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Dallas Rotary marks 75 years service

By M.B. GILLIGAN
Post Correspondent

Did you know that the "Old Shoe" was bronzed courtesy of the Dallas Rotary Club?

Or that each year a representative of Dallas Rotary, usually the president, is on hand to present that trophy to the winner of the annual Dallas versus Lake-Lehman football game?

Were you aware that Rotary International has halted civil wars in Africa long enough to inoculate the people against po-

lio as part of Polio Plus, a Rotary program whose goal is to wipe out the disease worldwide by 2005?

Closer to home, the Dallas Rotary provides a Christmas shopping spree each year to 30 children, 15 from each Dallas and Lake-Lehman school districts. The children start the day with a free breakfast at McDonald's in Shavertown and proceed to the BonTon in Wyoming. There they can purchase winter necessities like coats and hats for a greatly dis-

counted charge that is paid for by Rotary. Then, the children are treated to a party at BonTon complete with Santa Claus and snacks.

"We presented awards this year to McDonald's and BonTon in appreciation of their support of this program for over 20 years," said Jerry Reisch, president of the club. The recognition ceremony was only one part of the festivities at the 75th Anniversary Rotary Charter

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Spencer Martin (left) and Jim Alexander are two of the longest serving Rotarians. They joined Rotary in the 1950s. Both are Paul Harris Fellows and have served as the club's president.

Student exchange started here

By M.B. GILLIGAN
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One of the most widely recognized programs of the Rotary International Club is the Youth Exchange Program that was started by the late Dr. Les Jordan of Dallas.

As president of the Dallas Rotary in 1957, he set out to do something new and exciting. It took a few years of research, committee work and general promotion of his plan but in 1959, Jordan's program was adopted as the first district level youth exchange program in Rotary International. It is still active in many parts of the world.

"My mother (Ann Jordan of Dallas) was very instrumental

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Appointment of supervisors may have been illegal

Supervisors admit to discussing men before meeting

BY TIMOTHY J. RAUB
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KINGSTON TWP. — The appointment of two township Supervisors last week may have been performed illegally.

According to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, agencies must hold all discussions for the appointment of a Supervisor in a public forum.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Paul Sabol said Tuesday he, Supervisor J. Carl Goodwin and township solicitor Benjamin Jones III met a week earlier and discussed the selections of John Versari and Cornelius Allen to fill two vacancies on the board.

"(Versari and Allan) were aware a couple of days, maybe a week, before the emergency Supervisors meeting (that they were going to be appointed Supervisors)," said Sabol. "We discussed it at a meeting with our solicitor."

But Goodwin, contacted the same day, said Versari and Allen were unaware of their appointments until the advertised March 22 emergency meetings, and that information pro-

vided to The Dallas Post which supported Sabol's comments was incorrect.

"The men were made aware that evening," said Goodwin. "We reviewed all the applications, and did not make any decisions before (the meeting)."

Jones said there was a meeting Sunday, March 17 between himself, Sabol and Goodwin, but the meeting was only to advise the Supervisors as to how to go about appointing a third member.

Jones said that on Tuesday, March 19, he gave Township Manager Kathy Sebastian an agenda and letter of notice for both emergency meetings for her to format properly. He said he was contacted on the afternoon of March 21 by a Supervisor to check that both Versari and Allen were qualified voters of Kingston Township, which he did Friday, March 22 prior to the meetings.

The board held back-to-back special meetings later that night, and appointed both men to fill vacancies on the board.

"Nowhere in the code or in the second class township code does it say that the Supervisors must accept applications, resumes or letters of recommendation for appointments," said Jones. "They were not legally bound to accept them. It was a political decision to do so."

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Residents, other candidates try to question board, are ignored

By TIMOTHY J. RAUB
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KINGSTON TWP. — The Township Board of Supervisors appointed two men to fill vacancies on the board at back-to-back special meetings Friday night.

But the selections left many residents questioning the integrity and ethics used in the decision-making process.

Residents became angry when newly appointed Supervisor John Versari made a motion to appoint Cornelius Allen to become the board's fourth supervisor.

Versari, who had been appointed to the position just minutes earlier by board Chairman Paul Sabol and Vice Chairman J. Carl Goodwin, did not have an opportunity to view the list of applicants for the position, causing many residents to question the board as to how he knew who applied.

"I don't think the Board of Supervisors did the right thing tonight," said township resident Ron Viglone. "The supervisors should have put their personal feelings aside when they made the appointments."

Residents tried to question the

List of applicants. Pg 8

board's decision, but Sabol adjourned the meeting before any questions could be addressed.

Kingston Township Solicitor Benjamin Jones III said the applications were not a matter of public record earlier in the first meeting.

"The purpose of these meetings was to discuss and appoint the supervisors," said Jeffrey Box, who had served as township manager for 12 years, and had applied for one of the vacant positions on the board. "My question to the board is, 'When was the public meeting held where the supervisors deliberated over the public appointments?'"

Versari and Allen were appointed to fill vacancies left on the board after the resignation of Randall Glidden on Feb. 26 and the death of Herbert Hill March 12. A third vacancy, which opened after the death of William Tippet March 14, will be advertised and filled within 45 days, said Sabol.

Jones said that according to the township's Home Rule Charter, if the supervisors fell to below three mem-

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POST PHOTO/JIM PHILLIPS

Science guy . . . and gals

Dallas Elementary School held its sixth annual science fair last week, and students filled the gymnasium with clever exhibits. Shown with one of them, from left: Callie Amadio, Courtney Wagner, Lily Amadio and Marcus Wagner posed by one of the projects. More photos on page 4.

Teachers' attorney blasts board

Contract dispute will go to state fact finder

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON
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LEHMAN TWP. — John Holland, an attorney representing the Lake-Lehman Educational Association (LLEA), said he stands by his words, uttered at the last school board meeting, accusing the board of "bargaining in the media" and "unethical" conduct.

Robert Roberts, superintendent of the Lake-Lehman School District, said the board

is taking the advice of their attorney on this very complex issue of contract negotiations and the two parties are obviously far apart.

Holland called the action of the board in releasing a four-page report specifying details of the ongoing negotiations between the school district and the LLEA "unethical" and emphatically stated the education association had not given the board permission to divulge any information. "They are not supposed to release what the proposals are between the parties," he said.

Prior to the release of the report, at the Feb. 5 meeting, the school board seemed to be in agreement with Holland's statement

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BMT Friendship Quilters stitch auction quilt



For the last four months, Back Mountain Friendship Quilters have met each Tuesday and Friday morning to sew this year's Back Mountain Library Auction Raffle quilt. Here they show the end result. The quilt raffle will be held on Sunday evening July 7, the last day of the annual four-day auction. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the library for \$1, or by calling Joanne Ennis at 675-0330.

The quilt was started in October, and was hand sewn by the Back Mountain Friendship Quilters. This is the second year of the event. Last year, over \$1,900 was raised for the library. From left: Joanne Ennis, Kiyoko Steuben and Mary Hoyes. Missing from photo is Marion Yablonski.

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