

Lehman hosts 5 exchange students

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Lake-Lehman High School has five foreign exchange students in their classes this year, two from Panama; one from Brazil; one from Switzerland and one from Italy.

Some of the students arrived with little or no knowledge of English but have since become fluent enough to converse freely with their American hosts.

Aida Elisa Saval, is an 18-year-old student from Panama, who came to the school sponsored by the Youth Exchange Student. She is a senior at Lake-Lehman.

Her parents are E.A. Saval and Yolanda E. Saval and she has two younger sisters, Yolianny Leonor, 15, and Kathy Helen, 13 years of age.

She has been in the United States and in Harveys Lake for five months where she lives with Brian and Crista Oeller, who have a daughter Jessica Marie, three years old and a son Robert John, a year old.

"I have a good relationship with my host family. They are very nice with me," said Aida. "Being an exchange student is the most wonderful experience I have ever had."

Luis Carlos Delgado is also from Panama. He is a 16-year-old whose visit to the United States is sponsored by the Intercambio Internacional de Estudiantes A.C. program.

"I have been in the United States for one month and 28 days and I



FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS - Five foreign exchange students are enjoying their experiences this year at Lake-Lehman High School both with their fellow students and with their host families. The students attending Lake-Lehman are above, from left, Francesca Barba, Italy; Aida Elisa Saval, Panama; Luis Carlos Delgado, Panama; Kelly Saunders, Switzerland; and Andreia Heitor deMendonca, Brazil. (Post Photo/Charlot M. Denmon)

will return to my country in March. I will never forget my experiences here," Luis said.

Luis is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kocher where he has a host brother Chris Kocher who is a senior, who Luis says is always with him to help out. He also has a host sister Karen who Luis says is shy and never speaks much to him.

His real parents are Carlos and Diona Delgado and he has two younger brothers; Carlos, 14 and Juan Jose, 9, as well as a five-year-old sister named Carla Maria.

"When I return to Panama I will be a junior in high school. This is the most wonderful adventure I have ever had," Luis said.

Andreia Heitor deMendonca is from Aracatuba, Sao Paula, Brazil. She lives with Alexander and Rebecca Sichert and has a host sister, Holly, who is a senior and a host brother, Andrew, a freshman at Lake-Lehman.

"I arrived here two weeks ago and I'm having a problem with English, but I really like it here!" said Andreia.

Kelly Saunders is from Geneva, Switzerland where she lives with her parents and an older brother Jamie.

"I came here as an exchange student because my brother was one last year in Kentucky and he told me that it was a wonderful experience," said Kelly.

She arrived in the United States at the end of August and has been staying with the Saba family.

"I am having an exciting time with them and with all the new friends I am making in Lake-Lehman. In three days my host parents are taking me to Florida for two weeks. I hope it's going to be much warmer than here," said Kelly.

"It has been six months since I arrived in this country and I am anxious when I think that there

are only four months left before I return to Switzerland. This is a great experience."

Francesca Barba is an Italian student from Perugia. She is almost 18 years of age and has a brother Luca, and a sister Maria Sole, both younger than she is. Her parents are Walter and Wanda Barba.

"I arrived here August 25 and my first family were the Larkins in Dallas, then my second host family were the O'Boyles in Noxen. Now I live temporarily with the Oellers in Harveys Lake. They have another exchange student Aida from Panama staying with them. I want to thank them for the wonderful time that I had and still have with them," said Francesca.

The enthusiasm the students have for their fellow students and the activities they are enjoying at Lake-Lehman are evident when talking with them.

Citizens' Council to hear from planning expert

Citizens interested in becoming more active and better informed about planning and shaping the direction of their communities are especially invited to a community forum on Thursday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus. Co-sponsor with Penn State of the forum is the Back Mountain Citizens Council.

The speaker for the free public forum will be Earl Phillips Jr., formerly of Dallas, now chair of the Environmental Practice Group at the 140-attorney law firm of Robinson & Cole in Connecticut.

The topic of the forum is "How a Community Can Shape Its Future." Phillips' talk will cover environmental and land use tools available to community leaders and residents-tools such as the major federal environmental laws, growth management programs, environmental protection zones, and cluster zoning. Select regulatory examples will include scenic roads, agriculture, wetlands and historical preservation.

A graduate of Wyoming Seminary High School, Phillips obtained his bachelor's degree in geology from the Earth and Environmental Science department of Wesleyan University. His law de-

gree is from Catholic University. He is widely published with respect to environmental and land use topics and serves as adjunct faculty on these topics at both Wesleyan University and the University of Connecticut. He currently represents industrial, institutional and municipal interests as well as citizen organizations.

Phillips and the Environmental Practice Group of Robinson & Cole have managed matters involving environmental compliance, risk management and defense efforts in well over 15 states including Pennsylvania.

Robinson & Cole have provided land use representation to, among others, such government and municipal interests as the State of Alaska, the Cities and Counties of Honolulu, Hawaii and Denver, Colorado, the cities of Columbia, South Carolina, Greenville, North Carolina and Hartford and New Haven, Connecticut, the towns of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Gorham, Maine, Washington, New York and New Shoreham (Block Island), Rhode Island, the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protections.

Irem Auxiliary meets April 11

Mrs. David Watkins, president, will preside over the regular meeting of Irem Temple's Auxiliary, Thursday, April 11, at 1:30 p.m., at Irem Temple. The executive board will meet in the trophy room at 12:30 p.m. Past presidents will be honored at the meeting.

Mrs. William James, crippled children chairperson, has a few vacant seats left for the trip to the Children's Shriners Hospital and a side Boat Trip on the Delaware River including lunch and entertainment, The date of the trip is June 1.

Mrs. James Henderson, sentinel chairperson, has appointed Mrs. William Beachman and Mrs. Russell Schall, sentinels for the day.

The May 9 membership luncheon will be discussed. Mrs. James Henderson is chairperson for the summer luncheons.

Hostesses for April 11 are Mrs. Russell Elias and Mrs. Stanley Beardsworth.

Walk

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"People are signing up like gang-busters," said Kathy Broecker, fundraising coordinator for the local MS chapter.

Broecker said the goal for this year's walk was 1,300 participants. However, she believes nearly 1,500 will take part.

The exact number of participants will not be known until the day of the event, but Broecker said that a large number of walkers have already pre-registered.

She believes the success of past walks has contributed to the large number of participants this year.

"It's incredible," said Broecker. "I guess word of mouth has been one of our best promotions. People who have taken part in past walks have told their families and friends about it."

SUPER CITIES WALK TO FIGHT MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
Sunday, April 7
Starting at 10 a.m.
Register at Grotto Pizza parking lot
Information: 824-7411

The event helps to raise money for research and services for persons suffering from MS. Those who walk around the lake take in pledges based on the number of miles walked.

Broecker said the average donation collected for each walker nationwide is \$100. Locally, that number is a little lower, but Broecker sees it rising each year.

"Locally, the average per walker is \$86-\$90," she said. "It has increased over the last few years and we urge all participants to shoot for that sum in donations."

The local walk has received a lot of help from area businesses and other organizations. Grotto Pizza will be providing food for all participants the day of the event. Broecker said that local radio and television stations also have been instrumental in promoting the walk.

Also helping with promotions are students from Wilkes University, including Adam Tillman of Dallas, who feels he has gained a lot from helping with the walk.

"Things have gone really well," said Tillman. "The MS Society has

been very helpful and I have gained greater understanding of MS through my work."

Tillman also expects a large turnout the day of the event and believes those who take part often feel better about themselves.

"It is a cause that people want to help," he said.

Even though the past walks have been successful, the weather hasn't been cooperative. Broecker laughed when she said she was really hoping for a nice day on Sunday.

"We've had everything from rain to snow to even hail during the past walks so I guess the only thing left is lots of sunshine," she

said. The walk is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. from the parking lot of Grotto Pizza. Interested participants can register up to the starting time.

For information on the walk or to register early call the local M.S. chapter at 824-7411.

Early childhood education at Lake-Lehman

The sixth session of Lake-Lehman's early childhood/pre-school program will be held April 22 through April 26, featuring pre-school screening and registration for kindergarten.

It is the policy of the Lake-Lehman School Board that in order to be eligible to enter the public schools in the district, a child must have reached the age of five years on or before September 30. A birth certificate and social security number must be presented at the time of registration. The Lake-Lehman kindergarten is an all-day program.

Registration for kindergarten will be held in the Lake-Lehman Elementary schools according to the alphabetical schedule of the last name as follows:

Lehman-Jackson Elementary-Monday, April 22, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (A through I); 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. (J through M); Tuesday, April 23, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (N through S); 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. (T through Z).

Lake-Noxen Elementary-Wednesday, April 24, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (A through I); 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. (J through M); Thursday, April 25, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (N through S); 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. (T through Z).

Ross Elementary-Friday, April 26, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (A through O); 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. (P through Z).

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has established immunization results for all children entering school. Parents must provide the school with documented proof of immunizations such as a physician's record showing the month, day and year of each one.

A child will not be registered for

school unless this information is presented at registration. Required immunizations are DPT, series of three doses; Polio, series of three doses; Measles, Rubella and Mumps, each one after one year of age. Vision, speech and hearing screenings will be conducted on each registrant.

CCC notes 58th anniversary April 7

The Civilian Conservation Corps, established in 1933 by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, will observe its 58th Anniversary, Sunday, April 7, in honor of the men who were engaged in the fight against poverty by projects in construction and recreation.

The Post to be printed by Pittston Dispatch

The Dallas Post may look a bit different to readers this week, because we have changed printers. The Post and its sister paper, The Abington Journal, had been printed by the Milton Standard since September, 1988. Beginning with this issue, the newspapers will be printed by Pittston Publishing Company, whose chief publication is The Sunday Dispatch, a weekly newspaper.

Among the changes will be the appearance of subscribers' mailing labels, and the fact that the newspapers will be printed in two sections when they are 18 pages or larger, which is most of the time. When we are two sections, we will make a few other changes meant to make reading The Post more pleasurable. Among them will be moving many of the "jumps," that part of front page stories that don't fit on page 1, to the back page of the first section. The second section's front page will carry sports, while the balance of the section will contain school news, classified ads and the calendar. Other news will appear in the second section as space allows.

"It's a happy coincidence that we're changing printers as The Post continues to grow in circulation and advertising," said publisher Ron Bartizek. "The new format will help to organize our content more efficiently."

One other benefit that is expected will be improved reproduction of photographs. The Dispatch is noted for its excellent photo reproduction, and The Post hopes to take advantage of its skills in this area.

We will appreciate our readers' feedback on these changes, especially if they seem to have any effect on delivery time to their homes. Please call Ron Bartizek, the publisher, at 675-5211 with your comments.

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