

BPW members to open homes on Dec. 15 Trail

Members of the Mount Joy Business and Professional Women's Club will open their homes for the first time for a benefit called "Christmas Tree Trail". The event to be held Saturday, December 15, from 5 to 9PM, is to share ideas in decor and hand crafts in the holiday theme. The twelve locations to be featured are:

Sprechers- 120 E. Donegal St., Concolor fir tree decorated in gold and white. A candlelight atmosphere with seasonal arrangements. Christmas dinner place settings in the dining room. Buffet adorned with Williamsburg apple cone. Luminaries light approach to home.

Kosers- 64 E. Main St. Country living theme carried out to old type German tree with heirloom decorations from the hostess' grandparents, brought to this country from Germany. The tree and trim is a replica of one her grandparents had when they lived in the old mansion of the J.E. Baker property near Billmyer, Pa.

Sheetz- 16 E. Main St. The Gerald Sheetz home was built in the early 1800's. Jerry was born in this house and moved away in 1949 when the house was sold. The Sheetz's purchased the home 20 years later and have now made this their residence for the last 10 years. Several of the Christmas tree ornaments on their tree are ones used when Jerry was a small boy

in this same house. One of Mary's hobbies is collecting miniature Nativity Sets, which will be displayed. The paintings throughout the house are works of Jerry's mother Rebecca Sheetz.

Straub- 116 S. Market St. Christmas decorations include a Nativity scene made of carved stones brought from Germany. The tree is decorated with German made candle lights. The Christmas yard and fence were made by Mrs. Straub's grandfather over 50 years ago.

The electric train is also around 50 years old. Norman Rockwell Christmas tree balls are used.

Hoffer- South Market and School Lane. A live tree will be decorated with ornaments from different countries around the world; the dining room table will be set for the holiday. A collection of paintings by local artists of scenes in and around Mount Joy will be of interest for tourists to view.

There is a beautiful Christmas tradition being reborn in the world's Christian churches these days. It's called a "Christmas Tree." Instead of the usual colored lights and decorated glass and plaster balls, Christmas trees in many churches and homes are being decorated with delicate white and gold symbols, called Christmons, representing Christ. They cannot be purchased. Each one is made by a Christian

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DHS girls basketball rolling relentlessly on

Last week the Donegal girls chalked up two more victories, taking Manheim Central 78-35 on Tuesday night and a tougher Ephrata, 56-48 on Thursday night. The game was not as close as the score indicates; Donegal substitutes were playing at the end.

Keffer was high scorer for the Indians with a total of 23. Merchant accumulated 15.

Coach Earhart says that the team "has been getting loose ends together." He feels that a lot of progress was made last week, mainly in the players' mental attitudes. He has been concentrating lately on

"mental toughness," not letting things bother you. "If you lose your cool, you're out of the game," says Earhart, until you get it back.

The officials complimented the girls after the Ephrata game "on how well they conducted themselves." "They didn't voice their complaints," said Earhart.

This week they play Annville-Cleona there Tuesday, and Cedar Crest here on Saturday, the Jayvees starting at 1:30 and the varsity about 2:45. Cedar Crest will be one of the tougher Teams that Donegal will play this year.

D.H.S. Boys Basketball

The Donegal boys' basketball team has a long tradition of losing in the pre-season games. Coach Swift used to take a perverse

pride in the Indians' inevitable early losses, which characterized every team—even those that went [continued on page 13]



Left to right; Bill, Beverly, Michelle and Ralph

Parent of the Week Beverly Dishart

"We love it here in Mount Joy," says Beverly Dishart of Plum Street. "The town is clean, and the people are so friendly. It's a great place to raise a family."

Mrs. Dishart and her husband Ralph are from Ebensburg, Pa, near Johnstown. They went to high school together and "met while roller skating," says youngest son Bill. "We get to hear the 'when we were young' stories pretty often," he laughs.

"Mount Joy is so different from the coal mining area," Mrs. Dishart tells us. "It's just so nice to live in a small, clean town. You walk into a store, and they greet you by name. It makes you feel good; like you belong." The Disharts have lived in Mount Joy 21 years; raising all of their children here.

Their oldest son, Keith, is now living in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. He is married to Karen Klugh of Mount Joy, and they have a son, Matthew.

Chris, their second son, has just come home from the army with his wife Vicky and their daughter.

Kevin, 18, and Bill, 16, are both students at Donegal High School.

The Dishart's youngest child is a girl, Michelle, ten years old and a third grader at Grandview Elementary School. "Just think," says Mrs. Dishart, "I grew up in a family of five girls, and I had to wait all that time to have a daughter of my own!"

How does a family of boys differ from a family of girls?

"Actually, there's little difference," she says. "I think that they both fight and tease about the same.

Girls are no better than boys in that respect. Boys are less fussy than girls, however. When the boys were younger, I would lay out clothes for them to wear, and they wore them—no questions asked.

"Michelle is quite a different story. She may try on three outfits before she is ready to go. I'm not worried, because my sisters and I were like that too. Fussy."

Does Mrs. Dishart have any theories about child raising?

"Not really. I believe that you have to look for the strong points in every child, and proceed accordingly. Different children are not praised—or punished—in the same way.

"For example, our son Kevin is crazy about his car. Punishment for him usually involves taking away driving privileges. This hurts him the most, and so he is more careful the next time."

"All kids are spoiled," says Mr. Dishart. "To a certain extent every child today is spoiled. I don't think this is bad unless it gets out of hand."

"Many people our age make a very serious mistake in raising their children," adds Mrs. Dishart. "They think that they should give their children everything that they themselves did not have. Because of this, kids expect to have everything given to them. They don't know how to work for the things they really want. We have tried to teach our children the importance of working for things.

"I can remember my Christmases as a child, and how different they were from the ones my own kids experience. One year I got a

robe, a sweater and a slip, and was thrilled about it. Can you imagine any kid today being happy with only those three items?"

"We were thrilled with the oranges and the grapes that we found in our stockings. A child today would ask 'What kind of Christmas present is this?' Times have changed."

How does a present-day family deal with problems such as this?

"I believe children should be taught to trust in God," says Mrs. Dishart. "This is one of the most important areas in raising a family. I am so pleased that our oldest son still attends church. He has a family of his own now and no longer has Mom and Dad looking over his shoulder, but he realizes that church is an important area of his life."

The Disharts attend Assumption BVM Catholic Church in Mount Joy. Keith is a member of the choir and Bill was instrumental in starting a youth group in the church. "They go because they want to and not because they have to.

"I don't feel it is the church that is so important. I don't care what faith my children choose, just so long as they go to church and remember God."

The family is a very busy one. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dishart work full-time. Mr. Dishart is employed by

Howmet Aluminum, and Mrs. Dishart works at AMP.

"Working full-time is a switch for me," she remarks. "I was home while the boys were growing up. With Michelle I must make a real effort to see that she gets the things that she needs from a mother.

"I feel it is important to take time out from whatever I am doing when she comes home from school in order to talk with her about her day. Some days it is harder than others, but it is something that must be done.

"My husband is a big help. He helps with the dishes and the laundry. I could never do it without him."

The Disharts are very involved with their children in many ways. Ralph was a scout leader for ten years, and a little league coach. Beverly teaches a fourth grade Sunday School class.

"I am also the biggest cheerer in the Donegal football stands," she lets us know. "When Keith played midget football he told me that he could hear me yelling even while he was playing. I don't know if that is true or not."

Mrs. Dishart concludes by expressing concern about parents who are not involved with their children's activities. "Why wouldn't they want to get involved? It helps us stay young!"

Bob Walker in town

Congressman Robert Walker's mobile office will appear in this area on the following days:

Maytown: Friday, Dec. 21st, 10:00 to 12:00.

Marietta: Friday, Dec.

21st, 1:15 to 3:30pm.

Mount Joy: Friday, Jan. 25th, 1:15 to 3:30pm.

Mount Joy: Friday, Feb. 22nd, 10:00 to noon.

Marietta: Monday, Feb. 25th, 1:15 to 3:30pm.