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Main Line News in Brief

American Girl Fashion Show
to raise money for charity

Around 2,000 mothers, daughters, grandmothers, aunts and friends are expected to attend the sixth annual American Girl Fashion Show at the Waterford at the Radisson Hotel Valley Forge, 1160 First Ave., King of Prussia.

There will be one show March 7, two shows March 8, and three shows March 9.

The fund-raiser, organized by the Saturday Club, a Wayne nonprofit and women's club established in 1886, will benefit the Saturday Club Fund for Children and Dragonfly Forest Inc., which offers children with chronic or life-threatening illnesses the opportunity to enjoy a free overnight camp experience.

The club's previous American Girl fashion shows have raised more than \$400,000 for charities.

Each year, more than 200 local children model the fashions from the American Girl books, which feature fictional young heroines who lived during important times in U.S. history, such as the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, and the Great Depression.

The fashion shows include a meal and refreshments, party favors, and door prizes. Special souvenirs and merchandise will be available, as well as raffle chances to win American Girl prizes, with a special grand prize of an overnight trip for two to American Girl Place in New York City.

Tickets are \$35. For ticket information, contact the club's American Girl hotline at 610-687-9975 or visit www.saturdayclub.org.

Delco exhibit honors

local Olympic medalists

The Delaware County Athletes Hall of Fame is presenting two exhibits honoring county residents who have participated in the Olympics.

The exhibits highlight 17 medal winners, including Ted Meredith, a graduate of what was Media High School, who won two track-and-field gold medals in 1912, and Brendan Hansen, a Haverford High School graduate who won gold, silver and bronze medals in swimming in 2004.

The exhibits will be on display tomorrow through Sept. 1 at the Delaware County Historical Society's museum on the Avenue of the States at Fourth Street in Chester, and at Delaware County's Brandywine Conference and Visitors Bureau on Route 202 and Beaver Valley Road in Chadds Ford.

For times, call the museum at 610-359-0826 or the visitors bureau at 610-565-3679.

For other information, contact Jim Vankoski at bvankoski@hotmail.com or 610-909-4919, or visit www.delcohalloffame.org.

U. Merion gives residents deeper look at township

Upper Merion Township will begin its first Township Academy, a free opportunity for Upper Merion residents to learn about their local government, next week.

Classes will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. for 10 weeks, March 3 and run through May 5, and include an in-depth view of all township departments and a tour of facilities and landmarks.

All classes will be at the Township Building. Refreshments will be served.

Enrollment is offered on a first-come basis. To apply or request more information, call Sally Slook at 610-265-2600, Ext. 222.

A copy of the application is on www.umtownship.org. Applications can be faxed to 610-265-0482 or mailed to Slook at the Upper Merion Township Building, 175 W. Valley Forge Rd, King of Prussia, Pa. 19406.

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