



Life members of the Franklin Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. were honored at the company's annual installation dinner. From left, seated, are Robert Appleby, Harold Hoover and Ron Witkowski. Standing, State Sen. Lisa Baker and State Rep. Karen Boback.



Fire line officers of the Franklin Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. are, from left, seated, Harry Sweppenheiser, chief; Maureen Oremus, first assistant chief; and Doug Farr, second assistant chief. Second row, Rick Stoss, Sen. Lisa Baker, Rep. Karen Boback and Josh Hilstolsky.

Franklin Twp. Fire Co. installs officers, honors life members

The Franklin Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. held its installation dinner on Saturday, Jan. 26 at Fire & Ice on Toby Creek in Shavertown.

The company honored three of its four life members, who have a combined 185 years of service. Installing officer was State Rep. Karen Boback, 117th District who handled both Executive and Fire Line Officers and initiated the new members.

Guest speaker was State Senator Lisa Baker, PA 20th District. Senator Baker serves as the chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Executive officers for the 2013 administration installed are Doug Farr, president; Ron Witkowski, vice president; Maureen Oremus, secretary; and Josh Hilstolsky, treasurer.

Fire officers are Harry Sweppenheiser, chief; Maureen Oremus, first assistant chief; and Doug Farr, second assistant chief.

The company added to its fire police membership with the addition of Rick Stoss, as Lt. Josh Hilstolsky has retained his role of Captain. Newly-initiated members are Mark McCrossen, Rich Redmond, Heather Stoss, Rick Stoss, Adam Burton, Jeremy Burton, Lindsey Oremus, AJ Sweppenheiser and Jeff Strazdus.



Junior members initiated into the Franklin Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. are, from left, seated, Adam Burton, Lindsey Oremus and Jeff Strazdus. Standing, Jeremy Burton, Sen. Lisa Baker, Rep. Karen Boback and AJ Sweppenheiser.

ETIQUETTE SKILLS OUTLINED AT ROTARY CLUB MEETING



Jill Evans Kryston, director of Defining Manners, a school of contemporary protocol, gave an informative and entertaining presentation on life skills and business and social etiquette at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Dallas. She also spoke about the prevention of bullying and the level of civility among our young people. From left, are Kryston and Todd Buckley, president of the Rotary Club of Dallas.

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Three locals are student teaching

John Smulowitz, of Shavertown, and Amy Rome and Jane Tomkinson, both of Dallas, are student teaching this semester as part of their education at King's College.

Rome is student teaching at Dallas High School, Smulowitz is student teaching at Dallas Elementary School and Tomkinson is student teaching at Lycallis Elementary School.

The supervised student teaching experience is necessary to fulfill King's education degree requirements and to obtain a Pennsylvania Teacher Certificate.

Yanik participates in service project

Robert Yanik, of Dallas, was among nine students at King's College who participated in a recent service project in Phoenix, Ariz., through the Shoval

Center, the college's service-learning organization.

As part of the Students Engaged in Reflective Volunteer Experiences (SERVE) trip, the group volunteered at the Andre House of Hospitality, a homeless ministry sponsored by the Congregation of Holy Cross. The students ran the day-to-day operations of the ministry while the regular staff went on a week-long retreat.

Four named to dean's list

Four Back Mountain residents have been named to the dean's list at Lycoming College.

They are Benjamin Adrian, of Dallas, a business major; Scott Hizny, of Harveys Lake, a communications major; Patrick Kalish, of Monroe Twp., a business major; and Nathan Volk, of Sweet Valley, an economics major.

Students at Lycoming College make the dean's list if they complete at least 12 se-

TV news anchors visit The Irregulars

WBRE-TV's Drew Speier gives presentation on past, present and future of news.

The Irregulars of the Back Mountain started off their monthly Think Tank Breakfasts in January by featuring Drew Speier, evening news anchor on WBRE Eyewitness News, in a presentation titled "Past, Present and Future of Television News."

The group's upcoming breakfast marking its second anniversary will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9 at Leggio's Restaurant in Dallas. Presenter will be Thom Heaney, owner, Liberty Tax Service franchise at 332 Memorial Highway in Dallas.

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. for socializing ahead of the buffet-style breakfast at 9 a.m. Attendee reservations are required. For more information, contact Cholly Hayes, facilitator, at 760-1213; or Bobby Zampetti, publicity, at 690-2323.



Well-recognized present and legendary television personalities from WBRE Eyewitness News who attended the January Think Tank Breakfast of The Irregulars are, from left, seated, Vince Sweeney, Mike Remplewicz, Drew Speier and Tony Ingargiola. Standing, Skip Ward, Mark Albrecht, Pete Yaksick and Cholly Hayes.

mester hours and earn a minimum grade point average of 3.50 for the semester.

Gibbons graduates from Ithaca

Kaitlyn Gibbons, daughter of William Gibbons and Susan Gibbons, of Tunkhannock, graduated in December 2012 with a major in Clinical Exercise Science from Ithaca College's School of Health Sciences and Human Performance.

Grimaud on dean's list at Widener

Barbara Grimaud, of Tunkhannock, has been named to the dean's list at the Widener University School of Law Dean for the spring 2012 semester.

Students named to the list earned a grade point average

in the top 20 percent of their class and division for the semester while pursuing Juris Doctor degrees.

Olson named to dean's list at Ithaca

Cara Olson, of Dallas and a junior Performance/Music Education major, was named to the dean's list in Ithaca College's School of Music for the fall 2012 semester.

Dr. Oley receives honor

Richard M. Oley, DO, FAAFP, of Dallas, has achieved the Degree of Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the national medical association representing nearly 100,300 family physicians, residents and medical students.

Established in 1971, the

AAFP Degree of Fellow recognizes family physicians who have distinguished themselves through service to family medicine and ongoing professional development.

Dr. Oley is a partner of Dallas Family Practice, LLC and resides with his family in the Back Mountain. He is active as a volunteer in the Boy Scouts of America and the Shavertown United Methodist Church. He also is an assistant clinical professor of medicine with the Commonwealth Medical College.

Karnopp named to dean's list

Callin Karnopp, of Tunkhannock, has been named to the Dean's List of Academic Achievement at Elmira College for the fall 2012 semester.

A member of the Class of 2014, Karnopp is majoring in Business Administration.

PennDOT centers closed

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has announced that all driver license and photo centers, including its full-service center in Harrisburg, will be closed through Monday, Feb. 18, in observance of President's Day.

Customers may still obtain a variety of driver and vehicle products and services online through PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services website, www.dmv.state.pa.us.

A complete listing of PennDOT driver and photo license center closings in 2013 is available on the website under "News, Stats and Facts."

PennDOT reminds motorists they can log on to www.511pa.com or call 511 from any phone to check traffic conditions before heading out.