

Community *Photo* Album

Parade of Trees raises funds for charities

Sponsors flocked to Grotto Pizza at Harveys Lake last week to decorate the trees entered in the 2002 Grotto Pizza Parade of Trees. The annual event raises funds for a variety of charities.

Diners and other visitors vote for their favorite tree with their donations, which are in turn given to the charity. Entry fees of \$125 per tree are pooled, and divided between the charities of the three top vote-getters.

The event has raised more than \$26,000 since its inception.

Tree sponsors and benefiting charities

- Grotto Pizza - Arthritis Foundation
- Lions Brewery - Make a Wish Foundation
- Slocum Insurance - Meadows Nursing Center Auxiliary
- Petals Preserved - Susan Koman Breast Cancer
- Orlando Foods - Alzheimers Association of Northeast PA
- Hillman Securities & Time Technologies - Volunteers of America
- Circle Bolt & Nut Co., Inc. - Valley Santa
- Rice's Food Equipment & Consulting, Inc. - St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen
- Grasshopper Lawns, Inc. - Multiple Sclerosis
- L.T. Verrastro, Inc. - St. Joseph Center
- Borton - Lawson Engineering - American Cancer Society
- Communications Workers of America Local 13571 - Penns Woods Girl Scouts
- Classic Printers - Special Olympics
- Wyoming Valley Health Care - United Way
- Jimmy Buffet Club - Cystic Fibrosis
- Newberry Services Co., Inc. - Luzerne County Head Start
- Wyoming Quality Beverage - Lupus Foundation of Northeast PA
- Barber Ford, Inc. - Lake Noxen PTO (Playground Drive)
- Premium Brands - SPCA
- Offset Paperback - March of Dimes
- Citadel Communications - Children's Miracle Network
- Kennedy & Brown Law Offices - American Cancer Society's Camp Can-Do
- Prudential Securities, Inc. - Gate of Heaven Building Fund
- Anheuser Busch Co., - Muscular Dystrophy Association

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Hanging around the Offset Paperback tree, from front: Matt Brennan, Stephanie Balchun, Melissa Golightly, Patti Wiatrowski.



Alexe Rice looked over the selection of ornaments for the tree sponsored by her dad's business, Rice's Food Equipment and Consulting.



Sue Slocum reached high to decorate the Slocum Insurance tree.



Kids did much of the work on the tree sponsored by Barber Ford. From left, foreground: Selena Adamshick, Anthony Depriero, Diana DePrimo, Nick Carey. In background, Shannon El Qorchi and Laura DePrimo.



"You're so smart? You rig up the lights!" Brett Slocum did the sticky part of the job.

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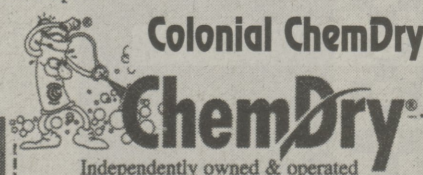
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