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## 'Special' people needed for fire detail in Clark

by Pat DiMaggio  
The Clark Volunteer Fire Department is looking for a few good men and women. Those who are interested in a very demanding job, with long hours and no pay and the threat of injury are welcome to apply. It may be the best decision they ever make.

Clark's Fire Department currently numbers 48 men and officers. Fewkes said he would like to swell those ranks to 55. "The more the better," he explained. New members would be required to go through a basic fire school, given by the Union County Fire Chief's Association, said Fewkes. The 16-week course covers various types of equipment, hose handling, pumping and all the basics of fire management. Clark has in-company training with their officers

given once a week for 12 to 14 weeks including general types of training on equipment and operating specific pieces of apparatus. After a six-month period of probation, the new member must be able to handle and drive the utility apparatus and drive and operate all four pumps. In addition, the Fire Department requires monthly training for all members, said Fewkes. On Thursday evenings, members clean the equipment and apparatus and work to

maintain their building. Sunday mornings, while members undergo additional driver's training, they will also check fire hydrants throughout the Township as well as inspect sprinkler connections on buildings. Those who are interested in becoming a member of the Volunteer Fire Department are directed to apply on Thursday evenings or Sunday mornings to fire headquarters on 250 Broadway where they will be asked to fill out an application and the Investigating Committee will conduct an interview.

Prospective members must undergo a physical and must have a good driving record, said Fewkes. "Most of the people who have joined over the years want to do something for the town," he said. "People want to get involved and in many cases they end up helping their friends and neighbors. It has its rewarding moments and it can also have its disheartening moments. Over the years our successes have been more rewarding than not. We've been working with a good bunch of guys."



PRIDE IN OUR PARISH is the theme for the St. Agnes Church First Annual Dinner Dance set for April 1989. Rev. Eugene F. Marcone, the new pastor at St. Agnes, is pictured discussing the event with Mrs. Maureen Farrell, Committee Member and Mr. Gary Luciano, Chairman. Also on the committee are Mr. Joseph Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gygo, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heelan, Mr. and Mrs. John Kerian, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kolbas, Mrs. Maria Luciano, Ms. Eleanor Mirandi, Mr. George Norvitas, Mr. Vincent Piciocchi, Mr. and Mrs. Bart Zuckosky, and Mr. Peter Nguyen, who has arranged to design new stationery for the parish, which will kick off the new spirit of participation in the parish. The dinner/dance will be held at the Grand Courtyard Club in Clark, and reservations are required for the \$155 per person affair. The church is located on Madison Hill Road.

## Officials extend holiday greetings

by Pat DiMaggio  
Township officials extended holiday greetings to the community and were united in their wishes for a safe and healthy New Year. "I wish a safe, healthy and happy holiday to all the residents of Clark," said outgoing Mayor George Nucera. "I wish good luck to the incoming administration and may they solve some of the problems we were not able to solve over the last four years." Nucera will end his four-year term in office as mayor on December 31. "The holidays are extremely important because we are united by a concentrated focus of religious influence and commercial prompting that remind us of how truly dependent we are on one another, in our families, circles of friends, and fellow workers," said Mayor-elect Bernard Yarusavage.

"The holidays of Thanksgiving, Chanuka and Christmas bring us back to our real values, the gifts from God of those who love us through our faults and those who share our lives," Yarusavage continued. "If only we could merit the extension of this spirit of love and understanding throughout the whole year, we might just discover a way to keep the promised peace that seems within our grasp and yet so frail that we cannot hold it for very long. Each year we seem to come closer to that goal and maybe, if we all put the true meaning of the holidays into our daily lives, we might just discover a way to keep 'Peace On Earth.'"

Dr. Paul Ortenzio, Superintendent of Schools, sent greetings to the community, especially to parents and their children in grades K-8. "As this year draws to a close and the festive season lights the hearts and minds of many, it is time to reflect about the world around us," Ortenzio said. "We are truly a rich people and blessed with many freedoms. Our concern and willingness to be helpful during the holiday season is part of the responsibility we have to encourage good will among all citizens. This season is a journey; it is a time to find our way. The past is difficult and ongoing but we must travel it and follow the star. The journey's end is tranquility, if only in our own being. The goal is peace on earth for all during this Christmas season and the best in the New Year."



QUILTED CHECK... The Clark Public Library is aglow with Christmas cheer thanks to the multi-creative talents and generosity of Helen Rokoszy, (at right), who has enhanced the mezzanine and windows with hand-quilted wreaths, Christmas stockings and stuffed animals. She is a member of the Triangle & Squares Quilting Club, which meets at the library on Mondays. At the left is fellow Triangle Club member Mildred Meyer, seen donating a monetary gift to the library on behalf of the club. Receiving the donation is Library Director, Sandra K. Jones.

It's Christmas!  
Wishing you seasonal joy abound with love and peace.

## Clark Board of Ed O.K.s personnel, curriculum

by Pat DiMaggio  
Clark's Board of Education approved personnel and curriculum matters at their regular meeting held last week. Under personnel, the board appointed the firm of Schwartz, Pisano, Simon, Eckstein and Ben Ascher as legal counsel effective December 13 to June 30, 1989. Darlene Farrace was approved for the teacher substitute list and George Dooley and William Lord were approved for the basketball officials list.

The curriculum agenda included approval of the Language Art Guides for grades K-5 and 6-8 and Special Education Language, Arts and Guidance and Speech Services. The board also approved Ellen Urpiss and Carol Iden as curriculum writers to complete two guides for the district, English as a Second Language and Auditorial Handicapped Remedial Reading at a stipend of \$500 each. January 18 was approved as a short session day for all

staff for an Affirmative Action Workshop and February 15 as a full-day workshop for all certificated staff members with the appropriate change in the district calendar to close school on June 23. The board also approved special education services to a resident student to the Summit Speech School and approved for submission the 1988-89 Special Education Plan Annual Report of Statistical Data and Statement of Assurances. Authorization was granted

to submit a Program Summary Plan for English as a Second Language and the Gifted and Talented Program Curriculum Guide to be approved. In other business the board: - Approved the attendance of members of the board at the National School Board's Annual Convention in Anaheim, California March 31-April 4. - Approved a board policy on Instruction, Basic Skills Improvement Program for second year.



HIGHEST HONOR... Joanne Goldberg (left) and Linda Jeney, seniors at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High in Clark, have been identified as candidates in the 1989 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. They are among only 10,000 students nationwide to be nominated for the Program out of the more than three million high school seniors graduating in 1989. The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Education, and represents the highest honor bestowed upon the young people of America.

## Clark resident to appear on 'Healthscope'

Nicholas Baranetsky, M.D., an endocrinologist from Newark, and Diabetes Nurse Educator Lori R. Sherman, RN, BSN, CDE, from Clark, will be the guests on "Healthscope" during January. Dr. Baranetsky, a member of Saint Mary's Hospital medical staff and Ms. Sherman, coordinator of Saint Mary's Diabetes Wellness Program, will discuss diabetes and its complications during the half-hour program. Healthscope is cablecast each Monday at 10:05 p.m. on Suburban Cablevision's Channel 32. Healthscope is presented by Saint Mary's Hospital and produced and hosted by Susan Aboorn, Saint Mary's director of public relations. Saint Mary's Hospital in Orange is a division of Cathedral Healthcare System.

## Merry Christmas to All!



SERIOUS TOPIC... Pictured left to right at the "Management Strategies for the Intoxicated Person in a Law Enforcement Setting" conference held recently at Union County College are Deborah Lorenzani of Elizabeth, Director of the Division of Planning, Department of Human Services; William Tisdall of Clark, Director of the Department of Public Safety; Clifford Maurer, Plainsboro Chief of Police and conference speaker and Freeholder Paul O'Keefe, a Plainfield resident. O'Keefe is the Freeholder liaison to the Union County Narcotics Advisory Board and Criminal Justice Review Board.