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Teens don't let disability spoil the fun

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DALLAS - Inflatable balls flew, teens bounced on bright noodle floats, and laughter filled the College Misericordia swimming pool February 14, as a diverse group of Dallas Middle School students and teens with developmental disabilities and physical limitations joined for a Valentine's Day Swim.

The swim party was the second get-together of the Cool Club, a social organization for teenagers who, in spite of their special needs, like to participate in recreational activities with other children.

The Cool Club is sponsored by the Deutsch Institute, at Misericordia. The goal is for teens from the Middle School to interact with other teens who have physical and developmental disabilities.

Rachel Loefflad of the Deutsch Institute organizes events for the club. "I got an overwhelming response from students," she said. "The Dallas Middle School students are so compassionate." Loefflad ran a training session to teach students sensitivity and provide hands-on experience before the first activity, which was a bowling party. The swimming party was suggested by the teens.

Over 40 people attended the swim, including Dallas Middle School students, students from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit, West Side Tech, Wilkes-Barre Tech, parents, friends, and members of the College Misericordia men's and women's swim teams. "These activities integrate the entire community," said Loefflad. "They just blend."

"It's good for us. You get to help other people in a relaxed way," said Dallas Middle School student Stephen Elston.

Dallas sixth graders Mallory Trojan, Coral Stredny, and Jill Vanderhook filled their time splashing and laughing. "You get to do a lot of stuff and help kids, too," said Stredny. "It's fun and you meet new people," adds Trojan.

Nancy Edkins, Aquatics Director and Men's and Women's Swimming Coach at Misericordia, encouraged her swim teams to volunteer their time to assist the students in the pool. "This is a great opportunity for us to give something back to the community, and it's fun," she said.

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"It doesn't seem that long ago I was only 10."

Bob Besecker
Pack 281's first Cub Scout

Cub Scout Pack 281 celebrates 50 years

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Nancy MacDonald, commissioner of Cub Scout Pack 281, held a special patch commemorating the Pack's 50th year to the Pack flag during the Pack's Raingutter Regatta, held in January. The patch was hand sewn to the flag by Peggy Dwinchick.

DALLAS - "It's a big step these days for anything to last 50 years. I think it's a great thing." That is how Al Kornak, Cubmaster for Pack 281, sees the continued resilience and success of one of the Back Mountain's oldest Cub Scout packs.

Friday night the pack celebrated 50 full years of scouting excellence with its annual Blue and Gold dinner representing all the packs with Cub Scouts and leaders from past and present.

More than 300 people filled Dallas Middle School's cafeteria. Each of the 10 dens had a table and brought their own food to commemorate the anniversary. There are approximately 90 boys ages five through 11 in the large pack.

At the head table were past Cub leaders and a special guest, Robert Besecker, who was the very first Cub Scout to sign up for Pack 281 in 1949, with William McQuilken as the first leader.

"It's great for the kids. My two boys (Robert and Raymond) were in it and it was certainly good for them," said Besecker of Cub Scouts.

Asked how it felt to be at the 50th anniversary dinner, Besecker joked that it make him feel old. "It doesn't seem that long ago I was only 10," he said.

George and Louise Hess of Dallas served as leaders from 1959 to 1960. Their two sons, David and Douglas, were extensively involved in the pack. "It was a lot of work and a lot of fun," recalled Hess, who now has silver hair and glasses.

He remembers the Pinewood Derby as the high point

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Auction, business group look for new ways to team up

Sue Oswalt is excited about being co-chairperson of the 53rd Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction. She and her husband John, who manages the Procter and Gamble plant in Mehoopany, volunteered for the assignment less than three years after moving to Dallas from southern California.

"Libraries were a low priority there," she said last week when she addressed a meeting of the

Back Mountain Business and Professional Association. "I had trouble getting my children to the library when it was open."

And they didn't have an auction, either. "Boy that was fun," she said of her first auction. "I've never been to an event like that."

The business association was looking for a way to help the auction and to gain visibility, and the Oswalts were looking for help. The most logical fit appears to be

a raffle, which BMBPA members will run, providing prizes, selling tickets and manning a tent during the four-day event.

Oswalt said she is looking at other new or revived ventures, such as having storytellers inside the library to entertain children while their parents bid, and a bake sale, which was a staple of the auction years ago.

The association is also gearing up for the annual Easter Egg Hunt,

to be held Saturday, March 27 at Penn State Wilkes-Barre. Members will be soliciting cash and merchandise donations for the event, which draws several hundred children and their parents.

Anyone interested in helping may send a donation to: BMBPA, P.O. Box 25, Dallas PA 18612. New and renewing members may send their \$75 annual dues to the same address. If you have questions, call 675-9380.

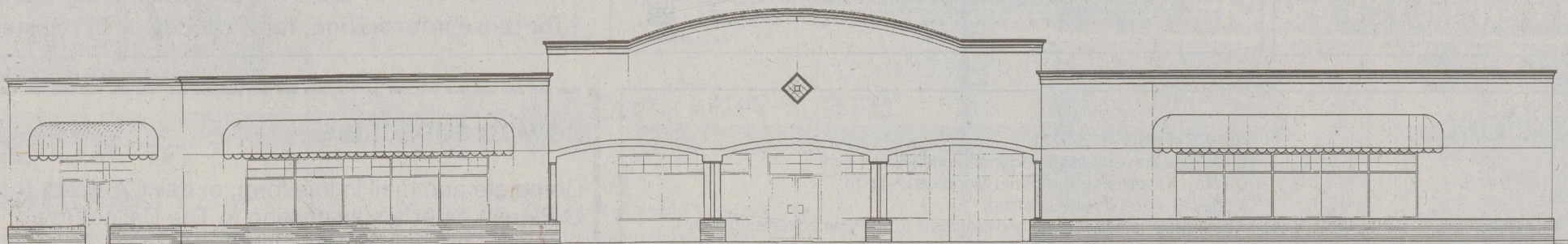


Sue Oswalt, co-chairperson of the Back Mountain Library Auction, and Tom Robinson, BMBPA president.

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Drawing shows the basic exterior design of the new building that will be filled by a liquor store and Italian deli/bakery.

New building will house 'super' wine & liquor store, Italian eatery

By RONALD BARTIZEK
Post Staff

DALLAS - Wine and food lovers will face new temptations later this year, when a new state liquor store and specialty food shop open on the site of the former Elston & Gould auto shop along Rt. 309.

Rick Angelicola of Shavertown bought the property last year and expects to break ground in March for a

building that will house a Wine & Spirits Shoppe and a deli/bakery/restaurant emphasizing Italian foods.

At 8,000 square feet, the liquor store will be double the size of the present shop in the plaza by Mr. Z's Market, said Charles Mooney, Senior Real Estate Representative for the state Liquor Control Board. This makes it a "super store, which is a designation we give to stores above a certain size," Mooney said.

Along with more space will come a much wider selection. "We'll expand all the products, but there is an emphasis on wines," Mooney said.

The other 4,000 square feet of space will be home to a shop containing a bakery, deli and restaurant, focusing on Italian specialties. Homemade Italian soups and entrees, pastas, sandwiches, salads and pizza will be available to eat in or take out. Angelicola said there will be

table seating for about 80 people, for casual family dining at lunch and dinner. Gourmet coffee and Italian baked goods will round out the menu.

Angelicola, who designed the building himself, grew up at Harveys Lake. He has built other commercial properties in the past, especially assisted-living properties, such as Tiffany Manor in Edwardsville, which he sold recently. He also purchased

the former Dallas Motel and developed it into Mountainside Manor personal care home. He sold that property in August, 1998.

The one-acre property will have parking spaces for 50 cars. Angelicola said he expected construction to be complete by August 1. Mooney said the liquor store should be open soon after. "Our goal is to be open by the fall, so we're ready for a busy holiday season," he said.

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