

Gift puts Meals on Wheels into computer age

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DALLAS — "This gift will bring us out of the dark ages," said Dr. Byron Myers, Vice President of the Wyoming Valley Chapter of Meals On Wheels. Myers was referring to the CBM Pentium computer, monitor, keyboard, and printer, valued at \$900, donated to the organization by Dale Campbell, owner of Campbell Business Machines, Dallas.

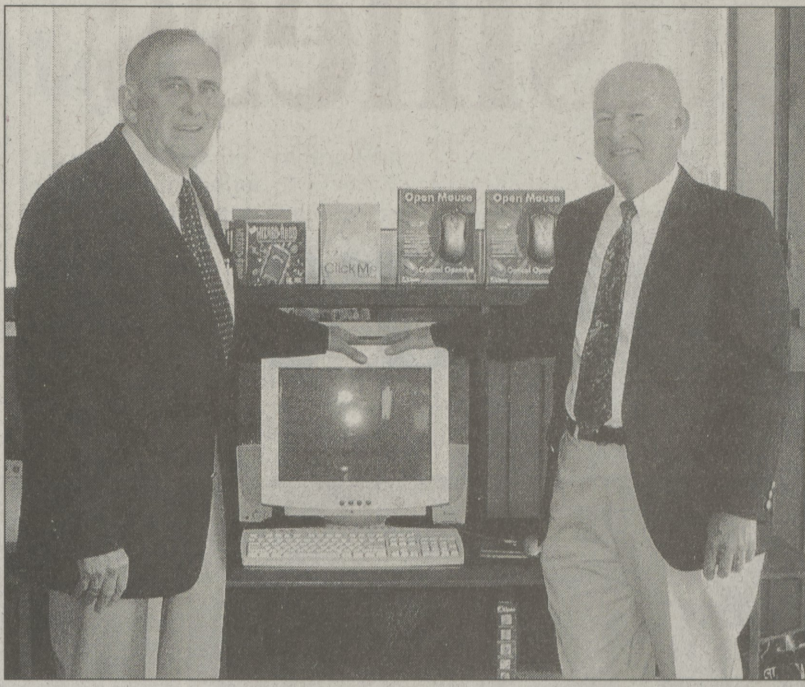
"We can't thank Mr. Campbell enough for the donation of this computer and all the software we need to get us up and running," said Myers. "We will finally have the capability to have better control of our operation and more timely administrative and financial reports. We depend on our volunteers for this work, and we feel we have been imposing on them to ask them to do all of our record keeping by hand."

For more than three decades, the Wyoming Valley Meals On Wheels, a non-profit organization, has prepared and delivered up to 200 hot dinner meals and 200 cold supper meals each weekday throughout the year. The meals are prepared in the kitchen at the Church of Christ Uniting on Market Street in Kingston.

Volunteers deliver nutritious low-cost meals to senior citizens in the Back Mountain towns of Dallas, Shavertown and Trucksville. Others who receive assistance are those who may be convalescing, mentally or physically disabled, or living alone and recently discharged from the hospital.

Meals On Wheels does not receive any support from the government. Revenues come from contributions from the public and a weekly fee of \$20 for 10 meals from their client base. "Payments are based on the client's ability to pay," said Myers. "We have no extra funds. We just survive."

Meals On Wheels is in desperate need of volunteers to deliver meals in the Back Mountain



POST PHOTO/SANDY PEOPLES

Dr. Byron Myers, Vice President of the Wyoming Valley Chapter of Meals On Wheels, left and Dale Campbell, owner of Campbell Business Machines, Dallas pose with the computer Campbell donated to Meals On Wheels.

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Vice President, Meals on Wheels

area and to other towns within their area of responsibility. "We need enthusiastic and energetic support," said Myers.

"Many of our volunteers are retired people and they are getting older. We need younger people to replace them. Volunteers can offer their time on a full or part-time basis. It takes about two hours per day per volunteer to make all of our deliveries. They may work every day or a couple of times a week or month."

The organization delivers more than food. "We are the only contact to the outside world for some of our clients," said Myers.

"They sit and wait for us each day just to have a conversation with someone. And when the weather is extremely hot or cold, we want to make sure they are okay."

Myers and Campbell, who have been friends for more than 30 years, have a great deal of empathy for the homebound.

"I have a lot of respect for what Byron does," said Campbell. "He has looked after those in need for more than 10 years. When he came to me to ask for my help, I looked at it as an opportunity to help my friend and a struggling organization do good work. I get to give something back to the community and help those who can't afford to eat out or eat in."

Anyone wishing to volunteer as a driver or courier may call 288-1023. Donations and memorial gifts may be sent to: Meals On Wheels, c/o Church of Christ Uniting, Market and Sprague Streets, Kingston, PA 18704.

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and architects Bob Eyeran, Frederick Mack and L. Verne Lacey were among those whose work was covered.

Handman discussed building dates, architectural trends, some personal history of original homeowners and the architect's professional histories.

Handman said Back Mountain architectural styles of the time ranged from very symmetrical, as in a two-story center hall colonial in Shrine View, to rambling asymmetry seen in a home built on the old Robinson farm on 42nd Street.

Also popular was the half-timbered tudor look. Romantic elements such as turrets were not uncommon.

Handman said many of the

"I feel like I have really just scratched the surface over the last few months."

Carl Handman, A.I.A.
Eyeran, Csala, Hapeman and Handman

houses were built with other similar "little unusual touches that happened almost as exclamation points."

"It was an age of the neo-tudor, neo-colonial — old looking new houses," he said.

After Handman's presentation was finished, Dawn Pangrazzi and Clyde Davis gave an update on the ongoing photography project to digitize historic photos of the region, copied from members of the public.

Pangrazzi said they have approximately 50 photos scanned and saved into a database that will be made public via the World

Wide Web in the future.

"We're looking forward to getting more. The more, the merrier," she said.

The oral history project being undertaken by College Misericordia history students and overseen by Assistant Professor Dr. Allen Austin was reported by student Renae Lavin to have gained momentum over the past year.

Five histories have been completed. They are: William Conyngham, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pauline Roth, John Turner, Mary Lou Swingle and George and Dorothea McCutcheon. Three more are in process.

Land trust will honor Newman at dinner

The second annual dinner for the North Branch Land Trust will be held Wednesday, May 7 at 6 p.m. at Genetti's in Wilkes-Barre.

Master of ceremonies for the evening will be Mike Stevens, host of the WNEP-TV program, On the Pennsylvania Road.

The evening will be filled with good food, a silent auction, a community award and enlightening information and conversation.

A cocktail reception (cash bar) and silent auction will be from 6:30 p.m. Silent auction winners will be announced during dinner. Items that will be sold during the auction include many beautiful paintings and trips. Some paintings are "Water Lily," "Still Life with Lilac," and "Standing Stone," scenes of the Bradford County section of the Susquehanna River.

One of the trips is an afternoon fly fishing trip at a private club in

the Poconos. Bidders can also win a weekend to either Orlando, Florida, Las Vegas, or Williamsburg, Virginia.

Another item being auctioned is a beautiful basket filled with gardening supplies.

A family style dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The program for the evening will be "Urban Blight and Sprawl: Time for a Change," featuring Michel R. Lefevre, chief of Preservation Planning and Education Outreach for the Bureau of Historic Preservation at the PA Historical and Museum Commission in Harrisburg, PA.

He is the author of "Historic District Designation in Pennsylvania" and a manual for historical commission.

Lefevre also organizes conferences and events of all kinds to promote and educate Pennsylvania

about historic preservation, including most recently the Old House Road Show.

In addition, The North Branch Land Trust will honor special guest Larry Newman with the first annual NBLT Stewardship award. "I was very humble and very flattered to be I was receive this award," he said. I was very thrilled to accept it."

Mr. Newman's Wilkes-Barre based firm, Urban Workshop, specializes in urban economic development and historic preservation planning for public, institutional and non-profit clients.

Currently, Newman is writing the text of a new campus plan for Syracuse University and drafting a comprehensive plan for the Borough of Bear Creek Village.

For information about the dinner or the land trust, call 696-5545.



Larry Newman

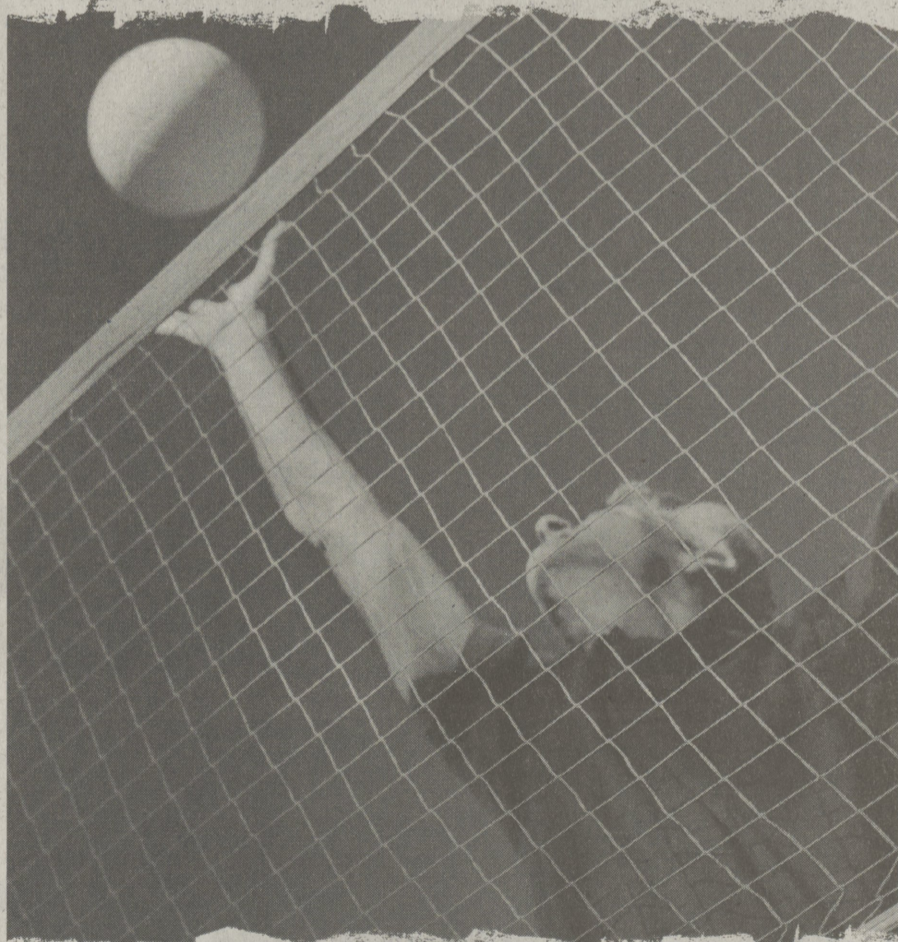
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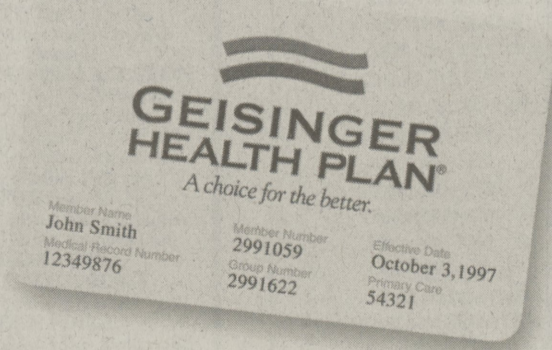
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