'Solid Cactus Cares' announces fourth-quarter donations to groups

Solid Cactus®, a web design company and total e-commerce solutions provider, announced its fourth quarter donations to area organizations from its "Solid Cactus Cares" fund administered by the Luzerne Foundation.

Ten organizations will be the recipients of cash grants, website construction or in-kind print design services from Solid Cactus for a total value of $12,500. Since its inception, the Solid Cactus Cares program has made more than $60,000 in cash and in-kind grants.

"Solid Cactus team members are the driving force behind the Solid Cactus Cares program," said president and co-founder Scott Sanfilippo. "Our people contribute to the charitable fund by holding in-house fundraisers and by payroll deduction.

"Unlike most grant makers, we don't accept open applications for grants," added Sanfilippo. "All organizations must be sponsored by an employee. Our employees have a diverse background and each brings their unique perspective to where need exists in the community. They nominate, rally support and vote for the organizations they feel deserve grants."

The following organizations will receive contributions from Solid Cactus Cares this quarter:

Great Valley Technology Alliance Computer Contest, Dear Jack Foundation, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Junior Achievement of NEPA Inc., YMCA of Greater Pittston, SPCA of Luzerne County's Spay & Neuter Fund, SPCA of Luzerne County's Print & E-mail Newsletters (in-kind), Shriners' Hospital for Children, F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts, Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre, Temple Israel of Wilkes-Barre (in-kind) and The Junior League of Wilkes-Barre (in-kind).

FIREFIGHTERS ATTEND GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

The office of State Representative Karen Boback recently hosted State Fire Commissioner Ed Mann at a grant writing workshop at Misericordia University. Over 50 volunteer firefighters and E.M.S. officials from the Back Mountain and surrounding areas of the 117th district attended. Shown here, from left, are Bob Walsh, Sweet Valley ambulance chief; Stan Davis, assistant fire chief, Sweet Valley; Rep. Karen Boback; State Fire Commissioner Ed Mann; Jack Dodson, Kunkle fire chief; Maureen Oremus, assistant fire chief, Franklin Township; Tom Kivler, president, Lake Silkworth Fire Association.

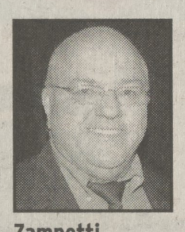
LEGION MAKES DONATION TO LIBRARY

Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 made a gift of $400 to the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The donation was a gift from the American Legion, the SAL (Sons of the American Legion) and the Legion Ladies Auxiliary. From left, are John Emil Sr., SAL Adjutant; Martha Butler, librarian; Clarence J. Michael, commander; and Joe Kelley Sr., vice commander. Absent at the time of the photo was Linda Thorne, auxiliary president

Zampetti hosts 'Bowl for Kids' Sake' for 14th time

Bowl For Kids' Sake is still accepting bowlers and business sponsors for an annual charity event that benefits children from single-parent homes in Wyoming County.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bridge announces that signups for volunteer bowlers and business sponsors are still being accepted for Bowl For Kids' Sake to be held at Shadowbrook Lanes on Saturday, March 28.



Zampetti

Bobby Zampetti, who teaches music at Evans Falls and Mill City Elementary Schools in the Tunkhannock Area School District, will host the annual charity event for the 14th consecutive year.

Zampetti owns and operates Bobby Zampetti Communications in Dallas. He is well-known throughout the region as host of the "Bobby Z Show" that aired for many years on radio and television.

For more information, contact Big Brothers Big Sisters of The Bridge at 1-800-955-4376.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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King Crossword Answers

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Meet The Physician's Weight Loss Challenge Participants

Andrea Banos

"In total I've lost 16 lbs. I can't wait to see what next week brings."

Charles Cardimona

"... I put away my size 38 pants and now I am wearing size 36 pants. I even went to the mall and bought new jeans size 36. I haven't been in size 36 for a few years now so it felt good."

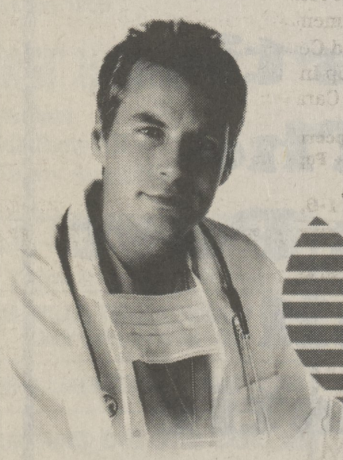
Heather Hunsinger

"I am happy with my choice to join PWLC and am excited about my results. I lost an additional 4.5 pounds this week, bringing my total weight loss to 22.5 pounds."

Karol Morton

"I'm starting my seventh week of the program and I have lost a total of 22 lbs!"

Learn more at **timesleader.com**



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All applicants will be reviewed and a panel of participants will be chosen. The chosen participants of the Physicians Weight Loss Challenge must partake in the entire 16-week Weight Loss Program and purchase the required protein supplements. All program and set-up fees are waived for participants of the Physician Weight Loss Challenge. For more information about the Physicians Weight Loss Challenge, please go to timesleader.com

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