

Upcoming

Youth book discussion group to read 'Liar'

Freddie's Feed and Read, the Jamestown library's book discussion group for children in grades 4 to 6, will meet next on Tuesday, April 1, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Pre-registration for children and their parents is required.

The book for the April 1 meeting is "Notes from a Liar and her Dog," by Gennifer Choldenko.

For lead character Antonia MacPherson, "Ant" to her friends, lying is a way of life. Antonia is the imperfect middle child in what she sees as a very perfect family. Ant feels so out of it that she is sure that she is adopted and that her "real" parents will be coming to get her any day. She and her best friend Hamilton are misfits at school, too. The only affection Ant seems to get is from Hamilton and her dog Pistachio. When her art teacher takes an interest in Ant, changes are inevitable, not only for Ant but for her family, her real family, as well.

To reserve the book and sign up for this new book discussion group, call the library at 423-7280, visit the library's website www.jamestownri.com/library or email the children's librarian at rowenadunlap@gmail.com.

Women's business conference now taking registrations

Registration for the annual Emerging Women in Business conference, set for June 12, will run from April 1 through May 15. Those registering between these dates will be charged a reduced rate of \$15. After May 15, the cost to register is \$30.

The conference is scheduled for 3 to 9 p.m. in Rhode Island College's Gage Hall Auditorium. This year's theme is Seeds for Success, chosen to bring attention to the core functions necessary to own and operate a business.

The registration fee will be used towards scholarships for qualified candidates, as well as give access to attendees to conference materials and workshops; refreshments and a resource guide to starting a business in Rhode Island. People are encouraged to take advantage of early registration by logging onto www.emergingwomen.biz or by calling 351-2999, ext.24.

Stroll to benefit children's cancer fund

The Tomorrow Fund, a local non-profit agency that helps children with cancer, will hold its 6th Annual Stroll on Sunday, April 27, at Garden City Shopping Center in Cranston. Individuals and teams are encouraged to participate in the stroll and collect as many pledges as possible. A minimum donation of \$20 per walker or team member is required. All walkers are asked to pre-register by Friday, April 18. Pre-registered walkers will receive a T-shirt. Trophies will be awarded to the team and individual raising the most money.

Stroll check-in will begin at 9 a.m., with the stroll beginning at 10 a.m. Refreshments and entertainment, including clowns, face painters, and music will follow the stroll.

For more information or to receive a pledge form, call the Tomorrow Fund at 444-8811 or visit www.tomorrowfund.org.

Mozart opera comes to URI theater

One of the best-loved and most-performed operas in the world, Mozart's "The Magic Flute," will be performed for the public by the University of Rhode Island's Opera Workshop at the Kingston campus on Sunday, March 30, at 3p.m.

Bethany Clarke, of Jamestown, is in the cast.

The popular opera, originally written in German, will be performed in the URI Fine Arts Center concert hall, in an English translation by Andrew Porter. The opera will also be presented in an outreach performance for school children in middle school grades on Friday, March 28.

Essentially a fairytale with a convoluted plot about a lost prince

who sets out to rescue the daughter of the Queen of the Night in a mythological time and place, the opera is also full of Masonic symbolism and is an allegory for man's journey into Enlightenment. The work premiered in 1791.

The URI Fine Arts Center is located at 105 Upper College Road in Kingston. Parking is behind the center, off Bills Road. Admission for the opera is \$8 for the general public, \$2 for students, with seating on a first-come basis. The box office opens 45 minutes before the performance. For more information, call the URI Music Department at 874-2431.

Church schedules Holy Week services

On Maundy Thursday, March 20 and Good Friday, March 21, Christ Church in East Greenwich will hold identical tenebrae services, beginning at 7 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, March 23, the church will begin with a sunrise service, led by Ken Bell, at 6:30 a.m., held at the church at 1025 Main St. There will be no child care during this service. Worship celebrations will be at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. held at East Greenwich High School, led by Pastor Lyle Mook. There will be a coffee and fellowship time between services. Child care will be available for children in nursery and preschool. For more information, call 884-8632 or visit the website at www.christchurchec.org.

Diabetes day planned

Rhode Island Hospital will sponsor a Diabetes Awareness Day at the Cranston Senior Center on Saturday, April 5.

The session is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The center is located at 1070 Cranston St., Cranston.

For more information, call 444-4800 or visit www.Lifespan.org.



Jill Meyer, left, the new president of the Quononoquott Garden Club and Joan Vessella, treasurer, discuss the May plant sale.

May 17 is club plant sale date

Planning has begun for Quononoquott Garden Club's spring plant sale set for May 17 at East Ferry from 9 a.m. to noon. May 18 is the rain date.

Each year local gardeners donate perennials which are gently dug and potted by club members and then sold at a reasonable cost at the sale. At least a thousand healthy native plants are sold each year.

If anyone would like to thin out their perennials, call Linda Warner at 423-1278 to make an appointment for a team to come to the property to dig. Digging will begin on May 1. Unusual perennials are always welcome, as are small trees and shrubs.

Proceeds from this sale fund the many civic beautification projects the club oversees. An ongoing project, "Daffodil Daze" has seen club members plant thousands of daffodils around the island over the past twenty years. The Narragansett Avenue barrels filled with summer annuals and winter greens are planted by the club's members.

In addition to the island-grown perennials, the club will sell vibrant geraniums, specialty annuals and hanging baskets.

A seasoned gardener will be on hand to assist any child who would like to plant sunflower seeds in small grow pots.

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