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SISTER HELEN FRANCIS HONORED BY SCOTCH PLAINS NEIGHBOR

Submitted by Jim Lambert

Ms. Jeanne Statile, a member of UC's Class of 1968, dedicated a brick paver in honor of her friend, Sister Helen Francis.

Ms. Jeanne Statile was 12 years old back in the early 1960's when she delivered a homemade apple pie to the nuns who lived across the street from Union Catholic High School.

Ms. Statile's act of kindness sparked the beginning of a lifelong friendship with Sister Helen Francis, one of the many nuns who lived in the house on Martine Avenue where Immaculate Heart of Mary now stands. The nuns all taught at Union Catholic High School, which opened indoors in September of 1962.

"We lived two houses down from Union Catholic," said Ms. Statile, whose maiden name is Sienicki. "One day my father made an apple pie from our apple trees and had me bring it over to Sister Helen and the nuns. That's how I first met Sister Helen. Ever since then she's been like a surrogate mother to me, and I'm her surrogate daughter. We've been great friends ever since."

Ms. Statile attended Union Catholic where her bond with Sister Helen continued to strengthen. Sister Helen was the Head Librarian at Union Catholic from 1962-69, and the first Alumni Director for the school. Ms. Statile, who was a member of the Library Club at UC, graduated from Union Catholic in 1968. Ms. Statile then attended Caldwell College, where Sister Helen was transferred to in 1969.

Ms. Statile, who lives in Farmingdale, NJ, and Sister Helen, who resides in Manasquan, NJ, remain very close to this day. As a token of their friendship and as a way to honor Sister Helen, Ms. Statile dedicated a brick paver in Sister Helen's name, which has been placed on the Our Lady of Grace Walkway in front of Union Catholic High School.

In a ceremony held in June, Ms. Statile brought the 89-year-old Sister Helen to Union Catholic to see the brick paver.



(above) Ms. Jeanne Statile and Sister Helen Francis, O.P. at the entrance of the Our Lady of Grade Memorial Pathway in front of Union Catholic High School.

Sister Helen was very touched by Ms. Statile's gesture, and recalled the day they first met like it was yesterday.

"I will never forget the day this beautiful little girl knocked on the back door and said she made a pie to welcome us to Scotch Plains, and it was Jeanne," said Sister Helen. "Ever since then she's always been like the daughter I never had. I can't tell you how much she's meant to me. I just love her so much. She keeps tabs on me and takes good care of me, and to do this for me means so much to me. Jeanne is such a great person."

Ms. Statile felt Sister Helen deserved to be honored.

"When I saw something in a Union Catholic newsletter about this (the brick pavers) I thought Sister Helen should be honored for all she's done," said Ms. Statile. "She's a wonderful person and has done so much for so many people, so it was nice to do something like this for her."

For 54 years, Union Catholic High School has earned its reputation as one of New Jersey's foremost Catholic secondary schools. For information, visit unioncatholic.org.





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LOCAL NATIVE TO PERFORM IN ASBURY PARK

On Saturday, July 29th, in Asbury Park, New Jersey at 7:30pm, the comedian Mike Marino will be having his 10th performance at the world-famous Paramount theater. Tickets are on sale at Ticketmaster.com, and you can find him at Mike Marino.net or on Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube at Mike Marino live.

In his early years, Mike attended Evergreen Elementary School and Park Middle School. He performed in grammar school, junior high, and high school, and after he graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High in '81, he went on to the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City.

"From a very young age I always wanted to be in showbiz," Mike shared. "I even wrote my third grade play!"

He started doing TV commercials at the age of 14, and was nominated for a Cleo Award for the Best Male Performer when he was 19 years old. Mike was on the long-running soap opera As the World Turns in his early 20s; later, he moved to California to get more involved in television.

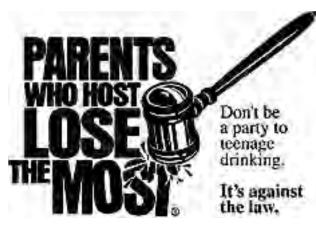
All his life, people have been telling Mike he's Marino 2016 and a funny, so around the age of 29 he decided to do Reconstructing Jers something about it by performing comedy on movies on the way.



(above) Mike Marino.

stage. Mike Marino is now a 10-time awardwinning stand-up comedian with numerous performances under his belt and over 9.8 million people following him on social media sites. He has been on many major talk-shows, from the Tonight Show to Comics Unleashed. Most recently, Mike worked on a web-series titled Marino 2016 and a sitcom about his life called Reconstructing Jersey; and Mike reports he has movies on the way.

PARENTS WHO HOST LOSE THE MOST CAMPAIGN



Parents Who Host Lose the Most is a program which the Scotch Plains - Fanwood Municipal Alliance Committee (MAC) is utilizing to bring awareness to teens and parents about the consequences of hosting teen drinking parties. The campaign is designed to educate parents regarding the risks—legal and otherwise—of serving alcohol at teen parties.

A few facts about underage use of alcohol and the law:

It is a criminal offense in New Jersey to serve alcohol to anyone who is under the legal age of 21 and to make your home or property available for the purpose of allowing minors a place to consume alcohol.

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The Township of Scotch Plains will present Concerts on the Green and Friday Family Movie Nights this summer at the Alan Augustine Green, 430 Park Avenue. Concerts will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. on July 13th, 20th, and 27th, and August 3rd.



(above) Pat Dinizio

or blanket; pack a picnic or pick up dinner from one of our great restaurants and enjoy the summer nights in our downtown!

The concert lineup includes:

July 13 - Pat Dinizio of The Smithereens - Pat is a Scotch Plains resident and is the founder, principal songwriter, guitarist, and vocalist for the platinum recording artists The Smithereens. He's performed on top-rated television programs such as The Tonight Show, MTV Unplugged and Saturday Night Live as well as on stages all over the world.

July 20 - The 80's Explosion - A musical look back at the Decade of Decadence! From One Hit Wonders to the iconic bands from the 80's, The 80's Explosion delivers their unique take of all the songs of the era.

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> Friday Night at the Movies this year provides something for everyone. Movies begin at dusk and the schedule is as follows:

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- 8/18 League of Their Own
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TOWN HALL MEETING ANNOUNCED FOR JULY 19 DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

The Scotch Plains Downtown Redevelopment Committee invites all business owners, landlords and property owners that are in the Phase 1 area of redevelopment study to a town hall meeting on Wednesday, July 19 at 7pm at the Scotch Plains Fanwood High School in the auditorium. This meeting is open to the public and all business and property owners in Scotch Plains.

"We are looking forward to providing everyone with an update on the progress of the downtown redevelopment effort," says Mayor Al

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Smith. The intent is to answer any questions the public has about the process and vision of the committee. Afterward, there will be an informal session with refreshments offering a further opportunity for discussion and questions.

For more information on the Downtown Redevelopment Initiative, including maps of Phase 1 area 002C

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BLUE DIAMOND STEP TEAM WINS NATIONAL STEP COMPETITION

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's Blue Diamond Step Team participated and earned a first place trophy and the title of the 2017 New Jersey State Step Association Six Flags National Step Competition Champions.





(pictured) The Blue Diamond Step Team: Amira Aliane, Taylor Anthony, Braedon Cooke, Kiara Cruz, Mahlya Dockery, Isabelle Gilles, Kenyela Horn, Cheyenne Jones, Aleesha Kearney, Tayonna Lee, Kimora Minor, Niyah Nathaniel, Alexi Sellars, Justin Williams, Asia Wise, Bianca Young. Tashira Wheeler is their Coach.





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RECOGNITION OF SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Board of Education recognized student Oster, Christian Roman, Lukas Stein, Isaac accomplishments in the areas of academics, extra-curricular activities, and athletics that were Scores awards went to Andrew Kriney and exceptionally meritorious.

The following students were recognized:

Caroline Valedictorian, McNichol; Salutatorian, Max Mazursky; National Merit Commended Students: Julia Guarneri, Justin Greenman, Caroline McNichol, Max Mazursky, Sydney Mills, Deblina Mukherjee, Lukas Stein, Issac Velasquez. National Hispanic Recognition went to Ian MacPherson and Isaac Velasquez. Seal of Biliteracy students are: Sebastian Angulao, Jackeline Calderon, Sebastian Chinchilla, Natalie Choque, Kiara Cruz, Daniela Fonseca, Justin Greenman, Ryan Kessler, Max

On June 5, 2017 the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Lusk, Ian MacPherson, Max Mazursky, Simon Velasquez, Alison Zimmerman. ACT Highest Deblina Mukherjee. Union County School Board Association Recognition was awarded to Emily Lockatel. Governor's Arts in Education Award was presented to Kenyela Horn. Scholar Athletes were David Walker, Sophie Brause, and Peter Warren. DECA awards went to Claudia Gentile, Max Mazursky and Niva Patel. Garden State Scholastic Press Association award went to Peter Warren, All State Chorus Students also received recognition and they are: Peter Canevari, Rachella Carlino, Sarah Dolan, Victoria Domiciano, Conor Flood, Kyle Magee, Allan Romero, Meghan Ryan, Audrey Smith and Joshua Venick.





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RABBI GEORGE NUDELL AND DR. LIBA CASSON NUDELL HONORED

Congregation Beth Israel honored Rabbi George Nudell on the occasion of his retirement as spiritual leader of the Scotch Plains synagogue for 35 years. Rabbi Nudell and his wife, Dr. Liba Casson Nudell, were honored during the synagogue's Friday evening Shabbat service on May 12, 2017 and at a dinner celebration, Saturday evening, May 13, 2017.

The synagogue was filled to capacity both evenings with congregants and friends who wished to thank the rabbi for his years of leadership and spiritual guidance, and to wish him well in his retirement. Presentations both nights included remarks by current and past synagogue presidents, plus various musical tributes. Rabbi Nudell was even challenged to play a "Jeopardy" quiz game about the 19 synagogue presidents he served with during his tenure.

George Nudell became the rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel in 1982. A native of Minneapolis, Rabbi Nudell began his career teaching Hebrew and Bible at the Minneapolis Talmud Torah in 1973, before moving to New York four years later to study at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He is a graduate of the College of Education of the University of Minnesota and received a Master's Degree in Rabbinics and rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1982. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from the Seminary in 2007, in gratitude for his years of religious leadership in Conservative Judaism and devotion to the Jewish people. In 2009 he received the Keter Torah Rabbinical Leadership Award, the most prestigious rabbinical award from the New Jersey Region of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Throughout his tenure at Congregation Beth Israel, Rabbi Nudell worked closely with Israel Bonds and the Jewish National Fund. He is coauthor of numerous Jewish Family Education programs. While a student at the Seminary, Rabbi Nudell wrote a history of the Law Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly, There Ought to be a Clearing-house. A member of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ministerial Association for 35 years, Rabbi Nudell served as treasurer and president of the group, helping organize its annual CROP Hunger Walk as well as interfaith services for Thanksgiving and Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day). He and his wife Liba were founding members of the New Jersey chapter of the Spina Bifida Association. Rabbi Nudell served on the Board of Directors of the Children's Specialized Hospital and as an ethics advisor to the Infant Care Review Committee of Overlook Hospital. He also counselled and advised men facing prostate cancer treatment.

Dr. Liba Casson Nudell played an integral role in synagogue life for 35 years. She was a devoted member of Congregation Beth Israel's Sisterhood and of Women's League for Conservative Judaism throughout her tenure. She also led one of Sisterhood's most popular programs, "Ask the Rebbetzin." At this year's annual Sisterhood Shabbat service in January, Liba Nudell was presented with the Ayshet Chayil (woman of

A member of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood valor) award for her years of dedication and inisterial Association for 35 years, Rabbi service to Congregation Beth Israel's Sisterhood.

Liba Nudell received her doctorate in Physical Chemistry from Columbia University and had a long career in the field. Her most recent position was Senior Applications Scientist at Horiba Jobin Yvon in Edison. She and Rabbi Nudell have three adult children, Elazar, Yoav, and Talia. After residing in Scotch Plains for 35 years, Liba and George Nudell will retire in July to Minnesotta.

"We have been so fortunate that Rabbi Nudell has been our spiritual leader and teacher for 35 years," said Steve Wiener, President of Congregation Beth Israel. "It is rare for a Rabbi to spend his entire career at one synagogue, but it shows how much our synagogue valued him. Rabbi Nudell presided over the lifecycle events of several generations in our synagogue and touched the lives of so many of our members, young and old, over the years. We are thrilled to celebrate this milestone with him and his family, and we wish him and Liba much happiness in their retirement."



(above l-r) The Rabbi's family: Yoav Nudell; Lauren Benson; Rabbi George Nudell; Talia Nudell; Charlotte Nudell; Dr. Liba Casson Nudell; Elazar Nudell.



SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD TEACHERS AMONG THOSE HONORED AT KEAN

Kean University hosted Union County's Teachers of the Year on Wednesday, May 24 with a breakfast and award ceremony at the New Jersey Center for Science, Technology and Mathematics. Sponsored by the Union County Superintendents' Roundtable, the Union County Teacher Recognition Program honors one outstanding teacher from each school within the county. Nearly 60 of the honored teachers are Kean University alumni.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood teachers who were honored included Michael S. Abadir, Jennifer Dubroski, Jaclyn N. Duffy, Caitlin Dziedzic, Matthew Gunther, Alex Hofer, Donna Lauricella, and Jean M. Swartz.

"There is no doubt that your impact will be

realized beyond the scope of this state, this nation, and indeed this world," Anthony A. Pittman, Ph.D., acting dean of Kean's College of Education, told the teachers. "You educate and empower our next generation of leaders."

The featured speaker at the event, 2016-2017 New Jersey Teacher of the Year Argine Safari, recalled a high school teacher who pushed her and encouraged her to reach for more.

"Think for a moment how incredible that power is that we have in our classrooms. Think of the influence that we all have," Safari said. "Every child deserves to have a champion. I had my champion, and I'm sure that you can name teachers who influenced you. We have to continue to work and advocate for our students." Also speaking at the event were Interim Executive County Superintendent for Union County Juan Torres, Superintendent of Springfield Public Schools Michael A. Davino, and Union County Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen. Each praised the honored teachers for their dedication to the students of the county.

"Thank you is the best that I can come up with, but I think you know how much I appreciate you," said Davino.

Pittman left the assembled educators with an original poem that he wrote in the teachers' honor, which read in part, "One day soon I hope you find / You did more than help them pass / I hope you'll soon discover / That your wind helps them soar first class."



(above) Anthony Pittman, Ph.D., acting dean, Kean University College of Education (front, left) poses with the nearly 60 Kean University alumni honored as Union County Teachers of the Year at the New Jersey Center for Science, Technology and Mathematics at Kean University.



34TH ANNUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW JERSEY

The Fanwood Police Department participated in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run which was held on June 9. They joined with over 3,000 law enforcement officers from over 300 New Jersey police departments. They each take a turn running one of 26 separate legs carrying the "Flame of Hope," the Special Olympic torch, throughout the day which began at 4:45 a.m. and

snakes through more than 300 towns. The run ends in the evening on the same day at the Special Olympics New Jersey summer games opening ceremony held at The College of New Jersey. The event started in 1984 to join a national effort. Its goal is to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics New Jersey. You can learn more and donate by visiting www.sonj.org.

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Josephine Walsh, director of Mobile Meals Operations, reports that clients welcome and look





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The Rake & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield's membership is diverse, spanning all ages

(including juniors ages 7-18), interests, and occupations.

Affiliated with the Garden Club of New Jersey and the National Garden Club, Inc., Rake and Hoe has approximately 80 members, all of whom share one thing in common: a love of flowers, gardening and community service. Contact Pat Wilson 908-389-9342 for more information on membership or visit rakeandhoe.org.



(above l-r) Front row: Holly Schlobohm, Margot Partridge, Betsy Chance, Jeanie Pelikan, Kay Cross, Martha Savage, Ruby Simmons, Lena Peitsinovski, Natalie Peitsinovski. Back row: Cathy Becker, Kris Luka, Sharon Shiraga, Bobbie Grecco, Richard Pelikan, Jane Christiani.



PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS WHO CODE CLUB GRADUATES 13

The Park Middle School Girls Who Code Club graduated 13 coders from their 2016-2017 class. Throughout the academic year, girls from grades 5 through 8 met once a week after school and were introduced to computer science concepts. The club year concludes with a "CS (Computer Science) Impact Project," where they design, build, and test code they developed applying computer science concepts to solve a problem relevant to the classroom and community. This year's club community-focused problem was

bullying.

At their club graduation held on June 6th, coders from Park Middle School, initially having minimal to no exposure to computer science, showcased 8 CS Impact Projects that were created using Scratch and Python. Each project adopted a unique approach bringing attention to anti-bullying in their community, raising situational awareness through interactive animations, quizzes, and games coded by club members.

To complete the project, Club members learned the Core4 computer science concepts throughout the academic year that form the basis for all computer programming languages, loops, variables, conditionals, and functions.

ABOUT GIRLS WHO CODE

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(above) Dr. Jocelyn Dumaresq (far right), Principal of Park Middle School with club members at their graduation.





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Epilepsy, or seizure disorder, is a neurological condition that affects the nervous system. People can be diagnosed at any age, and according to the Epilepsy Foundation, three million people in the U.S. have epilepsy and 1 in 26 people will develop it in their lifetime. The good news is, with proper care, 6 out of 10 will be able to live seizure free.

Besides epilepsy, seizures can occur for other reasons. Various illnesses, such as infections, tumors, and high fevers can also cause seizures, as can medications, drugs and alcohol use and withdrawal. Of course, any head trauma such as those that may occur in car accidents, falls and



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sports activities can bring on full-blown seizures. These types of seizures are much more dangerous since they are a clear sign of brain injury.

If you do see someone experiencing a seizure, there are things you should and should not do. Some people have an aura, or a sign that they are about to have a seizure. They often will sit or lie down to prevent falling and injuring themselves. If someone tells you they are about to have a seizure, help them lie down in a safe area and move anything sharp or potentially dangerous out of the way. Many times a person will wear a medic alert bracelet alerting bystanders to their condition. If possible, try to time how long the seizure lasts. It's very important to stay with the person and keep calm. Most seizures only last a few minutes; during this time, protect their head from hitting anything and turn it to the side to keep their airway clear. Do not put anything into the person's mouth, and do not try to hold them down.

Afterwards, they may be somewhat confused, so talk softly and let them know what just happened. If the person is an epileptic, he or she may not want an ambulance called since they know how to handle the aftermath and understand that they are not in any danger. However, if they do not suffer from epilepsy, and the seizure occurred for some other reason, they will need immediate medical attention. Also, if the seizure lasts for more than five minutes, or stops and then continues, or if the person shows any sign of respiratory distress, call 911.

The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad is a volunteer organization of Neighbors Helping Neighbors. With over 90 volunteers, we answer calls not only in Scotch Plains but in surrounding towns as well when needed. Besides answering calls, you will see our ambulances at many special events held in town, such as Scotch Plains Day, the Memorial Day Parade, high school football games, and the summer concerts on the Village Green. We are also available to provide demonstrations for Boys and Girls Scout troops, clubs, and any other group that may be interested in what we do. In addition, we lend out wheelchairs, crutches, canes and other assorted medical equipment free of charge. Please reach out to us if there is something we can do for you. (908) 322-2103 for nonemergencies or

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EMS VOLUNTEERS WIN SCHOLARSHIPS



(above l-r) EMS Council of New Jersey (EMSCNJ) 2nd District Vice President Dan Sullivan congratulates Scotch Plains Rescue Squad members David Lugara, who recently won a cadet scholarship from the organization, and Patty Buckridee, who accepted the Gail Lawrence Scholarship for her daughter, Karolyn Buckridee, a member of the Scotch Plains and Fanwood rescue squads. Other area Gail Lawrence Scholarship winners are: Brian Dowing, Scotch Plains and Fanwood. The \$500 cadet scholarship is for graduating high school students who are cadet and/or junior members of EMSCNJ squads, and who plan to pursue college-level degrees. The \$1,000 Gail Lawrence Scholarship is awarded to EMSCNJ-affiliated volunteers earning advanced degrees in any medical field. The grant was established in memory of Lawrence, a mobile intensive care nurse, advanced practice nurse and educator with Rutgers University. The 88-year-old nonprofit EMSCNJ represents 20,000 EMS volunteers affiliated with nearly 300 rescue squads throughout the state. Photo by Sylvie Mulvaney/EMSCNJ

SUMMER FAN JAM TO ROCK LAGRANDE PARK



Live rock music, food trucks and classic cars will transform Fanwood's LaGrande Park on Sunday July 9th into the 1st Annual Fanwood Summer Fan Jam. The free festival is run by the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (GWACC) with contributions from local sponsors.

Fan Jam goers can rock out to a diverse lineup of live bands in the park, feast on food truck cuisine, kick back in the beer and wine garden and peruse a fleet of vintage and classic cars. "This is exactly the event Fanwood has needed," said event organizer Aimee Nuzzo. "This is going to generate a lot of new interest in our town." There will be a KidsZone with obstacle course and other attractions. Food Trucks will serve up edibles from Sicilian Rice Balls to Empanadas. The music fest, which runs from 11am – 6pm, is supported by several sponsors including School of Rock Clark, Fanwood Animal Hospital, Goddard School, Two River Bank and Lightbridge Academy.

Starting at 11 am, the Clark School of Rock House Band will perform on a large stage equipped with a pro sound system and engineer. They will be followed at 12 noon by the Bored of Ed, a hard rock group. At 1 pm, The Broadcasters will play an assortment of Classic Rock. 2:45 pm will bring the Alternative Rock band, Uber Jesus. Headlining the day will be Black Dog, the popular Led Zeppelin Tribute band. A vintage and classic car show hosted by Hot Rod Mike will begin at 10 a.m. along Marian Ave, which will be closed to other traffic from 2nd Street to Helen Street.

There is plenty of free parking in the South Side lot of the Fanwood train station. Bring your

folding chairs and blankets and spend the day!

Please note that pets, skateboarding and roller blading are prohibited in the festival area. For further information, please contact the GWACC, 908-233-3021, or visit the website www.gwaccnj.com and look for Street Fairs.

Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce For over 65 years, the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (GWACC) has been connecting commerce and community. The GWACC promotes the economic prosperity of businesses primarily in Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield. It is the largest association of businesses and nonprofits in our area. Members include business owners, professionals, managers and operators. Membership cultivates the opportunity to build relationships, partner, make referrals, increase business, attend lunch and learns, and support the community.

The GWACC hosts street fairs each year, two in Downtown Westfield and one in the center of Garwood. The chamber also operates the Fanwood Summer Fan Jam, the Westfield Farmers Market and runs the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) program. The GWACC monthly networking events - one in the early morning and one directly after work - serve as an opportunity for current members to network with each other regularly and for prospective members to come see what we're all about. In addition, the Professional Women's Committee organizes networking events specifically tailored to women business owners, professionals, and entrepreneurs.

For more information about the GWACC, visit www.gwaccnj.com. You can also call the office at 908-233-3021 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Our office is located on the 3rd floor of the Bank of America building at 173 Elm Street, Westfield, NJ 07090.



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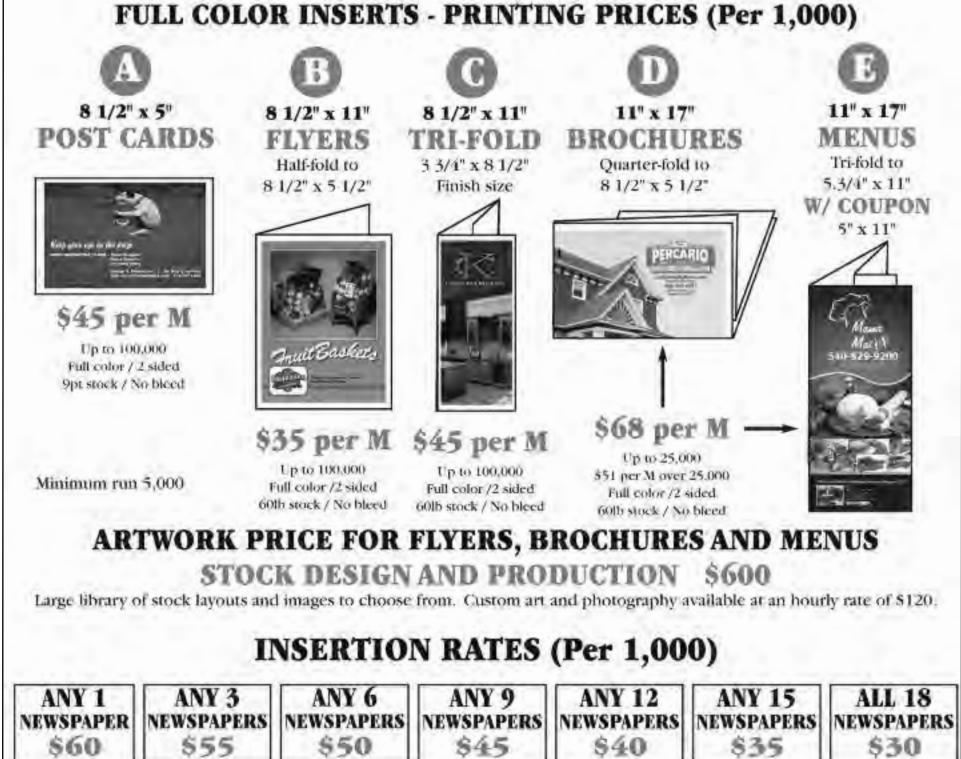
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