

Sisters of Mercy will be honored with award

College Misericordia will present its Trustee Associates Award to the Sisters of Mercy, Dallas Regional Community, during its annual Trustee Associates Dinner December 4, at the Newberry Estate.

The ninth annual award recognizes the Sisters of Mercy significant dedication, service and leadership to Misericordia and the community.

The award will be presented to Sr. Maureen McCann, RSM, president of the Dallas Regional Community, and to the Leadership Council.

Since 1875, when the Sisters of Mercy first came to the area, they have built schools and hospitals, created shelters for the homeless, and served the poor in many other ways.

Currently the Sisters are co-sponsors of four area hospitals.

They also sponsor the Catherine McAuley Center which provides temporary shelter for women and children, family support programs, College Misericordia; the Mercy Center pre-Kindergarten School in Dallas; the Mercy Institute of Educational Development in Dallas; and Mount Aloysius College in Cresson, Pa.

Other ministries include Project REMAIN, an outreach program for senior citizens in Wilkes-Barre and a learning center for the families of Boulevard Townhomes, a low-income housing project; Mercy Consultation Center in Dallas; Mercy Services in Wilkes-Barre; and Project Mercy, a furniture bank in Harrisburg.

More than 400 Sisters and 162 Associates are part of the Dallas Regional Community one of 25 regional communities that make up the 7,000 member Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas based in Silver Spring, Maryland.



New Mercy Associates commissioned

Twenty new Mercy Associates were recently commissioned at a ceremony at Mercy Center. The Mercy Associate Program is the collaborative effort of the Sisters of Mercy and local women and men who seek to strengthen their spiritual life, participating in the values of the Sisters, through the spiritual and corporal works of Mercy. Presently, 162 women and men, married, single and ordained, are serving as Mercy Associates with the Dallas Regional Community. New Mercy Associates are seated, from left, Claire Moran, Mary Bednarek, Anne J. Donohoe, Sheila Burns, Joan Aronowitz, Darlene Foley and Jim Foley. Middle row, from left, Terri Robson, Sara Smith Fogg, Mary Paley, Mary Llewellyn, Verna Stavish, Sr. Andre Dembowski, RSM, co-director, Associate Program, Sr. Maureen McCann, RSM, president, Dallas Regional Community and Barbara Sabol, co-director, Associate Program. Back row, from left, Mary Griffin, Laura Horvath, Colleen Ondish, Cindy Berger, Jane Domnick, Pat March Ahlgard and Rose Yarmel.

Sign up Dec. 2 for holiday help from local agencies

Catholic Social Services and the Salvation Army will combine their resources and volunteer efforts in assisting area families and individuals who are in need of assistance this Christmas season.

Eligibility for the program will be based on income. Applicants are asked to bring proof of identification, access cards for all children, rent receipts, social security card, driver's license or any form stating proof of residency.

Sign-up for food and toys will be at the Salvation Army gymnasium, 17 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, November 28 through December 2, from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; December 3, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Toy distribution will be on December 19 and 20 at the Salvation Army gymnasium. Food distribution will be on December 21 and 22 at the Food Bank at 39 E. Jackson Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Donations for food and/or toys will be accepted at the St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen, seven days a week, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or contact Catholic Social Services at 822-7118.

Local garment workers are eligible for federal benefits

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry has announced that workers furloughed from the Karen Manufacturing plant in Sweet Valley, between August 31 and Nov. 14 are eligible for federal Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) benefits.

The federal TAA program provides a variety of benefits and services to workers whose jobs were lost because of foreign competition.

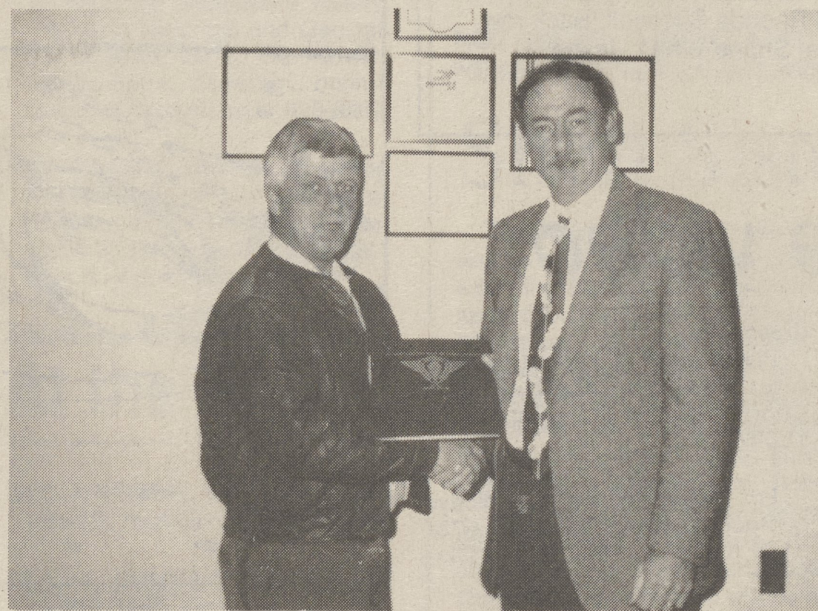
Besides vocational testing, counseling, job search assistance

and other support services, eligible workers may receive allowances for training, transportation and relocation expenses.

Federal cash benefits may also be available after regular jobless benefit entitlements expire.

Applications for TAA benefits may be filed at the nearest Job Center operated by the Department of Labor and Industry.

Additional information is available at the Wyoming Valley Job Center, 32 E. Union St., Wilkes-Barre, at 826-2401.



Earns safe driving award

Daniel Jones, city mail carrier was recently presented a Safe Driving Award from the Postal Service for 20 years of accident-free driving by Postmaster Raymond Ceconi. Jones started his postal career at the Dallas Post Office in 1973.

It was the monster mash

Children did the "freeze dance" at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Halloween party. More than 80 children and parents attended.



Leather gallery open

Joseph Sedeski Gallery/Studio located in a 150 year-old barn on Rte. 292, Centerville, recently opened.

Sedeski has been a professional artist for 23 years and has exhibited at the Philadelphia Museum, and Smithsonian Craft Show and international exhibitions.

His contemporary work in leather consists of original hand-crafted signed limited editions, ranging from briefcases and handbags to portfolios and desk top accessories. Surface designs on each piece, using varying techniques such as appliques, pen and ink, paints, metals & intricate stitching distinguish his work. Prices range from \$40 - \$1,000.

He is a current director on the board of the American Craft Council, which operates a museum in Manhattan and publishes "American Craft" magazine.

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