

Graduating Seniors, Families, Friends Invited to Baccalaureate 2001

Abington High School graduating seniors, their families, and friends in the community are invited to Baccalaureate 2001, an interfaith service of thanksgiving to God for this special time of commencement. The Old York Road Ministerium, comprising an Abington synagogue and several churches, is sponsoring baccalaureate on Monday evening, June 11, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at Abington Presbyterian Church, 1082 Old York Road, Abington. The Ministerium welcomes participation from students and faith communities alike. For more information, contact Rabbi Robert Leib, Old York Road Temple Beth Am, 215-886-8000 or The Rev. Michael Tavella, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 215-659-2642.

B.I.L.Y. Too, The Youth Group Offered to Youth

B.I.L.Y. stands for Because I Love You. It is a support group for parents in crisis or conflict with their child's behavior. B.I.L.Y. Too, The Youth Group is a support group for children of parents involved in B.I.L.Y. It provides a structured program for youth by working on goal-setting and follow-through. "This is important because we are seeing that the kids are struggling to stay on the right path, so we have them set both short- and long-term goals," notes a group facilitator.

Youth from age 13 and up are appropriate for B.I.L.Y. Too. The group is

peer-run. Only two adults—a facilitator and a coordinator—are present. The adults are not the parents of anyone in the group. Youth are encouraged to discuss their issues and challenges and benefit from input from their peers.

B.I.L.Y. Too meets Tuesdays from 7:00-9:30 p.m. in the Willowood Building Private Dining Room 163 at Abington Memorial Health Center's Schilling Campus. Meetings are free, but donations are accepted. For more information, contact Elaine at 215-576-5216.

Hats Off to James McCaffery!

Abington School District and the entire ACT Board extend their best wishes and gratitude to James F. McCaffery, retiring as Superintendent of the Abington School District. Jim was the chief mobilizer that pulled the Abington and Rockledge communities together and helped form the Abington Community Taskforce (ACT). He insisted that ACT be a community-based organization, chaired and operated by community members. He has been a key leader in our "Communities That Care" program. He not only strives for best practices in the school district, but also insists on the same for the community. ACT hopes that Jim will continue his vital role in this community endeavor. We wish him happiness and good health in his well-earned retirement.