

Grad 2000

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Putting the party together proved to be a huge task. "We didn't know where to start," said Bartolini. The committee went out into the community looking for donations. Many Back Mountain businesses have donated food. "I don't think anybody's turned us down," said Riley. Also, the anti-alcohol Bacchus society of College Misericordia will make fruit slushies. "They all volunteered," said Riley. "Parents have been calling and asking 'How can we get involved?'"

"I've never worked with so many people so enthusiastic and competent," said Bartolini. The core committee consists of six members, including the four PTSO officers. "Everyone gravitated to what they were good at," said committee co-chair Susan Levinson. "I became friends with the other committee members."

"We're all different people," said Bartolini. "Committees have a reputation for becoming a clique. When someone wanted to join us, we'd just have them sit down. They could just swoop right in."

"We're a democratic committee," said Levinson. "Everyone realizes that we need to be flexible." The committee, she said, makes decisions quickly and fairly. "No one gets upset if their ideas aren't used," because everyone is committed to the success of the project. Fathers are involved with the program as well. Jack Martin, a Dallas alumni, was the project director of the pancake breakfast, one of the group's biggest fund raisers. Wayne McOwen, Jim Gavin and Lou Bartolini were among the men who assisted in organizing the event.

"The administration has been incredibly supportive. They couldn't have been better to us."

Sheri Riley
Party organizer

The goal, Bartolini said, is to have senior parents organize and steer the event, and have junior parents give the party. "We really don't want any senior parents there."

The aim of the party is simple. "We need to entertain the kids. We had to make it attractive," said Riley. Each student will get their \$20 deposit back at the end of the night, as well as at least \$25 worth of gifts. "We wanted to give the kids things they could take to college," she said. Each student will receive a disposable camera, a caricature, and the chance to win cash prizes. The grand prize will be a pre-owned car.

The party will take place at the high school. Doors will open at 10:30 p.m., and all participants need to be at the school by 11 p.m. The doors will be locked from the outside and the party will begin.

Mike Dalton, a local disc jockey will be playing music all night. The gym will be decorated with a beach theme. A hypnotist called the Astonishing Neil will perform in the auditorium. A professional caricaturist will draw portraits of students throughout the night. Ping pong tables will be set up, and two rooms will be dedicated as lounges for the students to

relax in. Other events will include a 120 person Twister game, a PIC card game, and a fun machine where the students can win cash prizes. At 5 a.m., the food service will serve breakfast. The doors will be unlocked at 6 a.m.

Participation from students and administrators has been strong right from the start. Ten students have offered input since the beginning of the year, and students have also volunteered for fund raisers. The high school principal and Superintendent Gil Griffiths will be attending. "They won't be there in their administrative roles," said Riley. "They're coming just to hang out with the kids."

The committee is still looking for donations of gifts, or money that will be used to buy gifts. They are also looking for parents to work two or three hour shifts. "We hope it'll be all underclass parents that give the party."

The committee isn't sure how many students will come. "They were very interested when the car came up," said Bartolini. She hopes 100 or more students will show up. "This is the last chance they'll have to party together," said Bartolini.

Any senior wishing to attend the party should hand in their reservation form and \$20 deposit on May 17, 18 and 23-25. After the 25th, no more reservations will be accepted.

"We're not overconfident that it'll be perfect," said Bartolini. "We want to be proud of our kids. We're not contributing to national statistics."

"We hope to let them have a safe night," said Riley.

Library news



Carol King

Children's library "Donuts and Discussion", a book discussion group for 10, 11, and 12-year-olds, will be held again this summer. Registration starts on Monday, May 22, at 1:30 p.m. An organizational meeting will be held for registrants on Tuesday, May 30, to select reading materials from a list of fiction books by award-winning authors, and to decide upon meeting dates. The proposed starting date is the week of June 19. Call the library, at 675-1182, to register.

A reminder that the "Readers 2000—Masters of the Millennium" Summer Reading Game will begin June 12. Both Read-to-Me and Readers groups will participate in programs and games, and prizes and certificates will be awarded. Come to the library and pick up your game board and get started. Sessions will be held from June 27 and 28 through August 1 and 2.

Book discussion groups The final meeting of the season for the Monday morning book discussion group will be held on Monday, May 22. We will discuss the play, *W;t* (again, not a typo). We thank the members of the steering committee who worked so hard to select this year's books and conduct our meetings. A new com-

Summer book discussion group for 10-12-year-olds

mittee will work during the summer to choose books for next year.

The Monday evening group also meets on May 22, at 7 p.m., to discuss John Grisham's book, *The Brethren*. Everyone in the group really liked the previous book they'd read, *Cider House Rules*, by John Irving, reported Pam Oliveria. Call her, at 674-9935, if you'd like to join their small but friendly group.

Auction Reminders Sand Art Booth needs clean, empty glass jars, and Lipton, Tropicana, Ocean Spray and Snapple bottles — all with lids. Please deposit them in the barrel in the lobby of the library. Book Booth needs reading materials, but no Reader's Digest Condensed Books, National Geographic or textbooks, please. Clean, usable household items are needed for the Odds and Ends Booth. New goods for sale over the block are also needed. Donations may be brought to the library at any time. There will be a meeting of the Auction Committee at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, at the library.

Librarian's report Martha Butler and Barbara Lemmond attended the Luzerne County Library System Board meeting in April. It was decided that the expense for a System Automation Manager would come out of the system budget. This will mean a decrease in each library's county aid for 2000.

Janet Bauman attended the Summer Reading Club meeting at the Osterhout on April 3. On April 5 she and Marilyn Rudolph

prepared a display and attended the Dallas Elementary Summer Activities Fair to promote the Summer Reading Club.

Library visitors included over 100 children, ages 3 to 5, from the Trucksville Nursery, who toured the library during the morning and afternoon of April 10 and 11. On April 18 Mrs. Young brought her Den of 10 Cub Scouts to discuss the Communicator Badge with Mrs. Rudolph.

In celebration of National Library Week, Mary Daley and Janet Bauman placed a display of books and banners in Besecker's window on Main Street in Dallas.

Martha Butler included in her April report to the Board the following statistics: total circulation, 12,703; books added, 218; new borrowers, 83.

Displays Barbara Long is displaying her collection of replica Faberge eggs and the "Sapphire Garden", a set of very small eggs. Both were purchased through the Franklin Mint. Her favorite is the imperial double-headed eagle, the coat of arms of Czar Nicholas II.

The other collection on display consists of Sharon Randolph's Matryushka dolls. She has provided a great deal of interesting information about them. The name of these nesting dolls derives from the Russian word for mother. Sharon's collection started in 1986 with a gift from her son after he returned from a visit to the Soviet Union.

Be sure to see both these displays and read the information provided.

Special services at Old Country Church

Special Services will be held at the Old Country Church on Smith Pond Road, Jackson Township, under the direction of the God's Missionary church.

The services will be each evening, Tue. - Sat. 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, May 21, there will be two services, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Rev. John White from Penns Creek, will be speaking at each service. Rev. White and his wife will provide the music and singing.

The church is located on Smith Pond Road, between Rt. 29 and Jackson Rd., near the State Correctional Institute.

For information or directions call Pastor Warren Major at 675-3490.

Hospice grief support meeting May 26

Hospice Saint John will be holding its monthly grief support group meeting on Friday, May 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 196 North Main Street, Shavertown.

The meeting is free, and open to the public.

SENIOR MENUS

Senior Citizens 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 May 15, 2000. All meals include margarine, milk and coffee.

MONDAY - Beef stir fry, oriental vegetables, risi bisli, whole wheat bread, tomato juice, pear

TUESDAY - Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, french roll, vanilla pudding

WEDNESDAY - Baked ham w/ fruit sauce, vegetable medley, butternut squash, whole wheat roll, lemon pudding

THURSDAY - Spiral pasta w/ vodka sauce & sausage, peach cobbler, spinach, italian bread, orange juice, vanilla sugar wafers, lemon

FRIDAY - Tuna salad, egg drop soup, mixed fruit, coleslaw, sliced tomato, pita bread, birthday cake

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