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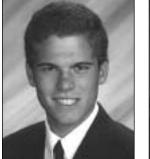
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HANOVER'S FOUR EAGLE'S



Richard Eugene Santee

Nickname: Ricky Date Eagle Awarded: September 16, 2002 Date of Eagle Court of Honor: February 8, 2003 @ Advent Moravian Church Parent's name(s): Mollie and Rick Sibling's Names: Maddie, Kate and Tommy Troop: 302, First Presbyterian Church Eagle Project Description: Ricky designed and built a prayer labyrinth on the grounds of the Advent Moravian Church. The use of prayer labyrinths to enhance meditation and prayer dates back at least to the Middle Ages. Ricky's project consisted of designing and laying out the intricate labyrinth pattern and embedding more than three hundred paving stone in accordance with the pattern. The project involved more than 30



Jeffrey David Carlson

Nickname: Jeff Date Eagle Awarded: December 5, 2002 Parent's name(s): Kenneth and Barbara Sibling's Name: Daniel Troop: 302, First Presbyterian Church Eagle Project Description: Jeff reconditioned the bicycle and footpath area of Sand Island. He and his troop laid down 75 tons of gravel on over 1500 feet of pathway. The work included conditioning, cleaning & weeding, leveling and resurfacing. Organization or group that benefited: The City of Bethlehem and its citizenry who use Sand Island recreation area. School Attending: Jeff plans to attend Penn State after graduating from Liberty High School *Employed by:* Keystone State Distributing Other extra curricular activities and honors:



Christopher Scott Osipower

Nickname: Chris Date Eagle Awarded: December 16, 2002 Parent's name(s): Marysusanne and D. Scott Sibling's Name: Andrew Troop: 302, First Presbyterian Church Eagle Project Description: Sand Island beautification the clearing of trees, shrubs and debris along the river. Organization or group that benefited: The City of Bethlehem and all visitors to the park School Attending: Midshipman the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD., majoring in engineering. Other extra curricular activities and honors: Captain of the Liberty High School Swim team, Academic All American, Member of the National Honor Society - Lamp of Learning Award



John Joseph Finnigan, III

Date Eagle Awarded: December 16, 2002 Parent's name: Mona and Jay Sibling's Name: James Troop: 302, First Presbyterian Church Eagle Project Description: John installed the Flag Pole and Holiday on the grounds of the Hanover Township Community Center. With the assistance of his fellow scouts, numerous local businesses and adult volunteers over 200 hours were expended to transform the entrance over the Community Center. Organization or group that benefited: The residents and visitors to Hanover Township School Attending: John is currently a senior at Bethlehem Catholic High School. He has been accepted to Wentworth Institute of Technology in

Meet Your Township Associates

N. James (Jim) Sterner Township Manager

Responsibilities: Oversees the day-today operations of the Township, overall responsibility for the development of the Township budget, hiring and training of employees, assisting the Board of Supervisors in the planning and development of the



Township & establishment of Township Policies and Procedures. Works with other governmental agencies, officials and developers.

Employed by township since: 1967

Resides in: Hanover Township

Spouse: Linda, Children: Nathan and one grandson, Sam Hobbies: Auto racing, fishing and most of all watching my grandson.

Additional information: My goal is to make Hanover Township the best place to live, work and play. This has always been and will always be my goal as Township Manager.

Linda J. Sterner

Tax Collector (elected) Township Secretary Treasurer (appointed)

Responsibilities: Attend Supervisors meeting and take minutes. Compile the budget and handle the day-today finances of the Township. Communicate with developers concerning deadlines and agreements; compose agendas for meetings, pension

fund administrator and insurance overseer.

Employed by township since: 1975

Resides in: Hanover Township

Spouse: Jim, Children: Nathan and one grandson, Sam Hobbies: Car racing, crochet and reading

Additional information: Board member, Pennsylvania Local Government Secretary's Association; Vice President, Northampton County Association of Township Officials; President, Keystone Municipal Insurance Trust; President Pennsylvania Municipal Insurance Program; Certified Governmental Secretary and Certified Municipal Clerk

Special Events Committee Annual Events

- Sousa Concert 05/04/2003 •
- Family Fun Day 05/24/2003
- September 11th Remembrance & Flay Retirement Ceremony 09/11/2003
- Halloween Parade & Party 10/25/2003
- Holiday Tree Lighting 12/06/2003

Kevin T. Healy Public Works Director

Responsibilities: Supervise and maintain all aspects of Public Works. Responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of all municipal roads, storm sewers, buildings and grounds, parks, pool and storm sewers. Additional responsibility is public relations with all residents.



Employed by township since: 1970 Resides in: Hanover Township

Spouse: Sharen, children: Thomas & Christy and two grandchildren Ashley and Alexis

Hobbies: Grandchildren, walking, hiking, race fan, golf and traveling the USA

Vincent (Vince) Milite

Road Supervisor and Animal Enforcement Officer Responsibilities: Directing the day-to-

day operations of the road crew. Schedule upcoming projects and participate in the day-to-day operations such as road maintenance, sign maintenance, park maintenance, leaf collection, building and vehicle maintenance, snow plowing, park and recreation facilities and swimming pool.



Employed by township since: 1984

Previous employment: Hanover Township lifeguard and head lifeguard 1982 and 1983 respectively. Head of Security at the Tally Ho from 1988 to present

Resides in: Hanover Township

Spouse: Debra, children: Kaitlyn, Allison and Rebecca Hobbies: Power boating, swimming, camping, beach and travel Additional information: I have lived in Hanover Township since 1976. It is a wonderful place to grown up, get married and raise a family. Thank you Hanover Township!

Lori Stranzel

Assistant Secretary Treasurer and **Recycling Coordinator**

fied Government Secretary

Responsibilities: Communicates with businesses on recycling. Accounts payable, balancing of accounts for monthly closings, assistance with budget, transcribe minutes of meetings, payroll and customer service. Employed by township since: 1993 Resides in: Forks Township Children: Erik and Tyler Hobbies: crochet Additional information: Certified Municipal Clerk and Certi-



Alphonse (Al) Fiore

Building Inspector, Ordinance Enforcement Officer and Zoning Administrator

Responsibilities: Building Inspector, Ordinance Enforcement Officer and Zoning Administrator. Application and administration of Zoning Ordinances, issuance of building and occupancy permits and perform inspections according to BOCA.



Employed by township since: 1987

Previous employment: Bethlehem Steel and an independent consultant

Resides in: Hanover Township *Spouse:* Luisa, children: John & James *Hobbies:* sports, music and dancing

Catherine A. (Cathy) Heimsoth Recreation Director

Responsibilities: Responsible for the daily operation of the Hanover Township Community Center, Township Parks and recreational activities within the Township. Implementation of Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall activities for the youth and adults of all ages. Communication of Recreational Program-



ming and needs to the Board of Supervisors and the Recreation Advisory Board. Responsible for the Summer Parks Program and the staffing of the program.

Employed by township since: 1998 at the Community Center as an aerobics instructor, front desk staff member and marketing director. Member of the Recreation Advisory Board from 1999 to 2000. Appointed Recreation Director in June of 2000.

Resides in: Hanover Township

Spouse: Neil, children: Nicole, Neil, Adam, Andrea and TJ *Hobbies:* Horseback riding

Nancy Wagner

Township Manager's Secretary

Responsibilities: Quarterly sanitary sewer debt service billing, issue permits for registrations of alarms, maintains recycling and mailing lists, handle letters and correspondence of Township Manager, general clerical duties as needed. Customer service. Employed by township since: 1994 *Resides in:* Hanover Township *Spouse:* Don, children: Michael *Hobbies:* crochet



Deanna Skinner Office Clerk

Responsibilities: General office duties, handling of plan and appeals billings and records payment, assists with collection and recording of real estate taxes and customer service. Employed by township since: 1987 *Resides in:* Hanover Township *Spouse:* Charles, children: Michael and James *Hobbies:* crochet

Ronald (Ron) J. Smith

Member of the Road Crew – Equipment Operator

Responsibilities: road maintenance, sign maintenance, park maintenance, leaf collection, building and vehicle maintenance, snow plowing, park and recreation facilities and swimming pool maintenance.

Employed by township since: 1982

Previous employment: United States Navy 1976-1979, United States Naval Reserve 1979-1983

Resides in: East Allen

Spouse: Cathy, children: Zachary and Jeremiah *Hobbies:* Baseball and soccer with children and bowling *Additional information:* I enjoy working with the public!

David (Dave) M. Savage

Member of the Road Crew – Equipment Operator Responsibilities: road maintenance, sign maintenance, park maintenance, leaf collection, building and vehicle maintenance, snow plowing, park and recreation facilities and swimming pool maintenance. Maintains and repairs all townships trucks and vehicles. If it's broken you'll probably see Dave trying to fix it. *Employed by township since*: 1987



Resides in: Palmerton *Spouse:* Gari Lee, children: Natalie and David *Hobbies:* boating, hunting, skiing and traveling

Community Center Annual Events

- X Karate Tournament 5/3/2003
- ★ Ready to Read program starts 5/15/2003
- ★ 5th Grade Dance 6/13/2003
- X Women's 5k Walk/Run 6/14/2003
- X Youth Triathlon 7/19/2003
- Summer Reading Finale 8/14/2003
- Candidates Night 10/13/2003
- X Annual 5K Road Race 11/13/2003





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Joe Lettich

Member of the Road Crew-Equipment Operator

Responsibilities: road maintenance, sign maintenance, park maintenance, leaf collection, building and vehicle maintenance, snow plowing, park and recreation facilities and swimming pool maintenance, painting and tiles. *Employed by township since:* 1989 *Previous employment:* Bethlehem Steel and



Previous employment: Bethlehem Steel a American Nickeloid

Resides in: Hanover Township

Spouse: Patricia, children: Regina and Melissa

Hobbies: football, baseball and works part-time in a restaurant *Additional information:* It's a pleasure living in Hanover Township.

Jim Skinner

Member of the Road Crew-Equipment Operator

Responsibilities: road maintenance, sign maintenance, park maintenance, leaf collection, building and vehicle maintenance, snow plowing, park and recreation facilities and swimming pool maintenance.



Employed by township since: 1988 *Resides in:* Hanover Township

Spouse: Jane, children: Hayley, Kyle and Tyler

Hobbies: hunting, fishing and boating

Additional information: Member of the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company since 1985. Born and raised in Hanover Township.

FACTS ABOUT HANOVER

Legal Entity: Second Class Township under the Pa. Municipalities Planning Code Legislative Body: Elected Board of Supervisors John J. Finnigan, Jr., (R) – Chairman

> John N. Diacogiannis (R) – Vice Chairman Dr. Frank T. Colon (D) Stephen R. Salvesen (R) Glenn R. Walbert (D)

Township Website: HTCC@enter.net Located in the 15th Congressional District: Patrick J. Toomey (R) Located in the 16th State Senatorial District: Charles W. Dent (R) Located in the 138th State Legislative District: Craig A. Dally (R) Township Manager: N. James Sterner (Appointed) Public Works Director: Kevin T. Healy (Appointed) Tax Collector: Linda J. Sterner (Elected) Township Secretary: Linda J. Sterner (Appointed) Recreation Director: Catherine A. Heimsoth (Appointed) Police Protection: Colonial Regional Police Department Fire Protection: Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 Ambulance Service: Hanover Township Volunteer Ambulance Corp School District: Bethlehem Area Water Service: Utilities, Inc. and the City of Bethlehem

Duane Breidenbach

Member of the Road Crew-Equipment Operator

Responsibilities: road maintenance, sign maintenance, park maintenance, leaf collection, building and vehicle maintenance, snow plowing, park and recreation facilities and swimming pool maintenance. *Employed by township since:* 1989 *Resides in:* Upper Nazareth

Spouse: Denise, children: Collin



Hobbies: weight lifting and mountain biking *Additional information:* I was born and raised in Hanover. My father was the Township's first Recreation Director and held that position for 25 years

Jeremy Bucko

Member of the Road Crew – Equipment Operator

Responsibilities: road maintenance, sign maintenance, park maintenance, leaf collection, building and vehicle maintenance, snow plowing, park and recreation facilities and swimming pool maintenance.



Employed by township since: 2001

Previous employment: Guardian Insurance *Resides in:* Upper Nazareth

Hobbies: working out and coaching wrestling

L'IVO'N'S' C'L'U'B' N'E'W'S'

The Lions Club has been busy with fund raisers including White Cane Days at WaWa, Journey for Sight in Bangor, selling Entertainment Books, selling tickets for Charity Days at BonôTon, a Turkey raffle and Spaghetti Dinner. Raising a total of \$1,800.00 for charitable programs.

The fund raisers allowed the Lions Clubs to donate food baskets, Christmas and monetary to two area families, \$450.00 to Lions District 14K charitable projects and \$500.00 to the Hanover Township Community Center towards the purchase of a defibrillator.

Currently the club is collecting mugs with nice sayings or pictures for Westminster Village, non-perishable food items for the Second Harvest Food Bank, eyeglasses and conducting bingo parties for the clients of the Visual Impairment & Blindness Services, Northampton County.

Former Township resident Tina Neos Marzigliano addressed a recent club meeting regarding her son Nicholas, who suffers from a metabolic disease called CDGS, carbohydrate deficient glycoprotein syndrome and is need of a special type of transplant that is currently in the experimental stage.

The club will host their Spring Spaghetti Dinner, March 29, 2003 from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Christ UCC Fellowship Hall, 5050 Airport Road. Adults \$6.00 and children 6-12 \$2.75. Anyone wishing information on any Lions Club event or the club itself should contact Bernice Kulp at 610.865.5440.



Meet the Board of Supervisors

(l-r)

Seated: Vice Chairman John Diacogiannis, Frank Colon & Glenn Walbert Standing: Steve Salvesen & Chairman Jay Finnigan

John J. (Jay) Finnigan, Jr., Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Member of the Board of Supervisors since: 2000, being elected in 1999, Vice Chairman 2001-2002, Chairman 2003 Member of the Recreation Advisory Board from 1998-1999

as Treasurer

Current Occupation: Relationship Manager *Employed by:* D&B, Inc.

Resident of Hanover since: 1997

Spouse: Mona, children: John a senior at Bethlehem Catholic and James an eighth grader at Notre Dame of Bethlehem *Hobbies:* Vice President Thunder Youth Hockey, coach Bantam A Team, coached baseball and basketball. Member, AABC Umpires Association. Skiing and politics.

Additional information: Employed by the same organization since February 1979, having worked in Boston and Springfield, MA; New York, NY; Hartford, CT and now Bethlehem, PA. I have been on both sides of corporate downsizing, as an offset associate and being re-hired due to restructuring the sales channel.

Glenn R Walbert, Member of the Board of Supervisors

Member of the Board of Supervisors since: 1986, being elected in 1985

Current Occupation: Recently retired from Agere Systems *Resident of Hanover since:* 1967

Spouse: Karen, children: Todd who resides in Glen Elyn, IL; Bryan who resides in Bethlehem and Lori who resides in San Diego, CA

Hobbies: Gardening, home repairs, skiing and wood working

Stephen R. (Steve) Salvesen, Member of the Board of Supervisors

Member of the Board of Supervisors since: 1984, being elected in 1983; Chairman 1986-2002

Member of the Planning Commission in Hanover and Trustee – Village of Bloomingdale, IL.

Current Occupation: Executive Director *Employed by:* Bethlehem Authority *Resident of Hanover since:* 1987 Spouse: Helen, children: Andrew

Hobbies: Golf, singing and playing the trombone *Additional information:* Trustee Advent Moravian Church, Chairman Advent Moravian Church Budget Committee, Mason, Shriner and Lion. Black Belt in Karate – Tang Soo Do, former instructor at Bethlehem YMCA. Former Basketball Coach – Advent Moravian and member of the church softball team.

Dr. Frank T. Colon, Member of the Board of Supervisors

Member of the Board of Supervisors since: 1982, being elected in 1981; Vice Chairman 1986-2000 Member of the Hanover Township Zoning Board 1969 -1981 Current Occupation: Professor of Political Science Employed by: Lehigh University Resident of Hanover since: 1968 Children: Brian & Geoffrey Hobbies: Travel, reading & volunteer work. Chairman of the Colonial Regional Police Board since 1995

John N. Diacogiannis, Vice Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Member of the Board of Supervisors since: 1985, being appointed and elected in 1984. Vice Chairman 2003 Member of the Township Planning Commission 1979 to 1983, last two years as Chairman. Current Occupation: Corporate Risk & Insurance Supervisor Employed by: PP&L, Inc. Resident of Hanover since: 1972 Spouse: Elene, children: Telly, Niko and Evan Hobbies: Gardening and music Additional information: Holds an M.B.A. from Lehigh and is a CPLU. Member of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and Moravian College Business and Industry Committee. Trustee, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Trust Fund; Director, Lehigh County Agricultural Society (Allentown Fair); Charter Member and Treasurer - Bethlehem Soccer Club and Director - Lehigh Valley Chapter of

the CPLU Society.



HTCC MEMBERSHIPS INFORMATION

Basic Membership

-Includes use of gym, game room, lounge and special pricing for other HTCC programs. Aerobic classes at a minimum fee.

Fitness Membership

- Fitness membership includes all of basic privileges plus, use of fitness room, aerobic classes, baby-sitting, and great discounts for other HTCC programs

	Resident	Non-Res.		Resident	Non-Res.
Family*	\$95.00	\$142.50	Family*	\$395.00	\$592.00
Adult (18+)	\$55.00	\$82.50	Adult (18+)	\$205.00	\$307.50
Youth (5-17)	\$45.00	\$67.50	Youth (5-17)	\$95.00	\$142.50
Senior Cit. (62+)	\$45.00	\$67.50	Senior Cit. (62+)	\$95.00	\$142.50
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Two adults and dependent children living in the same household. Dependents are anyone living in the household under 21 or covered under ADA standards. **1 month and 3 month memberships available** - inquire at front desk. **Babysitting Hours:** Monday through Friday 9:00AM-12:00 PM/ Monday through Thursday 5:30-8:30 PM / Saturday 9:00 am -12:00 pm Costs are: FREE to Fitness Members. \$2.00 per Basic Member Child per visit. 2 HOUR MAX * Maximum of 12 children per hour. **Guest Passes -** One day guest passes-\$8.00 for Adults and \$6.00 for Youths and Seniors. **Basic memberships do not need to be purchased in addition to a fitness membership.**

Community Center Hours:

Monday - Friday 6:00 am - 10:00 pm *Saturday* 7:00 am - 6:00 pm *Sut*

Sunday 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

FREE Community Programs

Historic Bethlehem- "part of our larger community"- Thursday / February 20th @ 7:00 pm

Join us for an evening of fun and education. Downtown merchants have supplied us with wonderful *door prizes* from Confetti Café, Old Lehigh Outfitters, The Foo Foo Shoppe, Goosey Gander II, Technicolor Grand, and much more!!!! Great idea for scouting troops! Come enjoy an evening with your neighbors - coffee and a light snack will be served.

Lehigh Valley Hospital and HTCC team up to offer you these quality programs:

• Breast Cancer-Diagnosis and Surgical Options- Wed., Feb. 19; 7-8:30 pm

Learn more about the latest technology, options and recommendations when the diagnosis is breast cancer. John Pearce, M.D., director of breast imaging, Ravindra Kandula, M.D., T. Kumar Pendurthi, M.D., and Gregory Brusko, D.O., surgeons Dorothy Morrone, R.N., Breast Cancer Consultative Services.

• Children's Weight Management Cooking Class-Saturday, Feb. 22; 9:30 am- noon

Class for parents and children who are trying to reach a healthy weight. Learn healthy preparation tips for entire meal. Lunch after presentation. \$15.00 one parent/one child; \$7.50 each additional family member Pre-registration required: 610-402-CARE

• Family Health and Safety Day-Saturday, March 29; 9:00 am- noon

Fun activities for the whole family as we offer sessions for kids and adults on what to do in an emergency, bicycle and helmet safety, safe gym and fitness equipment use, mini-self defense session, safe babysitting and much more. Tour the Medivac Helicopter or the Burn House, learn more about Healthy activities and foods for the kids and take home a goodie bag for participating.

• Safe Sitter- two part certification class- April 12th & 19th; 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Safe sitter is a medically accurate program that teaches boys and girls ages 11 to 13 how to handle emergencies when caring for children. The class teaches safe and nurturing child care techniques, behavior management skills, and appropriate responses to medical emergencies. Instructor Deanna Shisslak and staff Fee: \$35.00 per child Min. 10 children Max. 24 Pre-registration required: 610-402-CARE

Thank you to Lehigh Valley Hospital Health Network for being a *Partner* in community building. If you would like to learn about more opportunities for local businesses to give back to their community -call Cathy at 610-317-8701

Community Center Programs

The Funshine Club (Our Young 3's)

Wednesday - 10:00 am -12:00 pm

Must be 3 by Jan. 1st, 2004

HTCC Learning Center - Preschool

Registrations now being taken for the 2003/04 school year. HTCC offers a very unique and exciting preschool program for children from 3-5 years of age. In our program, we provide children with a warm, inviting learning environment with an emphasis on kindergarten readiness skills in which they are treated as individuals as well as part of the group. We find this a very easy task because we have the lowest teacher to student ratio in the Lehigh Valley! If you would like to schedule a tour and find out more information about our school, call us at 610-317-8701. Our preschool director, Susan Lavelle will promptly return your call. *Registration and Payments handled at front desk. *Discounted rate schedule for tuition paid in full within the first 15 days of school starting. *In addition to tuition a \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee includes a youth membership! *All children must be potty-trained. Children must be of age by October 1, 2003 except for The Funshine Club program. Call HTCC for tuition rates. Please register at Center for Preschool, creative club and lunch bunch. **Class times:**

3yr. Old's - 2 am Sessions Mon./Thursday 9:00-11:30 am Tues./Friday 9:00-11:30 am **4yr. Old's -** 2 Sessions (am/pm) Monday/Wednesday/Friday am- 9:00-11:30 pm -12:30-3:00

Tues./Friday 9:00-11:30 am am- 9:00-11:30 pm –12:30-3: **Fun Lunch \$4.00 Creative Club \$8.00**

Creative Club is open to enrolled preschool students **and** members of HTCC; A program designed to enhance and enrich a preschooler's day with theme related activities. Our Fun Lunch Bunch offered on a sign-up basis from 12-3 every afternoon. A minimum of 3 children (for either class) signed up by 3:00 pm the previous day will ensure the class will run. Sign-ups are done at the front desk-themes are posted weekly by the coat racks. These programs are the talk of the town with less structure than our regular preschool day, yet so much more than just babysitting! Watch for lunch specials for mom & tots this year as well!!

Art Fun (3-5 year olds)

Every week experience a new medium as the children explore their creative side. Monday - 9:30 to 10:10

Fun and Fit Gym (3-5 year olds)

Run, kick, throw and shoot for fun and coordination. This program introduces your child to sports; utilizing all sizes of balls to improve gross motor skills.

Monday – 9:30 to 10:10 am

Fun and Fit Kids (3-5 year olds)

Creative movement is the goal of this class. Basic tumbling, circle time, parachute and obstacle courses will encourage fun filled exercise! Wednesday - 9:30 - 10:10 am

Programs run 6 weeks – new sessions start 2/17/03 & 3/31/03 Cost for all Preschool Fun Classes: Members \$35.00

z 3/31/03 00 Non-Members \$45.00

Birthday Parties

Have your child's next party at HTCC. Why not save yourself the activity and mess!! Let HTCC be in charge of your next special day. Parties designed for all ages. Party Styles include: Fun & Stuff, Sports, and Fun & Fit

Pizza is available –sponsored by Pizza Village 1-10 Children: HTCC Member \$70.00 Non-Member \$95.00 11-20 Children: HTCC Member \$85.00 Non-Member \$115.00 21-30 Children: HTCC Member \$100.00 Non-Member \$135.00 Party Styles include: Fun & Stuff, Sports, and Fun & Fit (for under 5 yrs.)

Youth Programs

Reading Enrichment Program– Certified Teacher, Denise Janout, will work with the children on age appropriate reading strategies. Favorite books, fun activities with strategies for words and meaning to strengthen and excel.

Kindergarten-Wednesdays 5-6:00 pm 1st Grade-Thursdays 5-6:00 pm 2nd Grade- Thursdays 7-7:00 pm 4 week sessions - Starting -February 19th Fees: HTCC Members \$60.00 Non-Members \$70.00 Limited number of students– register early

Pre-registration is recommended for all programs. Minimum and Max. registrants apply. Programs will be cancelled one week in advance if minimums are not reached. Call 610-317-8701 for more information.

Music for Tots (18 months-3 year olds)

This class develops your child's love of music and motion. Designed for the younger tot! Friday – 9:30 am to 10:00 am

Fun and Fit With Mom (2-3 year olds)

Creative movement and interactive fun. Parachute, finger plays, & obstacle courses! Wednesday – 9:00 -9:30 am



Creative movement -introduction for the younger toddler to experience group activity with mom. Wednesday -10:30-11:00 am

Computer Learning by CompuQuest (3+years) Basic computer skills. 4 week sessions - \$40.00 Starting Friday 2/28 - call for more information







The Performing Arts @ HTCC

The Hanover Township Community Center Children's Chorus

Open to children in grades 4, 5 & 6 in the Bethlehem area. Mission: To involve children in the community and allow them to make meaningful music outside of school time...and to have fun! Ending with a Spring Performance at HTCC. Outside performances will be explored. Chorus Director, Carrie Stein, is a graduate of Mansfield University where she majored in music education, specializing in choral music. She currently teaches at Coolbaugh Elementary and Learning Centers in the Pocono Mountain School

District HTCC Members \$20.00/Non-Mem \$25.00 Winter/Spring Session: Thursdays 7:00 to 8:00 pm Piano/Woodwind Instrument Lessons Instructor: Cristin Eick is currently the Band Director for Bethlehem Catholic High School. Mrs. Eick will give a 30 minute lesson geared toward the beginner to

intermediate level Learner. Personalized for the individual learner. \$17.00 per lesson-schedule by appointment.

Brass Instrument Lessons Instructor: Tim Eick has a Masters in Music Education with a specialization in Brass Instruments. Mr. Eick has worked with all ages and all abilities. He currently is the Band Director in the Mr. Pocono School District. All instrumental lessons include an emphasis on music enrichment and are 30 minutes long. \$17.00 per lesson-by appointment.

Kiddydance-Cubs & Teddy Bears (3-10 years old)

This class is designed as a recreational dance class. Students will be introduced to ballet and jazz, learning the beginning positions while being allowed to explore the world of dance! Instructor: Linda Frederick

Students should wear ballet shoes (or soft soled shoes) and "maryjanes" (dress up/tap shoes) Pink leotards are optional.

Cubs– 5:30-6:25 Teddy Bears*-6:30-7:30 Fees: HTCC Members - \$40.00 Non-Members - \$50.00 Winter/Spring Session: Tuesdays, see times at left

*Teddy Bears should already know the 5 basic positions and be ready to put them together!

Hanover Twirlers (5-14+ years old)

Instructor– Eric Davis offers age appropriate classes in the art of twirling! This ongoing program is a progressive program designed to take any level from beginner to advance. As this program grows, competitions will be discussed. Twirlers will perform in the Spring Performance, March 20th.

Twirling tots: 5-8 year olds/ 6:00-6:30 pm Hanover Twirlers: 9-13 year olds/ 6:30-7:15 pm Sr. Hanover Twirlers: (14+)/7:15-8:00 pm Fees: HTCC Members- \$40.00 Non-members- \$50.00 Winter/Spring Session: Thursdays-see times at left

Tumbling Tots - (2- 4 years old)

Tumble forward, backward and sideways through this introduction to tumbling and creative movement. Children will stretch, roll and balance their way through this creative movement class! Fees: \$40.00 HTCC Members \$50.00 Non-Member Tuesdays 4:30-5:15 pm Classes are open to late registrations. Spring Performance for all of our performing arts participants will be tentatively scheduled for March 20, 2003 @ 7:00 PM

More Youth Programs....

Cheer Sport– Learn the basics of cheerleading for your favorite sport. Hand movements, jumps, cheer chants, and basic stunts. Instructors: Rose Cantelmi and Gretchen Trigiani are certified through NCA and AACCA. Competition squad will be demonstrating and working with the children as well. Don't miss this fast growing sport!!

4th –8th Grade; participants will be grouped into age appropriate groups. 6 week program - 2/18 to 3/25 Tuesdays 4-5:30 pm Fee: HTCC Member \$20.00 Non-member \$30.00

Fun & Fitness for Chicks– Instructor Shelly Straub, a registered nurse, will encourage young women to be aware of health and fitness at their age. The program will consist of a fun fitness activity, healthy snack, and weekly health focus topic. Some examples will include: proper stretching and fitness, healthy cooking/snacking, first aid and CPR, relaxation techniques, and more. This 10 week course is offered for girls 9 - 12 years of age. Fee: HTCC Members \$50.00 Non-members \$60.00 Thursdays 4– 5:30 pm 10 week program - 3/6 to 5/8

After School Sports - Instructors: Community Service Volunteers

This six week program is designed to allow kids to experience different kinds of sports in a fun, non-competitive atmosphere. Basketball, Soccer, Kickball, Floor Hockey & more. Grades K through 2nd Tuesdays—4:30-5:30 pm Fees: HTCC Member \$20.00 Non-members \$30.00 Sessions: 2/18 to 3/25 or 4/9 to 5/14

After School Volleyball – Instructor: Shelly Straub is a former player and coach. She looks forward to sharing her love of the game with our players. Introduction to the sport of Volleyball –Grades 4th through 6th

Wednesdays - 4:30-5:30 pm Sessions: 2/19 to 3/26 or 4/9 to 5/14 Fees: Same as above

Youth Co-Ed Volleyball- Instructor-Emil Lukas oversees pick up instructional games the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. Group A 10-14 years old Group B 15+ **Fees per evening**: Members \$4.00 Non-members \$6.00



The goal of HTCC Performing Arts programs is to provide quality affordable programs that introduce your children and encourage

Astanga Yoga-Instructor: Ruth Huron, Mary Mowrer, or Jacque Porterfield

Power yoga designed to bring mind, body, and spirit in perfect alignment and function.

Challenge your body and then finish in a relaxed place by the end of class - come experience it for yourself.

Beginner Class Available – limited participation for more individual attention, this class is designed to introduce the student to the basic techniques of yoga and prepare them for the on-going class.

Mondays 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Introduction Class (All classes run monthly)

Mondays 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Regular Class Ongoing Participant Incentives- up to 30% off

Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Gentler Yoga-Modify this popular class to suit your individual needs.

Saturdays 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Regular Class

Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Regular Class "New day and time"

Cost: Members \$30.00 Non-members \$40.00 (Bonus weeks for those months that have 5 weeks)

"First Strides" Hanover-HTCC is proud to offer this beginner walking and running workshop for women.

All levels and abilities will benefit from this workout. Additional "First Strides" programs are available in Bethlehem (spring) and Allentown (summer), call the Aardvark Running Store. Monday evenings starting April 7, 2003 from 6:00 –7:00 PM Weekly meetings include a group walk/run and discussion of various topics: buying proper walk/run shoes, training principles, injury prevention, motivation, nutrition and much more. Come dressed for outside activity. Women of all ages-*Participants are expected to have the permission of their doctor*.

Cost: \$30.00 (includes literature and graduation shirt!) HTCC Members \$25.00 **Goal:** To complete the HTCC Women's Walk/Run - June 14,2003

HTCC Women's Walk/Run- Sponsored by: LVHHN

This 5K event will start and finish at HTCC– June 14, 2003 Start time: 9:00 am Pre-registration fee: First Strides Members \$10.00 Open Registration \$15.00 Call for more information or register through www.hanovertwp-nc.org

Country Dance Instruction w/Denim & Lace - One hour lessons geared for the beginner.

Learn basic dances, fun, easy new dances, both line and couples. 8 Weeks starting- February 8, 2003 Sundays - 2:00 PM Minimum of 10 people Fees: \$45.00

Looking for that "perfect", "quick", 30 minute fitness routine?

HTCC fitness staff has put together the ideal routine to get you started to a healthier you! This program is designed to help you work safely and efficiently during your time in the gym. Members & Non-members must take a free training session before obtaining this program. Once you take the free training a guest pass or membership must be purchased for additional workout sessions. Come check it out!!

Free Monthly introduction and training sessions starting the first Tuesday of every month @ 7:00 pm Please register at front desk.

Crocheting-"The Lost Art" Instructor: Linda Sterner

Class includes: Basic stitches, Learn how to read patterns, and crochet a dish cloth! This monthly program will keep you on your way to beautiful creations. Monthly ongoing program. Fee: HTCC Member \$10.00 Non-Member \$16.00

Card Club (free with membership) - Join this fun group every Tuesday at 1:00 pm.

Hot tea and hot cards are the plan for the day!

Young @ Heart Aerobics-Instructor: Anne Francis

This low impact aerobic class is combined with a variety of aerobic activity and light resistance training. Free with your membership. Monday thru Friday - 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Stress Buster Massage Provided by Certified Massage Therapists

Reserve your 20 Minute appointment for \$20.00. Longer appointments available, inquire at front desk for more details.

New times: Thursday mornings-10:00 to 11:30 am (Last appointment to be made at 11:00 am)

Monday nights- 6:00 to 8:00 pm (Last appointment to be made at 8:00 pm)

Benefits stress relief, physical wellness and total body health! Gift Certificates Available!!

Adult Basketball – Pick up games

Monday and Wednesday evenings from 8:00 pm till 9:45 pm the gym is open for pick-up games. Basic Membership \$55.00 resident/\$82.50 non-resident

Guest pass may be purchased for \$8.00 an evening to play. Rules are listed within the Center.

More information on Community Center Programs can be found on the township website– www.hanovertwp-nc.org Registration forms can be found and mailed or faxed to the center. HTCC reserves the right to cancel programs.



Sponsored by:







HANOVER TOWNSHIP FAMILY FUN DAY

S aturday, May 24th, Hanover Township will hold it's 2nd "Family Fun Day" at the Municipal Complex from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Special Events Committee would like to invite everyone to attend this fun filled day of music, food, games, prizes and Community Spirit. We will bring back some of the celebrated events from last year like the dunk tank, sumo suit wrestling, sea dragon and kids games but this year will bring many new items as well. You will be able to climb a giant rock wall or challenge your neighbor to a race through the obstacle course just to name a few. We will also have live demonstrations from the Lenape Indians including a real tee pee! Come and enjoy a day with your family, friends and neighbors.

TOWNSHIP BRIEFS

SNOW & SIDEWALKS

- Please remember if you have sidewalk adjoining your property all snow must be removed within 36 hours after a storm. Please do not shovel snow into the streets!
- ▲ If you have a fire hydrant on or near your property, please assist the Fire Company by clearing snow away from it.
- Please Do not shovel or snow blow snow into the township roads

TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

- ▲ Please DO NOT put material out for pickup before 6:00 P.M. Monday night.
- ▲ Please keep all trash and recycling cans behind the curb and NOT in the street.
- ▲ All garbage shall be stored in containers with lids for pick-up.
- ▲ Corrugated (cardboard) tie in separate flat bundles no larger than 2' x 3'
- ▲ Grass clippings shall be in bags strong enough to hold the contents and shall not weigh more than 35 lbs.
- ▲ Please refer to recycling calendar for complete list of recyclable materials.
- ▲ Thank-you to all residents for your continued recycling effort.

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA CONCERT

The Hanover Township Special Events Committee and The Westgate Mall are proud to sponsor the 6th Annual John Philip Sousa Concert. The concert will be held at the Hanover Township Community Center Sunday, May 4, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. The Liberty Alumni and Easton Municipal Bands are returning to guarantee an extraordinary concert. This year the Special Events Committee and the Veterans Administration will present Hanover Township Korean War Veterans with special Commemorative Plaques to thank them for their service to our country. We hope you will join us in honoring these fine men. This concert is free to all and sure to be a memorable experience. Wegmans' cookies and punch will be served before the show.

2002 HANOVER TOWNSHIP HALLOWEEN PARADE WINNERS

We knew the rain would stop for our Parade & Party and it did! We had many great entrants but we had to narrow it down to just one winner in each category. The winner of the Gateway Holiday Inn gift basket and night's stay for the Best Adult Costume was the Mazda Miada Club's Grim Reaper. The winner of the Linda Marlow gift basket for Best Child Costume went to Greg Marshall as the Jr. Motorcycle Officer. The winner of the Carmike Theatre movie passes for Best Group went to the Broadway Family as Hershey Kisses. The winner of the Wegmans gift certificate for Funniest Costume went to The Airport Self Storage Ensemble. The winner of the Wegmans gift certificate for Most Original Costume went to Brownie

Troop #712 for re-creating Captain Hook's and Peter Pan's Ship. And the winners of the King and Queen essay contest were Andrew & Courtney Milham. The Special Events Committee would like to thank everyone for sponsoring, volunteering, participating and attending the Parade and Party. We hope you enjoyed it and we can't wait to see you all at this year's Parade on Saturday, October 25th.

Board of Supervisors

At their Annual Re-organization meeting, the Supervisors elected and made the following appointments:

- Jay Finnigan was elected Chairman.
- John Diacogiannis was elected Vice Chairman.
- Appointed Todd J. Bushta, CPA as the Township Auditor
- Re-appointed James Broughal as the Township Solicitor.
- Re-appointed James Birdsall as Township Engineer.
- Re-appointed Robert VanWhy as the Township Fire Marshall.
- Re-appointed Francis Almer as Director of Emergency Management.
- Re-appointed Al Fiore as Ordinance Enforcement Officer.
- Re-appointed Kevin Healy as Ordinance Enforcement Officer.
- Re-appointed Vincent Milite as Animal Control Officer.
- Re-appointed Cathy Heimsoth as Recreation Director.
- Appointed Natalie Miller as Community Relations Director
- Re-appointed the following as member(s) of the Planning Commission: Joseph Hilton
- Re-appointed the following member(s) to the Shade Tree Commission: Dan Roman & Joan Witiak
- Re-appointed the following to the Impact Advisory Committee: Frank Arner, Marie Lychak, Paul Kuehne, Joseph Trinkle, Kerry Wrobel and LeRoy Wilson.
- Re-appointed the following members of the Special Events Committee: Irv Good
- Re-appointed Robert Schoenen, Jr. as Township Representative to the Bethlehem Public Library.
- Appointed the Supervisors Chairman of Committees: John Diacogiannis – Administration; Glenn Walbert – Planning & Zoning; Frank Colon – Development and Steve Salvesen – Public Works

This is Hanover, not Bethlehem!

What European settlers' first saw when they looked upon the land that now comprises Hanover Township, Northampton County, was a watersparse wilderness covered with scruboaks. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that they called it "The Barrens" or "The Dry Lands". By the early nineteenth century, however, Pennsylvania Dutch farmers had turned the area into some of the most fertile farmland in the state.

Originally, the Township was part of 23,000 acres which formed John and Richard Penn's "Manor of Fermor". In 1747, it became part of Allen Township, which was comprised of what are now Allen, East Allen, and the two Hanover Townships. Hanover Township was officially incorporated as a separate entity on August 8, 1798.

The Township acquired its present boundaries in 1812 when Lehigh County was created. At that time, Hanover was split into two separate townships with approximately onethird of the land and one-half of the population remaining in Northampton County.

Farming predominated Township life throughout the nineteenth century and into the twentieth. During that time, development centered around the village of Hanoverville in the east and Schoenersville in the west. Each had a tavern, a store, a post office, and a handful of dwellings. Power for grist and sawmills and a brewery was provided by the Township's only stream, the Monocacy, which flows along the southeastern boundary.

Until 1956, three one-room schools were the locations for the education of Township children. Schortz School, the oldest of the three, is located on Jacksonville Road, across from the present Hanover Elementary School. Knauss School stands in the northeastern section of the Township on Hanoverville Road directly behind Golden View Dinner. The third school, Rudolph, was located on Jacksonville Road near the Schoenersville Road intersection and now houses a Tanczos Beverages. In 1965, nine years after the opening of Hanover Elementary School, Hanover Township joined with three other local townships and the City of Bethlehem to form the Bethlehem Area School District. A second elementary school, Asa Packer, was built at the western end of Stoke Park Road in 1967.

Population growth in the Township remained slow and steady until the 1920's when the trend toward suburbanization began. Hanover's population doubled between 1950 and 1960 and nearly tripled in the decade that followed. The 1990 Census showed 7,136 individuals living in the Township. During the next 10 years the population increased by 34% with the 2000 Census showing 9,563 residents.

Hanover Township today is a residential community with excellent recreation facilities, highlighted by the Hanover Township Community Center that opened in November of 1996. The township is located northwest of the City of Bethlehem allowing easy access to urban facilities. Wellplanned employment districts are currently being developed, which will allow employment opportunities within the Township.

Tanover Township is a Second **L**Class Township under the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code and is governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors. The current board of Supervisors is comprised of John J. (Jay) Finnigan, Jr., originally elected in 1999, Dr, Frank Colon, originally elected in 1981, John N. Diacogiannis, originally elected in 1984, after being appointed during 1984, Stephen R. Salvesen, originally elected in 1983 and Glenn R. Walbert, originally elected in 1984. The Township Manager, N. James Sterner is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the township. A thirty-six year employee of the Township Jim was appointed the township's first Township Manager in March of 1990. The Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 provides fire protection and police protection is handled by the Colonial Regional Police Department.

2003 Tax Bills

Tax bills will be mailed to each property owner by the end of January or first week of February. If you do not receive by mid-February please call the office. 610-866-1140

Please make sure you forward your tax bill to your mortgage company, bank or whoever is responsible for paying your taxes.

There will be a Three (\$3.00) Dollar service charge for a duplicate tax bills.

Get "READY TO READ" again!

Hanover Township Community Center and Lehigh Valley PBS are getting "Ready to Read" again! June will be Hanover Township Literacy Month and the start of the HTCC Summer Reading Program and we want to start it right! The kick-off party will be held at the Community Center on Thursday, May 15th from 12:00 until 2:00 p.m. Tele Bear and Thunder will be there to meet all of the children ages 2-6 who want to get "Ready to Read". There will be refreshments and entertainment for everyone! Listen to stories read by Supervisor Finnigan, Senator Dent, Representative Dally, Dr. Pagano, the Allentown Ambassadors, the Valley Dawgs, the Tooth Fairy and some other very special surprise guests. Win prizes from Wegmans, Westgate Mall, Allentown Art Museum, The Great Allentown Fair, Weis, Steak & Ale, The Holiday Inn Gateway and many, many others. Every child who attends will receive a free book from Tele Bear

and a special gift bag including prizes and information on how to start your children on the road to reading. Join us for the fun. Reservations are required so call the Community Center at 610-317-8701.





Richard Eugene Santee cont'd

Scouts, friends and leaders and took more than two days to complete. Organization or group that benefited: Advent Moravian Church School Attending: Ricky is currently a senior at Liberty High School and has applied for admission to Colgate University, Schreyer Honors College at Penn State, Dickson College and the University of Virginia. Other extra curricular activities and honors: National Honor Society, varsity soccer (co-captain and Liberty HS Scholar-Athlete Award), president of LHS Grenadier Band, LHS Band First Company, LHS Orchestra, referee for the Greater Bethlehem Church Basketball League. Ricky served as Senior Patrol Leader for Troop 302 and was a Patrol Leader for the area contingent to the National Jamboree in 2000.

Jeffrey David Carlson cont'd

Member of the National Honor Society. He has been a member of the Liberty High School Ski Club and the Presbyterian Youth Fellowship of 1st Presbyterian of Catasauqua.

John Joseph Finnigan, III cont'd

Boston and is waiting to hear from Lafayette, Northeastern, Drexel and Olin. John plans on majoring in engineering.

Employed by: Hanover Township Community Center

Other extra curricular activities and honors: John is member of the Notre Dame of Bethlehem High School CYO Basketball Team. In 2000 he was named the teams Most Dedicated Player. John served as Troop 302's Librarian and Assistant Patrol Leader. He also served as Den Chief for Cub Pack 352, Den 7.

Miller Memorial Blood Center "Give the Gift of Life"

Since 1971, the mission of the Samuel W. Miller Memorial Blood Center has been to provide a safe and adequate blood supply for our local communities. The Blood Center operates three fixed donor centers in, Bethlehem (Hanover Township), Allentown and Bangor. Additionally it holds in excess of 500 bloodmobiles on an annual basis. To register for a donation or for more information on any of their programs and services, call 610.691.5850 or 800.223.6667.

You can also visit their Website at www.MMBL.org/blood.



Asa Packer School News

Good news was received just before the winter holiday; notification from the Pennsylvania Department of Education that Asa Packer has earned a performance award of \$8,280.00 for Maintenance of High Standards. This new state award is designed to recognize a school's sustained high achievement in the Grade 5 PSSA's over several years.

January focus has also been on the weather and fitness. Ed Hanna, weatherman for Channel 69, has scheduled a visit with third grade students. Ice skating instruction for fifth grades' physical education class as well as a PTO sponsored school-wide ice skating event at Municipal Ice Rink has fit well into the January weather patterns. Hanover Township Community Center personnel will help us close out the month with a special Fitness Day, providing fitness activities for the entire student body.

Citizens Police Academy

On November 20, 2002 fifteen individuals graduated from the Colonial Regional Police Citizens Police Academy. The graduates comprised residents from Hanover and Lower Nazareth Townships and the Boroughs of Bath and Chapman.

The graduates participated in a sixweek, one night a week program that was presented by members of the CRPD. The intent of the program was to;

• Familiarize citizens with the various functions of the police department

• Provide basis understanding of the role of the police in the criminal justice system and the role of the police in increasing the quality of life in a community

• Familiarize citizens with the elements of crimes, the various grades of crimes, the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Vehicle Code and municipal ordinances

• Provide an understanding of the citizen's role in basic crime prevention.

The student's curriculum included a tour of the department, history of policing in the United States, discussions of applicable case law on arrests, statements and confessions, search and seizure and the use of force. Students had the opportunity to lift latent fingerprints and learned what is physical evidence and DNA. There were also presentation on drugs and drug paraphernalia, traffic enforcement and accident investigation, the use of canines and crime prevention.

The citizen students from Bath were Frank Wunderler and Karen Skipper, from Hanover Township Martha Kuhns, John Rosenthal, John Weber, Michale Coogan, Francis "Red" Fedor, Irv Good, Frank Colon, Karen Van Why, Edward Corrigan and Patricia Stonaker, from Lower Nazareth Township Barbara Hoell and Tract Hoell and from Chapman Borough Dorothy Niklos.

It was the consensus of the students that the program was interesting and enjoyable. It provided them with a better insight into the role of the police in their community.

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HANOVER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS RECYCLE!

Normal refuse pick-up is every Tuesday. In weeks with a Holiday (H), it moves to Wednesday. Re-cycling days are identified with a "R"

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HANOVER RECYCLING

- Rinse and clean all bottles, jars & cans. Labels can remain on.
- Remove any lids and caps from bottles & jars. Only metal caps are recyclable.
- ▲ Place all recyclables in your container.

RECYLABLES

- Aluminum & tin cans
- ▲ Glass jars & bottles (clear, brown & green)
- ▲ Plastic bottles & jugs Soda bottles, (green & clear), Milk & Water, others detergent, lotion, shampoo, etc. Most products labeled #1 or #2 are acceptable.
- Empty Aerosol Cans Empty through normal use. Remove plastic lids unless attached.
- Poly Coated Containers Milk & Juice Cartons Rinse & flatten - do not include straws
- Newspapers with colored or glossy inserts, should be tied with a cord or placed in a brown paper bag.
- Magazines tied or bundled separately.
- Corrugated (cardboard boxes). Tie in separate flat bundles. No larger than 2' x 3'.
- Junk Mail Bundle with newspapers. Do not include plastic or foil wrappings

Problems?

Call Waste Management @ 1.800.621.2100

A Time of Transition in Harrisburg

by Rep. Craig Dally (R-138)

HARRISBURG – January 2003 will be remembered as a time of transition here in the State Capitol. The 2003-04 Session of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives opened Jan. 7 with the election of Rep. Matthew J. Ryan (R-Delaware) to a historic sixth term as speaker.

Later in the month former Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell became the 45th governor of Pennsylvania.

Republicans hold a 108-94 majority in the House. There is one vacancy. This is the fifth consecutive session Republicans will control the House. It is the longest consecutive Republican tenure since the GOP controlled the House in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

In the state Senate the Republicans hold a 28-21 advantage with one vacancy.

One of the top priorities of the House in the new session will be education and dealing with growing property taxes. These two issues are difficult to separate as public schools receive most of their funding from property taxes.

With nearly half of the state budget already devoted to education, it is questionable how much more state taxpayers can do but we can encourage education innovation by giving schools more local options.

Health care is expected to remain a focus of the early days of the legislative session.

Last year the House took up some major initiatives to help our doctors, hospitals and more importantly, our patients address the medical malpractice insurance crisis. Yet apparently more still needs to be done due to the high costs of medical liability insurance for doctors and hospitals. Preserving Pennsylvania's world-class health care will be a major challenge.

With the national economy not growing at the rapid rate of the past few years, the House, Senate and Governor must work together in a bipartisan manner to pass a fiscally prudent spending plan.

Following the swearing in of House members, Schweiker in his final address to a Joint Session of the General Assembly, thanked legislators for their work to make Pennsylvania a healthier, safer and more economically secure place to live.

He also emphasized Pennsylvania's economic and fiscal stability. Thanks to fiscally prudent decisions when times were good, the Commonwealth's budget remains balanced and there is \$250 million in the rainy day fund. We are in good condition relative to other states.

Two-thirds of states report declining revenues and more than half of states face expenditures that exceed levels projected in their fiscal year 2003 budgets, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures' State Budget Update.

As we progress through these transitional months, I welcome your ideas and suggestions about state government. You may contact me via e-mail at cdally@pahouse-gop.com or at my district offices located at 354 W. Moorestown Rd. Nazareth, PA, 18064 or 5300 Nor-Bath Blvd., Northampton, PA, 18067. The telephone number is (610) 746-2100.

Impressions

By State Senator Charles W. Dent, 16th Senatorial District

The end of 2002 marked the end of the Pennsylvania General Assembly's two-year Legislative Session. It is a good time to look back on some of the major issues that we considered during the Session.

The last two years saw changing economic conditions nationally, which severely impacted most state budgets. Fortunately, at a time when other states were raising taxes or cutting programs and services, Pennsylvania continued to reduce the tax burden on working families and job-creators. Pennsylvania was better prepared than many states to handle a tightening economy thanks to healthy reserves in the Rainy Day fund and good fiscal policies in the past. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I strongly backed those prudent steps.

A major highlight of the 2001-02 Legislative Session was the landmark investment in health care. The Legislature approved a sweeping tobacco settlement bill in 2001 that is dedicated to improving health care by providing health coverage to more needy Pennsylvanians, promoting smoking cessation and prevention programs and enabling more senior citizens to live independently in their homes, along with other initiatives.

Another important accomplishment was increased education funding and accountability. The Senate and House approved legislation that increased special education funding, established tutoring grants for families, expanded options for schools, and provided professional development opportunities and requirements for educators.

In the wake of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the Legislature approved measures to improve public safety and develop a coordinated Homeland Security Program in Pennsylvania. We passed a number of additional laws to better protect citizens from criminals and make Pennsylvania's legal system more equitable.

Reform measures targeting government and the courts were important developments, as well. The Legislature gave final approval to an election reform measure that will establish a statewide uniform voter registration system to protect the accuracy and integrity of Pennsylvania's voter registration rolls. We also approved legislation that gives citizens greater access to public records.

A major lawsuit reform measure replaced "joint and several liability" – under which a defendant found to be onepercent liable could be forced to pay 100 percent of the damages -- with proportional liability. The Legislature also approved significant medical malpractice reform legislation designed to ensure access to doctors, reduce costly litigation, improve patient safety, and strengthen physicianreporting requirements.

Under the heading of environmental protection, the Legislature approved bipartisan legislation that will launch the first comprehensive review of Pennsylvania's water supplies in more than 25 years.

Finally, the Session concluded with the passage of legislation protecting PACE prescription drug benefits for seniors who were in danger of losing their eligibility.

To be sure, plenty of work faces us in the upcoming 2003-04 Legislative Session. But, the 2001-02 session was a very productive one on behalf of Pennsylvania citizens.



BETHLEHEM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY Winter & Spring Bookmobile Schedule

Effective January 1, 2003 - 610 867-3761

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Mar 31	Apr 1	Apr 2	Apr 3	Apr 7	Apr 8	Apr 9	Apr 10
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May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22
CLOSED	May 27	May 28	May 29				

- Check out what is new @ your library! Choose from books, DVDs, CDs, books-on-tape, large print, videos, magazines, newspapers, Internet access, and information databases. Come to the library for up-to-date materials and a helpful staff.
- At home take a look at the library's web site at for information about our programs & services. Use the on-line catalog to search or reserve materials. With a Bethlehem Area Public Library card you can access the Power Library and other *reference databases for free!* Get reliable information from credible sources without annoying pop-up ads. These databases deal with health, business, education, music, art, science, social issues, world cultures, animals, and more and are easy to use at home 24/7 or come to the library and ask for help. Ask for help at the information desk or access them online at home with your card.
- ProQuest: full text of the Morning Call, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, USA Today & other PA newspapers and magazines.
- **%** ReferenceUSA: locate any business in the US.
- Heritage Quest: over 25,000 genealogies, local histories, maps, atlases, & vital records beginning with the 1790 Census and covering the 50 states.
- LearnATest: online practice tests for GED, SAT, GRE, civil service exams, ASVAB, US citizenship tests, real estate & broker exams and more. This database provides instant scoring along with individual analysis and explanation of answers.
- CollegeSource: search colleges by type of school, major, or location. 22,780 college catalogs available to download!
- The Main Library, 11 W. Church St., is open Monday through Thursday 9AM 9PM, Friday 9AM 6PM and Saturday 9AM 5PM.
- **South Side Branch**, 4th & Webster streets, is open Monday and Thursday 11AM 8PM, Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 AM 5PM, and Saturday 11AM 2:30PM.
- **Program information for tots to teens** are available on the library's web site at or by calling the Youth Services Department at 610 867-3761x206. Contact the South Side Branch at 610 867-7852.

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In October, we held our annual "GreatPerson's Day." Nearly 300 grandparents and "great" persons were able to visit and interact with their favorite Hanover students. The Book Fair was also a huge success and included pony rides, despite the overcast weather.

November brought two programs for our students on the topic of American heroes. We were fortunate to have a visit from Ronald Lantz, the truck driver for Bass Transportation who called the authorities to report the DC snipers and then blocked the snipers' exit by pulling his tractor-trailer across the roadway. Jonathan Sprout, a singer/songwriter, was also here to perform an "American Heroes" program.

In early Fall, our students participated in a hat, glove and mitten collection to help provide warm winter clothing to fellow BASD students in need. They did a wonderful job of collecting 114 items!

Our staff, parents and other members of the community were out walking and running in November to help support one of our parents in her ongoing battle against cancer. More than 240 people turned out for the event.

In December, our Student Council headed up our "Giving Tree" project once again. Students and staff selected an ornament that contained the name of a person and their special gift wish. Northampton County Family Services that services 2,000 individuals provided the names. The students and staff donated gifts for 240 people to help them enjoy their holiday.

We had two concerts in December—instrumental and vocal. The second-year instrumental music students performed, and we heard from our 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders in the vocal concert. We had a wonderful turnout for both concerts.

Plans are underway for a new event this year, a Talent Show. We are looking forward to seeing our students and staff "perform" this Spring.

It may not seem much like Spring now, but plans are also underway for our Spring Festival, scheduled for Friday, June 13, from 4:30 to 7:30. This fundraiser is a wonderful opportunity for an enjoyable time as well

as a chance to help support Hanover Elementary School. Please join us!