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The search is on for Senior Citizens of Year

The Scotch Plains Recreation Commission is conducting its annual search for the outstanding male and female senior citizen, based on achievements during 1992.

All nominees must have reached the age of 60 by January 1, 1993, and the award will be made based on the contributions made by the senior to a club, nursing home, church work, etc. — in fact, any type of services benefiting the community or institutions in the surrounding towns. The most important criteria is how the nominee has worked to benefit others.

Nominations must be received in the Scotch Plains Recreation Office, Room 113, Municipal Building, Scotch Plains, by April 2, 1993. Presentations to the outstanding male and female will be made at the May meeting of the Commission, in honor of May traditionally being Senior Citizen Month nationally.



Turn to pages 8 and 9 for a look at area health care centers.

Recycling Brochure was in the mail

The 1993 Scotch Plains residential recycling brochure has been mailed to all residents. This brochure contains regulations regarding acceptable materials and the 1993 curbside recycling schedule. In addition, the brochure includes information on composting, the grass "Cut It And Leave It" program, and Clean Communities activities. If you did not receive a brochure, please contact the Recycling Coordinator at 322-6700 ext. 243.

February is Cruise Month...



...so why not take advantage of our advertiser's "sails" on page 6 for that long awaited vacation you deserve.

Citizens to establish local Education Fund

After 4 months and several meetings, a steering committee of 15 interested citizens of Scotch Plains and Fanwood announced that it has concluded its initial work and is now concentrating its efforts toward the launching of an education fund in the community.

The committee has defined the mission of the Education Fund as follows: "The Education Fund of Scotch Plains-Fanwood is an independent, non-profit community organization whose mission is to foster education as a total community enterprise by augmenting the programs of local public schools through varied enrichment activities and opportunities and by supporting and stimulating educational innovation."

Interested persons are now being sought to serve as trustees of this new Education Fund of Scotch Plains-Fanwood, and the committee hopes to form a broadly representative board of volunteers. An applicant for trusteeship should be either a resident of Scotch Plains or Fanwood or one who demonstrates an active interest in the community. An applicant must be 21

years of age or older and may not be a member of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education or an elected office holder in either communi-

ty. In seeking trustees, the committee has stated: "Persons with a willingness to share time, energy and expertise in

fulfilling the mission of the Fund are sought. Business, grantsmanship, legal, fundraising, educational and organizational skills are needed. Please turn to page 11

Presidents' Day was busy for the Fire Brigade



Photo by William A. Burke

A strong smell of gasoline originating in the sump-pump area of 2299 Woodland Terrace prompted a resident to report this to the police, which in turn alerted the Fire Department. At least one other resident reported similar conditions, and it was determined that gasoline had been dumped in a nearby storm drain, backing up into nearby homes. The Hazardous Materials Squad was summoned from Elizabeth to take charge of the situation, and the Scotch Plains Fire Brigade maintained a vigil in case of emergency. Police closed off Woodland Terrace for the duration of the situation.

Education Board "disturbed" over Fanwood resolution

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education President August Ruggiero has sent a letter to the Fanwood Mayor and Council which criticized a Borough resolution passed on December 9, 1992. Ruggiero's letter, dated January 29, 1993, states that "the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education is disturbed by the resolution passed on December 9, 1992, regarding the High School marching band and the playing of The Star Spangled Banner." Ruggiero states that the resolution "gives the false impression that the marching band has not learned The Star Spangled Banner." The board president also points out that "the Council cannot dictate curriculum matters to

the school district."

The flak over the playing of The Star Spangled Banner goes back to the 1992 Halloween parade in which the High School marching band did not play the National Anthem. The Fanwood Borough Council unanimously passed a resolution on December 9, 1992 that stated that the band "should perform its patriotic duty and learn to play The Star Spangled Banner at all school and other municipal functions..." The resolution also stated that the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Marching Band "claims that it does not have the time to learn The Star Spangled Banner because of other activities and the requirement that

it should know other tunes deemed to be more important."

In his letter to the Council, Ruggiero says "well in advance of Halloween, before any demands are made of students, all parties (both councils and the music supervisor) should agree on which day the parade will be held. Since Halloween is not a national holiday, we think the musical selections should be decided by the music supervisor based upon the number of students and the instrumentation available." Ruggiero requested that "in the future, the Council communicate its concerns on school district matters to the Board and provide the Board with an opportunity to review

such concerns." In the correspondence section of the February 13 Borough Council agenda, disposition of Ruggiero's letter read as follows: "Council McGonigle and Mayor to meet with Board of Education."

In other business, Scotch Plains and Fanwood have entered into an interlocal agreement whereby they will be utilizing the services and sharing the cost of a court administrator. Planners Diversified of Summit were hired at a cost of \$10,000 to conduct a senior citizens housing feasibility survey. Much of the cost of this study will be funded by the state.

Patrolman Francisco
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