



## NEWS RELEASE

### Local Citizens Honored for Community Service at Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club Holiday Dinner

**(Millsboro) (December 13, 2016)** — Three Sussex County citizens were awarded honorary Paul Harris Fellows in recognition of their outstanding community service at the Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club's annual holiday dinner, held December 13, 2016 at the Ocean Grill II in Long Neck: State Senator Bryan Pettyjohn, Connie Jones, Planning and Zoning Observer of Sussex County, and Beth McGinn, Chairman, Home of the Brave. The Paul Harris Fellow recognition is a program of Rotary International's Foundation, acknowledging individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. In keeping with the long tradition of supporting the Foundation by honoring others, the Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club used its foundation credits, along with a donation by Steve Grossman, an original founding member of the Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club and currently member of the Rehoboth Beach Sunrise Club, to award these three outstanding Sussex County citizens



In his presentation remarks to Senator Pettyjohn, Steve Grossman noted: " Brian Pettyjohn, in his work as a State Senator, and all his previous community efforts, has always displayed the belief of the motto of Rotary – 'Service Above Self' – and in his daily life lives by the four way test we recite at our weekly meetings. I am honored to be here to honor [him]." In addition to his political service, Senator Pettyjohn serves the Greater Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, The Chad Spicer Foundation and has recently joined the American Heart Association Circle of Red for Men and Women and will co-chair the first ever "First Responders" Ball whose goal is to raise fund to place a CPR training kit in every high school.



In her presentation to Connie Jones, Long Neck Sunrise President Elect Paulette Rappa remarked: "If anyone ever championed the democratic process, it would be Connie. Her work in the community to promote the core of our American values is passionate, committed and enduring." In addition to her work with Planning and Zoning, Jones has served on the League of Women Voters, the Land Use Committee and as chair of the Voter registration committee.



"You know wherever there is a cause, Beth will be a champion of that cause," remarked Rappa in her presentation. In addition to serving as Chairman for Home of the Brave, McGinn has been an American Legion Auxiliary member for 16 years, serving on the Outreach Community Committee. She has recently been appointed to the Delaware Manufacturing Housing Authority.

There are now more than one million Paul Harris Fellows including such notable figures as U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Russian President Boris Yeltsin, U.S. astronaut James Lovell, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, and Jonas Salk.

**Captions:**

Pictured Top (from Left to Right) Steve Grossman, Rehoboth Sunrise Rotary Club, State Senator Brian Pettyjohn, Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club President, Judy Hall

Pictured Middle (from left to right): Judy Hall, Connie Jones, Long Neck Sunrise President Elect, Paulette Rappa.

Pictured Bottom (from left to right): Judy Hall, Beth McGinn, Paulette Rappa.

**About Rotary**

The Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club meets weekly at 7:30 am on Tuesdays for breakfast at the Ocean Grill II on Long Neck Road. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome. For information visit: [www.longnecksunriserotaryclub.com](http://www.longnecksunriserotaryclub.com)

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