

# Bringing 'Bill' to life

DALLAS TWP. — Who would have thought that 80 teenagers would want to join a club devoted to studying the works of William Shakespeare? But that's exactly what has happened at Dallas High School, where "Bill's Crew" recently put on its spring festival.

The club was started three years ago by English teachers Angela Pacini and Sarah Saylor. "We're surprised ourselves" at the turnout, Pacini said last week. The club's fall and spring performances are designed to especially interest freshmen at the school. "Our objective is to teach our freshmen that Shakespeare is attainable," Pacini said. Once they get through the language barrier, "it comes to life for them." Club members study one or two plays in depth each year. The fall festival is usually based on a tragedy, while spring tends to be lighter. "We mixed it up this time," Pacini said, with segments taken from several works. There also was a recitation contest for the freshman class.



In photos, clockwise from top: Mike Panzetta had a friendly steed to get him through the joust; Shana Weinstock, as Juliet, was taken with the floral offering from her would-be Romeo, Tom Runscavage; Hannah Grube, playing Queen Elizabeth, looked her most regal. Behind her, Paul Hoerner, from the the Mount Hope Renaissance Faire, rounded up her subjects.



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# GRADUATES

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reached school age, Conrad took a job as a teacher's aide at their school, and once she saw them settled in, she knew she would be able to move on to another job. She began working at College Misericordia, first in the adult education department and later as executive secretary in the dean of students office. A year after she began this job, she started on her third and final degree program, business administration.

And here the entire family has found a home. "Never have I driven on this campus and felt like this was a wrong decision," Conrad says. "It's been a blessing working here." Being in a college environment provided flexibility to bring her daughters to campus when they were younger for special programs and to have them dropped off on campus after their school day let out. Her daughter says this is the main reason she ended up attending Misericordia.

"I grew up on campus," Reisser says. "I loved being on campus and interacting with college kids. I was so comfortable here when I started my freshman year that I just jumped into things."

Reisser's younger sister, Carissa, also now attends Misericordia; next year she will be a sophomore in the criminal justice program.

Although mother and daughter haven't shared classroom time, they have taken many of the same classes. "We helped each other," Reisser says. "My mom is very intelligent and I always went to her for help, ever since kindergarten."

Accustomed to asking her mother for help, Reisser now she found herself in the role of helper too. "I would proofread for her during my four years of college." That change has been welcomed by both mother and

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Virginia Conrad  
Dallas Township

daughter as the two worked to form a support system. "She handles stress better than I do," Reisser says. "She would always tell me to just look at what I had to do for tomorrow, not to worry about the rest of the week."

Conrad has earned admission to two honor societies, Alpha Sigma Lambda and Delta Epsilon Sigma. She also has consistently made the dean's list and was listed among Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Perhaps more important, she has inspired her children to work hard at earning their degrees.

"I always took school seriously and I learned that from her," Reisser says. "She accomplished so many things in her life and still was the best mother a child could ask for. She's 47. To see how long it took and how she sacrificed for her children, to see her graduating now and to do this as a team is an incredible experience."

Reisser, who graduated with a BS in marketing and management, also has gone beyond the ordinary. She graduated with honors, was awarded the Act 101 Service Award and was listed in Who's Who.

Conrad notes, "I always wanted to show my children that even with each barrier I hit I was determined to finish my degree. I wanted them to see the effort I put into my work." Clearly her daughter's success is proof of lessons learned.

# Harveys Lake trash dropoff days

Harveys Lake Borough will accept discarded items from residents Saturday, June 4 and September 10, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon each day. Collection bins will be set up at the recreation center ground, off West Point Avenue.

There will be a charge of \$25 per load in cars or 1/2 ton pickups. Larger trucks will be charged \$50 per load. Other charges are: car tires, \$5 each;

truck tires, \$10 each; batteries, \$3 each; propane tanks, \$3 each; major appliances, \$10 each.

Shingles, drywall and insulation materials will not be accepted.

Permits must be obtained in advance from the borough office. Proof of residency is required. No permits will be granted the day of the dropoff. Call 639-2113 for more information.

# Fresh Air Fund plans summer visits

The Fresh Air Fund is seeking volunteers and host families for the summer 2005 visits of children from New York City. Each summer, more than 5,000 children, ages 6 to 18, spend two weeks or more with host families in suburban and small-town communities.

For more information or to volunteer, call Denise Moskaluk at 674-3707. To learn more about The Fresh Air Fund, visit [www.freshair.org](http://www.freshair.org).

# AUCTION

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to spend. "If I bid \$200 for an item, I will pay \$220," he explains. "If we can increase our income by the registration fee, it will give us a little buying leeway." The registration fee system is the one used by most charity auctions.

Once a bidder registers and pays the \$5 fee, that person can bid throughout the auction. Ashbridge is hopeful that the fee won't turn prospective buyers away. "We're hoping people will consider it a \$5 donation to the library," he says. And with cuts to library funding, the money earned could be significant.

Roughly 800 to 1000 people attend the auction. "The fee should generate \$4,000 to \$5,000 additional for the library to help offset expenses," Ashbridge notes.

# Friends seek donations for auction baskets

Donations of theme baskets are now being accepted for the Friends basket booth at the 59th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library auction, to be held July 7-10. Contact the chairperson, Neela Patel, at 331-7101 to make arrangements to participate, or drop off baskets at the library, 96 Huntsville Rd., Dallas.

**"In the past 20 years the library has had to front the money to buy the antiques."**

Ernie Ashbridge  
Auction antiques co-chairman

The auction is one of the library's major fundraisers, earning \$70,000 to \$80,000 each year. All the earnings go directly to the library's operations. That's why volunteers like Ashbridge and Klug spend their time searching for antiques. Ashbridge estimates that some weeks he may spend as much as 40 hours on the project.

"It's a year-long process of trying to get the best things at reasonable prices that we feel

we can make a profit on," he says.

But that doesn't mean you won't find bargains at the auction. "Something I paid \$100 for might go for \$30 or \$40. You just take those chances."

Ashbridge has noted that buying for the auction has become more competitive in recent years. "Sometimes you

walk away with nothing," he says. "You're not only bidding against dealers but private individuals. People put unwanted items on Ebay and it makes it harder to find things."

Ashbridge, who has spent 47 years working on the auction, knows it's all worth it in the end. "You do it as a community," he says.

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