

School Group Makes Contribution to PFBC

Math classes from the Iroquois Junior/Senior High School, in Erie, have donated the proceeds from the sale of snacks at a school dance to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. According to Jane Hackenberg, teacher for the 7th and 8th Grade math classes, the students voted to give the profits from the snack sale to support PFBC programs. Joseph Viscuso and other members of the class like to fish, and they concluded that the Commission would be a worthy recipient of their funds.

Peter A. Colangelo, Executive Director of the Fish and Boat Commission, thanked the math classes for their support. "The thoughtfulness of the class members and their obvious concern for the work of the Commission has touched us all," Colangelo said. The monetary gift was accepted as part of the Commission's "Conserve 2000" effort to raise funds through voluntary donations to help protect Pennsylvania waters.

Iroquois Junior/Senior High School 7th & 8th Grade Math Classes

Front row (L to R): Joseph Viscuso, Michelle Horvath, Nick Roschow; back row (L to R): Rachel Oleski, James Goodman, Holly McIntire, Tim Wolf.



Front row (L to R): Jeff Strayer, Tom Sean Tease; back row (L to R): Anthony Zmijewski, Shawn Hoibarten, Tom Jakobic, Justin Talasyk, Sherry Zuck.

Commissioner Named Berks County's Top Outdoorsman

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commissioner Donald N. Lacy has been named the 1999 Berks County Outdoors Sportsman of the Year.

Lacy, of Reading, was presented the annual award recently at the Hamburg Hunting and Fishing Expo. He was honored for his commitment to outdoors heritage and his many years of volunteer work with the Izaak Walton League and the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs. Lacy served as president of the Berks County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs for six years and secretary for 12 years. He is also a past secretary of the Southeast Division, Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs. Lacy has served on the Board of Directors of the Izaak Walton League and as president of the Berks County Chapter of that organization.

Lacy was appointed to the Commission by Governor Robert Casey in 1992. He was elected Commission president in 1997 and has served as chairman of the Education and Publications Committee. He was instrumental in the Commission's recent acquisition and development of the Five Locks property along the Schuylkill River, in Berks County.

Along with his long list of outdoor-related contributions, Lacy has also served on the Muhlenberg Township Board of Commissioners, and as a board member for Capital Blue Cross and the Berks County Association of the Blind.



Commissioner Donald N. Lacy

Fallen Officer to be Honored

In August 1921, District Fish Warden William E. Shoemaker was shot and killed while making an arrest in Bradford County. To honor Warden Shoemaker, the Commission applied for his induction into the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC. The Commission received word this past January that the induction request was accepted. A candlelight ceremony at the Memorial will be held May 13, 1999, at 8:00 p.m. The public is invited.



The Commission also plans to purchase a new headstone for the grave site of Warden Shoemaker, in Laceyville. A date has not yet been set for the placement ceremony.

Be sure to read the full-length article in the upcoming July/August *PA&B* detailing Warden Shoemaker's story. For more information, contact the Commission at 717-657-4545.

PA's First Commissioner of Fisheries

In 1866, a convention was held in Harrisburg to investigate pollution, bad conditions in mountain lakes and streams, and the stopping of spring shad runs by dams. As a result, the General Assembly enacted, and Governor Andrew G. Curtin signed into law, the Act of March 30, 1866 (P.L. 370, No. 336), which created the position of Commissioner of Fisheries of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Governor Curtin named James J. Worrall as Pennsylvania's first Commissioner of Fisheries. He served in the late 1860s.

As part of the PFBC's efforts to explore its heritage as one of America's oldest fisheries conservation agencies, we are seeking more information about our first Commissioner of Fisheries, James J. Worrall. We are looking for biographical information and a portrait or photograph of Commissioner Worrall.

If you or anyone you know has information (family histories, genealogy, or otherwise) about James Worrall, please contact the PFBC at the following addresses: Executive Director, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000; e-mail: dguise@fish.state.pa.us.