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## Groundbreaking ceremony held for Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA



The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA had the Groundbreaking for its Building Expansion Program "Building A Healthier Tomorrow" on July 29, 1992. Pictured are: Irene Schmidt, Mayor of Scotch Plains, Robert Curtin, Architect from Hillier Group, Thomas Luciano, Chairman of the Y's Long Range Planning Committee, Chester Ring, Co-Chairman of the Capital Campaign, Carol Wood, President of the YMCA, Fred Chemidlin, Co-Chairman of the Capital Campaign, Robert Kraus, Chairman of the YMCA Board of Trustees, Ted Borri, CEO of the Damon G. Douglas Construction Company and John Ciabrone, Executive Director of the YMCA.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA held the groundbreaking ceremony for its \$3.2 million building project on July 29, 1992. The Y's \$1 million Capital Campaign, "Building A Healthier Tomorrow," under the direction of Fred J. Chemidlin, Jr. and Chester A. Ring, III Co-Chairmen, continues to sell recognition "bricks" as the building project begins.

The plan, designed by Robert C. Curtin from the Hillier Group in Princeton, includes construction of a new full size gymnasium, adult locker room complex, child care wing and nursery. Renovation of the Y's existing gymnasium will house the new Wellness Center Complex. Renovations are also planned for the existing lobby and parking area. The Construction Manager for the project is the Damon G. Douglas Company of Cranford.

The YMCA's Board of Directors and Board of Trustees have been working hard to plan the project and continue to raise the necessary funds. YMCA Executive Director, John Ciabrone, along with the staff, feels that the Building Expansion Program is important to help keep up with the Y's increasing membership

and program participants. The new full size gymnasium with solid wall divider will double the program space to house existing Y programs as well as allow for expansion into new program areas. An adult locker room complex will provide separate facilities for youth and adults easing heavy usage in the existing locker area. The child care wing will increase the YMCA capacity by an additional 55 preschoolers. The wellness center complex will be housed in the renovated existing gym and will include the most current weight training and cardiovascular equipment and fitness testing lab. A new nursery will provide babysitting for members while they participate in classes and use the facility. Renovation of the existing lobby will create new classroom, office space, lounge and courtesy counter. The renovation and expansion of the parking area will create 60 new spaces.

The YMCA expects completion of the project by Fall, 1993 and anticipates being operational during the entire project. As a vital part of the Fanwood, Scotch Plains and Clark communities, the YMCA continues to strive to fulfill its mission of building healthy minds, bodies and spirits for all! For more information about the Y's Capital Campaign and Building Expansion call 889-8880.

## High Blood Pressure Clinic

The Township of Scotch Plains will hold the monthly Hypertension (High Blood Pressure) Screening Clinic on Thursday, August 13, 1992.

The Clinic will be held in the Scotch Plains Public Library Community Room from 4:00 - 7:00 pm and is free. The intent of the clinic is to identify new cases of high blood pressure. Those persons who are over the age of thirty and smoke or are overweight or have a family history of heart disease or diabetes and have not had their blood pressure checked recently are urged to attend.

## INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL



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## Athlete receives 1992 Olympic silver dollar

Jeffrey Hammonds of Plainfield, N.J. was among the players and coaches of the United States Olympic Team for Baseball honored July 4th when each was presented with a gift of the 1992 U.S. Olympic Silver Dollar.

Barbara E. McTurk, Superintendent of the United States Mint at Denver, and Dr. Harvey W. Schiller, Executive Director of the United States Olympic Committee, made the presentation at a ceremony preceding the 4th of July game between the U.S. Olympic Team for Baseball and the Cuban National Baseball Team at Mile High Stadium in Denver.

The game, which was won by Cuba 11-7, is part of a series being played to prepare for the Summer Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain, where for the first time baseball



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is a medal event. The obverse of the 1992 U.S. Olympic Silver Dollar

features an Olympic baseball pitcher in his motion.

## Dorothy Dallah Fills Vacancy On Board of Education



DOROTHY DALLAH

Dorothy Dallah of Scotch Plains was selected by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Kirk Rhodes. Ms. Dallah, a former member of the Board, will complete his term which runs to the Spring of 1993. In her interview with the

Board, she said that she would not run for a Board seat in the 1993 election.

When asked why she had volunteered for the post, she replied that many friends had urged her to serve because they wanted someone who was well versed in Board operations. "I'm a community-type person,

especially in the arena of education and I think it important that I play my part," she commented.

She is the second person appointed to the Board this year. Jessica Simpson of Fanwood was chosen earlier to replace George Esposito, who had resigned. The current members of the Board are: President August Ruggiero, Vice-President Cathy Meyer, Lillian Dettmar, Donald Sheldon, Albert Syvertsen, Mark Koster and Dorothy Dallah, all of Scotch Plains, and James Martin and Jessica Simpson of Fanwood.

The three seats that will be up for the next School Board election are those occupied by Ms. Dallah and Ms. Simpson and Mr. Koster.

The Board will not meet this month, but will commence its regularly scheduled meetings in September. One of its major concerns will be the selection of a new Superintendent of Schools. The present superintendent, Dr. Robert Howlett, has announced that he will leave the system at the end of the 1993 school year.