

## Quakers

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built good relations and became friendly with Indians. Quaker colonialists went among the Indians without weapons and treated them with respect. Penn said, "Force may subdue but love gains." In building the "City of Brotherly Love" he welcomed men of every faith. People flocked in from Europe, tired of war and eager to start fresh lives. Penn said, "Peace is maintained by justice" and he conceived a plan for a league of nations that was centuries ahead of its time.

A recent Quaker visitor to the Back Mountain from Australia, Sheila Mason, stayed with the Merrills in Shavertown and spoke at a North Branch Meeting. She described the work of Quakers in her country and said they were very concerned about Australia's leading role in the production of land mines. Mason explained that "Quakers are leading efforts to reduce and eventually eliminate the use of land mines world wide." Another endeavor of the Friends locally is their regular visits to Chase, Correctional institute in Dallas. An inmate had written requesting information on Quaker beliefs and practices. Susan

Merrill said, "One thing led to another, and now we have five Quaker couples each Friday holding worship meetings for interested inmates. And their interest is certainly deep because when you think about it, they have a lot of time to ponder about life!" She adds, "Besides what it means to the inmates, these worship sessions give our own members a unique and deep feeling of satisfaction which is difficult to put into words."

During the summer Quaker weekly meetings are held at members' homes or parks such as Ricketts Glen. Starting in the fall regular meetings will convene as usual at Wyoming Seminary Lower School, Wyoming Avenue in Forty Fort. Adult discussion is at 10:00 a.m. with children's Sunday School, and at 11:00 a.m. for worship.

In her role as Assistant Clerk, Beverly Williams says, "All are welcome to visit and worship with this group. No one will be pressured to become a member and all seekers are welcome." For more information you can call 696-3753 or 825-0675.

## Boat ramp at lake closed for work

The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission's access at Harveys Lake will be closed for the week of July 29 for seal coating of the parking lot. Weather permitting, the work is expected to be done as early in the week as possible.

## SENIOR MENUS

Senior Citizen's Centers sponsored by the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Bureau for the Aging offer hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older. Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program.

The following is the menu for the week of July 22. All meals include margarine, milk and coffee.

**MONDAY** - Italian sausage, cheesy whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, grapefruit juice, rye bread, vanilla cupcake.

**TUESDAY** - Breaded fish, baked potato, zucchini and tomato, whole wheat bread, fruited

gelatin, tartar sauce, cole slaw.

**WEDNESDAY** - Cheeseburger, oven brown potatoes, carrots, orange juice, hamburger roll, chocolate pudding, ketchup.

**THURSDAY** - Christmas in July Special Dinner - Stuffed chicken breast, baked stuffed potato, parsley glazed carrots, cranberry juice, Christmas ice cream, dinner roll.

**FRIDAY** - Western omelet, hash brown potatoes, broccoli, corn muffin, citrus sections, ketchup.

For further information, contact the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Bureau for the Aging Nutrition Program or call the Senior Citizen's Center nearest your home.

# GMC motor coach fans gather at Irem Temple

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**DALLAS TWP.** - The Colonial Travelers motor coach club gathered at the Irem Temple Country Club campground, Dallas, for a rally, July 12-14, swapping stories about their unique vehicles and the motor coach lifestyle.

Rally co-hosts Ray and Rose Whelan of Lake Silkworth are three-year members of the club, which has met at the Irem Temple for 11 years. "This is my favorite rally," said Whelan. "Not only because it's close to where we live, but it's also one of the most popular and most attended. Last year, we had 33 coaches here."

Whelan, a retired railroader from Long Island, moved to Lake Silkworth with his wife about three years ago and bought a 1976 GMC Palm Beach motor coach. "We've been camping about 25 years," he explained. "We went from a tent to a pop-up, to a trailer, and now to a motor home."

The common bond for all the members is their unique type of traveling home, the GMC motor coach, of which only about 12,000 were built between 1973 and 1978. "These are the classics," said Whelan proudly. "Most are 26 footers but some are 23 feet long."

A unique feature of these vehicles is that they have front wheel drive and are built on the Oldsmobile Toronado or Cadillac El Dorado chassis, rather than a truck or bus chassis, explained ten-year club member Christa Beline of Tupper Lake, New York, formerly of Dallas.

"After the 1978 gas crunch, the auto manufacturers downsized



Colonial Travelers members Ed Pendleton, New Jersey, Al and Carol Ritson, Valley Forge, PA, and Ray Whelan, Lake Silkworth.

engines and they stopped making these," said Beline, adding that there are about 10,000 or so still on the road.

"These were built ahead of their time," said her husband Frank. They are the owners of a 26 foot 1974 GMC Eleganza SE, one of 11 ever made.

Another benefit for the owners is that these GMC's values appreciate. While originally the motor coaches may have cost around \$18,000, today one may have to pay about \$30,000 for a model in good condition, said Whelan.

However, most Colonial Traveler members agree the best benefit is the camaraderie they share at the rallies. "We do a lot of 'tire kicking' and comparing notes,"

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Christa Beline  
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said Beline. Members also get together for activities like golf, shopping trips and sightseeing at area attractions.

During the evening, members gather on the pavilion for good food and an ice cream social afterwards. Members also entertain each other with their own special talents, including music, singing, and sometimes dancing.

During the winter months,

many members head for warmer weather in motor coaches. The Whelans, who pull their 1972 Volkswagen along with them, usually spend several months in Florida or California. "We like traveling around. We've been doing this for three years now and already have put 42,000 miles on our coach," said Whelan.

The local chapter of the Colonial Travelers, made up of over 50 coaches, includes members from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and the New England area. They belong to the National Chapter of the Family Motorcoach Association and get together at least once a month from April through November for rallies in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast states.

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