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2017 Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award Nominations Now Open

Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce accepting nominations until November 17, 2017.

October 10, 2017 . . . West Grove, PA - Nominations are now open for the **2017 Outstanding Citizen of the Year** to be presented by the Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce (SCCCC) at its annual dinner at Longwood Gardens. SCCCC established the Outstanding Citizen of the Year award in 1968 to recognize exemplary volunteer efforts, community service, vision, leadership, and citizenship of individuals who positively influence the welfare of the Southern Chester County community. Nominations are open until Friday, November 17, 2017. For more information and to download the submission form, visit www.scccc.com.

The 51st Annual Dinner honoring the 2017 Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award will be held on Saturday, February 17 from 6:30 –10:30 pm at Longwood Gardens. Tickets are \$175, with sponsorship opportunities available. To learn more, visit www.scccc.com.

Last year the Chamber recognized Leon Ross Spencer, Jr., as the 2016 Outstanding Citizen of the Year. Spencer has a rich history of serving the community, including being actively involved with local education, serving as President of the Chester County School Authority, as a member of the board of the Chester County Regional Education Services, and as a Trustee of Cheyney University. In addition, Spencer's booming voice can be heard announcing Kennett High School football and basketball games. Spencer is currently the youth choir director at Church of the Advent, director of the MLK Community Choir, and assistant director of the Brandywine Valley Chorale.

The 2017 Outstanding Citizen will share the honor with these recent past recipients: 2003 Michael Perna, Esq.; 2004 John W. Singer; 2005 Kathleen Lafferty; 2006 Doris Haley; 2007 Eva Verplanck; 2008 James T. Horn; 2009 Michael R. Walker; 2010 Janice Taylor; 2011 Terence Farrell; 2012 Stacie A. Kucera; 2013 Ken Goddu; 2014 Joan Holliday; 2015 David Haradon and in 2016 Leon R. Spencer.

About Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce

The Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce, the region's leading business member organization, is dedicated to the growth and development of its members by providing opportunities to connect businesses and support sustainable economic development. Founded in 1929 in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, the Chamber's nearly 500 member businesses consist of influential business leaders and professionals, not-for-profits, institutions, legislative leaders, and more. The Chamber hosts more than 70 events and programs each year in the Southern Chester County region. To join or learn more about the Chamber, visit www.scccc.com.

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