

People



Dance planned

The Wyoming Seminary Alumni Association will sponsor their second annual "Autumn Picnic Buffet and Dance", according to Louise Loucks Moore '55, Dallas, president of the Alumni Association. This year's event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Irem Temple Country Club Pavilion, Dallas. The theme for this year's affair is a country western cookout, with a variety of picnic specialties including barbecue ribs, chili, fried chicken, hot dogs, salads, desserts, snacks and various beverages being served from 7 to 8 p.m. Music will be provided by "LOCOMOTION" with dancing from 8 p.m. to midnight. Alumni, parents and friends are invited to this entertaining and festive evening. The cost is \$20 per person. Co-chairman for this event are Terry Casey '75 and Robert Clements '72. Shown are committee members at a recent planning meeting. From left, Rodney Kaiser, Wilkes-Barre; Scott Parkhurst, Shavertown; George Conyngham, Shavertown; Debra Brown James, Kingston; Terry Casey, Bear Creek and Robert Clements, Shavertown.

For additional information and to make reservations contact the Alumni Office at Wyoming Seminary, 288-9574.



Concerts set

Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic concert goers will again get a chance to "Know their Philharmonic" at a series of pre-concert lectures sponsored by the Philharmonic League of Wilkes-Barre and Penn State Wilkes-Barre. The hour-long music appreciation sessions will be held from 7 - 8 p.m. at the Northeastern Bank Building, 67-69 Public Square prior to each Philharmonic Concert. They are designed to help those attending the concerts to become more knowledgeable about the evening's performance, conductor, and composers, including a variety of music tips - how to listen, what to listen for, and when to become involved. Participants will be given plenty of time to move next door to the Paramount Civic Center in time to be seated for the 8:30 performance. Refreshments will be served. Fee is \$5.00 per person per lecture, or a special rate of \$12.00 for all three in the Fall lecture series. For registration information, contact Tobi Grossman at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Continuing Education Office at 675-2171. Shown are members of the Philharmonic League of Wilkes-Barre. From left, seated, Beverly Marchetti, Chari Aponick, President, and Mrs. Harriet Ruggles, right, discussing arrangements for the pre-concert lecture series with Tobi Grossman, program coordinator, Penn State Wilkes-Barre Continuing Education Department, standing, at a recent meeting at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus.

People in the news

SCOTT W. HOOVER, a graduate of Dallas High School, recently joined the United States Marine Corps through the Delayed Entry Program.

Hoover, son of Dorothy and Gerald Hoover, of Trucksville, will report to active duty at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina this month. He joined the Marine Corps open contract and will be eligible for one of more than 400 different job skills.

Hoover will undergo 11 weeks of recruit training, to include drill, first aid, general military subjects, physical fitness and weapons familiarization.

Upon successful completion of recruit training, Hoover will enjoy 10 days of recruit leave at home before traveling to a new duty station for job skills training.

NAVY PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS WILLIAM J. RYAN, son of Joseph M. and Katherine L. Ryan of Route 2, Dallas, has been promoted

to his present rank while serving at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

A 1982 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, Lehman, he joined the Navy in December 1983.

THE 24TH ANNUAL REUNION of the descendants of William, Edward and Bertha (Randall) Baer family was held on Labor Day at the home of Gilbert H. Ide of Idetown.

After a buffet picnic lunch, a brief meeting was held, presided by our president, David Ide. Plans were discussed about the 25th reunion next year.

Officers and committees elected for next year are David Ide, president; Edward Baer, vice president; Mildred Thomas, secretary; Pat Long, Treasurer; Lois Hughes, Irene Hess, Cindy Miller, Tricia and Tracy Long and Martha Folk.

Games were played and prizes awarded. Attending were Mrs. Jesse Boice, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth

Booth, Jennifer Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Booker, Samuel and Tiffany Booker, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Boice, Pamela and Jason Boice, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Boice, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Booth, Angie Booth, Mrs. Carlos Browning, Christy, Amber and Jonathan Browning, Mr. and Mrs. David Booth, Christen, Aaron, Shannon, Danielle Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Folk, Cheryl Folk, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hess, Arielle and Jessica Hess, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hughes, Mr. Gilbert Ide, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ide, Brian and Justin Ide, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ide, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Long, Tricia, Tracy, Terianne Long, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, Stephen Miller, Mrs. Greg Sager, Melissa and Ashley Sager, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas, Joan and Carol Thomas, Mr. Buddy Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Walker, Joshua Walker.

Visitors were John Richards, Tommie and Tammi Schoemaker, Jeri Shafer.

Steeles note 56th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Steele, of Sweet Valley will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on Sept. 16.

Mrs. Steele is the former Ethel

Blaine of Berwick.

The couple has continued in the restaurant business that was started by Mr. Steele's parents in 1926. Mr. Steele is also a retired teacher from

the Lake-Lehman School District.

They have two children, Joy Wickard and John, both of Sweet Valley. They have eight grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

New U-19 soccer division now forming in area

A newly formed U-19 Soccer Division for the Back Mountain, Wyoming Valley, Mountaintop and surrounding areas is now taking registrations.

Boys and girls ages 16, 17, 18 interested in playing are asked to contact the following people as soon as possible: Mike Dzanko 675-0896

days, 696-1974 after 6 p.m.; Ruth Pintchuck, 779-5237.

Games will be played on Sundays. Registration fee will be \$20.

Lions Clubs plans second annual golf tournament

The Kingston-Forty Fort Lions Club will hold its second annual golf tournament, September 19 at Irem Temple Country Club. Shot gun

start for the captain and crew format will be at 1 p.m.

Interested golfers may contact

David J. Fagula, tournament chairman, 287-9661. Proceeds directly benefit Lions Club charities, including sight preservation.

Surgery

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again, hopefully permanently this time.

Both appeared to be doing well until this past Friday, Sept. 5, when Janet, who was retaining fluid had to return to Geisinger where it was discovered she suffered a reaction to the medication prescribed. At latest reports, a new medication was prescribed and within the next week or 10 days Janet should be able to return home.

Carl, 25, who because of his heart defect was often referred to as the "blue boy" by his students, could not even walk up steps without having to stop to breathe although he had surgery when he was four years of age. When he was 12 years of age, he was a patient in a Philadelphia Hospital where he had a catharization and, as a result, referred to the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md.

At Bethesda, doctors diagnosed Carl's heart defect explaining that he was born with no membrane in the left ventricle and nothing could be done about it so they sent him home. No one at that time was aware of the "Fontan" procedure, named after the man who had perfected it. The procedure allows the surgeon to reconstruct the heart so it is physiologically normal.

After all these years, Carl's cardiologist in Philadelphia attended a cardiology conference where a Dr. John W. Kirkland from the University of Alabama was one of the speakers. Carl's cardiologist referred Carl to Dr. Kirkland.

Carl's files were sent to Dr. Kirkland, who after studying them, agreed to evaluate Carl's case for surgery. University of Alabama, where human heart transplants are done more often than in any other medical centers, is rated third in the nation in heart surgery and Carl was more than willing to go.

He flew to Alabama on June 5 where he underwent a wide range of cardiac tests and studies and was subsequently scheduled for surgery the following Monday morning.

In the meantime, over the weekend, Dr. Kirkland went horseback riding and, while riding, became ill so the surgery was postponed for an indefinite time. Carl was told he could have someone else perform the surgery if he desired, but Carl preferred to wait for Dr. Kirkland.

Carl returned home, but a week later went back for the surgery.

In the meantime, his mother, Janet, who has been a diabetic for years, had suffered kidney failure and was on dialysis three days a week at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, while she was waiting for a kidney donor for a transplant.

"I was not worried about myself so much," said Carl. "My concern was for my mother. She always had a fear that due to the diabetes she would go blind or have kidney failure. She did have problems with her eyes, but they were corrected with laser. When her kidneys failed, I was concerned that she would fear the worst."

The day Carl was going to return to the University of Alabama, his mother planned to go with him but that same day Janet received a call from Geisinger that they had a kidney donor and she had to leave for Geisinger Medical Center. So, as a result, Janet was in surgery several hours before Carl.

Following his open heart surgery, Carl suffered several setbacks in Alabama while his mother was battling bouts with her surgery at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville.

Rather than go to Alabama alone, two close friends, Mrs. Bea Beatty and Mrs. Bruce Davies went with Carl and stayed nearby while he was in the medical center. Carl refused to give in to the setbacks he suffered and finally became well enough that he was able to return home just the day before his mother returned home from Geisinger.

All went well with Carl for about 10 days when he began to retain fluid and ran a high temperature so he was admitted to Nesbitt Hospital where he was a patient for eight days, then transferred to Geisinger Medical Center where he remained for two weeks. The doctors at Geisinger Medical Center decided Carl should return to the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham. The U.A.B. sent their critical care plane to transport Carl

back to Alabama where he remained for several weeks returning home Saturday, Aug. 30.

After Carl was admitted to the hospital, Janet began to suffer complications from medications prescribed and was returned to Geisinger Medical Center where she remained as a patient until Aug. 30, returning home the same day as Carl.

Janet's problems were not over, however, and last Friday, retention of fluid interfered with her breathing and she had to return to Geisinger Medical Center where she will be a patient for several weeks.

Although Mrs. Beatty and Mrs. Davies were with Carl the first time he went to UAB, he went alone the next time. Medical Center volunteers were wonderful to him, according to Carl. They came in and when he was able took him into their homes and made him one of the family. When he was able, a volunteer went with him to the airport and stayed with him until his plane took off for home.

How did Carl feel when he first heard his surgery was postponed?

"At first I thought they were kidding me," he said, "Then I was disappointed, but after a while I was relieved because I realized the doctor would be feeling better. The second trip down didn't bother me because I fused both trips together in my mind. When I asked the doctor about life expectancy, he said 'Without surgery you would probably live about 10 years. With surgery, my guess would be at least 20 years because that is the length of time the procedure has been perfected.'"

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Carl is delighted that he no longer has blue lips or nails, but has color in his face and lips and in his fingers. He has no problem breathing and he can now walk distances. His greatest let-down is the length of time recuperating.

His greatest concern was for his mother and that he couldn't be with her during her transplant surgery.

"Mother is now great as far as the kidney transplant goes, but it is other complications that bother her. It is difficult for her trying to cope with the medications necessary for the kidney transplant. As soon as the doctors get those regulated, she will be fine."

Carl's married sister, Rebecca, has been great, he said. While Carl and his mother were in the hospital, she took charge of all the mail and other correspondence and helped his younger brother, Eric, and his father, Gerald, who both work during the day.

Janet's biggest concern was her son, Carl. She said it was difficult to be so far away from him and not being able to check his daily progress. During a telephone conversation with Janet on Monday, she said she was feeling much better and the doctors had put her on a different medication which they hoped would solve the reaction problems.

Both Janet and Carl spoke appreciatively of the community support from residents of Centermoreland and surrounding area in helping to raise funds to meet the expenses

incurred from not one but two very costly surgeries.

Members of the community have provided transportation, do errands and have now organized a "Janet and Carl Brown Fund." The organization is known as the "Friends of Janet and Carl Brown" with participants from all of the churches and other organizations involved. Laverne Logan is chairperson assisted by Bea Beatty; Gary Story, president of the fire company is treasurer; and Marlene Hardisky is secretary.

They have planned a door-to-door solicitation in Tunkhannock, Eatonville, Orange, Beaumont, Centermoreland and surrounding area. All volunteers will have identification flyers bearing the slogan, "Remember, Do your part; Give from the heart," and a receipt at the bottom.

Janet and Carl Brown have shown remarkable inner strength in fighting to overcome their disabilities. There is a noticeable tie between

mother and son when they speak about one another - an understanding of one another's problems, a special empathy for their suffering, and from the outsider's viewpoint, an admiration of their positive outlook and mother and son's strength to overcome illness and return to their work.

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