Kiwanis Club of Bald Eagle and Nittany Valleys News Release

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Kiwanis of BENV Holds End of Year Celebration

MILL HALL – The Kiwanis Club of Bald Eagle and Nittany Valleys recently held its first in person social gathering since February at Long Run Park in Rote to mark the end of the Kiwanis 2019-2020 program year. The club celebrated all that it accomplished in the last year, presented awards to recognize members, and installed incoming officers and board members for the 2020-2021 year. The installations were conducted by our Regional Trustee, and our very own club member, Matt Wise. New club officers are President Penny Meyers, President Elect Jenn Paucke, Vice President Dave Shickel, Secretary Tia Hillyer, and Treasurer Sally Young. Immediate Past President Rusty Counsil and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Matt Wise round out the executive committee. New or returning board members are Diane Miller, Lisa Sente, Della Watson, Tom Livingston, Dawna Straub, and Chrissy Wise.

Two notable awards were presented during the event. The club celebrated a milestone for one of its charter members, Dean K. Wetzler, who was presented a Legion of Honor certificate marking 50 years of service as a member of Kiwanis. Dean is a past Governor of the Pennsylvania District of Kiwanis and is a dual member of the Kiwanis Club of Bald Eagle and Nittany Valleys (8 years) and the Kiwanis Club of Mill Hall (50 years). In brief remarks following the presentation, Dean commented on how much Kiwanis has meant to him over the years and he commended BENV for its contributions to area youth and communities. Past President Ginny Counsil also accepted the Distinguished Club Award from Kiwanis International for exceptional growth and service under her leadership during the 2018-19 year.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. The Kiwanis Club of Bald Eagle and Nittany Valleys is dedicated to serving the local community through various service projects and childhood support programs. Kids need Kiwanis! We'd love for area residents to join us at one of our meetings or at a service project. Please go to our Contact page on our website at [www.kiwanisofbenv.org](http://www.kiwanisofbenv.org) and drop us a line! A member of our Membership Committee will contact you to tell you more about our club and answer any questions you may have.

Photo Captions:

1. Dean Wetzler Legion of Honor – “Then Division Lt. Governor (and incoming BENV president) Penny Meyers and Trustee Matt Wise honor Dean Wetzler for reaching 50 years of Kiwanis service.”
2. Penny Installed as Pres – “Penny Meyers will serve as BENV President for 2020-21 and was formally installed by Trustee Matt Wise.”
3. Ginny Distinguished Club Award – “Past President Ginny Counsil accepted the Kiwanis Distinguished Club Award for exceptional club growth and service under her leadership during the 2018-2019 year.”

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