

BACK MOUNTAIN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS



The Back Mountain Business Association, formerly known as the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association, recently launched a series on estate planning. The BMBA recently held its first meeting of the year at Irem Temple Country Club. The next meeting will be held at noon Monday, Feb. 9 at Danny Oceans, formerly Stax & Co. The topic of the meeting will be the second part of a series on estate planning and trusts. The board of directors and newly-elected officers for 2006 are: Beth Ann Delaney, president; Barb Mikielski, vice president; Sonia Seman, treasurer; Joe Chublicki, secretary; Lynn Banta, Don Glickert, Bernard Walters, Carl Goeringer, Elva Valentine, LuAnn Greenley, Diane Dreier, Lisa Pretko, Elizabeth Martin, and Doug Burak. A 2006 membership drive is under way. For more information, call any BMBA board member or the BMBA office at 675-9380. Attending the January meeting, from left, first row are Maryann Ochman, Ochman's Coin & Jewelry; Doug Burak, Minute Man Press; Diane Dreier, Dreier Auto Sales; Beth Ann Delaney, Corporate Counseling; Joseph Moskovitz, Dallas Borough manager; Carl Goeringer, Century 21 Smith-Hourigan; Barb Mikielski, KNBT Abstractors. Second row: Judy Frantz, PNC Bank; Sue Rismondo, Homestead Mortgage; Carl Chase, PBC Bank; Beth Ann Kitlas, Masonic Village; Ann Cianflone, guest speaker, Hinman, Howard & Kattell; Alex Maniskas, KNBT Bank; Sonia Seman, Luzerne National Bank; Judi Shaver, Citizens' Voice; Ann Marie Arnone, Citizens' Voice; Adam Richards, Merrill Lynch.

SCHOOLS

Horticulture course offered at PSU/W-B

The Penn State Cooperative Extension is accepting registrations for a horticulture short course, which will be held each Thursday through March 9 at the Penn State/Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman Township. The lecture/hands-on series will explore plant science, soils, integrated pest management, entomology, woody plant biol-

ogy, pruning woody plants, pesticides and pesticide safety, lawn care, plant pathology, and herbaceous plants. The registration fee is \$200 for the series or \$30 per class. For more information, call 825-1701.

Language Institute offers knitting class

The Language Institute will hold the class "Knitting in the Andes" - the first of a series of cultural enrichment classes -

from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each Monday through Feb. 20 at Wilkes University. The 10-hour course will introduce students to the countries that make up the western regions of South America, the indigenous people who inhabit the area, and the methods, patterns, garments, and history of knitting in this area. Prior knowledge of Spanish is not required. For more information, call coordinator Jenny Blanchard at 408-4240 or e-mail her at blanchar@wilkes.edu.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Grace Community studying Revelation

The Grace Community Church in Dallas is holding a study of the Book of Revelation from 9:45 to 10:40 a.m. each Sunday at the church on Route 415, across from Chapel Lawn Cemetery. Call 675-3723.

Spaghetti dinner benefits Kunkle UMC

The Kunkle United Methodist Church will hold a spaghetti

dinner, 4-7 p.m. Saturday, March 4 at the Kunkle Community Center. Tickets are \$6.50. Call 675-7735 or 675-8894.

St. Frances Cabrini holding soup sale

St. Frances Cabrini Church will hold a soup sale Saturday, Feb. 18 at the church, 585 Mount Olivet Road, Wyoming. Pickup times are 2-4 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. Soups are available at \$6 per quart. The deadline for

orders is Thursday, Feb. 16. Call 675-1860 or 333-4193.

Awana Club meets at Grace Community

The Awana Club ministry at the Grace Community Church, across from Chapel Lawn Cemetery on Memorial Highway in Dallas meets from 6-7:45 p.m. every Wednesday. The Bible-based club is open to boys and girls ages 4 through sixth grade. Call 675-3723.

High school students can gear up for engineering, math and science contest

High schools from northeastern Pennsylvania, including Dallas and Lake-Lehman, have been invited to participate in the 2006 Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science competition.

The event will be held March 6 at the Penn State/Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman Township.

TEAMS is an academic program and competition that introduces high school students to the world of engineering. Stu-

dent teams are in training to get ready for the competition.

Teams will compete at the varsity or junior varsity level in one of nine school-based divisions. The top-scoring teams in each division from each state will be eligible for a national ranking, which will be determined by performance on Part II of the two-part test.

Regional awards are based upon performance on Part I of the test.

The goal is to get students interested in engineering while in high school, and assist them in making informed decisions about their future educational pursuits.

The local competition is sponsored by Penn State/Wilkes-Barre and the Luzerne County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers.

For more information about the event, call John Barnes at 675-9238.

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