



# SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## SFASD Teacher Named Citizen of the Year by Spring-Ford Rotary

**ROYERSFORD, PA** – Spring-Ford Area School District teacher Melanie Bowen was recognized on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 by the Spring-Ford Rotary as the Citizen of the Year, in appreciation for the ways in which she exemplifies the humanitarian and educational objectives of the Rotary Foundation. Each year, the Spring-Ford Rotary Club recognizes an area resident as its Citizen of the Year. Citizens of the Year are honored for their contributions to the betterment of the Spring-Ford community through their work in their particular vocation, or contributions made to the general community in association with the Paul Harris Fellowship.

Bowen has been a history teacher at the Spring-Ford Area High School for the past 14 years, and has been very active with the school's Rotary Interact Club as one of the "founding advisors" during that time. She was involved with overseeing a number of initiatives such as:

- Sending care packages to the troops in Iraq
- Organizing walk-a-thons
- Raising hundreds if not thousands of dollars for various international charities
- Donating to and participating in the Rotary Adopt a Family event
- Organizing volunteers for hundreds of community events
- Growing Interact to the largest student club at Spring-Ford with over 200 official members

The Spring-Ford Area School District congratulates Melanie for this wonderful achievement!

**More about the Paul Harris Fellowship:** The Paul Harris Fellowship is named for Paul Harris, who was a Rotary founder in 1905. The Fellowship was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation for a contribution of \$1,000 to the humanitarian and educational programs of the Rotary Foundation. Those programs include an array of projects that save and invigorate the lives of people around the world, and enhance international friendship and understanding. Foundation programs provide educational opportunities, food, potable water, health care, immunizations and shelter for millions of people. These activities are funded, implemented and managed by Rotarians and Rotary clubs around the globe. Rotarians also designate a Paul Harris Fellow to recognize another person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives and mission of the Rotary Foundation to build world understanding and peace.

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