

Eye On Campus

DELCO THON HOLDS CHARITY YARD SALE

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Even rain didn't put a damper on the donations and sales when Penn State Delaware County's THON organization held a yard sale in the Tomezko Building on October 11. The sale was organized by Alyce DiLauro, chairperson of PSU Delco THON, and Brett Billingsley, a member of THON.

There were many interesting items being sold at THON's yard sale. Some of the items up for sale included sports cards, a Kansas City Chiefs Joe Montana, Philadelphia Eagles star Mike Quick jerseys, baseball grill kit (included skewer, spatula, and two baseball shaped salt and pepper shakers), a few coloring pads, puzzles, a bake sheet, plug-in dual-fan,

and a wireless weather station.

THON members made sure to give back to their organization as well and had a great time doing so. Member Ashley Wood sold Matthew Kelly, another ardent member of THON, a Philadelphia Phillies bean bag pillow for \$3.

"It's for the kids!" she told him playfully. "I know!" he replied back with a huge smile.

Wood also sold a puzzle to event coordinator Brett Billingsley and declared that she was on a selling spree. Not only did she sell those two items, Wood also sold a friend's necklace to a customer for a whopping \$12. Even random donations came in at the time with someone passing on a five dollar bill to the cause "just for the heck of it".

As the yard sale came to a close, many people were becoming interested in buying items and sales quickened.

DiLauro was satisfied with the outcome, especially since the only advertisement was word of mouth. According to DiLauro, THON's two biggest contributors of items were Natalie Camponille and Rebecca Olley, who brought in brought in at least five boxes of things to sell. DiLauro was unsure whether the yard sale will become an annual event.

"Perhaps," she said. "We didn't know how the campus would react to a yard sale, but it went fairly well for our first time. In the future, it may become even bigger."

If THON holds another yard sale next year, DiLauro said that she would change a couple of things, such as having a committee established for the planning of the

sale and to make sure that the advertising for the event was better.

THON is an organization that raises money for children's pediatrics and to help children afflicted with cancer. Penn State has teamed up with the Hershey Medical Center and the Four Diamonds Fund, donating a portion of the money to help find a cure for pediatric cancer, and the rest is allocated to the Four Diamonds Fund, which helps cover the cost for medical expenses, travel accommodations, families' appointments, and any other costs that the child bears for having the cancer.

THON's next event is a volleyball tournament on the 14th of November.

Painting a Lion with Kathy Dobash

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Since the kickoff event, all the 40th Anniversary-related events have been a great success. Currently, our Penn State Delaware County campus has been working on the "Paint a Lion" project as a part of the anniversary. The heavy white resin lions, about 3 1/2 by 2' and weighing about 15 lbs, were distributed on Penn State Day, October 20th, to a variety of artists and organizations. The lions will be painted and when completed, they will be exhibited around the campus and the community, all culminating into the 40th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, May 10th 2008, where they will be auctioned to benefit the Penn State Delaware County Scholarship Fund.

One of the Lion-painters that is part of this event is Kathy Dobash. Currently residing in Hazelton, Pennsylvania, Dobash, also known as "Beauty Flower Poem", was more than happy to take on this project with enthusiasm and pride. Being a Penn State Alumna herself, it was not long before Kathy heard about the "Paint a Lion" event here at DelCo, and decided immediately that she wanted to be a part of it.

"I believe in artist involvement with community projects," says Dobash. "I like this idea that was the brain-child of Connie Kirker. The concept of all participants becoming winners in this event...the Lions all go to some charity. The businesses and artists involved receive some very well-deserved publicity. It is a great example of community cooperation."

Dobash is also an involved member of the Women's Caucus for Art (WCA) of the Philadelphia chapter. According to the chapter's website, this organization, founded in 1972 in connection with

the College Art Association (CAA), is a national organization unique in its multidisciplinary, multicultural membership of artists, art historians, students /educators, and museum professionals. As a member of WCA, she works to support their mission statement and their activities, such as educating others about the contributions of women artists, the inclusion of women in the history of art, and respect for all individuals without discrimination.



Kathy Dobash with her painted lion - Photo courtesy of Kathy Dobash

In the process of painting her lion and being apart of the "Paint a Lion" event, Dobash has come to express her support for the project even more. "I support higher education and giving scholarships to deserving students," Dobash remarks. She believes that not only is the entire project beneficial for the campus, faculty and staff, but the project is also a memorable experience for the students.

"I appreciated money awards I received for academic achievement when I was a student at Penn State. I like the idea that the students are involved with assisting Connie (Kirker). They have a chance to learn from the leaders in the community."

Penn State pride seems to be present in other members of the Dobash family besides Kathy. Her brother, Tim Dobash, a Penn State Alum as well, was a co-owner of a business in State College.

"He supported that area and loved Penn State", she explains. "Tim passed away in June 2005 but I will always honor his memory." Her mother, Marie Dobash, was also a devout Penn Stater, especially with Penn State football. "My mother especially loved Joe Paterno. She followed the games and the team's progress," she remembers fondly. Marie Dobash believed that Penn State University was the best place for her children to attend college and she was very proud of them.

Sadly, Marie Dobash passed away on May 17, 2007. "We enjoyed painting together the last two years of her life," says Dobash.

Dobash also has three paintings presented as a part of the North Mountain Art League exhibit in Representative David Millard's offices. Her three paintings, which are a combination of watercolor and collage, are entitled "No Tears", "Fallen", and "Fears", and are part of Kathy's book, *I Have No Arms*. The book is a collection of eight poems that concentrate on the recovery process from traumatic experiences. Her work will be displayed for two months in each of the offices located in Harrisburg, Bloomsburg, and Berwick. There will also be a reception held on November 7, 2007 at Representative Millard's office on Bloomsburg, 605 West Main Street at 6pm. A sampling of the poetry in her book can be found on Kathy's website, www.myspace.com/kathydobash.

With her beautifully painted lion completed, Dobash is still looking forward to the upcoming 40th Anniversary events here at Penn State Delaware County. For more information on purchasing, sponsoring, and painting a lion, please visit the campus website, <http://www.de.psu.edu> or contact Connie Kirker, by email cxk13@psu.edu or by phone 215-629-1078, for details and deadlines.