



### Junior League donates to YMCA

The Junior League of Wilkes-Barre celebrated the completion of its 1996-1997 year on June 10 with the presentation of a check for \$47,000 to the Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA. The contribution will fund a new roof-top playground, which is scheduled to open in early July at the YMCA's Franklin Street location. The League's 1996-97 fundraising efforts, which included an outreach to the corporate community, were dedicated to the playground project. The new facility, which will include slides, bridges, climbing stations and activity panels, will serve a broad audience of children between the ages of 3 1/2 and 10. Utilization of the facility will extend beyond the Y membership and will encompass children of diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. Pictured in front row: from left, Sharon Blaszcak, President, Junior League of Wilkes-Barre; Andrea Mosca, JLWB; Doreen Fronzoni, YMCA Program Executive; Mary Hughes, JLWB; Karen Blum, JLWB; Rosemary Caputo, JLWB; Karen Chesterfield, YMCA Preschool Director; Mayclaire McCarthy, JLWB; and Dottie Henry, JLWB. Second row: Kim Koehl, Cynthia Anderson, Sylvia Hughes. Third row: Martha Marchand, Sue Reilly, Kathy Hofherr, Heidi Schukraft. Fourth row: Louise Moore, Claire Evans, Mary Jule McCarthy. Top row: Suzanne Yazbeck, Louise Kondracki, Brenda Anderson, Kelly Borthwick, Michele Fagula, Cathy Swoboda, Maureen Moran Minichello, Kathy Anders, Carol Clegg, Linda Mancinelli, Sue Wallace. Women pictured in photo from second through fourth row are all members of the Junior League of Wilkes-Barre.)



### Dallas Kiwanis celebrate 70 years

The Dallas Kiwanis Club members recently held their 70th anniversary banquet at the Irem Temple Country Club. The history of the club chartering and the many community related activities of the club were narrated by past club officers shown. From left, George McCutcheon, Charles Kishbaugh and Robert Dolbear.

### Neighbors

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required on all plan maps, the zoning board must make a decision on this issue before the planning commission can review plans, allowing Fisher to move forward. Fisher was not available for comment.

"We would like to retain the nature of our community. It's a closed development," said Lowe, who fears a development might become an outlet to Carverton Rd. and increase traffic in the quiet neighborhood. Lowe said most people moved to the neighborhood because they thought the land behind them would never be developed.

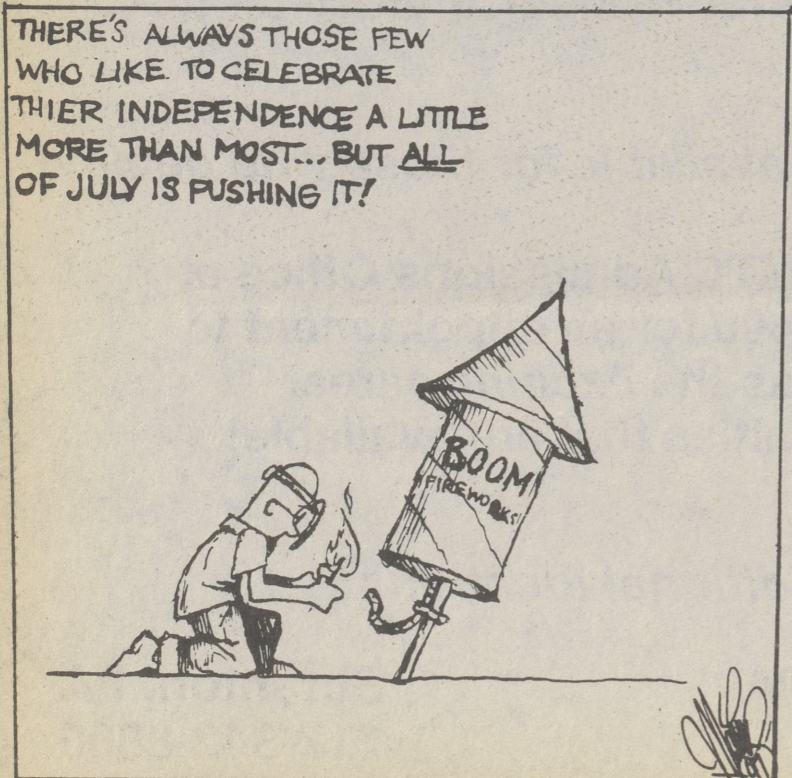
Lowe questions the validity of the land's present zoning. Before 1979 it was conservation. Since then parts have been rezoned R-1 and R-3 residential, but there is no record of these zone changes on file, she said. "A lot with a

slope of 20 percent should be conservation. There are very steep slopes. Any development would be bad for the environment," said Lowe, who feels erosion would be a problem.

Gorey said the zoning board is taking the request to review the zoning quite seriously. The Westmoreland Hills residents began presenting their case before the board on June 30 and will continue on July 24 at 7 p.m.

Fisher agreed to a waiver giving the planning commission more time to decide on his proposal. The time limit of 60 days after he submitted the plans was July 5. Now the planning commission has until December to move on the decision.

"It's a case reminiscent of other issues going on in the area," said Lowe. "People are starting to think more seriously about zoning issues."



### Lake group

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stalled by the PA Fish and Boat Commission. The buoys are placed near docks to warn boaters they are coming a "no-wake" zone near shore. Buoys cost about \$100 each.

Mike Shisko, chairman of the buoy program and member of the executive committee, said the buoy program is a good, solid program. "It's an ongoing program. I'm doing something all the time," he said.

Sometimes buoys can be destroyed in a day as he found out last year. "I put one out on Saturday and by Sunday afternoon it was wiped out," said Shisko. "The replacement fee is high and sometimes people are turned off by the hefty price tag," he said.

According to Shisko, Giordano who then owned Sunset Marine, came up with the idea in 1983 to buy a bunch of buoys at a bulk price and sell them to lake residents. "He bought 100 of them himself to get a price break and then sold them (at that rate)," he said.

Shisko said he hasn't had much time lately to plan fund raisers for such a purchase now.

A couple of members tried to plan a fundraiser for such a purchase, but said the committee shot them down at the last minute. Sobeck and current member Jim Sperling got approval from the association to put together an ice golf tournament fund raiser on the lake this winter to raise money to purchase

buoys for this summer. Sperling said they made up flyers and liability papers that they felt freed the association from responsibility for any accidents. At the last minute the executive committee pulled the plug on the event, claiming the insurance risk was too high.

Sperling and Sobeck don't believe that's the case. "The association has become a joke," said Sperling. "Anything we vote as a majority doesn't mean anything because the executive committee can vote it down. They do whatever they want."

Other projects get higher priority, he said. "When garbage cans are broken they are replaced immediately."

Giordano, still a member of executive committee, said he agrees that all the buoys do not appear to be out and supports efforts to get them installed.

Giordano said he believes the association is set up in a democratic manner and that the executive committee is "a safeguard so that incorrect or improper actions are not taken. It's always been like that."

The committee is made up of about 10 past presidents who are the only people who may nominate a new president. The new president must be on the board of directors, which has 45 people on it.

Shisko agrees with Giordano. He believes the committee keeps order in the association and that

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Guy Giordano  
HPLA board member

not enough people come to meetings to represent the majority. On the average eight to 10 people come to meetings, a good meeting night is when 20-24 people show, he said. "It's very easy for someone to come and stack the meeting with their supporters," he said when asked if it were any different when the issues were announced ahead of time, which they now are. "Who has the organization's best interest in mind more than someone who chaired it?" asked Shisko.

Damian Kaye and Ruth Eaton have been members of the association since 1991 and say things were running smoothly until the "No Wake at Night" law was passed three years ago. Members came out in force opposing the proposed law and won the majority vote against it, said Eaton.

Many members feel betrayed because after the majority vote against the legislation, Giordano went to Harrisburg and told state officials that the association stood behind the law, said Sperling. "(Some members of the executive committee) misrepresented the

association's opinions at the borough meeting and in Harrisburg," he said.

Giordano, a past president of the Water Safety Committee, said the law was passed with the backing of the association and the Harveys Lake Borough Council. "The people who don't like that are a vocal minority," he said of the law's opponents. "It's ridiculous to travel beyond a no-wake speed when you can't see. People were talking about a no-wake law back in 1983. All I did was revive it."

Members say they hope someday the association will be completely democratic without a few running the show. "I would like to see the governing body be more open to members," said Eaton. "We have very intelligent business people in the association and they are being shut out of the presidency."

Kaye said he sees no need for an executive committee and wants to see elections open to the general membership. "We all pay the same dues every year. We should get the same treatment," he said.

Sperling said the lack of democracy has drained his desire to start any new projects any time soon. "The energy has left. The atmosphere within the association is negative and the meetings are not high energy," he said. "When it's made a democratic group, then I'll be happy to do things again. It should be a majority rules from within."

## Rotary looking for person to travel to Calcutta, India

Rotarians of District 7410 of Northeastern Pennsylvania are seeking four outstanding business and professional people to visit Calcutta, India and Nepal in January of 1998 through the Group Study Exchange Program of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

The program strives to improve international understanding by enabling people from different countries to learn from each other on a personal level.

The awards involve exchanging teams of business and professional persons and a Rotarian leader for a four week period, Jan.

5, 1998 through Feb. 2, 1998.

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