

# Jane Opalicki likes to use her baking talent

by Joan Kingsbury  
The Christmas season is the time when Jane Opalicki likes to use her baking talent to create a variety of holiday delights.

Jane's recipe for Almond Bars makes a nice and easy holiday cookie. A mixture of brown sugar, coconut, walnuts and almond extract is poured over a baked crust. Bake Almond Bars for 20 minutes longer. When bars are cool, frost them with an icing flavored with almond extract.

For something a little different serve Jane's Cherry Blossom Dessert to your holiday guests. Combine margarine, flour, baking soda, salt and chopped nuts. Pat two thirds of this mixture into a pan, top with cherry pie filling then sprinkle with remaining crumbs. According to Jane, this dessert is delicious when served with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

If your family enjoys eating chicken, but you have run out of ways to prepare this versatile poultry, Jane suggests her recipe for Country Style Chicken. Chicken is dipped into melted butter, then rolled in bread crumbs seasoned with basil, oregano leaves and garlic salt. When chicken has baked to a golden brown, add chopped green onions and parsley to remaining butter. Pour butter sauce over chicken and bake for three to five minutes more.

If holiday shopping has you pressed for time and you don't know what to make for dinner, try

Jane's Ground Beef Casserole. The ingredients can be combined and placed in a two quart casserole dish. When ready to make dinner just pop it in the oven for 20 to 25 minutes.

A native of Kunkle, Jane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvert Birnstock. Her husband, John is the son of Mrs. Theresa Opalicki of Fernbrook. Both Jane and John attended Dallas Schools.

Residents of Haddonfield Hills in Dallas, the Opalickis are parents of two sons. Jamie, who is 11 years old, is a sixth grader at Dallas Intermediate School. A true sportsman, Jamie plays baseball, football and basketball. Last summer Jamie was a member of the Dallas Dodgers Little League team. Starting quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys mini football team, Jamie and his teammates were champions this year. Now that basketball season is upon us, Jamie has turned his interest towards that sport. John coached baseball and football and is now helping to coach the basketball team.

Christopher, age 7, attends Dallas Township Elementary School. Chris is in Mrs. Scott's first grade class.

Jane is vice-president of the Kunkle United Methodist Joy Class. She is a member of her neighborhood's craft club. This year Jane served as chairman of the Haddonfield Hills Homeowners Association Christmas Party. Jane is an employee of the Dallas Post, working in the production

department. Her hobbies include knitting and crocheting, horseback riding, and working with string art. Jane was also a member of a baseball team last summer.

## COUNTRY STYLE CHICKEN

- two thirds c. butter
- 1/2 c. fine bread crumbs
- 2 T. grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 t. basil leaves
- 1 t. oregano leaves
- 1/2 t. garlic salt
- 1/4 t. salt

Remove skin from chicken before coating. Melt butter. Combine bread crumbs, cheese, basil, oregano, garlic salt and salt. Dip chicken in butter, then into crumbs to coat. Place skin side up in an ungreased 9" square baking dish. Bake at 375 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes. Meanwhile, add onion and parsley to remaining butter. When chicken is golden, pour butter sauce over it and return to oven for 3 to 5 minutes.

## GROUND BEEF CASSEROLE

- 4 oz. macaroni
- 1/4 c. diced gr. pepper
- 1-1lb. can tomatoes (chopped)
- 1/8 t. oregano
- 1/2 lb. gr. beef
- 1/4 c. chopped onion
- 2 t. flour
- 1-8 oz. can tomato sauce
- 1/2 c. grated cheddar cheese
- 1/8 t. pepper

Prepare macaroni. Brown meat, onion and green peppers. Add flour, tomatoes and tomato sauce. Cook until thick. Add cheese and seasonings. Mix with macaroni. Bake in a two-quart covered casserole dish for 20 to 25 minutes at 375 degrees.

## ALMOND BARS

- 1 c. flour
- 1/4 lb. butter
- 2 T. 10x sugar
- Make like crumb crust and pat in the bottom of a pan. Bake for 10 minutes at 350 degrees.
- 1 1/4 c. brown sugar
- 2 T. flour
- 1 t. baking powder
- pinch salt
- 1/2 c. coconut
- 1 c. walnuts
- 2 eggs
- 1 t. almond extract

Beat eggs, mix then add brown sugar, flour, salt, baking powder. Add coconut, nuts and flavoring. Beat well. Spread mixture on already baked crust. Bake for 20 minutes at 350

degrees or until brown. Cool and frost.

## ICING

- 1 T. butter
- 2 c. 10x sugar
- 3 T. milk
- 1 t. almond extract

Combine ingredients and spread on almond bars.

## CHERRY BLOSSOM DESSERT

- 3/4 c. margarine or butter

- two thirds c. flour
- 1/2 t. baking soda
- 1/2 t. salt
- 3/4 c. chopped nuts
- 1 can cherry pie filling

Cream margarine or butter. Add sugar and blend well. Sift dry ingredients and stir into creamed mixture. Add nuts and mix well. Place

two thirds of mixture in a 12x8x2" or 13x9" pan. Press down. Spread with cherry pie filling and sprinkle with remaining crumb mixture. Press down gently. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Cut into squares. When cool serve topped with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.



Jane Opalicki

## HL Historical Society sets organizational dates

The interim officers of the Harvey's Lake Historical Society plan an organization meeting on Dec. 12, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., at the Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company. The purpose of this meeting is to register men and women as active members in the historical society and members to serve on the board of directors.

Application for the charter is in progress. Persons attending the meeting will have an opportunity to sign as charter members. A talk will be given by Sandra Serhan, founder and interim president, regarding the plans of the society, its benefits, and capabilities. She will be assisted by Mrs. Peter Savage, interim vice-president, and Mrs. Joseph Van Loon, secretary.

Plans have been made for a charter dinner on Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. The evening will feature a cocktail hour, followed by a roast beef dinner, presentation of the charter, and open discussion. The climax of the evening will be a slide presentation of Harvey's Lake in the early 1900's. A barber shop quartet also will perform.

This dinner is open to the public. Ticket reservations are available by calling Sandra Serhan at 639-5875. The dinner will be held at the Harvey's Lake Hotel. Miss Serhan invited anyone who has information which they feel is of historical significance, such as old photos, post cards, or other memorabilia to call her.



CORRECT MAKEUP--Demonstrating the correct application of makeup is Ms. Debi at the Hair and Skin Care Special sponsored by Ms. Mary Taylor and Staff for the benefit of the American Heart Association. The event was at the Castle Inn, Dallas.

## Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nicely and son, Robert, have returned to the area, after Nicely's retirement from the Air Force as a 20-year career man.

Nicely is presently a pharmacy technician at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. The Nicely's are residing in Shavertown.

Mr. and Mrs. James Berlien of Dallas have moved back to their native state of Indiana. Their new address will be 4626 Trierwood Park Drive, Fort Wayne, Ind.

David Voelker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Voelker, Shavertown, recently received his M.S. degree in marine and environmental science from C.W. Post College, Long Island University. Voelker is presently employed by U.S. Geological Survey in Mt. Vernon, Ill.



BRAIDING--The art of braiding hair is demonstrated by Mrs. Daryl at the American Heart Association Benefit program at the Castle Inn recently. The Hair and Skin Care Special was sponsored by ms. Mary Taylor.

One great use of words is to hide our thoughts. Voltaire

As a hawk flieeth not high with one wing, even so a man reacheth not to excellence with one tongue. Askam

What would the science of language be without missions. Max Muller

## CCM's Children's Christmas party planned Dec. 11

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers of Holy Trinity Parish, Swoyersville, met recently in the school auditorium, Hughes St., Swoyersville. Mrs. Madeline Barush

presided and led the Confraternity prayers. Reports were given by officers and committee heads. The St. Gerard Committee for December is Mrs. Rita Sabadish and Mrs. Antoinette Dom-

broski, For January, 1980, Mrs. Dolores Tomchak and Mrs. Madeline Barush will serve on the Committee.

Mrs. Rita Sabadish, co-chairman of the Christmas Party and investiture of new members, which is scheduled for Saturday evening, Dec. 8, after the 6:30 p.m. mass, reminded members to assemble in the school at 6 p.m.

The Children's Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 11. A spaghetti dinner will be served to the students and faculty. Volunteers are needed and asked to report to the school on Monday evening, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. and on Tuesday morning at 9 a.m.

The students will present their annual Christmas party on Sunday afternoon, Dec.

16, at 2 p.m. at the school auditorium. The public is invited.

The date for the annual quilt bingo, sponsored by the C.C.M., has been scheduled for Sunday, March 16, 1980.

Refreshments were served by the seventh grade and graduate mothers, with Mrs. Frances Krajnak and Mrs. Betsy Evanoski

acting as chairman and co-chairman.

Sixth grade and graduate mothers will host the Jan. 27 meeting, with Mrs. Evelyn Hagen as chairman and Mrs. Marie Tofani, co-chairman.

Msgr. Michael C. Polcha, pastor, is moderator of the society and Mrs. Madeline Barush, president.

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