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State College Downtown Rotary Club Hosts Third Annual Rotary Foundation Dinner Event Recognizes Exemplary Service of Norma Keller

Norma Keller will be recognized at the State College Downtown Rotary Club's third annual Rotary Foundation Dinner on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at Celebration Hall at 6 PM. The purpose of the dinner is twofold. Its primary focus is to recognize individuals who have helped to advance the service work of Rotary International by contributing to the Rotary Foundation during the past year. It is also an opportunity for club members to honor one non-Rotarian for his or her exemplary community service.

Norma Keller, former CEO of the Centre County Youth Service Bureau who retired after 36 years serving the non-profit, was selected by committee as the club's 2010 Community Paul Harris Award Winner. A \$1,000 contribution will be contributed by the club in her name to the Rotary Foundation toward Foundation-funded projects.

Previous Community Paul Harris Winners were Dr. Patricia Best in 2009 and Joseph Faulkner in 2008.

Recently, The Rotary Foundation was ranked second nationally among the "Best Charities Everyone's Heard Of" according to Charity Navigator, America's premier independent charity evaluator. The Rotary Foundation funds a variety of projects, the most widely known of which is the Polio Plus initiative to eradicate polio worldwide.

About the Downtown State College Rotary Club:

The Downtown State College Rotary Club is one of five State College area Rotary clubs, including clubs in neighboring Pleasant Gap and Bellefonte. All are part of Rotary International, which has 1.2 million members worldwide who remain dedicated to volunteer community service, promoting high ethical standards in all vocations and furthering international peace.

In addition to thousands of volunteer hours, each year Rotary contributes millions of dollars in humanitarian aid and relief around the globe, funds 1,200 international scholarships and provides cross-cultural exchanges for 7,000 young leaders. Through its flagship program PolioPlus, including \$255 million in matching grants from The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary has contributed more than \$600 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

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