

Merchants Bank Awards Ronald H. "Pete" Cann Scholarship

By Susan Kovacs

BANGOR - The Board of Directors of Merchants Bank is pleased to announce that Alex Golden was named this year's recipient of the Ronald H. "Pete" Cann Academic Scholarship. Alex is the son of Tracey Golden, an Assistant Branch Manager in the Bethlehem branch.

Richard M. Hotchkiss, Chairman of the Board, congratulated Alex and wished him continued success. Both Hotchkiss and Rocco Del Vecchio, CEO/President, assured Alex that the Bank has confidence in him for a bright, prosperous future.

Alex currently attends Millersville University, majoring in Biology and considering adding Chemistry to his educational curriculum. He loves animals and is working part-time at a local pet store.

Hotchkiss adds, "We are proud to continue this tradition of helping students pursue their educational goals. The award is given to students who demonstrate academic success and support our communities. I am proud we are able to recognize their achievements and support their pursuit of education."

Del Vecchio said, "Each year, I'm amazed by the exemplary students and their achievements in their young lives."

Candidates must exemplify the attributes of Cann, who was well known for his honesty, integrity, and dedication to community service. The Directors of Merchants established the Scholarship in 2003 to honor past President and Director Emeritus, Ronald H. "Pete" Cann, who retired that year after fifty years of service with the Bank. "Ronald started his banking career in the teller position and worked his way to President and CEO. He was a great friend and leader in our community," said Hotchkiss.



Pictured from left to right: Rocco Del Vecchio, Alex Golden, Tracey Golden, Richard Hotchkiss

National Night Out In Roseto

By Joseph Angelini

ROSETO - National night out in Roseto will be at the borough park on August 6th at 6:00. Terry Houck and Abe Kassis from the District Attorneys office will speak about drug addiction. Madison Scarfaro will speak about Marcy's law. Roseto police will be issuing child ID cards. Columbia Fire Company and Blue Valley rescue squad will be displaying their equipment and have games for the kids. Dinky's ice cream and Roseto helping hands will have food available. Old fashioned cake walks will be held.

Invaders and Climate Change

By Rebecca Bowen, Ecological Services Section Chief, DCNR's Bureau of Forestry

HARRISBURG - How climate changes will impact invasive species could vary depending on the region, the species affected, and the particular impacts being felt; however, most invasives do well in a changing climate.

We are already seeing some influences of climate change in Pennsylvania. DCNR's Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Plan notes that as the climate changes it will impact habitats. New invasive species are expected to move into the commonwealth, and those already here could increase in abundance and distribution.

Be on the Lookout! Emerging Invasive Plants in Pennsylvania
Sustainability, Wildlife, Native Plants, Invasive Species

"Invasive" is a name for plant species that are not native to Pennsylvania, grow aggressively, spread quickly, and displace native vegetation.

Invasive plants are undesirable because they are difficult and costly to control; and can dominate entire habitats, making them environmentally destructive in certain situations.

Some invasive plants came to the commonwealth by accident, and others were
Emerging Invasive Concerns

Pennsylvania has learned to be on the lookout for invasive plant species that are up-and-coming threats. The following plants have been identified as emerging invasive concerns to the commonwealth.

These plants species were ranked for their "invasiveness" using information available from invasive species databases, scientific literature, expert opinion, and observation by the Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program through a Wild Resource Conservation Program-funded project.

Hardy kiwi vine (*Actinidia arguta*), also called tara vine, is a northeast Asian native used for landscaping.

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Dance Presentation

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Slate Belt Y Ground Breaking

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the state. Through this bill, the Y was able to secure funding from Pennsylvania casinos for the expansion of the Slate Belt Branch.

State Representative Hahn (R-Bushkill Township), shares, "The funding is generated solely by the Casinos Local Share Account, so no taxpayer dollars are directly used in supporting these grants. I sat in on discussions about the pool and gymnasium almost 20 years ago as a member of then-State Rep. Craig Dally's staff. I also remember him telling me how his father, John, talked about this plan in the late 1970s when he was mayor of Pen Argyl."

David Fagerstrom, President and CEO of the Greater Valley YMCA shares, "This is an exciting moment for our community. It took patience and years of persistence, but I'm proud to see this project come to fruition. This expansion will enable the YMCA organization to serve the residents of the Slate Belt so much better than we can now. It is exciting to think of how many thousands of people a full-facility YMCA will be able to serve once completed now and well into the future." The addition of the basketball gymnasium, pool and childcare wing will allow the Y to serve many more individuals through life-saving swim lessons, helping seniors stay active and independent, and preparing children socially and academically for success in kindergarten and their futures.

Other key contributors to the Slate Belt Expansion Project are The John and Margaret Post Foundation, The John Jr. and Michael Rohall Jr. Foundation of the Community Foundation of New Jersey, The Wind Gap Chevrolet Buick Foundation, and Lafayette Ambassador Bank. As the project moves forward, the YMCA will host a grand re-opening and ribbon cutting to highlight the new pool, gymnasium, and childcare wing. The Y's Slate Belt Canvassing Committee is currently working to secure the rest of the necessary funding; pledging and naming opportunities are available now.

To learn more about the Slate Belt Expansion Project, stop into the Branch to see the blueprints or give us a call at 610-438-6065. To donate, contact David Fagerstrom at davidfagerstrom@gv-ymca.org.



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L-R Jen DeLong Slate Belt Y Dir., Dave Fagerstrom / President and CEO of the Greater Valley Ys, David S. John, Jr. / VP Gov. Affairs PA State Alliance of YMCAs



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