

Youth and Family Counseling Names Two to Trustee Board

WESTFIELD — Westfield-based Youth and Family Counseling Service (YFCS) has announced that Fontaine Gatti and Lyn Tweedie have been elected to the agency's Board of Trustees.

"I am delighted that these two capable and personable women, who have already served their communities in many ways, are willing to contribute their time, talents and expertise to our Board of Trustees," remarked Milt Faith, Executive Director of YFCS.

Ms. Gatti, who has lived in the area for 38 years, is a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Nursing and the mother of three grown children. She worked in the travel field from 1972 until this year,

Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside.

Ms. Tweedie, a Westfield resident since 1972, is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College in Bryn Mawr, Pa. and the mother of five grown children. She has been self-employed part-time as a writer for the past 15 years.

She is an associate editor of *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* and



Fontaine Gatti

and is currently employed in the Marketing Division of Schering Pharmaceuticals in Kenilworth.

"I am honored to be invited to join the Youth and Family Counseling Service Board. I hope my background working as a nurse and my training with the Stephens Ministry will be of some help to this organization," she remarked.

Ms. Gatti has volunteered with the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycees, helping with the welfare division, and assists the Union County Medical Society with nursing scholarships.

Now a director of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Y, she received an award from Congressman Bob Franks last year for Congressional Recognition of Outstanding and Invaluable Service to the Community.

She volunteers in the Journey Through Grief programs of Hospice, and is a Eucharistic Minister at Our



Lyn Tweedie

was a public relations writer for the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce from 1984 to 1994.

Ms. Tweedie also said she was honored by the invitation to serve on the board, adding she "will try to follow the good example of many of my neighbors who have served YFCS so well in the past and continue to do so."

As a member of the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield, Ms. Tweedie chaired the Task Force on Children in Foster Care of the New Jersey Junior Leagues State Public Affairs Committee.

She also served as a member of a statewide coalition of professional and volunteer groups advocating on behalf of children.

Ms. Tweedie volunteers in the Helping Hands and Hearts program at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield and is a Friend of the Westfield Memorial Library.

Youth and Family Counseling Service provides affordable, professional counseling for troubled individuals and families. Located in Westfield, the agency serves people from Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Mountainside, Rahway, Scotch Plains and Westfield.



SPECIAL DONATIONS...Young residents of Scotch Plains contributed to DECA's 28th annual canister drive to fund food baskets for the needy. Pictured are DECA students Cori Ochoa and Dan Goehry who accept a donation from the children.

Canister Drive Sponsored Recently by DECA Students

SCOTCH PLAINS — Since September, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA Chapter has been

planning projects to help needy individuals.

Most recently, more than 75 DECA students held their 28th annual canister drive at local food stores. All donations will be used to prepare over 100 food baskets for needy families in the area.

Proceeds of the canister drive will also fund DECA's annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner for homeless and needy families and individuals.

DECA is working in conjunction with organizations the group has been working with for many years in planning the food baskets distribution and Thanksgiving Day Dinner.

These organizations include the Black United Community Center, local churches and welfare departments and the Interfaith Council of Union County.

Newcomers Clubs Posts Upcoming Activities In Mountainside

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Mountainside Newcomers Club has announced its schedule of upcoming activities.

• Friday, October 29 — "Mommy and Me Halloween Party" in the Community Room in Borough Hall from 1:30 to 3 p.m. There will be pumpkins to decorate and goody bags for all. The cost is \$4 per child. For further information, please call Mary Doyle at (908) 654-7056.

• Saturday, November 13 — "Daddy and Me Firehouse Tour." Moms and/or dads can bring the kids to the Mountainside Fire Department at 9 a.m. to see the fire trucks, gear and equipment, as well as the Fire House itself. Please call Mary Doyle at (908) 654-7056 for further information.

• Also on November 13, a "Murder Mystery Show" for adults will take place at B.G. Fields Restaurant in Westfield. The evening will feature dining and detective work as participants figure out the who-done-it. Please call Heather Pisano at (908) 389-0455.

The Mountainside Newcomers Club is a social and charitable organization which welcomes newcomers to the community and helps them make new friends. Membership is open to new residents of Mountainside or established residents who have experienced a lifestyle change such as the birth of a child or a change in employment or marital status.

For membership information, please call Teri Schmedel at (908) 301-0147.

Veterans Day Event Planned in Westfield

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and American Legion Post No. 3 will honor all veterans at a ceremony on Thursday, November 11, at the Monument to Veterans of World War I in Westfield.

Members of the VFW and the American Legion will meet in the parking lot of the First United Methodist Church at 1 East Broad Street at 10:30 a.m. and march across the street to the monument, where ceremonial honors will be given by the commanders of the VFW and the American Legion.

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim is expected to give a short talk honoring the veterans during the event.

Union Catholic to Sponsor Open House November 3

SCOTCH PLAINS — The second open house of the fall season will take place at Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains, on Wednesday, November 3, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

This information session is for families who are still undecided as to where their child will go to school next year or for those families who want to get an early start on looking at area schools.

The overall academic program, including the "Anytime, Anywhere" Learning Vision Program featuring use of state-of-the-art Toshiba Laptop

computers, will be discussed.

Union Catholic will also highlight its newest offerings, including a Japanese language program and the Middle College program which gives college credit for chemistry, biology, English and American History.

In addition, the Spanish Department is continuing with Project Acceleration, a program which offers college credit from Seton Hall University in South Orange.

Union Catholic's athletic program, Fine Arts Department, Performing Arts Company and Aids Awareness Club will be among other highlights of the Open House.

Administrative staff, faculty and team coaches will be on hand to answer any questions. For more information, please call (908) 889-1600.

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Friends of Park Library To Spruce Up Media Center

SCOTCH PLAINS — Students at Park Middle School in Scotch Plains have formed a new group, Friends of Park Library, to help improve the school's media center, especially its book collection that is in need of both updating and expansion.

The volunteers became a committee of the Park Middle School PTA last spring and have sponsored a number of fundraisers within the school. The group is now reaching out to the community for help with an effort that will impact thousands of middle school youngsters in the years to come.

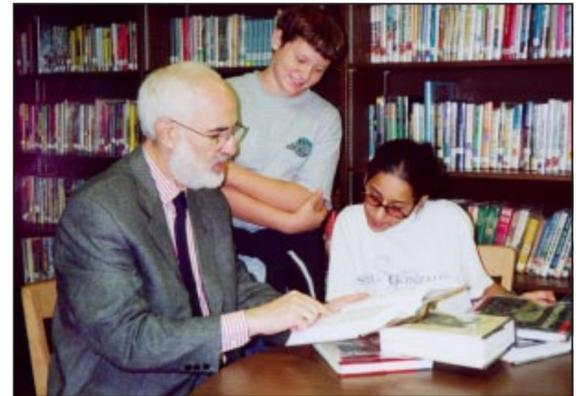
"With children of my own in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system, I felt that this was something I wanted and needed to be a part of," commented Jim Watson, president of EKA Associates, a local engineering and land surveying firm that

contributed \$500 to the Park media center.

"It's important that the young people in this community have every opportunity to receive a quality education and that includes a well-stocked library," he said.

Other contributors have ranged from the Brunner Elementary School PTA to Matthew Powers, a Park eighth grader who donated a portion of the money he received for his bar mitzvah.

To make a donation to the Friends of the Park Library fundraising drive, please make your checks payable to the Park Middle School PTA and mail them to Park Middle School, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains 07076. Please indicate that the donation should be directed to the media center; specify a particular use.



MEDIA EXPERTS...Richard Pincus, media specialist at Park Middle School, reviews with eighth graders Vic Neumark and Rose Ann Chabour some of the new books already purchased through the efforts of the Friends of the Park Library.

Annual 'Care Bear' Project To Benefit Flood Victims

SCOTCH PLAINS — Participants in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) Student Leadership Conference spearheaded the third annual "Care Bear" project at the high school this year.

Students and staff were invited to sign up for a teddy bear, dress it in a costume of their choice and enter it into a "Best Dressed Bear" competition.

The bears were judged on Thursday, October 21, in categories such as "Most Glamorous," "Funniest," and "Cutest," among others, by a panel of high school teachers and staff.

Once the winners were announced, the bears were "auctioned" to the highest bidder, with proceeds benefiting the flood victims in Bound Brook. All the bears will be donated to Children's Specialized Hospital today, Thursday, October 28.

The Student Leadership Conference originated this idea and has donated over 200 teddy bears to children's charities.

Leadership Conference advisors Randy Young and Andrea Karanik originated this project with the donation of teddy bears from Merck & Company, Inc.

"Without Merck & Company's contribution of teddy bears, this project would not be possible," remarked Ms. Young.

Since its inception, over 1,000 students have participated in the Delphi Team-sponsored Student Leadership Conference. Among the projects which

have evolved from the conference are Senior Citizen Day, the SPFHS Students Against Drunk Driving Chapter and the high school's Freshman Orientation program.

The Delphi Team was created in 1981 under the leadership of Dr. Robert J. Howlett, a former Scotch Plains-Fanwood Superintendent of Schools.

It consists of educators, law enforcement personnel and community members who have been trained and are committed to providing students with a sense of understanding and motivation to "give back" to programs or individuals who need a helping hand, according to a high school spokeswoman.

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Former Resident Inducted In Alumni Hall of Fame

WESTFIELD — Former resident, Robert W. Jackson of Westfield, one of seven graduates from North Plainfield High School (NPHS), was inducted posthumously into the alumni hall of fame. Mr. Jackson died in 1992.

In 1937, Mr. Jackson was graduated from Princeton University with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, honors. While working with DuPont Photo Products for 42 years, he pioneered the first introduction of Applied Statistics in the company.

Retiring in 1982, Mr. Jackson formed his own consulting company, Applied Statistics for Quality (ASQ). His papers on Applied Statistics were published and distributed in some of the major companies throughout the country.

One of Mr. Jackson's original

mathematical discoveries, "Jackson's Difference Fans" appears in "The Book of Numbers," by Professor John H. Conway of Princeton University. Copies of the book were donated by the Jackson family to area libraries.

Mr. Jackson was the number one tennis player for three years at NPHS, and singles champion of his Senior Class Intramurals at Princeton. In 1937, he simultaneously held the singles championship title in three counties: Somerset, Middlesex and Burlington.

Mr. Jackson played number two singles for the DuPont tennis team for over 25 years. He served as umpire and linesman at the West Side Tennis Club, in Forest Hills, N.Y.

A lifelong member of the Westfield Tennis Club, he won numerous championship titles.

Fire Department Alerts Public on Chimney Scams

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Fire Department is reporting that a number of chimney cleaning service contractors have been soliciting work in the Union County area through telephone "cold calling."

The contractors state that they are working in the area and will be available to clean chimney flues for a specified amount of money. Once they begin work on the chimney, they claim to have found serious problems with the integrity of the flue, which requires immediate attention.

They then attempt to sell a chimney liner system, which they claim is immediately necessary to prevent homeowners from being poisoned by carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is a product of combustion emitted by heating systems and wa-

ter heaters.

Please be advised that this type of work requires a permit from the Westfield Building Department in order to verify that the correct materials are being used, and to provide for inspections by the Building Inspector and Fire Inspector.

Once the inspections are conducted, a certificate of approval is issued to the homeowner by the Construction Officials.

Homeowners are advised to contact a local chimney contractor for a chimney inspection and a second opinion as to the necessity of such work, or the Westfield Building Department at (908) 789-4125 Extension No. 620, or the Westfield Fire Department at (908) 789-4130, to request an inspector's assistance if this incident has occurred.



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