

POTTSTOWN ROTARY
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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR NAMED ROTARY CLUB'S PERSON OF THE YEAR

The Rotary Club of Pottstown is pleased to announce Ken Hamilton as its selection as the 2016 Person of the Year. Ken is an award-winning environmental educator and community leader. He has been recognized as Pennsylvania's Outstanding Environmental Educator and has been invited to the White House for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Presidential Environmental Youth Awards for his work with students. He is the founder of the non-profit Green Allies that formed a partnership with Upper Pottsgrove Township to create the Althouse Arboretum. The Arboretum is a privately run outdoor education center designed and planned by local students who are empowered to run its educational activities and programs. The Arboretum also preserves native plant species. This unique treasure is a great resource for the community and has become a regional destination for residents seeking outdoor activities.

The Pottstown Rotary Club annually recognizes a member of the greater Pottstown community for outstanding contributions in areas such as the arts, business, education, health care, non-profit public service, and government service. Ken was honored at a ceremony held Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at the Rotary Pavilion in Riverfront Park. Members of the Rotary, past award recipients, and area representatives to the Pennsylvania legislature attended the ceremony, preceded by a dinner held in his honor.

The Pottstown Rotary is a local and international service organization comprised of men and women committed to making a positive contribution in their community and the world. The Rotary Club of Pottstown supports a number of programs in Pottstown, including, literacy building, the Pottstown Halloween Parade, student scholarships, Operation Backpack, and Meals on Wheels. The club also sponsors the Pottstown High School Interact Club, a service club for high school students. To learn more about The Rotary Club of Pottstown, please visit www.PottstownRotary.org.



Ken Hamilton delivering his acceptance speech after receiving the award.

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