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Dr. Geffe also has advanced specialized training in treating both adults and children who have suffered traumatic injuries both small and large. Dr. Geffe has been on staff at Al Dupont Hospital for Children covering pediatric trauma surgery since 2012.

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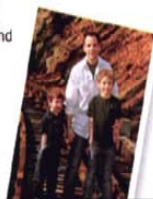
Kevin T.C. Geffe, D.O.
General and Trauma Surgeon

Kevin T.C. Geffe, D.O. is a graduate of the University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Geffe completed his residency in General Surgery at Christiana Care Health Services (CCHS). Dr. Geffe furthered his training by doing a fellowship in Trauma Surgery and Surgical ICU care at CCHS in Newark. During

his time in surgical training and fellowship, Dr. Geffe performed over 1,000 operations, trained in advanced laparoscopic surgeries, cared for emergency room patients who needed emergency surgery, and managed multiple wounds both simple and complex with conservative medical therapy and/or surgical repair. During his post graduate training, Dr. Geffe was recognized by his peers for his excellence in diagnostic and therapeutic strategies, surgical techniques and his exemplary rapport with patients and their families.

Dr. Geffe has received numerous awards and recognition for his outstanding surgical work with trauma patients as well as his commitment to excellence in patient centered care. In addition, Dr. Geffe has written multiple articles and has lectured both locally and nationally on surgically related topics such as traumatic brain injury, pediatric burn injuries and more.

Dr. Geffe's true passion in life, however, is that of being a dad and raising his two sons.



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First, we want to express our extreme appreciation to everyone who has donated items for the auction and placed advertisements in this booklet.

This auction is your local Rotary Club's biggest fundraiser of the year and our goal with this report is to talk about our yearly projects and tell you about our plans for the future.

The Middletown-Odessa-Townsend Rotary Club's annual auction, featuring live and silent events, is held the first Wednesday in October and starts at 6:59 p.m. sharp. The auction features more than 100 exciting, unique items that have been donated from local businesses and community friends.

Some of the bestselling items include vacations, orthodontic treatment certificates and other dental packages, restaurant and other service gift certificates, plants, fancy themed baskets, artwork, furniture and so many more items!

Make sure to take part in this year's 50/50 drawing – we have 10,000 tickets for sale and that means someone could win nearly \$5,000 if all of the tickets are sold. Don't have your tickets yet?? See any of the Rotarians in the room — we can help!



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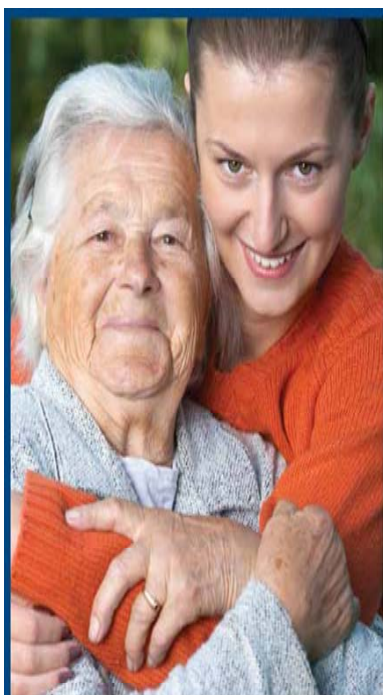
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Some of our Rotary Club members include (left to right) John Nanni, Joyce Simmons, Randy Schurbon, Roxane Ferguson, Rob Adams, Sharon Gilkey, Jeff Buckworth, Kristen Krenzer, Andy Burger, Greg Zweiacher, S.R. Smith, III, Dean Hatton, Archie Parker. Know any of these people and want to know more about Rotary? Please ask us! We would love to show you how we have fun, do community service projects and make a difference in our community and around the world.

Dictionaries for all third graders

Each year, the Middletown-Odessa Rotary Club provides a new dictionary to every third grader in the Appoquinimink School District his or her own personal dictionary to keep, and supplies every participating school additional classroom sets to be shared among all students.

By providing this tool to students, the Rotary Club is assisting teachers in helping students become active readers, good writers, creative thinkers, and resourceful learners. The dictionaries help the students learn to use the English language effectively and assist them with their education, opening up to them all the opportunities a good education offers.

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From local community initiatives, such as adopt-a-family, Meals on Wheels, UNICEF, providing dictionaries to all third grade students in the Appoquinimink School District, participating in Toys for Tots, Easter Seals events, to creating the first transitional housing unit between Wilmington and Dover, to international service projects such as sending shelter boxes to Haiti, shoeboxes for soldiers and providing solar cookers to Africa.

Through a partnership with Pedal for Progress, the M.O.T. Club is recycling used bicycles that will be used to assist developing countries in Latin America, Africa, and Eastern Europe. If you have a bicycle you'd like to donate to us any time of the year, contact Dallis at (302) 376-6869.



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YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

Think Rotary might be for you? Don't hesitate to join us for our lunch meeting on Wednesday, yes, every Wednesday, at 12:15 at the Frog Hollow Clubhouse, 1 Whittington Way, Middletown. Come, check us out, see what we're all about!



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Do we have any fun in Rotary?



Sometimes at our Rotary Club meeting, we have a joke told by one of our members. He often asks, "Is there any humor in Rotary?" We often laugh at his jokes ... And as you can see from the photo at left, Rotarians do have fun! Pictured are Tomi Diver and Joyce Simmons at a recent Rotary Convention.



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Silent Auction

The silent auction opens at 7 p.m., with several tables around the perimeter of the fire hall's dining room. Each table will close at a different time, so be sure to check the closing time for the tables. Items on the tables are offered at the starting price listed on the bid sheet. Any bid less than the starting price will not be considered as a valid starting bid for that item. Bid increments will be taken in \$5 increments, anything less than a \$5 increment will not be considered as a valid bid for that item. The highest bidder for an item will be the winner of that item. **Bidders will need to use their paddle numbers for bidding.** All bidders should check at the front desk for any winning bids prior to leaving for the evening.

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Delivering Meals-on-Wheels *Supporting the independence and well-being of our seniors*

This program, run out of the M.O.T. Jean Birch Senior Center, is a program supported by our Rotary Club members.

As volunteers for Meals-on-Wheels, we become the eyes and hands of the Senior Center – reaching out to those who can't come to the center and reporting back about those who need additional help or services the center can provide.

The basic mission is: To support the independence and well-being of seniors.

Meals-on-Wheels contributes to the overall well-being of seniors by providing regular nutrition and daily contact with a caring volunteer.

This program and its volunteers are committed to reducing the isolation experienced by so many of our elderly population. Meals are delivered to seniors' homes by volunteers. Frequently, the volunteer may be the only person the senior sees all day, providing human contact and a safety net, particularly for those seniors living alone.

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One of our Club's greatest supporters of Paul Harris Fellowship is John Nanni. He recently received his Paul Harris pin, plus 5, which means he has received the honor five times.

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Another of the M.O.T. Rotary Club's fundraisers that has become quite popular in recent years, has been our wine, beer and spirits tasting at the M.O.T. Senior Center in April. Keep an eye out for this event to happen again in 2016! For one ticket price, you receive lots of tastings, plus all you can eat heavy hors-d'oeuvres.

Also at the 2015 Wine Tasting were long-time Rotarian Dean Hatton, his beautiful wife Jeanne and Immediate Past President Joyce Simmons, who had a great time at the annual event.



We 'Adopt-A-Highway' – and help clean the roads

The M.O.T. Rotary Club participates in the Adopt-the-Highway program every April and October. The Club collects an average of 40 bags of trash on our designated route in the area of Armstrong Corner and Marl Pit roads.

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