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## Annual reorganization kicks off new year



Left to right: Councilman Kevin McGonigle, Mayor Linda Stender and Councilman David Borger.

### Fanwood

At the 12:00 p.m. reorganization meeting of the Fanwood Borough Council, Democrat Linda Stender took the oath of office as mayor and was sworn in by Judge Melvin Whitten. Democrats Kevin McGonigle and David Borger were also sworn in for their second terms as councilman. Many in attendance were also there for the swearing in of the fire department line officers and proceeded to leave following the oath.

Councilwoman Maryanne Connelly was elected to her third term as council president. Councilman Borger proposed

Connelly and was seconded by Councilman McGonigle. In a departure from standard procedure, Stender did not ask for additional nominations for the council presidency. Instead, she quickly called for a vote. Although Borough attorney Dennis Estis interjected procedural points of clarification several times during the meeting, he did not offer such at this time.

The Republicans, obviously aware that a partisan tie would be broken by the mayor, did not nominate anyone for this position. However, in a display of Republican partisan unity, Councilman MacDonald, Rossi and Lindsey chose to communicate their opposition

by abstaining.

The following council persons will serve as chairpersons of the following committees: Public Safety - Maryanne Connelly, Administration and Finance - Frances Rossi, Public Works - David Borger, Building and Zoning - Andrew MacDonald, Recreation and Community Services - Kevin McGonigle, Health

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### Scotch Plains

At the reorganization meeting of the Scotch Plains Township Council on New Year's Day, Irene

T. Schmidt was elected Mayor of the community and Joan Papei was elected Deputy Mayor. This is the third time Mrs. Schmidt has served as Mayor, succeeding Alan



Irene Schmidt presents a gift of appreciation to outgoing Mayor Alan Augustine.

Augustine.

In her remarks, Mrs. Schmidt praised the outgoing mayor and the achievements of the past year. She also singled out Township Manager Tom Atkins for his fine work over the past several years. And she expressed her appreciation for all the work that has been done regarding senior citizen housing.

She listed three major items that she intended to address during 1992: the solid waste issue, the feasibility of establishing Scotch Hills Country Club as a utility, and looking at vacant places of township land for recreational purposes.

Mr. Augustine, in his "farewell summation," noted that during his term, Scotch Plains was listed as one of the top five out of 15,000 municipalities ranked by Municipal Analysis Services, Inc. and the resulting AA rating by Moody in its municipal bond category, which he said was concrete proof "of a well-managed municipality in outstanding financial condition." The Scotch Plains-Fanwood TIMES was again selected by the Council to be the periodical of record for Scotch Plains. The appointments for the various positions and committees

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Scotch Plains Mayor Irene Schmidt

## Tributes paid at Fanwood meeting



Mayor Patricia M. Kuran is presented with membership in the Union County Police Chiefs Association and lifetime membership in the Fanwood P.B.A. by Police Chief Anthony J. Parenti.

In addition to conducting final 1991 routine business matters, the December 30 Fanwood Mayor and Borough Council meeting was a time for tributes. Although the majority of praise was reserved for

Mayor Patricia M. Kuran, the mayor herself had quite a few compliments and certificates of excellence to bestow before the standing room only crowd. These honored by Mayor Kuran included:

Robert Warrington - former zoning board of adjustment member. Doug Clausen - former Republican council president. Ray Manfra - Fanwood Director of Public Works. Anthony J. Parenti - Fanwood Chief of Police. Eleanor McGovern - Fanwood Borough Clerk. Robert Sommerich - Vice President of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recycling Association. Kathy Mitchell - Environmental Commission member. Alan Ebersole - Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recycling Site Manager. Richard Bard - An "original" recycler, still active in the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recycling Association. Joel Whitaker - Former Chairman of the Fanwood Planning Board, played a significant role in bringing the Children's Specialized Hospital out-patient loca-

tion to Fanwood. George Church - a member of the mayors "kitchen cabinet." Wells Summer-Shared expertise on environmental issues. Fanwood Police Chief Anthony J. Parenti presented Mayor Kuran with honorary membership in the Union County Police Chiefs Association. He stated that she was the first person to receive such an honor. The Chief also made the mayor an honorary life member of the Fanwood Police Benevolent Association (P.B.A.) Greg Cummings, a member of both S.C.R.E.A.M. and CAAN thanked Mayor Kuran on behalf of both groups for the "Fanwood bill and protecting the environment and improving the quality of life for Fanwood residents." Fanwood Democratic



Mayor Patricia M. Kuran is presented with a council resolution praising her efforts by Council President Maryanne Connelly. The mayor was also presented with a bouquet of roses by Democratic Committee Chairman Bruce Walsh.

Club President A.Y. Austin presented Mayor Kuran with a plaque and stated that "her efforts on behalf of the citizens of Fanwood have placed Fanwood on the map."

Fanwood Democratic Committee Chairman Bruce Walsh commended the mayor for her outstanding achievements and dedication to the Borough

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