



Mrs. Gosart's Cancer Group

Dressing group celebrates 15 years of service

Some people celebrate Christmas on the traditional day in December, while some follow the Julian Calendar and celebrate in January. However, Mrs. Gosart's Cancer Dressing Group had good reason to hold their celebration on Jan. 13th. The reason for this was that Mrs. Gosart had to be with her son out of town because he was having an operation...and naturally, they wouldn't have a party without her!

Mrs. Gosart's Cancer Group was organized 15 years ago by Mrs. Charles Gosart when she read in the Dallas Post that volunteers were needed to make surgical dressings for cancer patients. Mrs. Gosart and her husband ran a grocery store right next to Hall's Pharmacy in Shavertown. She felt she was in the business too much, and not only needed some relaxation, she felt she ought to "do something" for others.

So she got together with 14 other women in the Back Mountain Library and they made it a point to meet every month for a morning to do dressings. Just like the old-time quilting bees,

the "girls" gossiped (nicely, of course), shared recipes, humor, and confidences. But while they talked, the work got done, and according to Mrs. Gosart's records (she keeps a little book showing attendance from the very first meeting), they've made thousands of dressings in 15 years. (They had two large plastic bags full the day of the party.)

They moved around a bit, meeting first one place and then another, until they were invited several years ago to use the basement at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Shavertown.

They have also donated their time for other services, like working with the Girl Scouts, the Firemen's Auxiliary, like keeping a patient they knew supplied with dressings, and stuffing envelopes for the cancer unit.

They've never been known as anything but "Mrs. Gosart's Cancer Dressing Group," even though they've expanded their membership to 20 women, four of whom started with the original group.

Customarily they work from 9 a.m. to noon, then they serve lunch cooked by the women. They invite older women (sometimes shut-ins) to attend their luncheon.

The lunch they prepared (and all help) for the Christmas party included breast of chicken, rice with gravy, peas, cole slaw, homemade cranberry sauce, and rolls. There were two kinds of homemade cake, homeroasted peanuts and walnuts, homemade candy and chocolates in foil. There was tea and coffee, and laughter and affection, and it was a thoroughly delightful luncheon. (Two staff members of the Luzerne County Unit of the American Cancer Society—Sylvia Cutler and Robert Hartzell—were guests, along with the Rev. Lynn Rothrock, pastor of the church.)

The women were lively and vivacious, despite the fact that few were younger than 60, and one was 86 and one was 90. All are active women, participating in this and many other activities. When Mrs. Gosart pointed out to the reporter which one was 70, who was

80, which one broke two wrists, which was in an automobile accident, which suffered from poor health, the reporter couldn't believe it. All were attractively and youthfully dressed; all wore their hair stylishly arranged; wrinkles were at a minimum, and smiles prevailed. And all were proud of their achievements and their active lives!

Mrs. Gosart has lived an active life herself, helping her husband Charles to run the grocery store (he is now retired), and raising a family. Her son, Charles, Jr., runs a golf course at Sweet Valley; Walter works at the state store at the Dallas Shopping Center; one daughter is the wife of Ben Garrity of Hunlocks Creek, and they run a grocery store. They have three boys, John, Walter and James Allen.

Among the lively ladies of the group are Vivian Woodling, Judy McFarland, Leonea Watkins, Harriet Stahl, Clara Eckert, Emma Hart, Alvena Dorneman, Bernice Kitchen, Edna T. Johnson, Jane Lightcap, Ann Reiley, Minnie Hazeltine, Floreene Kast, Ruth Houser, Letha

Crist, MacAvoy named

Two students from Dallas Senior High School have been selected to play in district band at Honesdale, Pa. on Jan. 29, 30 and 31.

Ann Crist will play french horn. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Crist, Shavertown. Thomas MacAvoy plays alto sax. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Sheldon MacAvoy, Main St., Shavertown.

The students took an individual try-out Nov. 4, 1975 to qualify for the honor band. They will stay in Honesdale for Thursday, Friday and Saturday and present a public concert Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Honesdale High School.



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CUB DONUTS-Cub Pack 241 of Lehman sold 875 dozen donuts in recent weeks to raise funds for their February Blue and Gold Banquet and spring upcoming spring trip. Donut salesmen pictured above included (left to right) first row, Tony Sayre, Bill Straitiff, James Potts, and Curtis Lameroux; second row, Rafe Acera, Joseph Potts, and Stacey Loss; and third row Hank Leech, Danny Askew and John Corbett.

Spaulding, Ruth Poynton, Harriet Durbin, Eileen Marth, Ann Wagner, Arline Trimble and Pearl Gosart.

Lehman Twp. Bicen group elects officers

The Lehman Township Bicentennial Council met Jan. 19 at the Lehman Fire Hall, Mrs. Judith Dawe, chairperson, presiding.

The following officers were elected--vice-chairperson-Anthony Marchakitus; secretary-George Stolarick; and treasurer-Mrs. Barbara Simms.

Chairperson Judy Dawe announced the following committee heads: religious activities, Rev. Robert W. Harris; fire companies, aux., & ambulance, Rollant Ritts; school, Mrs. Avis Kocher; community at large, Mrs. Dorothy Steele; floats, Richard Derby; history, Thomas Rogers; student co-ordinator, Leo Pall; police & traffic control, William Russell; Pennsylvania State Univ. liaison, Prof. Walter Royal; scouting organizations, Mrs. Edna Yatsko; variety show, Mrs. Shirley Mahle; name the weekend contest, Mrs. Barbara Simms; and

Horizons '76, Kathy Gregory.

The Bicentennial Community Application was completed and returned to the Luzerne County Bicentennial Commission.

May 14, 15, and 16, 1976 was designated as the

bicentennial weekend for entire community participation.

Individual committees will meet prior to the next meeting. Anyone interested in serving, or contributing to the work of any of these committees, please contact the

chairperson. This provides an opportunity for the people of the smallest village or town to become participants, not merely spectators.

Next meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Lehman Fire Hall.

Library Club hears Townend

The Back Mountain Memorial Library Book Club met Monday afternoon, Jan. 19 in the board room of the First Eastern Bank in Dallas, with Mrs. Dana Crump presiding. The minutes were read by Mrs. George Jenkins. Mrs. Arthur Dungey was elected to fill the office of Treasurer, following acceptance of the resignation of Mrs. Warren Koehl. Dues for 1976 are now payable.

Mrs. Crump introduced the speaker, Mrs. Frank Townend, of the Wide Awake Book Shop of

Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. Townend brought a variety of new books to show the club members; among them several cookbooks; "Angels" by Billy Graham; a biography of Katherine Hepburn, "Kate" by Charles HJigham, and a beautiful "History of the Theatre" by Charles HJigham, and a beautiful "History of the Theatre" by Charles HJigham.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Grace Martin and Miss Frances Linskill. Members are reminded that the next two meetings, February and March, will be held in the First Eastern Bank building in the Dallas Village Shopping Center.

Sr. Citizens announce plans for coming week

Several special events are scheduled for the Dallas Senior Citizen Center, United Service Agency, in coming weeks.

On Monday, Feb. 2 the monthly pinocle party will take place. Reservations must be in by Friday Jan. 30.

Reservations for the Valentine Party must be in before Feb. 5. The event is a catered dinner at the center with music by Frank Rosavage for dancing and listening.

Reservations also are being taken for the Hawaii trip. A deposit of \$100 must accompany reservations.

The center has started taking reservations for a trip to New York to see the musical "Shenandoah." It received the best musical of the year award.

The craft class is starting work on tile craft. Anyone interested in this craft is welcome to come to this class.

Membership cards are available at the center. Seeds will be available about March 1. Names may be submitted to hold the seeds.

Roger Sherman on dean's list

Roger E. Sherman, Hamilton Road, Dallas, is among eight students from Pennsylvania named to the dean's list at St. Lawrence University for academic achievement during the 1975 fall term.

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