

# People

## Misericordia students honored

Twelve College Misericordia students have been selected for the 1984 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, according to Sr. Martha Hanlon, College Misericordia Dean of Students.

Congratulations to Germaine Riccardo, Mary Beth Kollesar, Maurita Benjamin, Theresa Kozloski, Sue Browning, Kimberly Clark, Mary El Conaty, Mary Ann Walsh, Julie Washcalus, Sheila Finn, Liza Wood, Kenneth Wolensky.

## Be sincere when writing thank-yous

Christmas presents have been opened, and the sweater from Aunt Minnie is perfect. The home-baked goods sent over from the next-door neighbors were the hit of Christmas breakfast and the twins adore the sled grandpa picked out.

The holiday season is one in which the expression, "It's more blessed to give than to receive," is joyfully demonstrated. It's also appropriate that the sender's generosity be remembered in a thank-you note.

"It's important that the thank-you be conveyed as soon as possible following the giver's kindness," says Larry Salvaggio, product manager for stationery at American Greetings. "But too often sending the note is delayed because the receiver just doesn't know what to write."

Salvaggio offers the following hints that make sending a thank-you note easier:

Write the note within a few days of the receipt of the gift, while details are still fresh in your mind.

Describe the moment when the gift was received. Tell the person who sent the gift how you felt when you opened it.

Explain how the gift will be used - and be specific. Let Aunt Minnie know the first occasion when the sweater will be worn, for example.

Put a note about what the gift meant to you, or mention how it reflects the giver's personality. Try something like, "Only you would have known that we'd be up all night Christmas Eve wrapping presents, and I'd be too tired to cook a fancy breakfast. But thanks to the breads you sent, the morning was perfect for everyone - including me!"

Set the gift in front of you to nudge a comment or two describing it. "It looks like a sled, Grandpa, but it sounds like laughter. I can see the twins from the window right now and they're having the times of their lives."

Personalize the thank-you note with a photograph of the gift as it is opened or is being used by the receiver.

Sincerity and originality are the keys to writing a thank-you note," says Salvaggio. "And it will make the person who gave you the gift as happy as you were when you opened it."



## Kiwanis entertains

The Dallas Kiwanis Club recently held its annual Christmas party for the residents of the Winters Nursing Home, Dallas. Gifts were distributed and refreshments were served. The Meadowlarks are shown here as they provide entertainment for the evening. Kiwanis members shown in the background of the photo are, from left, Paul Selingo, chairman; Walter Kozemchak, George McCutcheon and Robert Dolbear.

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## PSU donates gifts

Holiday gifts from the faculty and staff of Penn State Wilkes-Barre were presented to the Association for Retarded Citizens of Luzerne County for distribution to residents of the White Haven Center. Shown here, from left, are Joan Thomas, secretary at the Lehman campus; Ellen Campbell, president of ARC; and Dorothy Williams, secretary.



## Make someone's day

A personal visit - perhaps the most meaningful "gift" we can present to an elderly relative or friend during the holidays is demonstrated by, from left, Judy LaPore, College Misericordia student; Mrs. Hilda Laning and her son, Louis Laning, during a recent Christmas party at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

## Pay a visit

To many of our elderly citizens the holidays are frequently synonymous with loneliness and depression, according to Ray Condo, Executive Director of Ecumenical Enterprises, Inc. - a local non-profit corporation that owns and manages the Meadows Nursing Center and several elderly housing projects.

In a recent interview, Mr. Condo noted that most residents of nursing homes are in their 80s and 90s, while many elderly who reside in independent housing are in their 70s or older. Many of their friends may have died, and some of their children, themselves advanced in age, may already have passed away or are no longer able to visit frequently or easily.

EEI has issued a holiday message to the public urging them to "visit an old friend or loved one" during the holiday season.

Most of these people, Mr. Condo commented, will consider the visit itself as the true "gift". However, if you feel that some tangible gift is in order, the Executive Director suggested that the more practical the gift to the older friend the better.

Some recommendations, as pooled from the EEI management staff, could include all-occasion greeting cards, 20 cent stamps, magnifying glasses, shaving items (excluding safety razors), pajamas or nightgowns, hair nets, stockings (no pantyhose), or subscriptions to magazines or book clubs that offer large-print type items for reading.

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