

Darlee Straub Heads Dauphin County Farm Women

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MILLERSBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Darlee Straub heads 14 societies with 274 members of the Society of Farm Women in Dauphin County.

"The ladies (members) are great," Darlee said. "I've been a member for 34 years. If I didn't enjoy it, I wouldn't be in it so long."

Darlee's affiliation with Farm Women began in 1958, when a neighbor asked her to join the Society. At first, Darlee was hesitant. She was pregnant with her second child and thought she was too busy for monthly meetings. Encouraged to attend a meeting, Darlee did. Right from the beginning, she was impressed with the camaraderie of the members and the learning experiences that are available in the programs.

"There is always something new to learn at the conventions," Darlee said. She also finds fulfillment in helping her society with projects for local state schools and hospital for the mentally ill.

She said, "I'll never forget the first time our Society entertained patients at the Selingsgrove School and Hospital. The children and adults enjoy it so much. It's rewarding to help."

Annually, the Farm Women

members help at the Harrisburg State Hospital Street Fair. The members make cupcakes for the crowd. Patients participate in a cake walk in order to win cupcakes for a prize. The hospital encourages Farm Women members to mingle with the patients.

Members also make hospital kits for the State Hospital. These kits include personal care items donated with money earned by Farm Women's county projects.

Members also donate money monthly to guests at Susquehanna Lutheran Village to help with postage and incidentals needed.

Each of the 14 societies in Dauphin County holds its fundraisers. The society that Darlee belongs to holds an annual Stanley party. Every year, members have also held square dances in a local school, but the school was sold recently and now the members can no longer afford to pay the increased rental fees.

Darlee has held every office in the society. She did not really want to be installed as county president, but, said Darlee, "The twins Mary Pankake and Martha Reed (former presidents) twisted my arm."

Nevertheless, Darlee isn't complaining. She said, "The twins have been a big help. We will be deciding projects at the next meeting."

The Straubs formerly lived on a dairy farm, but then moved off the farm in 1961. They live on 39 acres in Millersburg but do not farm the land.

The Straubs have been married 35 years. They have three children, and three grandchildren.

Darlee works as secretary-treasurer for the township. It's a job she does in her home so it allows her a flexible schedule for Farm Women activities and for her involvement with her church, United Church of Christ.

"We purchased a motor home, and it's the love of our lives," Darlee said. Some of the places the couple has visited are 11 southern states, the New England states and Canada. They have been to Hawaii, Alaska, and Bermuda. They hope to go west on their next trip.

About 18 months ago, Darlee's husband, Marlin, became ill with viral encephalitis. Although he recovered, he is now suffering with side effects.

Because of her husband's illness, Darlee is now limited in attending many of the county conventions across the state. She said, "I enjoy every convention. They have so many different features and it's interesting to see the various counties handle their conventions."

Here is one of her favorite recipes. It's a Greek dish that brings many raves.

MOUSAKA

- 2 eggplants
- 6 tablespoons oil
- 3 tablespoons butter



Darlee Straub is president of Dauphin County Farm Women.

- 3 cups hot milk
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 2 cups chopped tomatoes,
- 2 tablespoons oregano or basil
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- Salt and pepper to taste.
- Slice and salt eggplant; brown in oil, and drain on a paper towel.


While eggplant is cooling, brown ground meat with onion, sugar, salt and pepper and basil or oregano.

Add chopped tomatoes when meat is almost browned.

Make a white sauce with butter, flour, milk, and cheese. Layer eggplant and ground beef mixture and pour white sauce over top. Heat in 350 degree oven for about 20 minutes or until mixture bubbles.

For an ice cream cake akin to those fancy versions from your local ice cream shop, nestle a layer of softened peppermint ice cream

between two layers of pound cake. Frost with sweetened whipped cream and decorate with crushed peppermint candies.



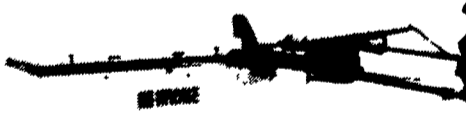
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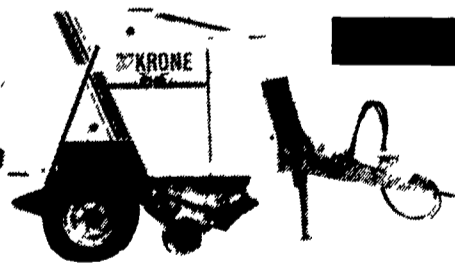
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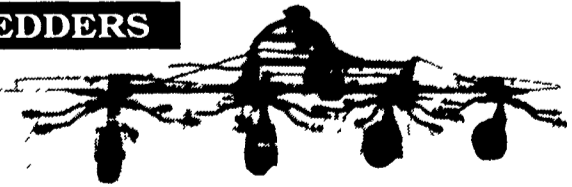



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