Kiwanis Club of Bald Eagle and Nittany Valleys News Release

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Kiwanis Club of BENV Introduces Special Membership Offer

MILL HALL – The Kiwanis Club of Bald Eagle and Nittany Valleys (BENV) is extending a special offer to encourage members of our community to consider joining the club. We are waiving the standard $50 new member application fee and slashing club dues to just $5/month for the rest of the current Kiwanis year ending September 30, 2020. Why do we charge dues you ask? Because 100 percent of the net proceeds from our public fund raising events goes to support our youth and community service activities. We need to charge our members a little bit to cover our club administrative and social costs.

Our community has been severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. As we slowly emerge into the “New Normal,” we must come together and help one another succeed in making Clinton County better than ever before. The Kiwanis Club of BENV is ready to help in any way that we can. Kids and families need Kiwanis and Kiwanis needs you! We’re not asking you to volunteer every day or even every week. We're asking you to invest your skills in our community as you are able by helping kids who need your guidance, mentoring and friendship. Volunteering will give you the ability to solve problems, strengthen communities, connect to and improve the lives of others, and transform your own life. It gives you the opportunity to be the person you needed when you were younger. And it provides kids an opportunity to grow up in a community where they are happy, healthy, safe, and loved.

Over the years, Kiwanis Clubs have stepped in to fill gaps that exist because of funding cuts in schools and municipalities. Sometimes it’s with playgrounds; other times it’s with books. It all depends on the specific needs of communities at that time. Here in the Clinton County area it’s been events like BENV’s Kid’s Day, Go Gold, and Santa’s Workshop. Sometimes we do service projects just because they’re fun and the kids enjoy them. Social distancing guidelines have now restricted these bigger events and we need help reassessing and reinventing our service projects to meet the current needs of children and families in our area. Our members enjoy our service projects too, and they discover that the benefits go beyond helping kids. Studies show that volunteering can provide a sense of purpose in life as well as countless positive mental health benefits. When you help others, that feeling is returned to you by giving you greater satisfaction in life. How can you say no to something that will help others and help you too? The Kiwanis Club of BENV hopes you’ll take us up on our offer.

Currently our meetings and socials are being held “virtually” online via Zoom, but we hope to be able to resume in-person meetings in the near future. Follow us on Facebook for updates on meetings, service projects, and social opportunities. For more information, please visit our Facebook page or our website at [www.kiwanisofbenv.org](about:blank). You may also contact any club member or our Membership chair, Sally Young, at (570) 295-7213 or [sallygyoung@hotmail.com](about:blank).

Photo Caption: The Kiwanis Club of Bald Eagle and Nittany Valleys has a great deal for new members!

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