

Lions Club of Berlin Outstanding Citizen

Award Recipients

1989	William A. Dively*+
1990	Lester L. Coslic*+
1991	Lois Harris
1992	The Rev. Ralph G. Landis, Jr. +
1993	C. Edward Labute+
1994	Doyle E. Paul+
1995	Paul Pritts+
1996	Calvin M. Will+
1997	John F. "Jack" Harding*+
1998	Kathryn C. Bell+
1999	Dale E. Leydig
2000	James L. Killius, M.D.*+
2001	Marguerite Shaulis+
2002	Bradley Lynn Flick
2003	Elmer D. Miller+
2004	James I. Suder+
2005	David Lee Holliday*
2006	Bruce R. "Chip" Landis
2007	Lorrie A. Shaw
2008	Robert I. Schmucker*
2009	Rose Shaffer*
2010	Anna Mae Weighley+
2011	Brandon Fisher
2012	Larry W. Shober
2013	David P. Countryman
2014	Jim Darr
2015	Kerry Claycomb*
2016	Reggie "Wayne" Bush+
2017	Thomas W. Calvert*
2018	Kay Ann Cober
2019	Gerald F. Parry
2020	John F. Long
2021	Judith A. Bird
2022	Leanne Calvert
2023	Scott J. Etris
2024	David R. Hay

* Berlin Lions Club Member

+Deceased

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LIONS CLUB OF BERLIN



**OUTSTANDING CITIZEN
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DAVID R. HAY

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

**2024 Lions Club of Berlin
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DAVID R. HAY

David Robert Hay was born on January 26, 1948, in Meyersdale to Robert Earl and Grace Louella (Swearman) Hay. He grew to adulthood on "Blue Lick Valley Farm" in Brothersvalley Township. He had one sister, Linda L. Hay, deceased; one brother, Daniel G. Hay, deceased and one remaining sister, Mary (Hay) Stotler, wife of Donald Stotler, both of Berlin.

David was a 1966 graduate of Berlin Brothersvalley High School. He attended Cambria-Rowe Business College, Johnstown, (1967-1968). He was a photojournalist for the Daily American in Somerset (1967-1968). He is a two-year veteran of the U.S. Army (Vietnam Era) having served his last 17 months in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence at the Pentagon.

On June 10, 1973, David married Virginia (Long) Hay, to whom he has been married for 51 years. They made their first home on Moser Road (Woodlawn area) about four miles out of Meyersdale. In 1978 they bought a home at 266 Marker Drive, Somerset, PA, where they have resided for the past 46 years.

Dave was employed for 32 years at the Somerset Post Office, where he retired on February 1, 2003, as a city letter carrier. He is a regular attender at Morgainz (the former Precision Fitness) gym.

Dave enjoys a great passion for Somerset County history and its people, writing, photography, exploring local farms, mountains and rural areas. He is the keeper of family genealogy and memories.

For 49 ½ years, he pursued with great passion the writing of his weekly column, "My Somerset County" for The New Republic newspaper in Meyersdale. He is a long-time deacon, historian and photographer at the Somerset Church of the Brethren. He has been a member of Hillcrest Grange for 61 years, serving as its program director. He has been a long-time program director and publicity chair of Somerset County Pomona Grange and has served 16 years on the Lecturer's Committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange and became a 7th Degree member of the National Grange in 1964.

He enjoys genealogy and compiling family history for countless Somerset County families. He is a life member of the Somerset County Historical and Genealogical Society, as well as Berlin Area Historical Society, where he serves as curator, a research assistant and a contributor to its publication, Memeos.

Dave and Virginia enjoy traveling throughout the USA and have enjoyed many visits to Gerharadsbrunn, in the Rhineland-Pfalz, where Dave enjoys visiting the Hay ancestral home, staying in the homes of distant relatives, including a recent visit to Germany and Austria in October of this year.

Dave seems busier now in his retirement years than when he worked. We hope he can continue his many interests for more years to come.