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## DAMA receives funding for recycling

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A Back Mountain recycling program is among 113 in the state selected to receive funding.

Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell announced on Feb. 16 that \$20 million in funding will be awarded to help municipalities institute and expand recycling programs.

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Larry Spaciano, executive director of DAMA, said the funding is through a sustainability grant and not a performance grant.

"We purchased 500 new recycling bins," Spaciano said. "That was 90 percent reimbursement for those bins."

Spaciano said DAMA annually applies for both a recycling sustainability and performance grant from the state. DAMA received approximately \$50,000 in performance funding last year and over half a million dollars in performance funding over the years, he said.

In order to receive a performance grant, the state looks at the total recycling volumes and matches it against the number of customers. DAMA did apply for a performance grant for 2010, but has not yet been notified as to whether or not it will receive funding, Spaciano said.

"What we do with the funding is we put that back into our program," Spaciano said.

Act 101 of 1988 required recycling in Pennsylvania's larger municipalities, requiring counties to develop municipal waste management plans and created the Recycling Fund, supported by a \$2-per-ton tipping fee on all landfilled materials in the state. The proceeds from the fee provide grants to offset local government expenses.

According to the state's Department of Environmental Web site, Act 101 required municipalities with populations of at least 10,000 to implement curbside recycling programs by Sept. 26, 1990. Municipalities with populations between 5,000 and 10,000 and more than 300 persons per square mile had to implement curbside programs by Sept. 26, 1991.

Spaciano said DAMA instituted its curbside recycling program in July of 1991 to comply with Act 101. Dallas and Kingston townships were required to begin recycling under Act 101. Dallas Borough was not mandated to recycle, but borough officials decided to participate, he said.

DAMA collects recycling curbside every week, alternating between co-mingled items and paper.

The program has grown to also include recycling for automotive batteries and oil and yard waste composting. The composting program, in which Jackson Township also participates, offers compost to

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## Meet the members of the Greater Harveys Lake Federated Women's Club



June Swanson, Peg Truska, Vi Artsma, Grace Sutton and Ruth Williams get together once a month for an informal monthly luncheon group- an off-shoot of the Greater Harveys Lake Federated Women's Club.

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## A group of golden girls

By CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK  
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On a recent afternoon, several members of the Greater Harveys Lake Federated Women's Club gathered for a luncheon. • Sitting with these five women at the Skillet Restaurant and listening to their stories is like taking a walk through time that spans 90 years of Harveys Lake community history. • The group formed as an off-shoot of the Federated Women's Club, which was founded in 1947. They meet informally once a month in addition to the club's regularly scheduled monthly meeting to chat and catch up on news.

Most of the women still belong to the club. Four served as past presidents and one, June Swanson, is the only living charter member.

Half of them still drive and they all wear their honorary silver pins and officer medals, which were presented by the National Greater Federated Women's Club to honor members who are 65 and older and in "good standing."

Group member Grace Sutton doesn't drive, but she says she makes a "great backseat driver."

The women have much fun at the gatherings and relate many memories.

Member Ruth Williams said she remembers going to school and seeing the steamboats docking on the lake shore.

"Oh," she gushed. "I thought they were so wonder-

ful."

Her family owned a bottling business on the lake. She graduated from Laketon High School, which was later destroyed by a fire.

Another member, Peg Truska and her husband, Taft, have owned and operated Taft's Country Store for several years. Peg still has the paper bag hat she made for a club function in which the women dressed to reflect their husband's occupations. Swanson wore a pile driver's hat.

Researching club records, it's difficult to find the first names of the women. Most were listed by their husband's first and last names.

Not many women worked outside of the home in the 1940s and 1950s. The sometimes bored women organized for recreation and camaraderie.

"We were partying all the time," Williams related.

There were many dances at the Beaumont Inn and at O'Connell's Bar. Williams recalls a dance at the inn at which she and Myra Davis dressed as a stuffed pumpkin and a cornstalk, respectively. They stood for an hour in the decorations before anyone suspected they were human.

"They couldn't believe that we were not part of the decorations," Williams said.

And they had formal teas.

"The county president was coming to the tea and since she wore a hat, everyone had to wear a hat. But the president came without her hat and we all wore one," Williams recalled.

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## Hunlock Creek native receives war medal

William J. Hartman, R.N., M.S.N., A.N.P., calls it his "ice scraper" story but, in reality, it is a true-to-life anecdote that chronicles a 27-year military career across three continents and touches the lives of countless others both near and afar.

For Hartman, a 1979 graduate of Misericordia University, a fulfilling military career developed by happenstance during a career fair in the lobby of the Banks Student Life Center at Misericordia. As sleet and winter precipitation peppered the landscape and roadways outside the Back Mountain campus, the commuter student from Hunlock Creek prepared for interviews with regional hospital systems. Stalled by long lines, he approached a lonely Army recruiter who, besides offering sound career advice, was giving away



Hunlock Creek native Col. William J. Hartman, R.N., M.S.N., A.N.P., stands with his wife, Marilyn in the presentation line for his retirement certificates and awards during a retirement ceremony at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

free ice scrapers.

"We struck up a conversation and he helped me soon realize

that I would be much better off joining his organization," remembers the son of William A. and Frances Hartman of Hunlock Creek. "Less than 60 days later, I was accepted into the Army Nurse Corps and commissioned as a second lieutenant upon graduation from Misericordia."

A lot has happened since that chance meeting. Hartman worked his way through the ranks and retired in 2005 as a full colonel and chief of the U.S. Army Department of Training Support (DTS), which is responsible for all off-campus medical training for the Army. When he was with the 101st Airborne Division, a Chinook helicopter dropped him into Iraq the day the ground war started. He was in the middle of a civil war

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## WINTER AWAY, SPRING IS COMING



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Showing the first signs of spring, snow melts off the fields at Brace's Orchard. For more spring photos, see Page 3 or go to the Web at www.mydallaspost.com.