

People



DEAR "AUNT PATTY"



A case of 'mistaken identity'

DEAR AUNT PATTY:
Help! I have a problem with which I need your assistance. You see, Aunt Patty, I too have a college degree, writing and counseling experience, and a teaching background, and I, like you, have experience as a wife, mother and working woman. To top it off, I too have recently joined the staff of The Dallas Post. The only difference between us seems to be in the area of common sense...

But — to get to the heart of the matter, many of my acquaintances (and members of my family) think that I am Aunt Patty! How anyone could look at my always futile and usually chaotic attempts to deal with our three teenagers and still think that I could possibly give advice to anyone is beyond me, but apparently they do, so I'm writing to enlist your aid.

I have begged and pleaded with our dear editor to relinquish your name to me with no avail. I've even requested that she headline this week's edition with "Mistaken Identity" but she laughs at my suggestion!

Perhaps you can offer a suggestion that will help. Hurry! Sign me, Distraught in Dallas and use my name...

JUDIE MATHERS

DEAR JUDIE:
Hopefully, now that everyone has read your letter, they will realize that you are not Aunt Patty. I'm sorry for the "mistaken identity" but I guess it was just a matter of coincidence that you and I both started working for The Post at the same time.

To our readers — Judie Mathers is not "Aunt Patty" but rather a reporter for The Dallas Post.

DEAR AUNT PATTY:
I have a problem with a co-worker in my office. She is very negative about everything in sight.

I have a happy attitude, but I'm slowly losing it. No matter what you say to this person, she finds a problem with it.

My question is how do I deal with this negative spirited person? Nothing seems to work.

JOLLY MOLLY

DEAR JOLLY MOLLY:
Ignore her. You have no obligation to deal with irrational negative people.

DEAR AUNT PATTY:
I'm a 34 year old married mother of three children ages: 14, 13 and 9.

I have to constantly keep after my family to get them to help out, my husband included. I work full time — not by choice, but out of necessity. How do I make them realize they must help out on a continuous basis without me telling, nagging and reminding them?

DISGRUNTLED IN DALLAS

DEAR DISGRUNTLED:
Instead of telling, nagging, and reminding, try asking and suggesting. Don't hand your children everything they desire. Let them know the thrill of earning and the joy of deserving. Have a heart-to-heart talk with your husband, not a frontal attack. Discuss amiably the ways of sharing the household responsibilities. Believe me - it won't happen overnight.

DEAR AUNT PATTY:
We bought a house on a beautiful

lake last year. It has always been our dream. A place where my husband can fish when he pleases with privacy.

It seems fishermen have the run of the lake before the summer residents come in. My objection is that they seem to have no regard for private property. They think they have a right to walk in any dock or property to get to the water. When approached, their attitude is one of "We've always fished on this land."

I wouldn't mind if they employed good manners, by asking permission but they act as if they own it all.

Where are these outdoor people when it is time to paint the dock, the lawn needs mowing, the taxes are due and when the mortgage payment needs to be made?

I would like your advice, Aunt Patty, on a method of dealing with them in good taste.

NAME ME DUCK LOVER

DEAR DUCK LOVER:
Most lakes have specific areas for the public to use. Check local laws to determine if the fishermen are allowed to fish from your property. If not, put up No Trespassing and Private signs. Then if the signs are politely ignored, you can politely call the police.

("Dear Aunt Patty" is a local column, offering advice and answers to our readers' questions. Send your letter to "Dear Aunt Patty," c/o The Dallas Post, P.O. Box 366, Dallas, Pa., 18612, and watch for an answer to your letter.)



Viewing print

Shown viewing a Zeller print that will be on display at an art show and sale sponsored by the Junior League of Wilkes-Barre are, from left, Mrs. David Davis, advisor; Ken Marquis, gallery proprietor; Mrs. Frederick Levy, Mrs. Richard Rosenthal and Mrs. William Camp.

Junior League plans art show, sale

In celebration of National Volunteer Week and in support of its newly established infant and toddler car seat program, the Junior League of Wilkes-Barre has announced an art show and sale to be held on Saturday, April 27, and Sunday, April 28, at the Marquis Art Gallery, 122 South Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Chairpeople of the event are Mrs. William Camp, Dallas, and Mrs. Frederick Levy, Kingston. Mrs. Richard Rosenthal, Dallas, is League president.

An invitation-only champagne reception will take place on April 27 from 7 to 10:30 p.m. A general showing, open to the public, will be held the following afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be a \$2 admis-

sion fee. Proceeds from this special event will benefit Project K.I.S.S. (Kids in Safety Seats), the League's infant and toddler car seat program. These seats are available to Luzerne County residents on a rental basis, helping to curb injuries and deaths related to car accidents.

Amid the varied collection found at the Marquis Gallery will be the works of featured artist and master printmaker, Barbara Rudolph Zeller. Ms. Zeller, a Wilkes-Barre

native, graduated from Wyoming Seminary and Pratt Institute. Her works - prints, watercolors, and sculptures - can be found in numerous galleries throughout the world. Locally, several of her pieces can be seen at College Misericordia and the University of Scranton.

Ms. Zeller will attend both sessions of the art show in order to personally sign purchased limited editions of her prints.

With Joan Kingsbury

Around town

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DALLAS ASSEMBLY 144, International Order of Rainbow for Girls will hold its 25th anniversary dinner April 13 at 6 p.m. in the Dallas Eastern Star Building.

All past members of the assembly are invited to attend.

Entertainment will be provided by the folk group from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown.

THE SPANISH DEPARTMENT of Bishop O'Reilly High School sponsored a pinata contest recently. The students will have a pinata booth for the school's spring bazaar, Friday, May 3 to Sunday May 5. Back Mountain students participating include Gary Scrutsky, Sondra Novicki, Karen Novicki, Arlene Casterline.



KINGSBURY

Month. This program can help parents prepare their children to avoid this terrible experience. All interested persons are welcome.

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YOU OFTEN WONDER HOW MUCH a little child absorbs when they are listening to an educational program. Recently, we had a program at Trinity Nursery School presented by Mrs. Lorraine Scott, a nutritionist, concerning how to take good care of our teeth. During the presentation, which was very informative, Mrs. Scott mentioned the importance of using dental floss. The following day during story time we were reading a story about Walter the wolf who has big fangs. As Mrs. Higgins read, "Walter opened his mouth and bit into...one of our students cried out quite emphatically "dental floss". Which goes to show three year olds to benefit from educational programs. (They can also give their teachers a good laugh.)

EASTER IS PAST, spring is beginning. If the weather persists in being a little unseasonably cold, just think of those warm, sunny, flower-filled summer days ahead. Before you know it, it will be swimming weather.



MARSHA HOWES

Dallas woman named leader

Marsha Howes of Dallas, Walter J. Klepaski Jr. of Wilkes-Barre, and John P. Ianotti of Mountaintop are among the 26 members of the fourth class of Leadership Wilkes-Barre, a program to train community leaders in a 10-month series that is the equivalent of a college course.

Ms. Howes, an active community volunteer, is a native of Wyoming and has attended the University of Wyoming, Franklin & Marshall College and Harrisburg Area Community College.

She is a member of the Citizen's Advisory Council of Dallas School District, president of the Step-parents Association, and a board member of Planned Parenthood Association. She is also an active volunteer at Planned Parenthood.

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