



A Helping Hand

Monroe County Sheriff Andrew P. Meloni hands a check for \$1,800 to Gary Mervis, founder of Camp Good Days and Special Times. The money was raised through the second annual benefit run sponsored by the sheriff's department and Rochester McDonald's restaurants. More than 400 competed. Looking on are Lou Buono, a McDonald's owner, and at the far right, Rich Guon, president of the McDonald's Operators Association.

McQuaid Coach Nominated for National Award

Bob Bradley, cross country and track coach at McQuaid Jesuit High School since 1962, was recently named District 1 "Coach of the Year" for cross country, and is one of seven nominees for the national honor.

Bradley will receive the district award at the annual convention of the National High School Athletic Coaches Association in Albuquerque, N.M., June 26-30. The national winner will be announced at that time also.

District 1 includes all the Northeastern states. Bradley was New York's nominee in 1979, but this is his first district award.

The 52-year-old coach has compiled a 140-11 dual meet record in his 21 years at McQuaid, and has coached his squads to 46 invitational wins, six diocesan championships, four Section 5 titles, and runner-up honors in the 1981 state meet. His Knights have dominated the City-Catholic League since 1972, going undefeated and winning 11 straight titles.

Bradley is also the meet director of the McQuaid Invitational, which has grown since 1965 to become the nation's largest high school-sponsored cross country meet, last year attracting 138 schools from six states and Canada.

Hospital Notes Record For Year's Volunteers

Elmira -- A record number of accumulated volunteer hours for one year was recognized at the 28th annual awards banquet of the St. Joseph's Hospital auxiliary. A rounded-off 49,000 hours were contributed by 850 volunteers in 1982.

Through money raised from fund-raising activities, auxiliary President Helen McNerney presented Sister Martha Gersbach, hospital administrator, with a check of \$20,000 toward the Quest '82 building program pledge of \$300,000.

Another \$6,000 was presented to the Twin Tiers Rehabilitation Center of St. Joseph's for a computer equipment linkage with the

Dr. Ritz, 85 Retires as Dentist

Dr. Edward Ritz, widely known dentist, celebrated a retirement party Sunday, June 12, at a party with family and close friends. He is 85 and has been a dentist for 61 years.

For the last 20 years he has been a parishioner at St. Thomas More. Before that he was a member of Sacred Heart Cathedral parish. He is now residing at the Heritage on Portland Avenue.

Cybox equipment installed in the center's sports medicine department.

Scholarships were awarded to Ms. Barbara Devlin, enrolled in the School of Radiologic Technology, and to Ms. Carrie Effrig, a nursing student. Both are in their second year of studies.

A new twist was added to the banquet at the Elmira Country Club -- an essay contest of 25 words or less on the theme, "I volunteer at St. Joseph's because..." The winner was Esther Costanza.

Receiving service awards were:

5,000 hours -- Helen Coughlin, Lil Hanmore, Mary Rosenberg, Matalyn Rustin.

3,000 hours -- Arlene Foy, Carmella Sbedico.

2,500 hours -- Anastasia Rosinski.

1,000 hours -- Ruth Barenthaler, Hazel Boyce, Marie Crowley, Angela Donahoe, Connie Geloso, Eileen Kurtz, Ann Manocchio, Antoinette Rigliano, Alice Whitford, Sister Patricia Ann Marks, Isabelle Wesneski.

Nineteen others received awards for 500 hours or more and 32 for 100 or more hours.

Controversial Cardinal Dies

Guatemala City -- Cardinal Mario Casariego of Guatemala City, Central America's only cardinal and one of Latin America's most controversial church leaders, died of heart problems June 15 at the age of 74.

He had been seriously ill after suffering a heart attack March 9, immediately after Pope John Paul II's departure from Guatemala.

Cardinal Casariego's tenure as archbishop of Guatemala City had been marked by tension, reflecting the conflicts confronting the nation and Central America.

In March 1968, then-Archbishop Casariego and his driver were kidnapped, and released four days later. The kidnapping was attributed to rightwing groups. About two months later, he received a threat on his life, apparently from the same group which had earlier kidnapped him.

Cardinal Casariego was at the center of numerous controversies.

His elevation to cardinal by Pope Paul VI in 1969 was protested by a group of about 50 priests of El Salvador. The priests claimed the appointment was "an anti-sign in the sacramental church" and that the archbishop had tried to build up excessive influence elsewhere in Latin America by frequent trips and statements outside of Guatemala.

In 1970, a movement of priests unhappy with the cardinal sought to have the Vatican replace him on the grounds that Cardinal Casariego, because he was born in Spain and lived in El Salvador, was a foreigner and because he was considered too conservative. The furor continued throughout the 1970s.

The cardinal criticized priests and Religious when he thought they went too far in their work with the poor. During a Mass homily in

Father Kress To Be Feted On Retirement

Father Robert L. Kress, this year celebrating his 45th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood, will retire the post of pastor of St. Joseph in Rush, a position he held for the past eight years, June 28.

Father Kress celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving 4 p.m., Sunday, June 19. The Mass was followed by a reception in the hall.

Parishioners at St. Joseph will fete him at a dinner June 22 at Wildwood Country Club.

Born July 25, 1912, Father Kress attended St. Andrew's School, Aquinas Institute, University of Rochester, Niagara University and St. Bernard's Seminary.

Ordained June 11, 1938, he has also served Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; Ss. Peter



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