

Lake Silkworth Lions induct four members

Gary Gold, Donald Biggs, Thomas Basta and Carl Harris were recently inducted into the Lake Silkworth Area Lions Club at a dinner meeting held at the Red Rooster Restaurant, Pikes Creek. Past District Governor Michael Gaughan, District Membership Chairman, was the induction officer. President George Pavlick and Secretary Tony Stefanowicz were sponsors for the new members. Standing: Gaughan, Pavlick, Stefanowicz.



The economic viewpoint

Opportunities to help improve the region

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN

What are the actions most needed for the betterment of Northeastern Pennsylvania in 1993 and beyond? While alternatives and options exist as to the direction needed to shape the appropriate future of Northeastern Pennsylvania, several opportunities seem to stand out as being more important than others. Some of these opportunities include the following:

- Development of a unified national strategic plan and vision dealing with economic development and quality of life issues. No state wide or substate regional plan nor local plan can be successful without having some type of national strategy and vision by which local and regional actions can be measured.
- Continuation and expansion of federal assistance programs for economic development including but not limited to, the Appalachian Regional Development Act, the Public Works and Economic Development Act, the Farmers Home Administration, US Department of Housing and Urban Development Programs, and others.
- Reinstitution of a federal revenue sharing program to help local governments through fiscal crisis.
- Utilizing federal and state funds for job retention as well as

job expansion.

- Enactment of a federal enterprise (empowerment zone) program.
- Creation of a federal technology initiative similar to the Pennsylvania Ben Franklin Partnership.
- Initiation of a massive circuit rider program to help local governments overcome some of the absence of technical support which they require to meet the needs of the 21st century.
- An updated and complete analysis of the manufacturing sector of Northeastern Pennsylvania to enable guidance to be established as to the future of this industrial sector in the 21st century.
- Adoption and implementation of distance learning techniques to promote the appropriate education of urban and rural Pennsylvania including Northeastern Pennsylvania.
- Promotion of a human service partnership between the public and private sectors in order to meet the growing needs of citizens who are the prime recipients of such services across Pennsylvania and the region.
- Focusing attention on the five major river corridors in Northeastern Pennsylvania including the Susquehanna, Delaware, Lehigh, Lackawanna and Schuylkill Rivers.

- The "Community Excellence Initiative" being carried out by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Technology Council should be substantially advanced and accelerated.

- Tax sharing or a similar technique should be studied and evaluated in Pennsylvania for the benefit of local governments and the particular needs of urban community Pennsylvania.

Can all of these ideas be carried out in a single year? The answer clearly is "no". Steps can be taken, however, to encourage appropriate governmental and private sector officials to support these suggestions so that work can be undertaken in as short a time span as possible so that public and private sector officials can react to new and creative recommendations.

For those who would like more information on any of these suggestions or ways to participate in encouraging the best means for improving the economy and quality of life of the region, contact should be made with EDCNP, 1151 Oak Street, Pittston, Pa 18640.

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C-TEC buyout is completed

RCN Corporation, a subsidiary of Peter Kiewit Sons' Inc., recently announced the completion of its acquisition of a controlling interest in C-TEC Corporation, operator of local, cellular, mobile and long-distance telephone, and cable television services. The companies announced an agreement in June and completed the transaction on October 29.

C-TEC controlling shareholders Andrew J. Sordoni, III, William B. Sordoni, Stephen Sordoni and Charles E. Parente, agreed in June to sell their stock holdings in C-TEC to RCN Corporation. The control group owned approximately 5.7 million shares of C-TEC Common and Class B Common stock, representing approximately 34 percent of the equity and approximately 57 percent of the voting control of C-TEC. In June, it was announced that Andrew J. Sordoni, III and William B. Sordoni would resign their positions as C-TEC chairman and vice chairman, respectively, when the transaction was complete. Parente has also resigned as chief executive and as a director.

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SKI TIP #3
 by Sean O'Shea

Q. What kind of ski boots are best?
A. The best boots are the ones that fit you. That means they may not fit your best friend, but if your feet are not comfortable you will not have fun skiing all day. Rear Entry boots are easy to put on and take off and are good for skiers with cold feet. Front Entry boots give better feel for the ski and are usually better for aggressive skiers.

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Editor: I have been studying about your state because it was a class that had the idea to do this. And I picked your state. When I kept studying about it I learned more and more about it. I know that your state has a lot of sports teams. I like the Pirates too! I want to

go to Mount Davis.

I want to see Allegheny National Forest too. Could you print this letter in your newspaper so your readers can help me by sending info. about your state. Like maps, road atlases, bro-

chures and other things. Because our school is having a school fair.

Sincerely,
 STEPHANIE ARPS
 Prescott School
 1930 South 20th
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Thanks

Coach compliments KT Raiders linemen

Editor: Every week I'm requested to write a brief summary of the events of the Kingston Township Raiders A-Team. I give a synopsis of the scoring, highlighting the individuals who made the score, enshrining their efforts in media history, but it always bothers me that the linemen who created the path-

ways for backs never get any of the tabloid credit, that's why you'll probably never read about the guys who fight it out in the trenches, names like Bill Duda, Frank Brennan, Trapper Smith, Vince Buracaviz, Daryel Cromer, Jim Krispon, Porkey Goringor, Todd Bynon or John Scott. The guys who's names get the credit

in the paper know that a back is only as good as the linemen who block for him. Even though it seems people only see the players who cross the goal line, it's these unsung heroes who know they're every bit as responsible for that score on the board.

Ed Lanyon, Head Coach
 Kingston Township A-Team

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