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5th ANNUAL GCASR GOLF SCHOLARSHIP OUTING A SWINGING SUCCESS (over \$10,000 raised)

The 5th Annual GCASR Golf Outing on June 13 was another successful venture! On a pleasant and somewhat overcast day, sixty golfers teed off at the Greene County Country Club for 18 holes of golf, skill contests, basket raffle, food and fun. Prizes were awarded to:



1st Place team pictured - Matt Karpeal, Chris Haines, Craig Conklin, Mike Cipoletti

2nd Place team - Bob Dugan, Rod Wheeler, Dennis Garrett, Tom Yanak

3rd place team – Greg Niverth, Mike Marino, Angelo Marino, Frank Benamati

50/50 drawing – Dennis Garrett

‘Closest to the pin’ contest – Sandy Throckmorton

Special tribute was given to the five-year participants: Sue Ann Headley, Chris Haines, Craig Conklin, Frank Grillo and Don Vajentic

GCASR thanks the winning teams who donated their prize money back to GCASR. This year’s outing raised over \$10,000 for our GCASR Scholarship Fund. Thank you to the GCASR members who worked the outing, golfed, donated gift cards, bought tee sponsorships, sponsored prize money, and baked cakes. Our success is always a reflection of the hard work and generosity of our members. *Snapshots courtesy of Donna Talerico.*



Golf pro, John Popeck, started it off.



GCASR President, Lori Greene, introduced GCASR scholarship winner, Bryn Lahew.



Sue Dugan, golf outing chair, introduced the Country Club golf pro, John Popeck, in the new pavilion to award the prizes. Matt Karpeal and Braden Benke assist.



Congratulations to the 2025 Retirees from our county schools. They all will be invited to attend our GCASR New Retirees Breakfast on September 11, 2025. A time of meet and greet will be followed by the introduction of the executive committee members. Each committee chair will explain what the committee role is in the local association. Interactive activities are also being planned. If you know a former retiree who may not have attended when they retired, who is interested in GCASR, please invite them to come. Contact Sandy Whetsell at swhetsell@windstream.net or (724) 883-2446 for more information.

NEW GREENE COUNTY RETIREES

Carmichaels

Central Greene

Jefferson-Morgan

Southeastern Greene

West Greene

GCCTC

David Bates, David Franks, John Krysak, Rebecca Mitchell, John Townsend

Robert Gibbons, Carol Kerr, Jamie Munn, Barbara Rush, Teresa Roberts

still to be confirmed

Ellen Heagey

Stacy Berdine, Mary Ellen Coss, Brian Jackson, Rebecca Martinak, Lana Miller

none

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

GCASR honors our 90+ members with a birthday card shower. Here are the members who celebrate their birthdays in July with their addresses.

Caroline Ferencak
P.O. Box 233
Mather, PA 15346

Martha McMillen
Southmont Room 518R
835 South Main St.
Washington, PA 15301

Alice Souders
Evergreen
25 Glade Ave
Waynesburg, PA 15370

Mildred Maise
317 Wellness Way Apt. 101
Washington, PA 15301

91 on July 4

98 on July 4

99 on July 13

94 on July 21



United States of America July 4, 1776 -

America the Beautiful by Katherine Lee Bates; (1859-1929)

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain! America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

Inspired by a trip to Pikes Peak in 1893, Katherine Lee Bates wrote the poem America the Beautiful. Her poem first appeared in print on July 4, 1895 in The Congregationalist, a weekly journal. Ms. Bates revised the lyrics in 1904 and again in 1913. (There are eight verses)



Forty-two GCASR members and friends enjoyed the outstanding production of 'Camelot' at The Benedum Center on June 21. It was followed by a family style meal at Angelo's in Washington. *Snapshots courtesy of Irene Jacobs.*



Mark your Calendar with these GCASR events

- **GCASR Executive Committee Meeting - Tuesday, August 5, 2025 - 9:30 AM**
Corner Cupboard Food Pantry, Waynesburg.
- **UNITED WAY 'STUFF the BUS' Wednesday, August 13, 2025, The Way, Waynesburg, PA**
To volunteer contact Barb Ruschak by phone or text @ 724-833-5779 or email barb480@gmail.com
- **RECRO Trip to Lancaster County, PA and 'Noah'. August 20-21.**
- **NEW RETIREE BREAKFAST – September 11, 2025, 9:30 AM, First UM Church, Waynesburg, PA.**
Contact Sandy Whetsell at swhetsell@windstream.net or (724) 883-2446 for more information.
- **FALL LUNCHEON - THURSDAY, October 23, 2025 hosted by Southeastern Greene retirees at**
The First Church of the Nazarene, Waynesburg, PA.