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## EDUCATIONAL UPDATE



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### Kindergarten parent orientation meeting

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District is scheduling a Kindergarten Parent Orientation Meeting for Monday, March 29, 1993. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of Terrill Middle School at 8:00 pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the Kindergarten Inventory and highlight aspects of the Kindergarten Curriculum. All interested parents, nursery school personnel and community members are invited to the session.

### School election workers are needed

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education is in need of election workers for the annual school election to occur April 20, 1993. Employment hours will be approximately 1:30 pm to 9:30 pm, and the pay will be \$5.77 per hour.

The only requirements of a person being considered as an election worker are that he/she be a registered voter, be able to take a short (1 1/4-2 hour) informational workshop before the election, and not be employed by the Board of Education. Orientation workshops for those who have not worked previously at a school election will be held April 15 and 16, at 10 am and 2 pm at 2345 South Avenue, Scotch Plains.

Interested individuals should contact Marlene Wirth at the Board of Education Office about becoming an election worker or a back-up workers. Mrs. Wirth can be reached by calling 232-6161, ext. 22.

### Board of Education to discuss Teaming Approach

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education will hold a meeting to discuss the Middle School Team Approach to delivering the curriculum on Thursday, March 18 at 8 p.m.

## WELCOME

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## Candidates announced for Board of Education seats

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Five Scotch Plains residents have submitted their names as candidates for the two seats open in the April 20th School Board election.

Morris Gillet is a Garwood businessman who has been interested in local education for many years. He is currently president of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Band Boosters and presently has two children in the local school system. He recently was

on a committee which initiated the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Fund. He has a B.A. from Lafayette College and also would bring to the Board his skills in both contract and labor negotiations.

Frank W. Roe has received his doctorate from the University of Mississippi in education, administration and supervision. He heads an import-export business,

and he believes that if the United States is to regain its lead in world competition, it must strengthen its education process.

Mark Koster and Dorothy Dallah are incumbents seeking re-election. Koster went to school at the University of Pennsylvania and is marketing manager for a chemical concern. Dallah served on the Board from 1988 through 1991, and

then returned to the Board to fill out the term of Kirk Rhodes who resigned in 1992.

Rubby Simmons of St. Ann St. is also running for a seat but information regarding her candidacy was unavailable at press time.

There is one seat open for the Board from Fanwood. The incumbent, Jessica L. Simpson, is running unopposed.

## Senior Housing/resignation headline Fanwood meeting

At 7:45 p.m., on March 10, the Fanwood Borough Council members held an informal discussion with Mr. Michael of Planners Diversified about senior citizen housing. A survey of the borough had been taken several years ago, which he considered sufficiently up-to-date. There was some discussion about the possibility of a June contract.

Present were President Maryanne Connelly, Councilman Kevin McGonigle, Councilman Andrew MacDonald, Councilman Francis Rossi, Mayor Linda Sender, and Councilman Bruce Walsh.

The first order of official business was the resignation letter from Councilman David Berger, who indicated that the pressures of his travel and likely relocation to Los Angeles make it impossible for him to continue his service. He was commended for his time on the council, and as an engineer, planner, and long-time member to the community.

Three names of prospective candidates were submitted from the Democratic Committee. Councilman Walsh moved the name of William E. Populus as a replacement. All members voted yes, except for Councilman Rossi, who abstained. Mr. Populus was thereupon sworn in, with his wife holding the Bible, and his family present. He will

now be Chair of the Recreation Committee, Liaison to the Shade Tree Commission, and on the Public Works Committee, and the Downtown Redevelopment Commission.

There was a new letter under correspondence from George E. Gerninger, who had just retired as Police Captain, thanking the community and the council for all the support he had received during his many years of

services. The Council later read a Resolution commending him for these years of service, since 1955, and expressed deepest appreciation also for his volunteer service to the Fire Company and the Rescue Squad. He was then appointed a Special Policeman, which is a volunteer position.

Councilman Populus reported on the meeting of the Downtown Redevelopment Committee with people from Rutgers, who

were very enthusiastic about the prospects for Fanwood. This will be a long-term project, with plans for landscaping, and a possible intern this summer to do research. The Fanwood Library is doing needs assessment; it is number three in Union County in circulation.

There was a resolution to set a hearing date on the subject of the bankruptcy of the Goal Post Restaurant. In the public *Please turn to page 12*

## Borough budget addressed by Finance Chairman

According to Administration and Finance Chairperson, Councilman Frank Rossi, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs has informed the Borough of Fanwood that they may file an application with the state to receive additional funds. These funds would come from the 1993 Supplemental Municipal Property Tax Relief Act. Municipalities that receive less than \$500,000 in state aid and that meet certain other financial criteria established by the state are eligible to apply. Rossi stated that in his opinion, "any additional funding received by the Borough should be used to lower taxes for our residents."

Councilman Rossi, an attorney, is in his second year as Chairperson of

Administration and Finance. He considers developing a budget "with as minimal a tax increase as is possible while maintaining all current Borough services" a high priority.

"Although certain costs such as worker's compensation insurance premiums have gone up, we are always looking at different price quotes and at ways to reduce municipal expenses without impacting municipal services," said Rossi.

The councilman praised the recycling efforts of residents and said that because of this, less money will be needed for the annual town clean-up. According to Councilman Rossi, there was less need of the packer and less ton-

nage in 1992. Lower tipping or removal of debris charges have also helped municipalities. Based upon fall 1992 figures, one that will require additional town funds is leaf collection.

Although Rossi certainly hopes that the Borough will receive additional state funds, he is "not relying on these funds. We are formulating our operating budget based on what we are certain we will receive." Even though it is three months in 1993, Councilman Rossi assured residents that "it is routine for virtually every municipality to be on the schedule that we are on because we do not receive state aid figures until March in addition to such other figures as pension benefit contributions."