

CENTRAL JERSEY PEOPLE news

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UNION COUNTY

BRAKES recognizes 63 crossing guards

The BRAKES Group of Westfield held their annual Crossing Guard Recognition Ceremony in Westfield's town hall recently. The BRAKES (Bikers, Runners And Kids are Entitled to Safety) group of Westfield has been recognizing crossing guards in Westfield since 1998.

Westfield has 63 guards, including the substitutes, which is by far more than any other surrounding community, according to Westfield Chief of Police **John Parizeau**.

The ceremony was held in the Town Council meeting room, which was decorated with hundreds of cards made by Westfield school children, thanking their favorite crossing guards for keeping them safe as they walk to and from school.

The guards were honored by Acting Mayor **Mark Clarrocca**, Police Chief **Parizeau**, Detective **Lisa Perotta**, Lt. **Nick Norton**, Sgt. **Gary Moore** and School Superintendent **William Foley**, as well as several of the elementary school principals and PTO presidents. This year three crossing guards, **Marilyn Tammarro**, **Ann Genlot** and **Diane Checchio**, were honored for 20 years of service to the community.

Formerly called the PTC Safety Committee, BRAKES had been dormant until revived and renamed in 1997 by Westfield resident **Sara Clarkson**. This occurred after several serious pedestrian and automobile accidents. Today the group is very active in trying to keep all residents safe on the streets of Westfield.



Pictured from left to right, special award recipients, Marilyn Tammarro, Ann Genlot and BRAKES co-chair Deirdre Gelline.

Dougherty wins diabetes educators' service award

Every year the annual meeting of Garden State Diabetes Educators presents its Distinguished Service Award.

This year's winner was **Allcia Dougherty**, diabetes educator at Hunterdon Medical Center's Diabetes Health Center. For many years, when the



SOMERSET COUNTY

Fabricland networks in D.C.

Interior designer Michael Payne, host of HGTV's "Designing for the Sexes," met with **Bruce Heyman**, owner of Metropolitan Window Fashions at Fabricland of North Plainfield, at a home furnishings trade show held last month in Washington, D.C.

Heyman's store, on Route 22 West, is a member of the Exciting Windows! network, a national brand of custom shop-at-home service, which has been endorsed by Payne.

As a "mediator" in helping men and women solve their decorating dilemmas on his show, Payne's role with Exciting Windows! reflects his own design approach—to promote the network's philosophy of excellent customer service by listening to clients' needs, respecting budgets, providing solutions and delivering beautiful finished products.

Heyman attended the expo to network with the country's top professionals in the interior design field and learn about the latest trends in decorating, sales and service of window fashions including draperies, blinds, shades and shutters.

"Every year I make this conference a priority," he said. "The depth of knowledge and informa-



Michael Payne, left, interior designer and host of HGTV's "Designing for the Sexes," greets Bruce Heyman, owner of Metropolitan Window Fashions at Fabricland of North Plainfield, at a recent home furnishings show in Washington, D.C.

tion presented gives me new tools to better serve our customers."

Heyman manages a staff of 15 shop-at-home decorators at his stores in North Plainfield, Paramus and New York City, whose service provides expertise in the

planning, design and installation of custom-made window fashions, bedding and furniture upholstery.

For more information, visit www.metrowf.com or call (908) 755-4700.

Former staffer writes civil rights memoir

Forrest Clark, a former staffer for the Courier News, has published his latest book, "Civil Rights and the Media," which tells about his years reporting stories in the American South in the 1950s and '60s.

Against a backdrop of violence born of racism, Clark encoun-

tered the Ku Klux Klan and other racist groups in rural Florida. He recounts the story of the murders of Harry T. Moore and his wife in 1951 and the shootings of black prisoners. He witnesses the racial divide in law enforcement and the fear in "the quarters" in Southern towns.

Clark spent 37 years in journalism, many of them in Florida, and ended his career at the Courier News, retiring to Kissimmee, Fla., where he now lives.

"Civil Rights and the Media" is available from Jaybone Publishing Co. for \$10 plus \$1.50 shipping. To order, e-mail B24vet@aol.com.

Hunterdon Harmonizers win division trophy



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RVCC faculty promotions are announced

Several members of the Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) community have received promotions for their hard work and dedication to the college. The Board of Trustees has approved the promotions of the following faculty members, effective July 1.

Stephen Brower of High Bridge—from instructor to assistant professor (Computer Science Department)

Youngjun Choi of Princeton—from instructor to assistant professor (Mathematics Department)

Kevin Hinkle of Asbury Park—from instructor to assistant professor (Communication and Languages Department)

Julie Maginn of Somerville—from instructor to assistant professor (Library)

Andrew Manno of Piscataway—from associate professor to professor (English Department)

Domenick Stampone of Haledon—from instructor to assistant professor (Business and Public Service Department)

Susan Williams of Bridgewater—from instructor to assistant professor (Health Science Education Department)

Parziale honored as distinguished teacher

Janet Parziale of Gillette is one of only 15 teacher candidates recognized as Teacher Candidates of Education Commissioner's Distinguished Teacher Candidates for 2007.

The budding teachers were honored during a recent ceremony at the Department of Education's Judge Robert L. Carter Building in Trenton.

This event culminated the 22nd year of the program.

Parziale received her post-baccalaureate degree and state certification to teach K-12 mathematics in December 2006 and has accepted a position teaching Algebra I and II at North Hunterdon High School in September.