

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



June 4 - Cal Hobbie
June 6 - Ruth Zaplin
June 6 - Peter Blume
June 9 - Dan Gambet
June 10 - Don Wieand, Jr.
June 11 - George Boyer
June 15 - Asa Hughes
June 15 - Ben Walbert, III
June 23 - Bill O'Boyle
June 24 - Dale Sandstrom
June 24 - Rick Bachl
June 25 - Indru Khubchandani
June 28 - Bill Gehman
June 29 - Andy Bausch

Classification Talk--

Barbara Bottitta

May 1, 1998

Barbara Bottitta was born in upstate New York, and is the youngest of four children. Her dad, the late Joseph Dunn, owned a fine men's clothing store in Binghamton for over 28 years. Barb went to King's College in Wilkes-Barre and was a member of the first female class in the college's history, graduating with a double major in English Literature and Business. During her junior year, she spent 6 months in Vienna, Austria, and it was also at King's that she met her husband, Lou.

After graduation in 1974, she went to work for Traveler's Insurance in Hartford, Connecticut, and was married a year later. After a few years in Hartford, the Bottittas moved to Allentown when Lou got a job with Air Products and Barb became manager of the Designer Clothing area for Bamberger's. In 1979, Barb's daughter, Lisa, was born and son, Matt, followed 15 months later.

After a few years at home with the children, Barb returned to work for an interior design company, Nancy Carroll Interiors, and there learned how to read blue prints for new construction, a skill which has served her well working with builders and clients on new construction.

Dolores Breisch of Realty World is a friend and mentor for Barb, and after passing her state exams the first time out, she worked at Realty World for over five years.

Then Barb chose to become an independent contractor with RE/MAX. She owns her own business, has two people who work for her, and has been with RE/MAX on College Heights for the past five years, where she has been "top producer" with the highest number of residential sales transactions and highest sales volumes for the past two years.

Barb was the first Realtor in the Lehigh Valley to create her own website and have an Internet presence. She was helped in the development of the site by her husband, Lou, and they developed the idea of combining the Lehigh Valley Covered Bridge Tour with information about Barb's business as a way to promote the Lehigh Valley to relocation clients. The address is www.lvbridges.com.

Seated at the head table in addition to president Dolores Laputka were Rotarians Bob Brown, Nan Yarrish, Judy Barberich, and Barbara's husband, Lou Bottitta, and daughter Lisa.

-Judy Barberich

Quality Valley USA

May 5, 1998

President Dolores presided over the meeting; Rod Wells offered the blessing; Bill Gehman welcomed the visitors and guests.

I introduced Julie Lamm, President of JM Lamm Associates, who presented slide shows and informational material about Quality Valley USA, an organization located here in the Lehigh Valley to recognize effort and achievement in producing quality products and services. C. K. Hobbie, Inc. has received two organizational awards and Lehigh Valley Hospital has received one organizational and five team awards; so Andy Hobbie and Susan Hoffman were at the head table.

Julie explained the purposes and the processes of the QVUSA awards process and invited us to consider applying for an organizational or a team award for the awards ceremony to be held on October 22, 1998. Application forms were available on each table for those who were interested.

- Jim Davis

Community Service Awards

May 15, 1998

Joining Chairman Grayson McNair at the head table to present Community Service Awards were Bob Brown, Andy Hobbie, Bill Seaman, and Jim Wolford. The annual awards recognize outstanding efforts of volunteers and service agencies in the community. This year 31 requests were received and \$7,000 awarded to five organizations.

Bob Brown announced the recipients of this year's awards to service organizations:

- \$1,500 to the Discovery Center of Science and Technology for the Summer Enrichment Program
- \$1,500 to Good Shepherd for a Kindergym Program
- \$1,000 to the Salvation Army for the Summer Enrichment Program
- \$1,500 to Turning Point for educational scholarships for battered women
- \$1,500 to the Wildland Conservancy to provide environmental education scholarships to Raub Middle School students

An impressive 204 grants totaling \$286,000 has been made in the past 15 years by the Rotary Club of Allentown.

Jim Wolford presented the group *Service Above Self* award to Dolores Durst and The Tuesday Club for providing after-school assistance to children from families that are affected by HIV-AIDS.

Bill Seaman presented the individual *Service Above Self* award to Blake Morgan, chef at Spice of Life Restaurant, for organizing an effort of local chefs to provide meals at Daybreak.

Bill Levy announced that Entertainment Book sales totaled \$800 and will help send children stricken with muscular dystrophy to camp.

Tom Christman announced guests and birthday celebrants. Rod Wells prayed for us and for Bill Gehman, whose beloved wife, Claire, passed away this week.

-Amy Meleck