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Harveys Lake Environmental Advisory Council members mail fund-raising pamphlets to Harveys Lake property owners. From the left are: Dr. Charles Reif, Noxen, an EVAC advisor; Mike Snell, Harveys Lake, EVAC member; Joanne Jones, Harveys Lake, EVAC advisor; Lorraine Scott, Harveys Lake, EVAC member; James Baloga, Harveys Lake, EVAC member and Rachael Dziak, Harveys Lake, treasurer of the EVAC.

EVAC seeking funds for lake water study

By JOHN F. KILDUFF
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The Harveys Lake Environmental Advisory Council (EVAC) has launched a fund-raising drive to pay for water quality studies of the lake. In a special session last Thursday, the EVAC began preparing more than 3,000 question and answer booklets it is sending to Harveys Lake property owners.

The EVAC is asking the land owners to help pay for a year-round study estimated to cost between \$40,000 and \$60,000.

"We are looking for financial help from anyone who wishes to help," said EVAC member Ron Debalko. "The 3000 pamphlets on Harveys Lake that we send out this week, we hope, will send a message to property owners to get involved with studying the lake."

Debalko, who currently is seated on the EVAC for a two-year term as liaison between the EVAC and Harveys Lake borough council, said the pamphlets entitled, "Harveys Lake, questions and answers on Watershed problems," are intended to give property owners a general idea about the lake's current water problems.

On July 2 the state Department of Environmental Resources (DER) issued a Swimming Advisory at the lake because of high levels of a simple form of bacteria known as "cyano-bacteria" or more commonly known as the "anabaena" bloom.

The DER swimming advisory lasted until July 22 when it was lifted following a "copper sulfate" treatment on July 16 by Ecoscience Inc. of Moscow.

The DER swimming advisory and subsequent "greenish tint" of Harveys Lake water, sparked an outcry from area businesses and vacationers. Harveys Lake borough council then held a special meeting with officials from the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, DER and concerned citizens to find an answer to the lake water quality problems. The EVAC was created by the Harveys Lake borough council two weeks later.

"We have been given estimates by water consultants in the area of \$40,000 a year and up," said Debalko. "It is going to cost a great deal of money to study the lake and that is exactly why we are now using a fund-raising drive."

Debalko said the EVAC is initially asking Harveys Lake property

owners for contributions but will also seek and accept donations from concerned citizens who simply use the lake or live in the watershed areas.

"We will definitely accept funds from anyone who feels they are responsible for the lake and wants to help," said Debalko. "There are people out there who use the lake, and maybe they do not live on the lake-front, but they would like to help," Debalko explained. "These are the people we (EVAC) need in order to fund the lake study."

Debalko, who is also the president of the Harveys Lake Protective Association, said that the Protective Association has contributed \$500 to the EVAC fund and also paid for the postage charges involved in mailing out the 3000 pamphlets.

Debalko said the EVAC does anticipate the availability of federal and state funding for the project, however a percentage (approximately 20 percent) must be raised by the EVAC.

"The problem is that much of the federal money is gone," said Debalko. "There probably is a funding source out there somewhere, but it takes time to apply for the

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Council helps Weiss', puts ad in Post

Dallas borough council this past week unanimously agreed to pay for a legal notice in the Dallas Post requesting information and mentioning a \$500 reward for anyone who can supply police with information resulting in the conviction of vandals defacing the property of Edward and Bernadine Weiss of 141 Elizabeth St., Dallas.

The notice will run today and on Sept. 4. It suggests that anyone with information should contact Dallas borough police.

The \$500 reward is being offered privately by the Weiss family. Dallas borough has nothing to do with dispersing the reward should the vandal or vandals be identified. The reward is subject to the prosecution and conviction of the vandals.

"This vandalism has been going on for a long time," said Dallas borough solicitor John Morris. "I know of one occasion when the mayor (Paul Labar) stayed out one night near the Weiss home until 3 a.m. trying to identify the vandals."

"The Weiss' came to the council meeting (July 20) asking for guidance as to how to actually offer the \$500 reward," Morris explained.

"I was then, of course, commissioned by council to send the ad into the newspaper."

"The reward itself is a private matter," Morris explained. "Of course the issue of vandalism is not a private matter, with the police, mayor and everyone else involved."

"Council has been very good to us and we definitely appreciate their efforts in an attempt to solve our problem," said Bernadine Weiss.

Dallas borough police chief Ed Lyons said, "Dallas borough police will continue to monitor the area (near the Weiss home) to the best of our ability and manpower."

The Weiss' have been victims of vandalism for nearly 14 months. Incidents of smashed windows, bags of paint thrown on their home's aluminum siding and roof and shrubbery damage have left police authorities without a single clue.

Both the Weiss family and Dallas police officers are frustrated with the case.

The Weiss' say they will prosecute and sue whomever is responsible for the vandalism acts.

'Neighbors helping neighbors'

More Crime Watch members CPR certified

The Dallas Borough Crime Watch Project has six new and five re-certified Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) members, Polly Michael, Crime Watch coordinator has announced.

At a CPR training and testing session, sponsored by the American Heart Association, at College Misericordia the following members of the Dallas Borough Crime Watch project were certified to administer CPR:

Edward and Bernadine Weiss, of 141 Elizabeth St., Dallas; Herbert and Jan Dreher of 140 Elizabeth St., Dallas; Frank Sr. Michael, Frank Jr. Michael, Tracey Michael and Tricia Michael, all of 35 Michael Dr., Dallas; and Heide Funke, Ann Marie Cox and Sandy King, all College Misericordia students.

"Since our Crime Watch program is talking about safety," said Michael, "this (CPR training) is just an example of what people in our neighborhood can do."

"It is really important to show people in our neighborhood that you do not have to be a doctor, a nurse or anything like that to be certified in CPR," Michael said.

"Anyone can blow air into someone's lungs, and push on their chest as long as they know what they are doing."

According to Michael the new CPR members brings the Dallas borough Crime Watch figure to 13 certified CPR members. These members, Michael stressed, are vital to insuring the safety of neighbors.

"If someone is in trouble whether it be choking or whatever, we will be there to help," said Michael, who is also a nursing instructor at College Misericordia.

"It is neighbors taking care of neighbors," Michael said. "CPR is just another way to help." Michael said she hopes the CPR members, of which four are neighborhood captains for the Crime Watch project, will create an interest for other Dallas borough residents to get involved.

"I think when other people see their neighbors, who are also just ordinary people, doing CPR they might get involved themselves," Michael said. "What we are doing is basically setting an example for the Crime Watch program in Dallas borough," Michael said.

The nine-hour CPR course was directed by Clara Williams, a Misericordia nursing faculty member as well as a Pennsylvania Affiliate Faculty member of the American Heart Association out of the Scranton office.

Williams says the CPR program works and is a legitimate life-saver.

Williams said learning CPR is very important because you never know when you are going to have to respond to an emergency.

The CPR certification is good for one year at which time the individual must be re-certified. Certification includes a written test, practical exercises on a human "dummy" and actual practice on class members.

According to Williams, the first four minutes a person is suffering from breathing difficulties is the crucial time element.

Williams said a human brain can function up to four minutes without oxygen. The five to six minutes range is when the brain suffers irreparable brain damage. After six minutes the brain is considered clinically dead.



Fashionable

Miss Pennsylvania 1985, Lea Schiazza, selects a dress from Melba's Fashion Nook, Dallas, to wear during the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City.



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Life saver

Edward Weiss of Dallas practices CPR on a human-like dummy. His wife, Bernadine, waits her turn. The Weiss' were certified in CPR during classes at College Misericordia as part of the Dallas borough Crime Watch program.

Veteran senator O'Connell resigns

GOP senator Frank J. O'Connell has resigned his 20th State Senatorial District seat, effective Aug. 31.

O'Connell, who has represented the 20th District since 1966, told GOP leaders of his decision to resign on Aug. 20, stating in a news release, "I have no further comments beyond the fact that my resignation is for personal reasons."

O'Connell went on to say, "It was my pleasure to serve the people in government for 30. I shall remember these years fondly and they will always have a special place in my heart."

O'Connell could not be reached for further comment after repeated attempts to reach him at his offices in Harrisburg and Kingston.

Speculation along political fronts indicate that O'Connell's slot will be filled in the upcoming November general election by either former Rep. James Nelligan of Forty-Fort or Dallas resident and attorney Charles Lemmond.

Nelligan, an 11th congressional district representative following Dan Flood's resignation in 1980, is the first GOP candidate to indicate that he would like to run for the

vacated slot. Lemmond, a former Luzerne County Court Judge, is reportedly O'Connell's personal choice if he should choose to run.

Luzerne County GOP Chairman Ted Warkowski is organizing a political convention to officially endorse a GOP candidate. The convention will be similar to the 1980 special election following Flood's resignation.

The 20th Senatorial district includes all of Luzerne, Wyoming, Susquehanna, Pike, Wayne and part of Monroe counties. GOP chairmen within these counties will also participate in the selection of a candidate to face the Democrat challenger.

O'Connell's resignation follows the controversial land sale deal involving the Hanover Area School District and a real estate company, of which O'Connell was a part-owner. Hanover Area solicitor Al Florio recently held hearings at the district's new school to determine if the school district paid too much for the land where the senior high school was built. O'Connell had said from the beginning of the hearings that the land sold to Hanover Area was

properly appraised.

O'Connell began his political career in the early 1960s as a Kingston borough councilman before being elected to the 20th Senatorial district in 1966.

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