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*Gala  
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2020*

*Shining Hope*



Saturday, March 14, 2020  
6:30 - 11:00 pm  
Longwood Gardens Conservatory



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# Evening Schedule

6:00 pm	Registration
6:30 pm	The Evening Begins  Hors d'oeuvres, Passed Drinks, Open Bar Entertainment by: <i>Under A Rest Accapella Group,</i> <i>West Chester University</i>  Gaming Tables Open Silent Auction Opens Wine & Bourbon Raffle Opens
7:15 pm	Announcements and Sponsor Acknowledgement  <i>Gaming Tables Temporarily Closed</i>
7:30 pm	Dinner Stations Open  <i>Gaming Tables Reopen</i>
8:15 pm	Dancing with DJ Marc Hayford
9:00 pm	Dessert Bar Opens
10:00 pm	Silent Auction Closes  <i>Gambling Tables Close</i>  <i>Wine &amp; Bourbon Raffle Closes</i>
10:50 pm	Last Call
11:00 pm	Bar and Dance Floor Close

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## Longwood Rotary Club

Longwood Rotary Club is a service organization that provides leadership, skills and resources to improve the quality of life in our community and the world at large. We give back through focused service projects, reacting to community needs and working with other nonprofit organizations. Membership in the Club encourages a high degree of personal involvement and embodies the motto of "Service Above Self."

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Dear Longwood Rotary Gala Guests,

Thank you very much for attending tonight's Gala in the beautiful setting of the Conservatory at Longwood Gardens.

Tonight's theme "Gala Of Light - Shining Hope" represents the hope that the 104 members of the Longwood Rotary Club bring to those underserved residents of our community.



100% of your donations tonight go back into the community to assist with the many programs and organizations served by our Longwood Rotary Foundation.

What a great time to be involved with Longwood Rotary! The Longwood Rotary Club has a great history of past achievements and we are very excited to have taken on a community leadership role by providing solutions toward the much-needed areas of Education (Pre K), Workforce Housing, and Transportation. We are bringing together the Club's many resources and skills to make a significant and sustainable impact to each of these areas and providing a "Light Of Shining Hope" to the underserved residents in our community.

In addition, the Longwood Rotary Club is leading the "One Service Community Initiative" bringing together all service and civic organizations in Southern Chester County in finding solutions for problems that are common throughout the county.

I want to thank the Gala Committee who has worked extremely hard to present this magical night for everyone. A very special thank you to our Co-Chairs Jackie Crego and Nancy Ayllon-Ramirez for your hard work over the past year. Your leadership, volunteer hours, and patience in organizing the committees involved have made this a very successful event.

We are grateful to everyone that has contributed tonight and we invite you to join one of our many service projects in the community and see "Service Above Self" in action.

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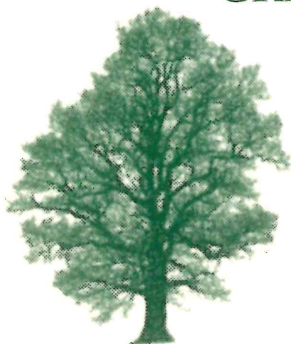
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