

TRACK MINISTRY NEWS

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"Sharing God's Love at Philadelphia Park"

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Independence Day Picnic

Cadette Troup 996 arrived bright and early to provide games and fun for the children who came to the annual event on Friday, June 30. Maria Rucci and Vera Ronzano do an outstanding job with the girls.

The face painting, hoola hoop fun, parachute man, sack races and tug o' war combined for a fabulous day. Each child also carried home a goody bag prepared by Molly Shallcross. Of course, the hot dogs, hamburgers and all the trimmings made for great eating, too.

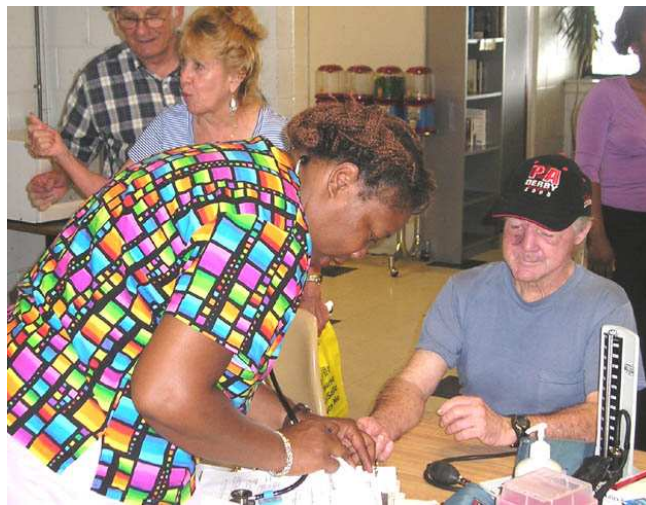


"Hey, throw it way up here to me!"

ABCOPAD Women Gather Again at Shippensburg University

"Walk with God . . . It's a Jungle Out There" was the theme of the annual conference. As with each year the women planned and presented a wonderful time of spiritual blessing for those attending. Gayle Campbell, Conference Coordinator, and Betsy Hale, President, did such an excellent job. God has blessed the ABW of Pennsylvania and Delaware with outstanding leadership.

On Saturday, the ladies had a luncheon with presentations from the missionaries. The theme of the luncheon was "Take a Safari Trip Through the Eyes of a Missionary." The luncheon hostess, Lynn Swan, invited us to share about what God is doing through the chaplaincy at Philadelphia Park Racetrack. Molly Shallcross, my Administrative Assistant, also reported about the Special Events for the children. Because of the generosity of the management of the track, we were pleased to be able to give a Smarty Jones T-shirt to those who attended the luncheon.



Yvonne checked blood pressures at the Health Fair.
Mr. Williams tried to be a good patient.

LaSalle University Sponsors Health Fair

The Rec Hall on the backside of the track became a wellness station for a day on Wednesday, June 28. Two student nurses in the University program, Doris Diaba and Yvonne Harris, organized the day. Instructor Sharon Starr guided Doris and Yvonne in a very successful effort. Several area organizations came to present displays of their programs, including the Bensalem YWCA, Bucks County Health Department, Healthlink Medical Center, Donate for Life, Bucks County Health Improvement Project, Southeast PA Health Improvement Project and Bucks County Mental Health Clinic. It was indeed a well-planned, well-received and highly effective event.

"Alpha" Ministry a Success

Some months ago Lenore Barbera and Teresa Rowan asked me if they would be allowed to offer a 10-week ministry for those who work at the track. Lenore is a member of the staff at Christian Life Center church and Teresa is a trainer/galloper at Philadelphia Park.

The effort is called "Alpha," which originated in England and has spread to many denominations in the US. The program is an outreach to bring people to commit their lives to Christ and to live for Him. The response to the program was quite exciting. About 30 people were involved each week, including a Spanish speaking and English speaking groups. Council member Hilda Garcia assisted with the Spanish speaking class.

Each Friday evening the classes began with a full meal followed by a video/discussion time. In addition to the videos, George Lugo, an assistant to a track veterinarian, taught the groups about the work of the Holy Spirit. At the end of the 10-week sessions, Lenore gave a barbecue at her home.

We thank Lenore Barbera, Diana Shenck, Teresa Rowan and Christian Life Center (Rev. David Cawston, Senior Pastor) for their outstanding ministry to the people. We hope to offer the Alpha program in the future.

With the Churches

Oxford Circle Baptist Church AB Women's group invited me to speak to them on Tuesday evening, April 11. Stable employee David Flood attended the gathering with me, and we had a special time of fellowship with the men and women, and the group provided great refreshments following the meeting.

On Sunday, April 23, I enjoyed a blessed time with Westgate Baptist Church, Lancaster, PA, speaking at an Adult Sunday Class and at the Morning Worship Hour. We then had a wonderful time of fellowship at a luncheon after the worship hour.

On Sunday, April 30, I spoke at FBC of Ulysses, PA and Gold Baptist Church. In the afternoon I spoke at the Tioga Association meeting. Pastor Dick Kirk was a gracious host. It was indeed a memorable trip.

Sunday, May 7 found me in Wildwood, NJ to speak at morning worship and then to speak at the West New Jersey Association meeting. It was a refreshing day, and Rev. Joe Mathis (FBC Wildwood) sent me home with a car filled with blankets for the track. Later, we had to send a truck to pick up the more than 20 more bags of blankets!!

On Sunday, May 21 I shared the work at FBC of Bridgeton, NJ, and enjoyed a delicious luncheon following the service.

On June 25, I was supply speaker at First Baptist Manayunk in Philadelphia. The church is graciously planning to help with gifts for the track workers at Christmas.



Annie and Dave hold up the "Thank you" sign to Wayne and Phyllis Sheely for providing pizza for the Chapel 'n Chow meal given on June 7.

Chapel 'n Chow Nights

The backstretch folks always deeply appreciate the generosity of those churches and individuals who provide meals following the Wednesday worship service. The following churches and individuals provided delicious meals: April 12 - Harriman United Methodist Church; May 10 - Bensalem Diversity Committee; May 24 - New Beginning Church of God, Bristol, PA (Council member Rey Roque's church); June 7 - Wayne and Phyllis Sheely.



Jockey Frankie Pennington (Left, in white hat) joined in the tug o' war.



Queen of the hoola hoops!

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This girl will do anything to get under the limbo stick.

