



NEWS RELEASE: ROTARY CLUB OF Downtown State College

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Superintendent Patricia Best Honored at Rotary Foundation Dinner Event Recognizes Service Above Self in Local Community

News Facts

- The State College Downtown Rotary Club held its second annual Foundation Awards Dinner on April 16 to recognize Dr. Patricia Best, Superintendent of the State College Area School District, as well as several Rotarians for their service to the community. Dr. Best was presented a Paul Harris Award by two Past District Governors of Rotary, Carl E. Hill and Carol Walsh. The award, named after the founder of Rotary International, is presented annually to a non-Rotarian in the region who best demonstrates the Rotarian ideals of Service Above Self in community leadership initiatives and service.
- In addition to honoring Dr. Best, eight club members received Paul Harris awards for their support of Rotary. Current members who are sustaining supporters of the Rotary Foundation, which supports a variety of human service projects and initiatives, were also recognized.
- The awards ceremony was preceded by a reception and formal three-course dinner, and was held at Celebration Hall.

Supporting Quotes

- “Our Rotary Annual Foundation Dinner is an wonderful way to recognize strong leaders who demonstrate the service ideals of Rotary every day. We are thrilled to have this opportunity to honor Dr. Best for her exemplary service to the schools and to the broader community, and thank her for helping to make State College a great place to live.” - Rose Kauffman, President, State College Downtown Rotary Club

ABOUT ROTARY:

The Downtown State College Rotary Club is one of five State College area Rotary clubs, including three in State College, one in Pleasant Gap, and one in Bellefonte. The clubs 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, Rotary has contributed more than \$600 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

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