

THE BENV BUZZ

OUR MONTHLY KIWANIS NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO THE KIWANIS CLUB OF BALD EAGLE AND NITTANY VALLEYS

By President Penny

"The first day of January always presents to my mind a train of very solemn and important reflections and a question more easily asked than answered frequently occurs viz: How have I improved the past year and with [what] good intentions do I view the dawn of its successor?" —Charlotte Brontë

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Immediate Past President Rusty Counsil

President Penny Meyers

President Elect Jenn Paucke

Vice President Dave Shickel

Secretary Tia Hillyer

Treasurer Sally Young

Assistant Sec/Treasurer Matt Wise

Director Della Watson

Director Diane Miller

Director Dawna Straub

Director Lisa Sente

Director Tom Livingston

Director Chrissy Wise

WHAT DID JANUARY BRING?



As always in January comes the reflections of the past and the opportunity for new beginnings, or as in the Kiwanis world, new ideas and projects. In this issue we will give you a peek of what members have been inspired to do to serve our community.

Our club has always supported Geisinger Children's Miracle Network (CMN) with a monetary donation which is budgeted yearly and also manning phones at the hospital in Danville. We have learned that due to Covid-19 there will be no actual telethon.

But that is not going to stop us! Nope! No Way! Sally Young brainstormed (a weird habit she has) and came up with an idea to do our own telethon with the support of our corporate member Miller Brother's Auto Sales to use their location to man phones and take donations. WOW, this will be big! With advertising on social media and newspaper and radio, who knows what can be accomplished. Stay tuned for this to happen sometime in May or June!

Geisinger 
Janet Weis
Children's Hospital



CEMETERY PROJECT

Lisa Sente presented the club with this idea, again due to covid issues. It will entail the club to provide services to the community who are homebound or in nursing homes to place flowers on the graves of loved ones. This is scheduled for a soft opening soon, possibly as soon as Easter.

BACK PACKS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Have you ever thought about what happens to childrens when they are removed from their homes and placed in Foster Homes? Do they have time to take their favorite toy, a toothbrush, jammies? Well member Della Watson has and she wants to make sure they have something to give them a sense of someone caring. Hence, the Back Pack Project. Della is working with Clinton County and scheduling a committee meeting to initiate this awesome project. Again, stay tuned!!!



MEMBER NEWS!

The club welcomed Amy Yocum into the club on January 20 at the member meeting. Amy lives in Lock Haven and was former owner of the Dutch Haven Restaurant. Amy is sponsored by member Matt Wise and was inducted by President Penny and Membership Committee Chair Della. Welcome aboard Amy! And Thank you Matt!



January Birthdays

Cathi Noll January 5
Tom Livingston January 10
Chrissy Wise January 23
Zach Hanna January 23
Jerry Blanchard January 24

Club Anniversaries

Jennifer Irvin January 2014
Penny Meyers 2010
Cathi Noll 2010



MEMBER RECOGNITION

This month's gift card was presented to Maddie Miller, representative for Miller Brother's Auto. Maddie was the number recognized for being top seller of the Gertrude Hawkes Candy Bar Fundraiser! **SWEET!!!** Thank you Maddie!

GOING ONCE! GOING TWICE! SOLD!



The club held its annual auction via Zoom this year thanks to the organization of the "auctioneer in charge" member Dave Shickel. Members donated and dropped off items to Miller Brother's Auto which Dave picked up and organized for bidding. The items are "bagged and tagged" with a little hint of what the little treasure may behold. Bidding then starts at \$2.

This event bring many surprises and excitement rises as the bidding begins! Monies from this event are put into the administrative fund! This is an event that all members should experience at least once! Thank you Dave for bringing this to the club!

Business "Stuff"

Club Waiver Policy

This policy was voted into place at the January Board Meeting. Members and guests will now sign a waiver sheet at the start of all club activity. Signing one time will be good for one year.

TECH TEAM

The team has been moving content over to the new webpage. "Webmaster" Ricky Reinberg has taken lead on this project with the help of other team members Matt Wise, Chrissy Wise and Tia Hillyer

Club Elections

Yes, it's that time of year. We will be voting soon on a new slate of Officers and Directors. This year we will need a new Vice President as Dave Shickel moves to President Elect, replacing Jenn Paucke who will be President 2021-2022. We also need 3 new directors replacing Diane Miller, Lisa Sente, and Della Watson whose 2 year term end October 1, 2021. Please send nominations to Penny Meyers or Tia Hillyer.



PA Midyear will be a little different this year as well. It will be held virtually this year on February 20, 2021. If you have never attended a mid-year conference, now is the time to do it! It's Free, right in your own home. Choose to attend one, two, or as many sessions as you want. You will not regret it. Register NOW!

COMING NEXT

February 6--Board Meeting

February 10--Cemetery Zoom Meeting

February 17-- Member Meeting

February 20--Mid Year Zoom

Kash Bash/Kash Raffle--Matt Wise/Tim Meyers

Food Drive

Essay Contest for Spring