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# WRGN RADIOGRAM

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## Everyone Can Hear WRGN Everywhere



Burl Updyke holds the unit that allows WRGN to be heard anywhere. He said staff members will gladly order and set up the unit.

For those whose reception of WRGN is difficult or impossible at their home, an internet radio can solve this problem. It provides clear reception by connecting to WRGN's audio stream over the internet. Listeners must have WIFI internet service to use this receiver. Most people with computers already have this.

The radio is AC operated and may be used anywhere in the home where there is a good internet signal. It is very easy to use, and does not require a computer. It costs approximately \$140 and no monthly fees are required. Anyone with internet service in their home will

find this the answer to listening to WRGN's broadcasts anywhere they may live, even in other states. "It took some time to develop a practical unit, but this has been accomplished," said Burl Updyke, WRGN manager. He is very excited about what this development can mean in spreading the gospel of Christ over the airwaves. It is perfect for those who live away from the area during the winter months.

WRGN can arrange to obtain a radio for listeners and even set it up. Call for details, or stop at the studio for a demonstration. Call 800-245-3688.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

*from the Staff of WRGN*

# Shar-A-Thon Was A Winner

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Shar-A-Thon 2010 is over the top! The goal of \$148,000 was surpassed at 9:40 p.m. on Friday, November 19. It ended at \$150,269. "Much praise goes to the hundreds of prayer partners and to the many volunteers who answered phones, brought food and served as on-air hosts," said Burl Updyke, WRGN Manager. He said that this year's Shar-A-Thon theme, "building a strong chain" proved true as over 500 callers formed the bond of listeners that will keep WRGN broadcasting in 2011. Symbolizing this chain was one being constructed

across the control room during Shar-A-Thon. It still remains in place and shows the plateaus reached. It crosses the room from one end to the other, the length of chain needed before the goal could be met.

New this year was the opportunity for listeners to use credit cards or automatic draft from their banks. Over 30 contributors chose to pay their pledges this way. This convenient way to pay may still be arranged for one time or monthly contributions. Call WRGN at 800-245-3688.

## Special Gospel Outreach On WRGN

The Sounds of Season are being heard on WRGN the whole month of December, as Christmas carols and special Christmas programming is being broadcast. "Invite you friends and families to make themselves at home at WRGN during December" said WRGN Program Director, Shirley Updyke. She said not only

will the true reason for the season be heard in the station's music but also in the gospel spots which are being aired especially in December. She said, "Hearts are softer during this season, and the gospel spots make it clear how a person may accept Christ as their Savior." She asks for listeners to pray for this special outreach.

## Hearing From You

Hearing from listeners is always a time of encouragement here at WRGN. William Ritsick, West Nanticoke, wrote: "It is very inspiring what you do at WRGN. Please keep it up."

Fran Policare, Hanover Twp., said, "I listen early morning to WRGN's "Shirl and You" and I am blessed."

"Keep believing and God will take care of His people. Thank you for WRGN. I like your newsletter. God bless, wrote Maria De Grafferreid, Wilkes Barre.

## Upcoming Events

December 2010 - Special Christmas buttons being given away. Listen for details on WRGN.

February 21- WRGN's February Skate, 6:30 p.m. Skateaway, Wilkes Barre.

Listen to

**Focus On The Family**

Daily at 9:30 am and 7pm

# Please pray with us

PRAISE: WRGN's Shar-A-Thon was a great success. Your prayers were much appreciated. God worked through listeners to make another year of radio ministry possible.

PRAISE: Volunteers worked hard and long hours during Shar-A-Thon. We thank God for each one of them.

PRAISE: Response for the Christmas buttons being given away here is good. We praise God for the opportunity to honor Him in this small way.

PRAY: WRGN's February Skate will be held on Monday, February 21, pray that many young people may attend and see that there are families and friends that have found the better way to live and can have fun and yet honor God.

PRAY: A recent development enables everyone to hear WRGN no matter where they live. After much research, a reliable, inexpensive internet receiver is available. WRGN has taken on a new project that of getting and setting up these radios for listeners. This means no fringe areas for WRGN. Anyone can hear the station wherever they live.

PRAY: This new internet receiver will allow listeners leaving the area for the winter to still be able to listen to their favorite station. Pray many will take advantage of this newest development in Christian radio.

PRAISE: WRGN's Good News Library enables area people to borrow books, DVD's and CD's that will aid them in the study of the Bible. Books cover today's issues that affect families and cause addictions. Many library items also provide much encouragement and fun as people read good fiction and view family oriented

films. Pray that many more will take advantage of the opportunities afforded by the library.

PRAY: Shirl Updyke's book, "Vision To Reality," not only tells the story of the founding of WRGN/WIVH but gives reason for the reader to trust God in their lives. It was written for God's honor. It makes an ideal gift.

PRAY: for the staff at WRGNWIVH as they seek to honor God through the ministry of the radio stations. Their passion to reach others with the gospel moves them to work faithfully here.

PRAISE: as area families celebrate Christ's birth on Christmas and for the stations as they broadcast the true reason for the season, that of the birth of the Savior of the world. Pray that many will invite others to listen.

PRAISE: the Open House held recently at WIVH was met with great success. Many attending expressed their love of the station.

PRAY: for Jonathan and Tiffany Bowman, operators at WIVH. For the safe delivery of their fourth child this month. Correspondence may be sent to them at 5007 Estate Mt. Washington, Lot 20, Christiansted, St. Croix, USVI, 00820-4565. The cost for postage is the same as here in the states.

PRAISE: "For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6.

(This message of hope was fulfilled in the birth of Christ.)

# WRGN Shar-A-Thon Goes Over The Top...



Much joy is evident as the goal is reached



Phone Operators: Caroline Ciak, Barb Saxe, Rachel Madeira and Janet Carver.



Jonathan Broscius, Doug Hamilton, Janet Carver, Shirley Updyke, Barb Saxe and Mike Bodek.



Jonathan Broscius and Wayne Morgan



Burl Updyke and Rachel Madeira add another link to the chain.

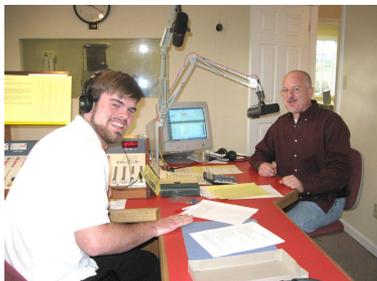
# ...Praise The Lord!



Shirley Updyke and Pastor Mark Whitmer



Artist, Sue Hand



Jonathan Broscius and Doug Hamilton



David DeCosmo and Burl Updyke



Phil Mercandante worked hard for Shar-A-Thon.

# Here at the studios...

The chain being constructed during Shar-A-Thon can still be seen here at the studios so come and see it. Don't miss Shar-A-Thon photos in this issue. They tell the whole success story.

Monday, February 21, marks the date of WRGN's biggest skate of the year. Don't miss it.

Dawn Strohl, Lehighton, had been listening to WRGN only a week when she called "Shirl and You." We listened to her story about strokes, diabetes and by-pass surgery and our hearts and prayers went out to her and her husband, Myron.

We were able to get acquainted with Linda Derr, of Slatington, when a change in her work schedule allowed her to call Shirl. She is an aide on a Carbon Lehigh bus.

Stephanie Merkagee, Glen Lyon, told of the important role WRGN is playing in her life, especially while confined at home with an injury. Her testimony encouraged listeners during Shar-A-Thon, as did April Miller's as she told of her prison confinement and how she found the Lord Jesus there. She loves WRGN.

Have you viewed WRGN's Christmas greeting. It's on the internet at WRGN.com. Some say it's cute, some say it's crazy, some amusing, but all laugh. We especially like Barbara Koble's comment. She said, "I call it "The Spirit of WRGN."

"I appreciated WRGN while I traveled back and forth to school," said Susan Luna, of Shenandoah. She traveled to Blomsburg University and completed her elementary school degree. Shenandoah is 25 miles south of Hazleton.

Cathy Saroka, Bloomsburg told of her life's story which turned difficult when raising her children and at the death of her husband. Now alone, she needs WRGN. Circumstances are better and she excitedly said, "With the Lord's help I may be able to start a prison ministry."

Nick Bukuski, Larksville, laughed when he said he is Lithuanian, but has an Italian first name and a Polish last name. He's legally blind and struggles with prostate cancer, but gives these trials credit for drawing him closer to the Lord.

We learned that Susan Zannetti, Forty Fort, has a son serving in the military in Texas. She has visited there, but prefers PA. However she does like South Dakota.

Brad Freeman, of Utah, is a trucker who travels Interstate 80. He visited his mother recently in upstate New York and heard WRGN. He is very pleased with Christian radio, a companion for him as he travels.

WRGN studios, all decorated for Christmas, is a fun place to visit and so is the Good News Library. We hope to see you here, Merry Christmas.



From us  
to you ...



December 2010

Dear Ones:

Was it because of the extra day, that Shar-A-Thon 2010 was successful? We're not sure. Thursday was a very slow day, so surely it could have been completed in three days, instead of the four. Shar-A-Thons have been under study for years, with many questions still unanswered. But we do know this, this year's WRGN Shar-A-Thon was a great success with God being honored through every word, smile, laughter, and tears.

We have many volunteers to thank for its success, including the six men who were on-air. Most of them had not done a Shar-A-Thon before. They came through with flying colors. Their hearts' attitudes were what counted as they worked for one single purpose, to keep WRGN on the air.

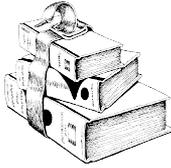
Bringing us through this year was the one large gift of \$5000 by an individual who said "match it" and it's the station's. This happened just before closing on Friday. And praise God by 9:40 p.m. pledges came through that enabled us to match the gift. We think all Shar-A-Thon listeners will agree that people want that last hour of "Share" to bring us to the top, even though we're hopeful that Shar-A-Thon will end early, like the day before!

Well, we survived it! As managers here, we are most joyous because we can move into a new year, knowing that enough funds will enable us to keep radiating the Good News over the air waves in Northeastern PA. AND talk about excitement, new internet developments will enable WRGN to no longer be concerned about fringe areas where people are unable to receive WRGN. Don't miss the story in this issue of the Radiogram about a internet receiver that will allow listeners to hear WRGN no matter where they live. Praise God, the radio ministry gets more exciting every year. Thanks for standing with us. If you plan to leave Northeastern PA for the winter, first check out the newest development in internet radio. WRGN can be heard no matter where you go, not only over a computer, but over a radio. God is so good. Now we may further expand the broadcasting of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Excited, Happy, Joyous, We are sincerely yours,

*Burl & Shirley Updyke*

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# New at the Library



It's the season for adults and children to enjoy great books about Christmas and to view family oriented DVD's featuring the Christmas season. There is a great selection of these at the Good News Library. In addition to Christmas books, etc., the following are some new titles on the shelves.

Funny Farmers is a DVD for kids. Children hear the Bedbug Bible Gang's favorite farming stories from

the Bible.

"God Loves Single Moms," is a book packed with practical tips, and ways to improve the family's well-being, It tackles the pressing issues of the single mom.

In "Sir Malcolm and the Missing Prince," Prince Hubert is swept away to a land where he is simply known as Hugh, a peasant boy. Here he learns valuable lessons from the widow of the forest. It comes from Lamplighter.

Max Lucado's book, "Turn," helps the reader remember their foundations and encourages them to turn back to God.

The incredible story of how Satan's rebellion serves God's purposes is in the book by Erwin Lutzer, "The Serpent of Paradise."

The next book is an invitation to solitude and silence, where a person may experience God's transforming presence. "God extends the invitation, but He honors our freedom and will not push Himself where He is not wanted," says the author.

"The Official Guide," gives a behind the scenes guide to the people, places and faces of the world's number one family audio drama, "Adventures In Odyssey."

A DVD entitled, "As It Was," tells the stories of Elijah, Ruth, Samson and Jephthah, four episodes on one DVD. Viewers will enjoy the Bible as they have never seen it.

The Good News Library is located at WRGN, is open 9:00a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays. There is a \$5.00 yearly membership. The public is welcomed.

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