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message

Carlisle Exchangite April 2018

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Bob Beard gave a presentation on Samaritan Fellowship at our last meeting in March.

Bob Taylor (left) presented Bob with an Exchange Club pen & pencil set.

Mission Statement: Since 1958, the Samaritan Fellowship, a nonprofit ministry, has strived to carry out the Lord's admonition to help our neighbor. Our purpose is to help those who

through no fault of their own have exhausted every available means for providing adequate shelter, food, clothing, utilities, medical care, furniture, short-term shelter and other emergency services. We serve families living in the Carlisle Area School District, South Middleton School District, and Middlesex Township.

Financial donations are needed as each week over 20 clients are assisted by this ministry.

Volunteers from many parts of the community serve each Saturday to interview clients and determine how and who can be assisted.*

**Copied from the Samaritan Fellowship website.*

April 18-22

Exchange Car Parking April 19 – 21

To sign up for **car parking** call or email Dennis Nielsen: profdivn@yahoo.com & cell 702-221-0744.



Chuck Allen once again spoke at the Youth of the Year Banquet during the first meeting in April.

This year's Youths are left to right Daniel Spivak from Carlisle High School, Melanie Searle from Boiling Springs High School and Elizabeth Fry from Big Spring High School. Each student received a Youth of the Year certificate and a check for \$500.



New member, Rick Rovegno (center), was inducted into the membership and Wayne Shade (right) was his sponsor. Russ Sutton was the officiator of the brief ceremony. Rick is following in his father's footsteps (the late Rick Rovegno) who was a member of Exchange from 1984 until his passing in 2006.

Mark Your Calendars

Tuesday, April 10 – Youth of the Year dinner – 6:00 PM – Cumberland Crossings

Tuesday, April 17 – Board Meeting – 6:00 PM – Minerva Mills

Tuesday, April 17 – Car Parking set up

Thursday – Saturday, April 19 – 21 -CAR PARKING

Monday, April 23 – Car Parking take down

Tuesday, April 24 –A.C.E. award dinner – 6 PM – Cumberland Crossings



More Than a Few Words from the President . . .

I want to provide you with a quick litany of our journey to our new recipient for our efforts and financial support in the “prevention child abuse.” Some of you may remember these organizations and the associated efforts.

■ **E.S.C.A.P.E.** Center (Exchange Supported Child Abuse Prevention Effort)
Was an effort during the 1990s that saw us join in a partnership with other civic organizations to establish a safe-haven for threatened youth.

- ESCAPE later merged with **Children’s Playroom** to form **Parent Works** in the 2000-01 timeframe.
- Due to an inability to obtain Federal funding with **Parent Works**, we experienced a period of several minor affiliations with organizations that had similar missions, in an attempt to remain relevant.
- Finally, **Parent Works** was subsumed under **Pressley Ridge**. Pressley Ridge always had a much larger mission than the prevention of child abuse. Headquartered in the Pittsburg area they had juvenile delinquent programs, homes for families in trouble, education programs, etc.
- **About six months ago** I received a request from **Barb Bingham**, our liaison with Pressley Ridge, and a member of our club, to have her new boss come and address our board. That meeting took place, and to say it was a bit tense would be a great under-statement. Barb introduced her new manager and outlined a new direction for Pressley Ridge. A direction that included expanding many of their interests into areas that we already have in Carlisle and Cumberland County, e.g., Carlisle Cares, Safe Harbor, CASA, Birth Right, Juvenile Court, etc.
Additionally, they announced they would no longer be registered as a Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) center. They made the critical mistake of passing out a flyer outlining their expansion, but with an office location in Dauphin County, saying nothing about Carlisle or Cumberland County. That ended our relationship with Pressley Ridge.

Russell Sutton, who has been the champion for this cause from its inception, explored the possibility of a future alignment for our club, by contacting Cumberland County Children and Youth Services. They suggested Cumberland Cares for Families. Russ checked that out, and although they said they would love to join with us, they could not due to the fact they are federally funded and cannot receive support from a 501c3 organization. Russ looked at several other organizations, all to no avail.

One of the board members mentioned the presentation to the membership by the **Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties (DVSCP)**. One thing that everyone should remember is that over 90% of child abuse is a direct result of dysfunctional family environments. After a great deal of discussion, the board took a vote at its 20 Feb meeting and agreed to develop a formal relationship with Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties. They have since responded saying how happy they are to share our mission of the prevention of child abuse.

Bob