



College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains Promoting Higher Education Since 1933

In the year 2003 The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains is celebrating the 70th anniversary of its founding and the 40th anniversary of the publication of The College Club Community Date Calendar.

"The Fanwood College Women's Club" held its first meeting on March 13, 1933 when the dream of its founder, Miss Lillian Virginia Hope, was realized. Miss Hope invited ten other college women together to her home on Martine Avenue in February 1933 to discuss the organization of a college club. The club's objectives would be three fold: to increase the interest of local young women to go to college, to provide "material aid" for young women aspiring to a college education, and to be a source of pleasure for the members. In later years community service was added to the mission of the club.

The name of the club changed to The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains in 1977 when it was incorporated as a non-profit organization. Viginia Rachko, the Club President, states that the basic objectives of the club have remained unchanged for seventy years and attributes the club's success to keeping that focus.

To achieve its goals the club has held various fundraisers over the years, but since 1963-64, The College Club Community Date Calendar, which was the brainchild of

Marion Hobart Butler, has been the club's major fundraiser. It has proven to be a very useful service to established residents and especially to newcomers to our two communities. This large comprehensive calendar has the following features: a listing of all the school and local community activities, a listing of all the community organizations and their meeting dates with a contact person, a complete public school directory, all the sports schedules for the Scotch Plains Fanwood High School and the Union Catholic High School, and a convenient place to make reminder notes. The attractive ads in the calendar that are supported by almost 100 local businesses provide the revenue for its production and thereby allow the monies raised from the sale of the calendars to go directly into the club's scholarship fund. The local businesses in turn benefit from the patronage of the calendar users.

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THE OFFICERS OF THE COLLEGE CLUB... are (pictured left to right) President Ginger Rachko, First Vice President Helen Piasecki, Director Nancy Anderson, Corresponding Secretary Jo Anne Snell, Treasurer Jane Schwartz and Recording Secretary Natilie Bilci. Not pictured are Meril Davies and Joan Costello, both second Vice Presidents.

A Message From Mayor Jung



Can summer really be over? Schools are back in session! How did time go by so quickly these past few months. I hope your summer included some restful, relaxing times and that you, your family, and friends were able to do many activities that you enjoyed.

In addition to Labor Day and school, September also means it's time for Fanny Wood Day. Our eighth annual event on Sunday, September 28th will be highlighted by a live performance at 1:30 PM by Grammy Award nominee and 2002 winner Tom Chapin. He is well known for his entertaining and popular family show and, according to his Web site, "has gained widespread critical and popular acclaim for his recordings aimed at children of all ages and their families."

The entertainment program for the eighth annual Fanny Wood Day will begin at 12:15 PM with the group Silk City, a local string band known for its mix of blue grass, folk, classical, and Broadway show tunes. Fanwood Library Director Dan Weiss is a member of the group.

Fanny Wood Day will be held on Martine and South Avenues from Noon to 5:00 PM. Miss Fanny Wood herself, in period costume, will be overseeing all the events of the day, which include a large Classic Car Show sponsored by the Cougar Club of New Jersey, many vendors, crafters, food sales, rides, and displays by members of the Fire and Police Departments and the Rescue Squad. I want to invite Fanwoodians and friends of all ages to join us for a fun filled afternoon at Fanny Wood Day.

I also want to make all Fanwood residents aware that the Mayor and Council will be holding a public meeting to discuss the Downtown Redevelopment Plan with the developer, Landmark Communities, same time in early fall. Be sure to watch for the meeting announcement. The Council negotiating team, consisting of Council President Joel Whitaker, Councilman Michael Brennan and myself, plus our Borough professionals, has been meeting and negotiating since the spring with Landmark Communities on a Developer Agreement. The public meeting will be held before the Council considers signing any agreement. Please take advantage of another opportunity to hear about and comment on the Downtown Plan.

Mayor Louis C. Jung

Annual Fanny Wood Day To Feature Tom Chapin

Grammy Award winner Tom Chapin will headline the musical program for Fanny Wood Day on Sunday, September 28, 2003.

Chapin, well known for his entertaining and popular Family Show, will begin playing at 1:30 in the afternoon and continue until 3:00 p.m.

Billboard Magazine noted that

acclaim for his recordings aimed at 4 to 11 year-olds and their families."

Chapin has been recognized with awards from the American Library Association, Parent's Choice, the New York Music Awards, the National Association of Parenting Publications and Parents Magazine.

Several of his musical recordings have received Grammy nominations and in 2002 Tom won the Grammy for Best Spoken Word Album for Children.

The entertainment program for Fanny Wood Day will begin at 12:15 with Silk City; a local string band that is known for its eclectic and varied mix of blue grass, folk, classical, and Broadway show tunes. With Fanwood's own Public Library Director Dan Weiss on guitar and vocals, Silk City has previously played a number of times at local and area functions.



Silk City

Tom Chapin is "one of those natural-born entertainers who, with nothing more than guitar in hand, can totally captivate." As his Web site states, "Tom has gained widespread critical and popular

Fellow members of Silk City Larry Cohen (Bass) and Barry Mitterhoff (Mandolin) round out the trio.

Weiss was helpful in bringing Tom Chapin to Fanwood on June 1 for a concert celebrating the Memorial Library's 100th Anniversary, when more than 600 people came to enjoy the program at the High School auditorium after rain forced the concert inside.

The Eighth Annual Fanny Wood Day will be held at the corner of Martine and South Avenues in downtown Fanwood.

The event begins at noon and will continue until 5:00 p.m. People can meet Fanny Wood herself, who will be there in period costume greeting people throughout the afternoon while presiding over all the festivities.

"I want to invite all of our neighbors and friends of all ages to join us for a fun filled afternoon at Fanny Wood Day. Besides the concert program, there will be a classic car show sponsored by the Cougar Club of New Jersey, and many vendors, rides, and all kinds of food," declared Fanwood Mayor Louis Jung.

Meet Your Borough Council: Councilman Andrew Calamaras

At the beginning of my freshman year on the Fanwood Borough Council, I was appointed by Mayor Lou Jung as the Council liaison to the Fanwood Seniors Citizen Club. Founded in 1970, the club is currently 110 members strong and is comprised of Fanwood and Scotch Plains senior citizens. Membership is closed to Scotch Plains citizens at this time but is open to additional membership from Fanwood borough residents. Club bylaws restrict total membership to 125 citizens. Scotch Plains membership is restricted to 20% of the total membership and is

currently exceeding that number.

The Fanwood Seniors Citizen Club meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at the All Saints Episcopal Church. Normal attendance ranges from 75 to 80 members. The meetings start promptly at 11:00 AM and generally include a formal program. The types of program range from presentations by financial planners to entertainment provided by local groups. The Fanwood Police stop by on occasion and alert the members to financial scams that are aimed specifically at the senior population. Recently George Weiss of Fanwood TV 35 showed a tape of the Seniors Citizen's barbecue held in LaGrande Park. Since many of our seniors don't have cable they particularly enjoyed seeing this program.

Throughout the year our seniors partake in many activities. High on the list are a number of trips, both day and overnight, to many interesting places here in the Northeast. In addition to frequent trips to Atlantic City there are trips to selected places of interest outside of our immediate area. Coming up is a fall foliage trip to the Green Mountains of Vermont. Also on the agenda is the annual anniversary luncheon planned for September 22, 2003 at the Willow's Restaurant in Green Brook.

The Club is looking forward to moving their meetings to the new Community Center that is being built in Forest Road Park. The center will be dedicated to senior citizen daytime use from September to June.

The building will be completed in the fall and will provide a place for all of our senior citizens to meet and enjoy good fellowship.

I am pleased that the Mayor asked me to interact with the Fanwood Seniors Citizen Club and look forward to continuing my service to the group as Borough Council liaison.

Andy Calamaras

Fanwood Arts Proudly Presents The Bantry Boys At Kuran Center

Sunday, October 5th 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Fanwood Cultural Arts Committee will present a special event on Sunday, October 5th from 3-5 PM at the Kuran Arts Center.

The Bantry Boys in Concert will feature the well-known Bantry Boys Irish folk group – back by popular demand. The Bantry Boys have played with The Wolfe Tones, Paddy Reilly, The Furey Brothers and Makem & Clancy. They have toured in Ireland on several occasions and have been featured on various cruise ships.

The concert will take place outdoors on the patio of the Kuran Center (bring blankets and chairs); in the event of inclement weather, the performance will be held inside the Center (limited seating, so come early).

Admission is free, and all members of the community are invited to attend. For information call 908-889-7223.

WHAT:

Fanny Wood Day

WHEN:

Sunday
September 28th
Noon - 5:00pm

WHERE:

Downtown Fanwood

The College Club of F-SP

Serving Since 1933

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College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains has awarded nearly \$400,000 in scholarships to about 390 young women from our two communities. This year a record \$21,000 was

awarded to 16 deserving young women. Presenting the awards were Past President Jill Barbier and Scholarship Chairperson, Manya Ungar, who passed away in July of this year. A former President of the National PTA, Manya epitomized the heart of the club in her dedication to helping deserving local young women realize their aspirations for a college education.

The imprint of the College Club is present in other important community activities. College Night at the Scotch Plains Fanwood High School, begun in 1963 as a partnership between the Club and the high school guidance department, continues today in the same format as a service to students and parents. In 1962 the College Club was instrumental in forming the Scholarship Clearing Board that brings together the various scholarship-giving organizations of the community to make the best distribution of available scholarship monies to applicants. In 1978 the Club established the Fanwood Railroad Paper Library in the Fanwood train station as a service to commuters. In 1966, Marie Leppert, our only three-time President, founded the Joint Civic Committee that was active for ten years. On four or five Saturdays of the year College Club members and their spouses can be seen as volunteers at the Fanwood Recycling Center.

With a deep commitment to its original objectives, the College Club is a source of enjoyment to its members through its diverse interests and activities, and it continues to be an active and viable force in community service on its 70th anniversary.

Club Calendars Now on Sale

The College Club Community Date Calendar Fortieth edition is now on sale for \$7 at Irma's Hallmark, Young's Paint and Varnish, Scotch Hills Pharmacy, John's Meat Market, Park Photo, Wallis Stationary and at both local libraries.

The calendar is a valuable tool that lists the dates for community and school events as well as civil holidays and religious holy days. Over 100 clubs and organizations have contributed to this calendar.

On the occasion of this 40th edition we salute the one advertiser who has been with us consistently since the calendar's debut - Young Paint & Varnish. The Andrews Family is a local treasure, and for them and their business we are very grateful.

We thank all our advertisers for their support. The purchase of an ad enables us to put the entire price of the calendar towards scholarships for young women, who reside in Fanwood and Scotch Plains, planning on, or currently pursuing, a college degree.

If you are interested in learning more about College Club or becoming a member, contact Ginger at (908) 889-4105.

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ELECTION 2003

WHAT: You will have to opportunity to cast your vote for State, County and Borough offices.

WHERE: Check the sample ballot you will receive in the mail; see the district map on-line at VisitFanwood.com/elections or call Borough Hall at (908) 322-8236 for your polling place.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 4 - 6:00am until 8:00pm

HOW: If you will be 18 years old or older on November 4th, you must register to vote by Monday, October 6th in order to be eligible to vote on November 4th. Voter registration forms are available on VisitFanwood.com and from Borough Hall.

WHO: The following candidates will be on your ballot:

State Senate: Joseph S. Suliga(D)*
Martin Marks(R)

State Assembly: Linda Stender(D)*
(select two) Jerry Green(D)*
George B. Gore(R)
Kevin Retcho(R)
Rosalie Donatelli(G)
Harold Relkin(G)

County Freeholder: Chester Holmes(D)*
(select three) Alexander Mirabella(D)*
Deborah Scanlon(D)*
Bob Reilly(R)
Stuart Kline(R)
Kenneth Haynes(R)
Barbara Briemer(G)

Fanwood Mayor: Louis Jung(R)*
Colleen Mahr(D)

Borough Council: Joel Whitaker(R)*
(select two) David Trumpp(R)*
Donna Dolce(D)
Jack Molenaar(D)

*Incumbant

(D) Democrat • (R) Republican • (G) Green Party

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The Bantry Boys
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