

26th Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast

By Hal Harris

Mount Pocono, PA - Rotary Club Of Mt. Pocono (RCOMP) announces its 26th annual Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 28th, 2023 from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. at Pocono Mountains Regional Airport with proceeds benefiting RCOMP, Rotary Causes and local charities RCOMP will donate a portion of proceeds to. Breakfast tickets are \$12 for adults, \$7 for children 12 & under, and discounted to \$11 for Senior 65+, Military, First Responders and Veterans. Parking Is Free!

The pancake breakfast was started over 28 years ago in a local high school and moved to the Airport, after which it was dubbed the "Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast" and has grown to become a traditional Memorial Day Weekend event attended by both local residents & visitors from near and far.

RCOMP's President, Mitchell K. Marcus indicates Rotary members are guided by Rotary International's "Service Above Self" axiom and Four Way Test: (1) Is it the TRUTH? (2) Is it FAIR to all concerned? (3) Will it BUILD GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? (4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? Mr. Marcus goes on to say RCOMP uses proceeds from the "Fly-In/Drive-In" to provide 1) scholarships to students from Pocono Mountain West and East High Schools and Monroe County Technical Institute 2) free dictionaries to 3rd graders at Clear Run Intermediate



School 3) donations to Rotary Foundation to support worldwide causes that include helping to eradicate Polio and 4) financial grants to local Non-Profit Organizations that serve Mount Pocono & surrounding communities.

Over the years RCOMP has donated over \$200,000, raised at its Fly-In/Drive-In, currently RCOMP's only annual fundraiser, to many local worthy charities including Salvation Army of East Stroudsburg, Meals On Wheels, COG Community Center, Feeding Families Ministry, local food pantries and other worthy charitable and educational causes that provide needed service in communities RCOMP serve.

Free airplane rides, for children aged 8 to 17, are donated by volunteers from Young Eagles EAA program, subject to weather and pilot availability. Airplane and helicopter rides, donated by event sponsors Moyer Aviation, Papillon & Moyer Excavation and Hi-Tech Helicopters can be purchased, at discounted rates, with proceeds benefiting the charities. Other sponsors that donate food and services include Bailey's Original Restaurant, Shoprite, Besko Outdoor &

Sussex Skydivers for the parachute demonstration.

Pocono Mountains Regional Airport is located on Route 611, at 188 Airport Drive in Tobyhanna, PA. RCOMP's annual Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast is held rain or shine. Breakfast tickets can be purchased at the gate on Sunday, May 28th, 2023 or online at rotaryflyinbreakfast.com.

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Senator Boscola & Representative Flood Announce \$278,304 in State Grants for Slate Belt Projects

By State Senator Lisa Boscola Office

Bethlehem, May 16, 2023 - - State Senator Lisa Boscola and State Representative Ann Flood today announced state funding totaling \$278,304 for projects in the Slate Belt region of Northampton County through the Local Share Account – Northampton and Lehigh Counties and the Local Share Account-Monroe County.

"The Slate Belt is deserving of state grants for these important community development projects that will improve the quality of life of the region," Boscola stated. "I am pleased to have worked with Representative Flood to secure nearly \$300,000 for five priority projects for Slate Belt communities. In today's world, it is critical that we provide our local police and fire with the tools they need to protect our communities and this funding aids in that goal," Boscola continued.

"As a lifelong resident of the Lehigh Valley, I am more than pleased to see this funding approved for the residents of our communities," Flood said. "These projects will be great assets to our local municipalities, and I was happy to work with Sen. Boscola to secure this money."

"Through the approval of these state funds, Slate Belt communities will be able to expedite important projects that will improve the quality of life and increase community safety," Boscola added. "The local share account funds coming to important community projects throughout the Lehigh Valley demonstrate the positive impact we have seen through the state gaming act," Boscola added.

The five Slate Belt projects approved today by the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA), for investment are as follows:

- Bangor Borough Salt Shed (\$89,609) applied for by the Borough of Bangor;
- LMBT Office Security System (\$7,045) applied for by Lower Mount Bethel Township;
- Regional Police Vehicles (\$57,021) applied for the Borough of Pen Argyl on behalf of the Slate Belt Regional Police Department;
- Spray Playground and Ice Rink Combination – Phase 1 (\$64,629) applied for by Pen Argyl Borough;
- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Project (\$60,000) applied for by Roseto Borough on behalf of Columbia Fire Company No. 1.

The Local Share Accounts (LSA) were established by the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act. The funds are generated by the state's gaming facilities and may be used for economic development, community development and public interest projects in Northampton, Lehigh and Monroe County and its contiguous counties.

The grants were approved today by the state Commonwealth Financing Authority Board in Harrisburg.

