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Four Awarded Attend Annual Banquet

Over 400 attended the 5th annual Employer-Employee Recognition Banquet of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Chapter of the Distributive Education Clubs of America held last week at the Mountainside Inn. In the audience were local business people who participated with the school's Distributive Education program, local civic leaders, school administrators and teachers, state officials, parents, many DECA Advisors from throughout the state, and student members of DECA.



Senior John Rankin accepts his Achievement in Distributive Education Award presented by President James Bowman at DECA's 5th annual Employer-Employee Recognition Banquet.

The purpose of the program which was emceed by Senior Jim Bowman, President of DECA, was to recognize participating sponsors of the D.E. program and others who have worked with the group in their community activities which numbered over 30 this year. Over 30 businesses and 100 supervisors were honored, each receiving a special award. Senior John Rankin represented DECA in presenting employer awards. The participating businesses are A&P, Alfonzo's Restaurant, Burger King, Capital Savings, Dreier's Sporting Goods, Drug Fair, E.J. Korvette, Excellent Diner, Finest Supermarket, Great Eastern Mills, Hahne & Co., Kinney Shoes, Krautter's, Lafayette Radio, Lewis Imports, Lincoln Federal Savings, Park Photo, Pathmark, Pergament Paint, Ray's Sporting Goods, Roy Rogers, Scotch Plains Music Center, Sears Roebuck & Co., Shop Rite, Stop Convenient, Suburban Jewelers, Tepper's, Leather Warehouse, Village Shoe Shop, Westwood Cleaners, Woolworth's, Larkey's and Jedd's Steak Pit.

Seven employers received an Outstanding Service Award for their efforts in assisting DECA with their program of youth activities: Mr. Anthony Metner and Mr. Richard Cunningham of A&P, Mr. James Lewis, Lewis Imports, Mrs. Anna Mestre, Pathmark, Mr. Ira Cohen, E.J. Korvette, Mr. Gregg Natic, Scotch Plains Music Center, and Mr. Bruce Brunner, Kinney Shoes.

The group also selected nine employers as this year's Outstanding Employers of the Year in Distributive Education, each receiving a plaque for the high honor. The Employers of the Year were Mr. Anthony LoPilato, Park Photo; Mrs. Gladys Murray, Village Shoe Shop, Mr. Charles Dworszak, Mr. Alan Koch, Mr. Charles Pierson, Mr. James Hanlon, all of Sears, Mr. Charles Pfost, Capital Savings, Mr. Robert Groschadi, Shop Rite and Mr. Theodore Diefer, Dreier Sporting Goods.

DECA also recognized Scotch Plains Councilmen Walter Grote

and Lawrence Newcombe with Outstanding Service awards for their efforts in helping DECA plan their Youth Government Study, the Dedication of the Municipal Building and the tours that DECA conducted. Grote and Newcombe read a proclamation passed by the Township Council honoring Jim Bowman for his work in the community and in recognition of his being selected as the Student of the Year in New Jersey and one of twelve outstanding D.E. students in the nation.

Special awards were given to high school teachers, parents and DECA Alumni who have worked with the group. The teachers recognized were Mr. Tom Tiktin (Vice Principal), Miss Joan Byorek, Miss Beverly Frankovich, Mr. Frank Maleski, Mr. Joseph Coleman, and student teachers Ms. Jill Stagaard and Mr. Steve Andrusky. The parent awards went to Mr. and Mrs. James Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. George Ratner and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lasher. Alumni who received awards were Richard Wilson (1971), Lisa Altobelli, Dale Sullivan, Dave Landis (1973), Diane Amabile, Don Patten, Andrea Natale, Don Pfost (1974).

Another training station sponsor, Mrs. Pat Flinn of Sears was given a special award for her work with DECA helping plan several of the group's benevolent activities, including their monthly birthday parties at Ashbrook Nursing Home.

High School Principal Dr. Terry Riegel, was awarded a special plaque for his support and assistance to the local Chapter. DECA awarded an Honorary Life Membership to Mr. Loris C. Lorenzi, N.J. State DECA Advisor.

Bowman then recognized the outstanding students in DECA; each was awarded Service plaques for their planning and participation in DECA's activities. The students recognized were Sophomores Gloria Morelli and Mike D'Annunzio, Juniors Steve Borneman and Jeff Capatch, Seniors Joe D'Annunzio, Charlotte Hudson, Jane Lasher, Leigh Reading, Sue Yannuzzi, Larry

Citizens And Council Go Round And Round On Slocum Property

Plans Board To Meet Monday

The regular public meeting of the Scotch Plains Planning Board will be held on Monday, June 16, in the Municipal Building at 8:15 p.m.

There are no subdivisions and there is one site plan for review as follows: Township of Scotch Plains, Recreation Commission, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, Location of Development: Kramer Manor Park - off Evelyn Street, Block 282, Lot 1, Proposed Development: Sanitary and storage facilities for Kramer Manor Park.

Hill, Teri Ratner, Derek Garrett, Cheryl Person, Jamie Ridge and Don Firestone. Also selected were Outstanding DECA members: Tim Sullivan received the Junior award and Bill Kocot, the Senior award. Sullivan and Kocot are the co-managers of DECA's School Store at the high school.

The last student awards were Achievement in Distributive Education plaques for students who displayed progress and growth through D.E. Seniors Arlene Peakes, Bruce Griffin and Jon Rankin received that honor. The final award was a tribute to Bowman by Seniors Leigh Reading, Derek Garrett, Jane Lasher, Teri Ratner and Bill Kocot for his efforts as President of the local Chapter, presenting him with a plaque for his services. Bowman concluded the program with a farewell address.

Entertainment for the evening was a mini-fashion show conducted by DECA models and coordinated by Senior Arlene Peakes. Sponsors of the fashion show were Hahne's, Sears, Tepper's, Clara Louise and It's About Time. The student models were Bruce Griffin, Derek Garrett, Ann Bowers, Arlene Peakes, Gina Santoro, Kathi Hancox and Bonnis Kates; commentator was Cheryl Person. Other highlights of the evening were songs by Teri Ratner and Cindy Bowman, Cindy Long, and Jim Schott. Music was provided by DECA Alumni Gary Pellegrino and his Chapter Three.

Plans Special Nature Tour

On Sunday, June 22 at the Nature Center the special tour will be "How to know New Jersey's trees and shrubs.

Over 180 people to date have enjoyed these walks. Reservations must be made in advance by calling Borough Hall, (Mrs. Calahan, 322-8236), no later than Wednesday preceeding each tour. Remember special arrangements may be made for scouts, church groups, garden clubs, etc. by merely calling Borough Hall for further information.

Questions Costs Of Nine Options Given In Questionnaire

Fanwood may have a new municipal building some time in the future, but it would certainly be difficult to predict what form that building might take, after two lengthy sessions of public input, last week and this. The Borough Council and about 90 citizens spent from 8 to 11 explaining proposals and answering questions last Wednesday. They did a repeat this Tuesday with about 50 on hand.

Each home in Fanwood has received a questionnaire, asking the homeowner to indicate his preference of a municipal facility to be built on the recently acquired Slocum property or elsewhere. Nine options are presented for citizen consideration. They range in price from \$730,000 to \$832,000.

The options range from razing the Slocum House and replacing it with new construction, to placing all facilities in a new multi-level building at the present Watson Road site. There are varying alternatives in between, providing different placement of various facilities on the Slocum grounds.

The Slocum property was acquired last October for \$237,000.

As explained by Mayor Ted Trumpp, the Borough wished to acquire the land as much as the building, since it represented the last sizeable undeveloped piece of land in Fanwood.

Originally, many felt the home itself, which Trumpp called "charming" might be used for municipal purposes. Foundation studies indicated the building would not support the pounds per square foot necessary to house municipal facilities without considerable renovation. Even if the building were to be renovated, it would be an inefficient building to heat and maintain.

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Fanwood Seeks Legislation On Real Estate Signs

Acting in response to two petitions received in recent months, the Fanwood Borough Council plans to ask the Planning Board to formulate legislation which would prohibit real estate for sale signs as well as the parking of trailers and other recreational vehicles in the front of residential properties.

Within the past month, eleven realtors from the local area petitioned for a law, both in Scotch Plains and in Fanwood, to ban realtor-placed "For Sale" or "Sold" signs. Fanwood already prohibits "Sold" signs. The realtors claim that until now they had generally policed themselves to avoid placement of hundreds of such commercially oriented signs, but lately one or two realtors had taken to placing the signs, which carry identifying realtor names. The petitioning realtors said the signs tended to downgrade the appearance of residential neighborhoods, but that if the practice continued to be permitted they would have to place the signs themselves in self-defense.

Similarly, the petitioners who seek a trailer law felt that the presence of trailers in the fronts of residential neighborhoods tends to detract from the appearance of neighborhoods and to downgrade property values. They have asked for specific restrictions, such as setback limitations and/or screening.

The Borough Council plans to suggest that a Memorial Day Parade Committee be organized within the Scotch Plains-Fanwood community, similar to the parade committee operative in Plainfield for the 4th of July. The Council will also seek to meet with Scotch Plains and with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and

the American Legion to discuss when to hold the parade next year. It was indicated that there has been a lack of communication between organizers and participants in recent years.

There have been several parade participants recently who have sought to have the parade take place on the actual Memorial Day holiday. However, parade sponsors have argued that it is easier to obtain bands and marching units when the parade is on Saturday and not in conflict with other communities.

Several times, businessmen in Scotch Plains have raised objections to the parade date, claiming it interferes with Saturday business.

The Fanwood Council hopes to see coordination of the parade, bicentennial activities and recreational schedules for Memorial Day, 1975. This year, the borough contributed \$900 to parade expenses.

Fanwood will petition the Union County Community Development Committee to allot \$2,500 to Cannonball House, a museum operated by the historic society, which includes Scotch Plains and Fanwood members. The funds will be federally based, and Charles Detwiller, co-chairman of the Scotch Plains Bicentennial Committee, asked the Council to seek the monies.