

Dallas Area Women's Club will go out on top

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DALLAS - The next meeting of the Dallas Area Federated Women's Club will be its last.

Club officers have announced that during its meeting Thursday, June 8, at 7 p.m., at Appletree Terrace in Dallas, the club will disband. The club was organized in 1978 by Jean Hillard to take over from the Dallas Junior Women's Club.

"We reached an age when we needed to break up the Junior Women's Club and so we formed the Federated Women's Club. We did so many things for the community that we really bonded as a group," said Hillard. "The Junior Women's Club donated money to community projects and to families that needed it like fire victims. One year we raised \$18,000 for a member who needed a kidney transplant."

Twenty-two years later the women feel the time has come for another change. "Ninety-five percent of our members work full-time. Many of us are also caring for parents and just no longer have time for the commitment required to run a club. We're in the prime of our life and just want to be free from that type of commitment. We have a terrific reputation for the things we have done and we want to end it on that note," said Mrs. Hillard.

The Federated Women's Club, which was a part of the Pennsylvania Federation of Women's Clubs, was dedicated to making a difference in the world through service and community involvement. "Our main goal was education," noted Jean Hillard.

"Each year we awarded book scholarships to graduating high school seniors. We've also sup-



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The Dallas Area Federated Women's Club initiated new members at its meeting in March, 1991. From left, Jean Hillard, club founder and president that year; Carolyn Johnson, Martha Weber, Pat Nicely, Karen Lisnow and Jan Waligorski, new members; Pam Egly, membership chairperson.

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ported the Back Mountain Memorial Library, the Luzerne County Federation Day, and participated in the student-of-the-month program at Dallas," she added.

The club membership was always limited to 50 members because it was a monthly dinner club. "We didn't have to recruit new members. Our reputation attracted interested people," said Hillard.

Funds were never solicited from the community for the donations the club made.

"Twice a year, five members would prepare a dinner and donate all of the food. Members paid

Dallas Women Club Presidents

Marie Barbose	1978-1979	Kathy Wega	1989-1990
Evelyn Farrell	1979-1980	Jean Hillard	1990-1991
Sandy Richardson	1980-1981	Nancy Ferko	1991-1992
Nancy Rowlands	1981-1982	Nancy Ferko	1992-1993
Marlene Rollman	1982-1983	Nancy Rowlands	1993-1994
Sheila Bonawitz	1983-1984	JoAnn Hall	1994-1995
Pat Smaka	1984-1985	Ellen Nagy	1995-1996
Shirley Smith	1985-1986	Mary Griffin	1996-1997
Ellen Nagy	1986-1987	Shirley Forney	1997-1998
Marilyn Webster King	1987-1988	Lesley Douglas	1998-1999
Mary Perugino	1988-1989		

\$10 each to attend. Then, if we needed to raise more we would hold a 'bakeless bake sale,' Hillard explained. "Rather than bake something for sale, you donated the cost of the ingredients. JoAnn Hall wrote a terrific little poem to explain how that worked."

Marie Barbose was the first club president in 1978. Other presidents included Nancy Rowlands, Kathy Wega, Nancy Ferko, Mary Perugino and Mary Griffin. Mary Alice Frederick, President for 1999-2000, stated in her President's Message, "We

enjoy the friendships we develop with our members. We have fun doing good!"

The June 8 meeting will be a celebration of club achievements and past presidents are asked to bring their log books to share. Former and current members are invited to attend.

"We plan to continue going out to dinner once a month but without the formality of a club. Some of us have been together for 35 years and the friendships we have formed are really special," Hillard said.

Township, polluter at odds over consultant

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JACKSON TWP. - Solicitor Blythe Evans presented the first disagreement between Sun Oil Company and Jackson Township regarding payment for the services of Christopher Zwiebel, the township's independent environmental consultant.

Evans referred to a letter of March, 2000 in which Russell Jones of Sun Oil said the company would be responsible for payment. Apparently, they have questioned Zwiebel's job description, which they characterize as "too broad." Solicitor Evans sent a follow-up letter to Jones requesting written confirmation that Sun will live up to its previous agreement. He said he is awaiting a reply.

Joseph Brogna and Gerry Olenick of the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) were available for questions at the conclusion of the regular supervisors' meeting Monday night.

"Are there any further safety precautions with the new valve (which replaced the one which ruptured, causing the gasoline spill)?" asked Benjamin Barsh, Jr. Brogna replied, "The new valve won't allow water to freeze around the neck" which may have been the cause of the event.

Barsh also asked about precautions against a fire, and wanted to know if Sun Oil has improved monitoring systems making it possible to detect a sudden change in pressure, such as with a pipe rupture, causing a safety stop to kick in.

The issue of decontamination of the spill site was a hot topic. "Is consideration being given to the required removal (by Sun Oil) of all contaminated soil?" Zwiebel asked. It was noted that Sun Oil is working on the site and moving soil for possible bioremediation in which bacteria and oxygen are added to the ground to speed the decontamination process.

This triggered Evans to recall a

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Blythe Evans
Jackson Twp. solicitor

ship was required to remove contaminated soil. We had to float a bond issue." He fears that DEP is not holding Sun Oil to the same standard by not requiring them to remove the contaminated soil which continues to be a source of water contamination. "Tell Sun to do what they have to do," Evans said. "Get rid of that damn stuff. People are concerned about their water and cancer."

Brogna responded that total excavation is always an option. "We don't dictate to them what they have to do. They are developing a plan and we're doing what we feel has to be done."

Evans asked Zwiebel if he had been given any detailed reports or plans from Sun Oil. Zwiebel's "no" led Evans to conclude that "There's nothing you can make a judgment on."

Brogna tried to reassure them. "If we find that there is one area that we see to be the source area, then excavation might be necessary," he said.

Evans later apologized for his outburst and thanked Brogna and Olenick for their attendance at the meeting.

Shavertown fire company 75th anniversary

Shavertown Volunteer Fire Company is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. We are planning to hold a block party on Sat., August 12. Starting with a parade at 12 p.m. followed by a short memorial service and presentation of citation. We'll have plenty of feed and games for all, and a band starting at 7 p.m.

New Shavertown UMC summer worship times

Shavertown United Methodist Church will be changing their worship times during the summer hours. The informal Saturday evening service at 5:30 p.m. will meet downstairs in the Social Hall. Sunday there will be on service at 10 a.m. Join us for hymn singing, spirited worship, special children's message, and special music. Schedule is from June through August. For information call 675-3616.

Dallas Borough taxes face value until June 17

Tom Reese, Tax Collector, Dallas Borough, informs all tax payers that all unpaid county, municipal and per capita taxes are now due in the face value until June 17.

The Tax Office, at 68 Main Street will be open June 3, 7, 10, 14 and 17 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For information, call 675-5929. Kindly enclose a self addressed stamped envelope for all mailed taxes needing a receipt.

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