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The TriCounty Area Chamber of Commerce hosted its 2017 Annual Dinner on April 26 at RiverCrest Golf Club & Preserve, Phoenixville, where **Paul Butler** was the keynote speaker.

The evening began with a social hour, where attendees were able to network with Paul. Attendees were then welcomed to the Annual Dinner and the 2017 Chamber Stars Awards were presented. The Chamber congratulates the winners of the following awards:

In addition to the Chamber Stars Awards, the Chamber recognized former Chairmen of the Chamber Board, local police, and volunteers. Former Chairmen who were recognized:

- Howard Kalis, III – 1978
- David Specht – 1990
- Scott Detar – 1997-1998
- Brad Okoniewski – 2008-2010
- Heather Chandler – 2014-2016

1. Business / Enterprise of the Year – CEDARVILLE Engineering Group, LLC

CEDARVILLE Engineering Group, LLC (L to R) Anthony Lauletta, Carol Schueler, Bryan Kulakowsky, Tracey Franey, Kurt Hatfield, April Barkasi, Henry Garie, Beth Uhler, and Tom Wilkes.

5. Police Recognition – Lower Pottsgrove and Pottstown Police Departments

L to R: Sgt. Robert Greenwood & Sgt. William James, Lower Pottsgrove Police Department; Rick Lewis, The Lewis Group (Police Recognition Sponsor); Paul Butler, 2017 Annual Dinner Speaker; and Sgt. Edward Kropp, Jr. & Corporal Brian Weitzel, Pottstown Borough Police Department.

2. Nonprofit Organization of the Year – Valley Forge Tourism & Convention Board

(L to R) Dan Weckerly and Megan Tomlinson, Valley Forge Tourism and Convention Board

3. Volunteer of the Year – April Barkasi, CEDARVILLE Engineering Group, LLC

Eileen Dautrich, TCACC President, presented the award to April Barkasi (R)

4. Ambassador of the Year – Russell Lowe, Fraser Advanced Information Systems

Russell Lowe (R), receiving his award from Eileen Dautrich



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After the presentations, Maggie Riker, of Speaker Sponsor **CODY Systems**, introduced the evening's keynote speaker, Paul Butler, who presented "Leadership for a Lifetime – How the Past Prepares Us for the Future."

Paul's presentation was followed by Dinner and then additional networking and dessert at the closing reception. The closing included the highly anticipated 90-balloon pop! Attendees, who purchased a balloon, were able to pop the balloons and claim the prize listed inside.



Our speaker, Paul Butler, was highly energetic and had all attendees engaged.

A few special thank you's for the evening:

- **Dan O'Connor, Polaris Productions**, for producing the award winner videos and running the technology
- **Kevin Kline, KCK Photo and Entertainment** for taking photos. To view additional pictures from the evening, please visit the Annual Dinner event page on the Chamber's website – tricountyareachamber.com.
- **Pearl Exhibit Group** for their donation of the Photo Backdrop used in the Paparazzi Photo Op
- And our venue **RiverCrest Golf Club & Preserve**

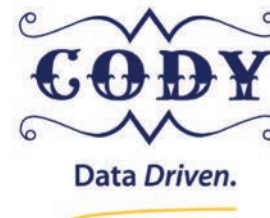
The Chamber would also like to thank the sponsors, balloon pop donors and participants, and attendees for making this event a success.

Thank you to the companies who donated door prizes for our Balloon Pop:

- Arnold's Family Fun Center
- Brookside Country Club
- Beverly's Pastry Shop
- Carr Chiropractic and Wellness, LLC
- Clothes to Home
- Connections on High
- Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
- Coventry Mall
- CzarStar Security
- Dancing Tree Creations Artisans Gallery & Studio
- First Priority Bank
- Grumpy's Handcarved Sandwiches
- Gatsby's at the Sunnybrook Ballroom
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- MEMOR Coaching & Consulting
- Pottstown Memorial Medical Center
- Reading Fightin Phils
- Reflections Hair Designs
- RiverCrest Golf Club & Preserve
- Salon Evolve
- Santander Arena and Performing Arts Center
- Schultz Technology
- Sealstrip Corporation
- Spring Ford Country Club
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- Tompkins VIST Bank
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