



**ARTISTIC DANCE...** "Tanta," a Clark resident, will be the instructor for a belly dancing class to be held at the Westfield Y, 220 Clark Street, on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning January 9. For more information or to register, please call Karen Simon at (908) 233-2700.

## Belly Dancing Classes at Y To Get Underway in January

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Y has announced that it has added belly dancing to its winter programming schedule.

### Martial Arts Program For Children Slated In January at Local Y

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Y and Jeff Serdinsky's Martial Arts America in Scotch Plains will once again offer a martial arts program at the Y for children ages 5 through 8.

The course will be taught on Saturdays from 1 to 1:55 p.m. beginning on January 8.

This class will teach tae kwan do patterns and forms, while encompassing various martial arts disciplines, including jujitsu, self-defense, boxing and strength and flexibility training.

Registration is now underway for both current and new Y members. The Y is located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield. For more information, please call Karen Simon at (908) 233-2700.

Classes will be held on Sunday evenings for one hour at 6:30 p.m. beginning on January 9. "Tanta," a Clark resident, will be the instructor.

"Bellydancing, or oriental dancing, allows for artistic expression in movement, wonderful muscle toning and, most importantly, a feeling of empowerment," the instructor said. "With the wide choice of costuming and dancing attire, anyone can feel comfortable participating in this class."

Registration for the course is now underway for both current and new Y members. Registration may be done in person at the Y or by fax using a form included in the facility's brochure. Brochures are available at the Y or individuals may request that one be mailed to them by calling (908) 233-2700.

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## Local Ministerium Discusses Emergency Response Planning

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ministerium held its annual holiday luncheon December 9 at the Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains.

The Reverend Kenneth G. Hetzel of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains, President of the Ministerium, introduced the program. It included a review of flooding in Bound Brook and surrounding communities from Tropical Storm Floyd, and the response of the local ministerium there.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ministerium has been reviewing emergency and crisis planning in order to effect cooperation between the different congregations and service organizations should there be an emergency.

The Ministerium voted to provide \$1,000 to the We Will Rebuild Fund of Bound Brook to assist in the flood relief there.

Rabbi George Nudell of Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains reported that the offering taken at the Annual Community Thanksgiving Service was \$1,007, all of which was donated to the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County. Director Candy Santo thanked the congregation for its

offering.

Rabbi Nudell also reported that the Annual Crop Walk was a record-setting effort by the congregations of Scotch Plains and Fanwood. The latest count showed a total of \$14,600 was received and additional funds were still coming in. This figure represents nearly one-third more than the previous record offering of last year, Rabbi Nudell said.

The funds will be sent to the National Crop Walk, where they will be used to supply food and shelter to the homeless. Approximately \$4,000 of those funds will be returned to the Ministerium for distribution to the various food banks and needs of Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ministerium is an organization comprised of clergy members of the various houses of worship in the two communities, service agencies ministering there, the mayors, the chaplain of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield, the Superintendent of Schools, and minister-counselors at large within the community.

The group meets monthly for consideration of ethical and moral issues which are before the public.

## Holiday Tribute to Washington Set for Sunday at Miller-Cory

WESTFIELD - The Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, will present a bicentennial tribute to President George Washington, who died in 1799, with "Christmas Dinner at Mount Vernon" this Sunday, December 19, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Various courses from the Christmas dinner menu at Mount Vernon will be prepared over an open hearth fire by Penny Maslo of Elizabeth and Joan Barna of Scotch Plains. Tasty treats will be available for visitors to sample.

As was customary, dinner at Mount Vernon was served at 3 in the afternoon, in three courses and on two tablecloths. One cloth was removed between each course, and the fruit, nuts and wine were served on the bare table. Dinners were traditionally concluded with toasts of wine around the table.

Visitors to the 18th-century farmhouse will be able to view a variety of decorations. Tours will be conducted by costumed docents, who will explain early American customs and the decorations on display, such as an advent wreath, kissing ball and apple tree.

The Miller-Cory gift shop offers colonial reproductions, cookbooks, foods and educational items, among other merchandise.

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and free for children under six years of age. For a schedule of upcoming events or more information about the museum, please call (908) 232-1776 between 9 a.m. and noon on weekdays.

Weekly tours for groups and a Showcase program, in which students at local schools are introduced to 18th-century skills, are also available.

The museum will be closed for the holidays and will reopen on Sunday, January 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. with a sausage making demonstration by

Mae Frantz. Open-hearth cooking demonstrations will resume on Sunday, February 27.



**COURAGEOUS CANINE...** People for Animals, a nonprofit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, will sponsor a pet adoption event on Saturday, December 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the PETSMART store, 1022 Route 22, East, at West End Avenue in North Plainfield. Among the dogs and cats available will be Jamie, a four-year-old Golden Retriever-mix. Jamie was born with a deformed front leg that will have to be amputated to give him better balance to walk on three legs, or he will require an artificial leg. His condition is being evaluated by an orthopedic surgeon. Jamie is neutered and current with his vaccinations. He is gentle and loves attention and would be best in a home without cats. To adopt, or for pet information, please call (908) 688-1073 or visit [www.pfa.petfinder.org](http://www.pfa.petfinder.org).

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**LIFESAVING LESSONS...** The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains will offer cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes in January to its members and the public. Ellen Heller, left, and Liz Cena, both certified emergency medical technicians with the Scotch Plains Volunteer Rescue Squad, will be the instructors. Anyone interested in attending the classes or obtaining information about the College Club may call Anna Martinelli at (908) 233-1601 or e-mail her at [AnnaMartinelli@aol.com](mailto:AnnaMartinelli@aol.com).

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