at the rescue squad building at 335 Watterson Street in Westfield.

Tax deductible contributions may be mailed to the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 356, Westfield 07091-0356.

For further information regarding volunteering, please call (908) 233-2501.

Effective today, Thursday, October 1, the seven-digit emergency telephone number for the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad will no longer be staffed by emergency dispatchers, according to Mr. Jackson. For all emergency service, please call 911



HELP WANTED...Members of the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad began its annual membership drive during the annual FestiFall street fair on September 20. Pictured, left to right, are seated, Laura Druck and Bettylou Yevich, and standing, Jim D'Ambrosio, Lauren Pass, Grace Kowalski, and Richard Jackson.

Flu Clinics to be Available To Area Residents this Month

WESTFIELD—The Westfield Regional Health Department has announced that Flu Clinics will be open exclusively to the residents of Fanwood, Westfield, Mountainside, Springfield and Garwood this month.

The first clinic will be open on Tuesday, October 6, at the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, in the Court Room on the first floor, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The second clinic will be open on Wednesday, October 7, at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route No. 22, East, in the Court Room, from 6 to 7 p.m.

According to the health department, an annual flu vaccination is strongly recommended for the following individuals:

•Children and adults who are at increased risk of infections of the lower respiratory tract due to pre-existing conditions.

Examples of such conditions are acquired or congenital heart disease, any chronic disorder or condition affecting respiratory function; chronic kidney disease, diabetes, chronic anemia, conditions or therapy which would lower an individual's resistance to infections.

•Senior citizens, particularly those 55 years of age or over, who are at increased risk for medical problems as a result of flu infection.

In addition, the health department will conduct ongoing pre-registration for pneumonia inoculations, which will be scheduled on an appointment basis.

The pneumonia vaccine will only be given to those individuals who have never previously been vaccinated for pneumonia.

The inoculations will be specifically geared to the senior population, over age 65, or the chronically ill, such as those with heart disease, diabetes, cirrhosis, lung disease, sickle cell disease, alcoholism, or other long-term health problems.

Those individuals interested in

obtaining the pneumonia vaccine, who are covered by Medicare or Medicaid, must bring their identification card when pre-registering.

For more information about the programs, please call the Health Department at (908) 789-4070.



Dr. Herman Estrin

Dr. Estrin Set to Speak At Woman's Club

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains Woman's Club recently announced that Dr. Herman Estrin will speak on "The Power of Body Language" at its Wednesday, October 14 meeting at noon at the Scotch Plains Country Club on Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains.

Dr. Estrin is a 1933 graduate of North Plainfield High School. In 1937, he graduated from Drew University, received a Master's degree from Columbia University in 1942 and a Doctorate from Columbia in 1954.

A renowned teacher, Dr. Estrin taught 52 years at New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), and at the Universities of Paris, Alaska, Hawaii, British Columbia and Rio de Janeiro. Additionally, Dr. Estrin taught at Garden State Reception and Youth Correctional Facility in Yardville.

Interested persons are asked to reserve a space for the meeting. Please call Pat Nowak at (908) 889-5081.

Area Chamber of Commerce Hits 50 Years; Awards Due

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 50th Anniversary Dinner and "Faith In Westfield" Awards Ceremony beginning at 6 p.m. on Monday, October 26, at The Primavera in Stirling.

Former Westfield Mayor H. Emerson Thomas will be the guest of honor for the evening.

"The community is invited to be a part of the gala celebration," said Chamber Executive Director Debbie Schmidt.

Support Group to Meet For Bowel Syndrome

The support group for individuals with Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS), which holds its meetings on the first Friday of each month, will meet tomorrow, Friday, October 2, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Overlook Hospital, Conference Room 1, in Summit.

There will be a discussion, and current information on IBS will be available.

The group is free and open to anyone concerned with the problems associated with IBS. Parking in the Overlook Hospital garage is also free for those attending the group.

For more information, please call the New Jersey Self-Help Clearing House at (800) 367-6274.

Recipients of the "Faith In Westfield" Awards include Jesse Sayegh, owner of the Rialto Theatre, for Business of the Year; Vicki Priscoe-Spurr of Backroom Antiques for Merchant of the Year, and Mary Cirillo of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, for Employee of the Year.

The Westfield Chamber began in 1948 as the Westfield Business Association. According to its original charter, the organization's purpose was "to create greater opportunities for business within the town, to cooperate in every way to further the interest of legitimate business, and to assist in making Westfield a better place in which to live."

Chamber Chairman Stan Baum revealed that the organization's goals today are quite similar. "The Chamber continues today as a voluntary partnership, working together to build a healthy economy and improve the quality of life for the Westfield area," he explained.

Reservations for the anniversary dinner may be made at the Chamber office, located at 111 Quimby Street, or by calling (908) 233-3021. Tickets are \$50 per person, with wine and beer included.

Westfield Old Guard Lists October Schedule

WESTFIELD — The Old Guard of Westfield, a social club for retired and semi-retired men from Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Clark, Cranford and other nearby towns, recently released its program agenda for this month.

The schedule of program topics and guest speakers is as follows:

Today, October 1: "Health and Wellness," with Jean Schroeder.

October 8: "Assisted Living," with Karen De Lorenzo.

October 15: "Car Maintenance," with Marty Koonce of the New Jersey American Automobile Association.

October 22: "Electric Deregulation," with Marie Richie of Public Service Electric and Gas.

October 29: "Super Conductivity," with John Rowell.

The Old Guard meets every Thursday morning at the Westfield "Y," 220 Clark Street, at 9:30 a.m. for refreshments prior to the regular meeting, which begins at 10 a.m. The program presentation follows at 11 a.m.

For additional information, please call Don Finter at (908) 233-1407.

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