

Arts & Entertainment

Savory Samplings of Vendors, Restaurants Offered in 'Taste of Westfield' Fundraiser

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WESTFIELD - As table after table offered enticing dishes, many area residents came to sample a "Taste of Westfield," last Sunday evening at Temple Emanu-El on East Broad Street.

According to Lilian Louie and Margaret Chinn, Co-Chairpersons

Crossroads in Garwood. Westfield Seafood on South Avenue, West served up gefilte fish, while Gage Farm in Springfield offered veggie burgers, fried chicken, saffron rice, marinated chicken, buffalo wings, meatballs, lasagna, and penne pasta with pesto and roasted peppers.

Other restaurants which offered

rant on Elm Street, The Northside Trattoria on Prospect Street, Vicki's Diner on East Broad Street, Duke's Subs and Deli on South Avenue, Fugi on South Avenue, Kotobuki Japanese Restaurant on Central Avenue, Trader Joe's on Elm Street, Cosimo's Restaurant and Pizza on East Broad Street, Williams-Sonoma on Central Avenue and CVS Pharmacy on South Avenue.

According to Noel Laderman, Manager, and Cathy Cohen, Food Demonstrator, who both represented Trader Joe's, this was the second time the market had participated in Taste of Westfield.

"Trader Joe's of Westfield is just one of 125 stores throughout the state," commented Mr. Laderman. "The stores like to get involved in their communities."

Younes Seddiki, owner of Gages Farms, stated that the most popular entree on his table were the veggie burgers. "I am looking forward to next year's event," he said. "I am already thinking of what I should serve."

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Carolyn Klingerkueter of Westfield and members of the New Jersey Youth Symphony, David Louie, Christina Yang and Peter Yu and Allen Yu, who attend Westfield High School. These four students have been performing together since the sixth grade.

According to Mrs. Chinn, four large paintings were also donated to the event by local artists, Lynne Applebaum, Dan Black, Cindy Saul and Ginny Schotland.

Mrs. Louie revealed that the preparation for the "Taste" starts an entire year in advance, when the Temple is reserved for the next year's event and restaurants confirm participation by the summer.

She also noted that many volunteers make the event successful, including the Taste of Westfield Committee that includes Mrs. Louie, Mrs. Chinn, Elaine Slabe, Lynne Applebaum and Dan Black.

"Without all the volunteers, the entertainers and the artists who donated their time to create these beautiful

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FIRST NIGHT FUNDRAISERS...Members of the First Night Westfield Committee pose during the Taste of Westfield fundraiser in front of a painting created by artist Lynne Applebaum. Pictured, left to right, are: Committee Co-Chairwomen Margaret Chinn and Lilian Louie, Ms. Applebaum and Committee Member Dan Black. Not pictured, is Committee Member Elaine Slabe.

for the event, the second annual fundraiser was organized to benefit the town's fourth annual First Night Westfield, a free, non-alcoholic celebration of the arts on New Year's Eve.

"We won't know how much we raised this year yet, because tickets can be bought at the door and we are also selling wine tickets and raffle tickets this evening," said Ms. Louie.

Some of the dishes offered at the event included filet mignon and tubetti with portabello mushrooms from the Southside Roman Bistro on South Avenue, Catfish with marinated vegetables was spotlighted by Chez Catherine on North Avenue, while chicken jambalaya, seafood gumbo, corn bread and pecan pie was supplied by The

delicious morsels included Classic Thyme on Broad Street with flank steak and chimy-churo sauce. J&M Market in Mountainside served up penne pasta with vodka sauce and chicken frañcaise. Novita Ristorante on South Elmer Street supplied lasagna, while Jade Isle Restaurant of Scotch Plains offered chicken lo mein and fried beef strips with sweet and sour sauce.

Desserts were provided by Clyne & Murphy, Inc. on South Avenue, Brummer's Chocolates on East Broad Street, Ahre's Coffee on Elm Street, My Town Bakery, Salomons Bakery on South Avenue and Starbucks Coffee on Central Avenue.

Other vendors included Jade Garden Chinese Restaurant on North Avenue, Ferraro's Restau-



WANTED: NEW MEMBERSHIP...The Musical Club of Westfield invites all residents of Westfield and surrounding communities to become members of associate members of the club. Pictured, from left, are: President Rosemary Bauer of Westfield and Membership Chairperson Evelyn Bleeke.

Musical Club of Westfield Seeks New Membership; Sets Auditions

WESTFIELD - The Musical Club of Westfield invites all residents of Westfield and surrounding communities to become members of associate members of the club.

Programs are held on the second Wednesday of the month and feature performances of singers and instrumentalists. A high standard of performance has been maintained since the club was first organized in 1915.

Those who do not wish to perform may become associate members. Members and associate members pay an annual dues and support the scholarship con-

cert, which is held in November. This concert makes it possible for the club to give annually to auditioning students who plan to study music in college.

Auditions for Active Membership will be held on Wednesday, November 3, at 10:45 a.m. For more information, please call Membership Chairwoman Evelyn Bleeke at (908) 232-2173 or Barbara Krause at (908) 272-5549.

Local Resident to Illustrate Acrylics for Association

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Arts Association will feature Joseph Hulsen of Union in a demonstration of acrylic painting on Wednesday, November 17, at 8 p.m. at the Fanwood Railway Station on North Avenue.

The artist plans to review the elements of design, composition, drawing, lighting and color during his presentation.

Mr. Hulsen, a retired senior staff

engineer from PSE&G, is affiliated with the Yard School of Art, the Westfield Art Association and the Les Malamut Art Gallery. He has been involved in numerous shows.

In 1999, Mr. Hulsen earned first place in the professional acrylic category at the State of New Jersey Senior Citizen Arts Exhibit.

For more information, please call Thomas Yeager at (908) 322-5438.

NJPAC Teen Jazz Program Seeks Applicants

NEWARK - New Jersey's teenage jazz musicians interested in working with top professional artists at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark still have time to apply for the Jazz for Teens Program.

Applications must be submitted by Monday, November 15. Fifty-five students will be selected for the program. Students must be 15 to 18 years of age. Advanced 13 and 14-year-olds may also apply.

To receive an application or more information, please call the Arts Education Hotline at (973) 353-8009.

The program offers students a combination of jam sessions, ensemble work, classroom instruction and concert field trips.

Smokin' Jo's Café Set By Chorus

SCOTCH PLAINS - Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains will host a presentation of *Smokin' Jo's Café* by the Cranford-based Metro Rhythm Chorus on Saturday, October 30, at 8 p.m.

Metro Rhythm's production is an originally scripted and choreographed display of a capella harmony in barber-shop style.

The show features songs spanning several musical eras and includes a 50s set for all ages.

Tickets are \$12 each and are available at the door or in advance. For more information and advance ticket information, please call Ruth at (908) 638-6661.

A special guest appearance will be made by the 1992 Sweet Adelines International quartet City Lights, with lead singer, Director Jo Lund. A debut appearance will also be made by Exit 117, with additional entertainment by A Bunch Of Banjos.

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