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### Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club Throws a Birthday Party for 8 Children at the Oak Orchard Boys & Girls Club

(Millsboro) (October 20, 2017) — Once again it was not business as usual at the Oak Orchard Riverdale Boys & Girls Club on Friday, October 20, 2017. There were balloons, cake and juice drinks to celebrate the birthdays of eight children whose birthdays fell in the month of October. The green-shirted Rotarians from the Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club were on hand to present \$25 Visa gift cards and a balloon to the children, many of whom have never celebrated their birthday before.



Children celebrating their October birthday left to right are Nayla Hurley-Bullock, Raniah Beckett, Richard Kelly, Rihanna Beckett, Trinity Scott, Olivia Wayne, Lia Smith, Raelynn Minter. Rotarian in Green Shirt: Mike Hall.

Part of a district grant program procured by the Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club to Celebrate the Lives of Youngsters at the Oak Orchard Boys & Girls Club, the program will run over 8 months covering the birthdays of the children who fall between July of 2017 and June of 2018. The first celebration in September included 30 children whose birthdays fell in July and August as well as September.

Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club has long recognized the need to nurture and support children, to help them achieve the self affirmation so many need. They have worked with both the Boys & Girls Club on an annual Pitch, Hit and Run Competition and provide dictionaries annually to

the third graders attending Long Neck Elementary School.

The Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club has developed this program with the belief that celebrating another person's uniqueness, helps to develop social and emotional learning, which is the cornerstone of maintaining healthy, interpersonal relationships. By the smiles and laughter on Friday afternoon, it looks like the children at the party had a special moment they can remember for some time to come.

Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club meets weekly for breakfast at 7:30 am at Ocean Grill II on Long Neck Road, Millsboro. Visitors are welcome.

#### About Rotary

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. For more information, visit [Rotary](http://Rotary.org).

**About Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware is part of a nationwide movement whose mission is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. The Clubs provide vital youth development services for more than 30,000 children ages six through 20. The 43 sites are located where such programs are limited or nonexistent. With additional resources, Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware could expand into additional unserved areas to assist even more youth in need. To learn more visit [www.bgclubs.org](http://www.bgclubs.org). Follow us on social media [www.facebook.com/bgclubsde](http://www.facebook.com/bgclubsde) [www.twitter.com/bgclubsde](http://www.twitter.com/bgclubsde) [www.instagram.com/bgclubsde](http://www.instagram.com/bgclubsde)

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