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Scotch Plains Day October 10, 1992

The Town of Scotch Plains is celebrating Scotch Plains Day on Saturday, October 10, 1992. Featured will be a five mile race, one mile "fun run" and a flea market sponsored by the Lions Club. The Ragtimers Banjo Band is scheduled to perform, and a health fair offering free screenings, complete with a rabies clinic will also be offered.

The Scotch Plains -- Fanwood High School Band will perform for the honorarium service celebrating those individuals who have contributed towards the success of the town and its programs.

The festivities will take place at the town hall beginning at 9:00 am. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

A Charity Gala Ball in honor of the Mayor will be held the night before a Shackamaxon Country Club 8:30 to 12:30 pm at a special price of \$40.00 per ticket.

Scotch Plains Day is a community event sponsored by the Scotch Plains Day Advisory Committee appointed by Mayor Irene Schmidt.

Scotch Plains to conduct 4th annual Health Fair

The Scotch Plains Health Advisory Board has announced that it will be conducting its 4th Annual Health Fair in conjunction with Scotch Plains Day on Saturday, October 10, 1992 from 8:00 am to 12 noon, at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building.

In addition to free medical screenings to detect oral cancer, colon-rectal cancer (home test kit) and hypertension, there will also be available an "extensive blood screening" (SMAC 23-CBC) to detect from one sample abnormalities related to bone function, hormones, kidney disease, over all health, cholesterol and Triglycerides, which are associated with the increased probability of heart disease. The test also is an indicator for diabetes, various liver disorders and anemia, in addition to being a complete blood workup. The cost for this test is \$17.00. Pre-payment and pre-registration is required. Anyone interested in obtaining this test, that requires 12 hours of fasting (excluding water) should call the Scotch Plains Health Department at 322-6700 to register.

The Health Fair will also have available at no charge, Senior Citizen Influenza immunizations, school immunizations, (student must be accompanied by a parent and present a request slip from school nurse). Lead Screening, vision, and Scoliosis exams, Oral Health Screening/Dental Hygiene demonstration, and a smoking cessation presentation by our own local hypnotist.

The Fair is open exclusively to Scotch Plains residents only.

Township Lions Club joins Scotch Plains Day

On October 10, Scotch Plains Day, the Scotch Plains Lions will participate with a flea market on the Park Avenue Municipal Parking Lot. The Lions will sell hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages and home baked cakes. Vendors will have a wide variety of articles.

Profits will go to the club's Blind and Sight Conservation fund and Community Betterment fund. Hours will be 8 am to 4 pm.

Have your pumpkin yet? If not, read on...

Parents of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Chapter 1 Pre-Kindergarten students will be offering pumpkins for sale on Saturday, October 10, 1992 at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

All pumpkins are freshly picked, reasonably priced and guaranteed to stay fresh for Halloween.

The profits from the sale will directly benefit the Chapter 1 Pre-Kindergarten Program to buy instructional materials for the classroom.

Simona Caruso is our latest AFS student

Less than four weeks ago, Simona Caruso arrived here from Italy to spend the better part of a year in our community as part of the AFS foreign exchange program.

Simona, who is staying at the home of Ed and Sue Davis of Fanwood, is enrolled as a senior in Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. She comes from Augusta, a town of 50,000 inhabitants, in Sicily. Simona explained that Augusta is an island which has a bridge to the mainland. It is a little bit north of Siracusa, which is on the eastern end of Sicily.

Simona got involved with AFS in Sicily after attending a club meeting with an American exchange student who was spending time in her area. She applied and was accepted by AFS, and then she and the Davis family found out about each other through applications and letters.

Her Italian family consists of her mother, Paola, who owns a clothing store; her father, Michele, who is retired from the Italian navy; a sister, Caterina, who is 25 and works with her mother; and another sister, Giovanna, age 23 who is employed in a pharmacy. Her new American family in Fanwood besides the Davis parents includes two sisters also, but these girls are younger than Simona. Rachel is 15 years old and Caroline is 13. Both attend school in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system.

As part of her curriculum, Simona is taking English 4, English As A Second Language, Math Analysis, American History 2 and of course, Italian 4, and she has joined the high school choir. She noted that there are many differences between her Italian school and SPFHS. In Italy, she remains in the same classroom throughout the day and the teachers are the ones who change rooms. She also said that not only is there more homework in Italy, but that the majority of



AFS student Simona Caruso, center, enjoys life with her Fanwood sisters, Caroline, left, and Rachel.

schoolwork is done at home. When she returns to Sicily after completing her school year here, she will have one more year of

high school to finish before going to a university.

Simona commented that although she has been

here only a short time, she observed that there are many differences between New Jersey and Sicily.

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One Step at a time

Clean water. Shelter. Food. Education. These are necessities of life that we are fortunate enough to take for granted every day. In less developed countries as well as here in the United States, many people are not quite as lucky. Starvation, homelessness and lack of education and employment is still very prevalent in the world today.

On Sunday, October 25th, residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood will participate in the annual Crop Walk for Hunger, which last year raised over \$5,000 for both local food banks and pantries as well as for hunger relief programs around the world. The walk will start at 2 pm at All Saints Episcopal Church (Park Avenue, Scotch Plains) and will be 10k long, taking the participants on a scenic walk through Scotch Plains and Fanwood. The walk is sponsored by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ministerial Association and The Church World

Service, an interfaith relief organization. Participating from our area are: All Saints Episcopal Church, Fanwood Presbyterian, First United Methodist, Immaculate Heart of Mary, First Congregational of Westfield, Scotch Plains Baptist, St. Bartholomew the Apostle, St. John's Baptist, Temple Israel, Terrill Road Baptist, Willow Grove and Westfield Presbyterian Church, among others.

This year's Crop Walk for Hunger will once again be coordinated by the Reverend Cynthia Wickwire, Associate Pastor of Fanwood Presbyterian Church, working with members of the areas churches and synagogues. Crop Walk volunteers are sponsored by friends, family and neighbors, who pledge a certain amount per kilometer walked.

Money collected may be designated for a specific relief program, or else will be dispersed by the Church World Service as

needed. Money is desperately needed for emergency food for famine victims, emergency shelter, seeds, tools, clean water, primary health care, education and job training among other things.

Currently, the Church World Service is working to meet the needs of the victims of hurricane Andrew by providing thousands of blankets and health kits as well as tents for temporary shelter in addition to monetary aid. The forty million people who are at risk of starvation in eastern and southern Africa is also a focus of the groups attention at this time.

Please consider participating in this year's walk for Hunger, either as a sponsor or a walker. Donating a small amount of your time or money could make a significant difference in the lives of people who are desperately in need of aid. For further information or to

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