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### Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club Throws a Birthday Party for 24 Children at the Oak Orchard Boys & Girls Club

**(Millsboro) (September 28, 2018)** — There was a special air of festivity at the Oak Orchard Riverdale Boys & Girls Club on Friday, September 28, 2017. There were balloons, cake and juice drinks to celebrate the birthdays of 24 children whose birthdays fell in the months of July through September. Rotarians from the Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club were on hand to present \$25 Visa gift cards and a balloon to each child whose birthday was being celebrated.



“We are so grateful to have this partnership with the Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club,” noted current Club Director Erica Kennedy. “The Club began this project last year and we are so happy they are able to continue with it. The children really look forward to having this special day.”

Originally 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 now is being run with proceeds from the Club’s annual golf outing held in June each year at The Peninsula Golf Club. Every month between September 2018 and May 2019, the Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club will hold a party for those children with birthdays falling between July 2018 and June 2019. The Club expects to celebrate the birthdays of 100-110 young people during the coming months.



Top Photo: Noah Gibbs and Gracie Zuppo celebrate their birthdays. Bottom Photo: Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club President, Mike Hall (center) calls out recipients of the \$25 gift card.

“We are particularly delighted to work with the Oak Orchard Boys and Girls Club” said Mike Hall, President of Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club. “We have been working with the club now for a number of years with different programs and we are noticing that the children now recognize us when they run into us outside of the Boys and Girls Club. We are so happy that we can make an impact on the lives of these young people.”

Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club has long understood 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 MLB Pitch, Hit and Run Competition, provided dictionaries annually to the third graders attending Long Neck Elementary School as well as supported the annual book fair at Long Neck Elementary.

The Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club has developed this birthday 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](#).

### **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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