



The Metz family poses for a photo after Misericordia University formally dedicated the John and Mary Metz Dining Hall in the Banks Student Life Center. From left, are Jeff Metz, Sue Metz, Jeff Metz II, Mary Metz, Kaitlyn Metz, John Metz, Ashley Metz, Maureen Gallagher and Mike Gallagher.

Family looks on as new John and Mary Metz Dining Hall is unveiled

Flanked by a grateful campus community, John C. and Mary Metz watched as Misericordia University unveiled signage to officially dedicate the new John and Mary Metz Dining Hall in the Banks Student Life Center on campus.

Mr. Metz, executive chairman of The Metz Group, has been a member of the board of trustees at Misericordia University since 1988.

Metz & Associates, Ltd. is a regional food service provider and operates in a variety of settings such as major hospitals, public school districts, independent schools, colleges, universities and corporate offices.

Local Metz restaurants include T.G.I. Friday's, Ruth's Chris Steak House, Wolfgang Puck Express and Lucky's SportHouse.

The nearly \$1 million makeover and expansion of the dining hall was made possible by support from the Metz family. The renovation work created an inviting atmosphere for students, including flat-screen televisions, music and an increased selection of fresh dining choices for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

A sleek dark ceiling acts as the perfect backdrop for trendy new lighting which hangs below. A vibrant color scheme of brick and electric blue perfectly complement the polished hardwood floor in the dining hall and the blue and white tile floor in the serving area. Abstract art adorns one of the walls and the new serving stations incorporate a contemporary polished chrome look with eye-catching signage.

Metz Dining Hall now fea-

tures a scatter system of specially designed food stations, including grill, deli, salad, desserts, beverages and a display cooking stations, featuring a carving station.

Habitat for Humanity will sponsor Spencer Martin Memorial Bike Ride

Wyoming Valley Habitat for Humanity will sponsor the Spencer Martin Memorial Bike Ride for Habitat on Sunday, May 2.

Martin was a Back Mountain resident and a long-time volunteer of Habitat for Humanity.

The 30-mile ride will begin at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus and wind its way through the Back Mountain.

The ride begins at 8 a.m. with registration at 7 a.m. Participants may also register on bikeforhabitat.org or bikereg.com

Last year, 135 bikers participated in the ride. Call 820-8002 for information and registration.

Wyoming Valley Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that builds simple, decent homes to sell to families in need. The organization uses volunteer labor and charitable gifts to ensure that homes are affordable to low-income families in Wyoming Valley.

Habitat families are selected based on level of need, willingness to become partners in the Habitat program and the ability to repay a no-interest, 20-year mortgage.

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