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Youth of the Year Award Process

The Youth of the Year (YOTY) Award recognizes hard-working high school students who attain high levels of scholastic achievement, community involvement and leadership and plan to attend college. Each year students from Big Spring, Boiling Springs and Carlisle High Schools apply.

In addition to their GPA, the application requires students to list their participation in school activities such as student government, school newspaper, band, orchestra, choir, debate team, stage performances, athletic teams, and clubs. The community service activities section includes their membership in community organizations and volunteer service hours for each semester. After listing all their special achievements and awards, they include a paragraph describing their most outstanding achievement. Finally, the applicant includes an essay on a theme selected by The National Exchange Club. This year's national theme is *"I recognize my responsibility in shaping America's future. I have stepped out of my comfort zone during uncertain times and made a difference. I am part of history and here is where it started."*

Normally, the club's YOTY committee selects one student from each of the three schools to recognize with a certificate and check at our club's first meeting in April. The committee also selects one of the three students to move onto the District Competition with a possibility of competing at the National level.

The application can be viewed at <http://www.exchangeclubofcarlisle.org/>.

Accepting the Challenge of Excellence Award

The Accepting the Challenge of Excellence (A.C.E.) Award recognizes high school students who have had to overcome great physical, emotional, or social obstacles and are now eligible for high school graduation. A partial list of difficulties to overcome include physical, language, child abuse, delinquency, and/or substance abuse. These students either go onto college or other educational endeavors. Each year students from Big Spring, Boiling Springs and Carlisle High Schools apply.

This application does not include any information about a student's grades or involvement in school activities. Instead, a school guidance counselor describes the obstacle the student had to overcome, how the student overcame that obstacle, and any implications for the future. The applicant writes two brief narratives on the subjects of *"the event in your life of which you are most proud"* and *"your future plans for making your community, and the world, a better place to live."*

Normally, the club's A.C.E. committee selects one student from each of the three schools to recognize with a certificate and check at our club's second meeting in April. The committee also selects one of the three students to move onto the the District Competition with a possibility of competing at the National level. Remember that Keisha Ickes from Big Spring High School won the 2014 National A.C.E Award.

The application can be viewed at <http://www.exchangeclubofcarlisle.org/>.



March 9 - All Member Zoom Meeting

All club members are encouraged to participate in a club-wide Zoom meeting at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. The purpose of the meeting is to provide members information about the upcoming events. The meeting will take approximately 30 minutes. A link to access the meeting will be emailed to members 3 days prior to the meeting. For questions on how to access the Zoom meeting can be directed to John Murray at jdmii@pa.net or 717-243-7026.

March 21 - Member Drive-By for Hot Cocoa and Cookies

The club has planned a club member event consisting of a drive-by for hot cocoa and cookies. The event would allow members to drive-by a location where the club's Board of Directors will be handing out hot cocoa and cookies. The event will be held Sunday, March 21st from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm. Members may drive up to the location, but not get out of their vehicles. Members can honk their horns, shout well-wishes, and wave while receiving their hot cocoa and cookies. Pictures will be taken to be included in the club's April Newsletter.

To accommodate the most members, a survey has been developed to determine which location works best for the club. Please complete the online survey at this [link](#) by Feb 14 to let us know if you could drive by if it is held in Boiling Springs or Carlisle.



Newsletter: Mail vs Email?

Most members enjoy receiving the email version of the newsletter. However, if anyone would prefer to have a paper newsletter mailed instead of just receiving an email version, please let Susan Murray know. (717-713-3933 or jdmii@pa.net).



Participation Opportunities

Meetings: February Meetings are cancelled.

Mar 9 (Tue) All Member Zoom Meeting

- 6:30 pm - Presentation: Upcoming Events by the Event Coordinators
- Access information will be emailed by John Murray on Mar 6

Mar 21 (Sun) Member Drive-By for Hot Cocoa and Cookies

- 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
- Location to be Determined
- The club's Board of Directors will be on site, but please stay in your vehicles with masks

Mark Your Calendars

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| Feb 9 (Tue) | 6:00 pm | - Meeting - Cancelled by the Board of Directors |
| Feb 14 (Sun) | | - Valentine's Day |
| Feb 16 (Tue) | 6:00 pm | - Board meeting online using Zoom Meetings |
| Feb 23 (Tue) | 6:00 pm | - Meeting - Cancelled by the Board of Directors |
| Mar 6 (Fri) | | - Molly Pitcher Award Banquet is cancelled |
| Mar 9 (Tue) | 6:30 pm | - All Member Zoom Meeting |
| | | Presentation: Upcoming Events by Points of Contact |
| Mar 16 (Tue) | 6:00 pm | - Board meeting at Minerva Mills or online using Zoom Meetings |
| Mar 21 (Sun) | 2:30-3:30 | - Member Drive-By for Hot Cocoa and Cookies |
| Mar 23 (Tue) | 6:00 pm | - Meeting - Cancelled in lieu of Member Drive-By for Hot Cocoa and Cookies |
| Apr 13 (Tue) | 6:00 pm | - Meeting at TBD |
| | | Presentation: Youth of the Year Awards |

Apr 20 (Tue) 6:00 pm - Board meeting at Minerva Mills or online using Zoom Meetings
Apr 27 (Tue) 6:00 pm - Meeting at TBD
Presentation: Accepting the Challenge of Excellence Awards
Apr 22-24 (Thu-Sat) - Car Show Parking
May 10 (Tue) 6:00 pm - Meeting at TBD
Presentation: TBD
May 17 (Tue) 6:00 pm - Board meeting at Minerva Mills or online using Zoom Meetings
May 24 (Tue) 6:00 pm - Meeting at TBD
Presentation: TBD
May 28-31 (Fri - Mon) - Memorial Day Weekend Coffee Safety Break
May 31 (Mon) 5:00 pm - Memorial Day Flags on the Square
Jun 14 (Mon) 5:00 pm - Flag Day Flags on the Square

A Few Words from the President . . .



Hope this finds everyone still in good health and good spirits. This has been a difficult and challenging time. However, the horizon is looking brighter. As a result, we will slowly start moving to normalcy. We've planned a few future events (Zoom meeting) and drive by so we can say hello. We would like to gather again in April or May as long as we can do it safely. This will be dependent upon the vaccination distribution, status of the virus and your thoughts. These meetings would not be at Cumberland Crossroads, and may or may not include a meal. Options are being investigated.

Please, please let us know if we can help you in any way. We don't want to intrude but want to make sure everyone has what they need.

Stay healthy, stay safe and help those in need.

Terry