



Central Perkiomen Rotary Club



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Central Perkiomen Rotary Club

Board Members 2018-19

President: Jim Rodgers
Past President: Barry Aiken
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Secretary: Walt Douglass
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Director of Service Projects: Gregg Bruff

Membership

Name		Joined Rotary	Remarks
Barry Aiken	Past Pres	1987	3 X Past President
Josh Aiken		2011	Past President
Peter Blauert		2018	Returning Member
Gregg Bruff	Projects	2010	Past President
Clint Buckwalter		1992	Past President
Ryan McNeil		2017	
Walt Douglass		2018	Returning Member
Bonnie Eckenrode	Treasurer	2011	Past President
Tony Filippini		2012	
Kenneth Quay		1989	2X Past President
Franklin H. Renninger		1950	Multiple Terms Past President
James S. Rodgers	President	2005	3rd Term
Ernest J. Schmitt		2006	
Jack Strause		2011	
Loren D Szczesny	Youth	1995	

Membership

2017/18 was a slight improvement as far as membership numbers were concerned, gaining two new members and losing one due to a move. Losing Pat Hoffman is going to take some time to get over as if forces Bonnie to wear two hats right now. New members inducted into the Club recently are both returning members that have more time on their hands and it is our job to keep them engaged. We welcome back Peter Blauert and Walt Douglass, both of whom have already proven to be valuable volunteers.

Report from the President

It is with great pleasure that I get to report to Rotary our significant activities for the year. Following the change in our Fiscal Year ending 31 May, we lead off with is what is our biggest event of the year and our prime fund raiser, The Schwenksville Community Fair. Thanks to wonderful weather, this year's Fair netted us well over \$20,000.00.

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The fair was followed up with a joint meeting and picnic with the Colledgeville Rotary Club at our Ballfield Pavilion.

Next on the agenda is our second fund raising event the Oktoberfest, held this year on 6 October also at the Pavilion.

Scene's from the 2017 Oktoberfest.



August though is a very busy month as the school season approaches, we intend to once again make our gift of fully loaded, state of the art computers to Perkiomen Valley High School Students and a few other select area students the first week of the school year.

The majority of the computers went to PVHS students and this was facilitated by our working with another non-profit group, The Perkiomen Foundation.

Computers were also distributed through two other organizations, some went to St. Mary's Catholic School in Spring Mount, and there we worked with the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

The last group of computers was distributed through the Daily Bread Food Pantry located in Collegeville. The Food Pantry is also the recipient beneficiary of a recent Rotary Foundation matching grant.

2017 Computer Presentation.



This is promptly followed by our 11th reiteration of the Battle-Axe Dinner. This is a recognition dinner for Senior Football Players from both the Perkiomen Valley Vikings and The Methacton Warriors. The dinner is held at the Bay Pony Inn, the week prior to the game.



Next on the agenda is the Halloween Parade which is always held the last Thursday before Halloween. The Parade is primarily funded by the Borough but it is organized and managed by the Rotary Club.



Coming down to the wire, the only remaining event we have is the Christmas Party which is a joint event hosted with the Colledgeville Rotary Club and also held at the Bay Pony Inn.





Last year we also started another new initiative, **Operation Warm**. This is a program that provides brand new winter coats for children.

This was kicked off last year also with the benefit of a Rotary Matching Grant that enabled us to buy 225+/- brand new winter coats for young grade school children. These were distributed through our partnership with the Daily Bread Food Pantry in Collegeville.

The Pantry does the distribution the first week in January to correctly identify those in need.

We then spend the next several months planning the next year.

Key for the Fair is lining up sponsors and that takes time.

Proceeds are all well spent!

Club Donations	Amount	Comment
Computers	\$8,514.50	Fully loaded Notebooks
Operation Warm	\$2,000.00	Matching Grant
Central Perk Youth Association	\$3,600.00	Ballfield Note
Rotary Foundation	\$1,250.00	Donation
Perkiomen Valley HS	\$1,000.00	Scholarship
Rotary Shelter Box	\$1,000.00	Disaster Relief
Camp Neidig	\$520.00	Leadership Camp
Rotoplast International	\$500.00	Smile
PV Association	\$300.00	Program Book
Schwenksville	\$178.75	Memorial Brick
PV Cheerleaders	\$100.00	Donation
Schwenksville Fire	\$75.00	Donation

\$19,038.25

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