

# Village Improvement Association awards scholarships

## New officers take their places for hospital support

Connie Wresniewski

Outgoing President Marianne Chabot stood at the Doylestown Country Club's podium June 3 for her final act of leadership in the Village Improvement Association.

She was there to conduct events that marked the turnover of her office to President-elect Linda McIlhinney and the presentation of scholarship awards.

Susan Sirutes followed with a meditation, an excerpt from Maya Angelou's United Nations 50th anniversary address in 1995.

Mary Ellen Stanton, education committee chair, began the scholarship awards with the Ruth Boland Memorial Nursing Scholarship given to Kelsey Cummings of Central Bucks East High School by Kathy Lambert, former president.

Georgia Ford, chair of by-laws committee made the HOBY award, which went to Andrea Jakubowski, Central Bucks East. The youth leadership scholarship is awarded to a sophomore who demonstrates leadership potential in school and in the community.

"Andrea may possibly have a future in public speaking," Chabot quipped.

The Hannah Pollock-Laura Haddock Scholarship amount was raised this year from \$1,000 to \$3,000 by the committee. The award was given to Zoe Barbati, Lisa Thein and Sarah D'Souza.

Zoe, from Central Bucks East, is an Advanced Placement scholar, National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society member who will graduate with a 4.3 average. Zoe recently participated in a Global Works Pre-Medical and Public Health Focus trip to Nicaragua in which she assisted in bringing running and potable drinking water to a rural community. She



The VIA Scholarship Committee with this year's award recipients.



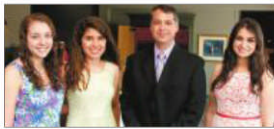
The incoming board of directors.



VIA President Linda McIlhinney.



Scholarship recipients, from left, are Kelsey Cummings, Zoe Barbati, Sarah D'Souza and Lisa Thein.



Central Bucks East Guidance Counselor Walter Sandstrom, with award recipients.

will attend the University of Pennsylvania.

"A good doctor has to be empathetic and well versed academically," Zoe said.

Lisa, from Archbishop Wood High School, ranked 6th in a class of 255 students. She has participated in the Archdiocesan Society and the Spanish National Honor Society, volleyball is her chosen sport and she served as team captain. As com-



munications chairperson for the first mini-thon she raised over \$33,000 for pediatric cancer. Lisa plans to attend Penn State University to major in biomedical engineering.

Sarah, from Central Bucks High School East, ranks in the top 7 per-

From left: Mary-Jo May, Cathleen Stewart and Linda Felt at the VIA Annual Luncheon held at the Doylestown Country Club.

cent of her class and is credited with taking a variety of honors and advanced placement level courses. Sarah is a swim instructor and lifeguard at the YMCA and volunteers at the Doylestown Hospital pharmacy. At Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer center she worked alongside Dr. Ross Levine in genetic research to combat leukemia. She will attend Schreyer Honors College at Penn State University.

"Becoming a doctor is not just a lifelong interest, but it is also the most direct way that I could try to help just that many more people," said Sarah.

Past President Pat Berry officiated at the installation of officers.

"It gives me great pleasure to greet the new officers whom you have elected to lead our organization," she said.

Beverly Campbell is assistant treasurer, Ruth Carlson, treasurer, Marie Johnston, corresponding secretary, Carolyn Kozakowski, recording secretary, Joyce Hanson second vice president, Cory Schroeder, first vice president, Linda McIlhinney, president.

Jim Brevler, president and CEO of Doylestown Hospital, spoke briefly and with subtle humor. He congratulated the VIA on the legacy the organization has created.

He informed all of the new MRI and its unique features, heart valve procedures, reopening of the maternity center with "rave reviews" and nurseries remodeled, as well as, restoration of inpatient pediatrics.

"I'm excited to move forward," Brevler said.

The VIA, founder of Doylestown Hospital, oversees the operation of the hospital and the Pine Run Community.



Doylestown Hospital CEO Jim Brevler accepts a gift from outgoing VIA President Marianne Chabot.

## Motorcyclists ride for heroes



Veterans who participated in the Ride for the Heroes.



Members of the Newtown, Makefield, Lower Makefield and the Yardley police departments.

The Central Bucks Rotary Club's fourth annual Ride for the Heroes took place June 1.

The event has drawn more than 400 riders in past years, raising more than \$100,000 in support of veterans' organizations, including the Travis Manion Foundation. Proceeds benefit wounded veterans, the families of fallen heroes and the Central Bucks Rotary Foundation.

The police-escorted ride began at the Garden of Reflection in Lower Makefield. Riders crossed into New Jersey before arriving at the FOP Picnic Grove in Bedminster Township.

Photographs by Chiara Chandoha



Kevin Kall and Jeff Goldberg with his son, Adin, of the Yardley Makefield Fire Department stand at the entrance of the Garden of Reflection.



Ride for the Heroes participants walk in the Garden of Reflection, which features two fountains that represent the Twin Towers.



Riders cross the Stockton Bridge during the Ride for the Heroes.