

# Gear Gossip



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## Toys for Tots

On December 13, Mike Locke and Roger Rothenhoefer delivered over \$6,000 of toys, collected by the Golden Gears Car Club, to the Marines for their Toys for Tots program. This extraordinary donation was the culmination of months of hard work by many caring individuals.

On July 23, the Club collected donations during a cruise-in at Trout's Towne Restaurant in Woodsboro. In addition to hosting the cruise-in, Andy and Mary Jo Trout generously agreed to donate 15% of the proceeds the restaurant earned that weekend. In August, the Club received a check from Trout's for \$1,234.

On September 24, the Club held a cruise-in at Applebees in Frederick. Santa and Mrs. Claus greeted the children while their parents admired the beautiful cars. With three months left until Christmas, the children must have been wondering how Santa would ever remember what was on their lists.

Two cruise-ins were held behind the theater at Westview Promenade during the month of October. U.S. Marines were

present at both events. The first cruise-in was held on October 14. Attendance was good and everyone had a good time. The second, The Nightmare Before Christmas Cruise-in, was held on October 28. Ghosts and goblins were out that night. Several cars were haunted by scary Halloween creatures. The Heart of Maryland Classic Chevy Club showed the true spirit of giving when they presented the Club with a trailer full of bicycles.

One final cruise-in was held on December 9 at Westview Promenade. In spite of snow and very cold temperatures, many children came out to tell Santa and Mrs. Claus what they wanted for Christmas. Joey Page and Joe MacInnes decided to cruise-in, in spite of the weather. Other members braved the elements to help with the event but left their cars nestled safely at home.

Thanks to all that helped make sure some less fortunate children in our community had a very Merry Christmas.



The Heart of Maryland Classic Chevy Club with bicycles for Toys for Tots.



Club members brave the snow and cold temperatures at the Westview Promenade cruise-in.





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***Club meetings  
 are held on the  
 first Tuesday  
 of each month  
 at 6:30 pm at  
 the Frederick  
 Elks Lodge  
 #684 on  
 Willowdale  
 Drive.***

## Christmas Party

The annual Golden Gears Christmas party was held on December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Elks Club. Those who attended enjoyed a great meal and plenty of laughs with great friends. As usual, the highlight of the evening was the White Elephant (or Yankee Trader) gift exchange. Numbers were drawn to see who would go first. Debbie Locke drew the coveted

number one position which allowed her to steal any eligible gift she wanted after all the gifts had been opened. She swears she has witnesses that she did not cheat....hummm. It is always fun to watch the innovative strategies people come up with to keep or win back a favorite gift. In the end, everyone had a wonderful time and went home with a nice gift. Thank you to Mike and Debbie Locke for organizing the party. (See Mike's special gift on page 3.)

## Henleyville

On December 16, the Golden Gears Elves arrived at Henleyville Christmas Village. The evening started with dinner (because elves need their strength to work in the village and extra body fat to keep warm). When the elves were full, they bundled up and headed out to greet the public. 430 people came to the village that night to enjoy the Christmas displays and to see Santa and Mrs. Claus. Rudolph watched from the lower field, his nose glowing every so often to the amazement of the children. Jay and Linda have been putting on this memorable event for many years. In fact, several people that brought their children

that night said they remember coming to the village with their parents when they themselves were little. If you have never been, it is well worth adding to your bucket list.



## Note from the President

I would like to welcome everyone to the New Year. I hope the holidays were good and Santa delivered lots of car parts and a few new vehicles in everyone's stocking. The New Year brings a few new things that I would like to try at some of our different events. Last year, member participation seemed to be down at many of our activities. I hope this year we will get more members to come out and support not only the club but also the charities we support and events that we do. Please remember, it takes more than a few people to put on even the smallest event.

I also hope everyone will try to stay informed this year about events. The best way to do this is by attending monthly meetings. This is a great way to find out what is happening, what is coming up, have a meal and get together with friends.

Our next big event will be our Valentine's Day dance and I know everybody will have a good time. Anyone who has not attended the dance is really missing a good meal and a fun evening.

On a personal note, Linda and I would like to thank everybody who helped at Henleyville this year. I would like to wish the best to all of our members and their families in the year 2018.

Jay  
 President

## Letter from the Vice President

First of all, I'd like to say Happy New Year to everyone. I hope 2018 brings everyone a great year with all the challenges our country faces in this day and age. One of the great things the Golden Gears Club does is play the National Anthem at every event the club is involved in. We all show respect for our flag at these events by standing, not kneeling like a lot of those so called NFL players do. As I look around while the Anthem is playing, I've never seen a spectator at our events not standing and paying respect. As we all start the year 2018, let's not forget all those men and women that have served our country proudly both now and previously. I for one, go out of my way to shake a military member's hand if I'm around one and thank them for their service.

As we start this new year, I challenge every member to step up and make a difference in this great club of ours. Just helping out at one event takes a load off the ones that continue to be there at almost all events. It takes a team effort and with all the members we have, I don't think that's asking a lot. The officers will be looking closely this year at potential events we are asked to do. If we have the required help, we will do the events, but if not, we will

probably have to turn down some requests. The club tries to make money for the charities we donate to, but maybe it's not all about the money which is what I'm hearing from members. Maybe the club would like to do more fun things together. If that's the case, then speak up please.

After not doing poker runs last year, they will once again be on our calendar. We have a few members on that committee from previous years, including Mike Kefauver, who put a lot of work into this to make the event happen. It's a great relaxing day cruising around to different spots, so I hope more members consider joining us.

Stay warm as we are experiencing some mighty long-term cold weather right now. Keep the positive thoughts of warmer weather not too far off in the distance. Before you know it, we'll have our cars all shined up and ready to go for another great Golden Gears Car Club season. As always, I thank each and every one of you that makes our club the best in Frederick County. I look forward to a great year to close out my Vice President's roll in this club.

Mike Locke  
Vice President

### Automobile Trivia

When and where was the first drive-in theater built?

A. Detroit Michigan in 1928

B. NYC, New York in 1930

C. Camen, NJ in 1933

D. Philadelphia, PA in 1929



Golden Gears Car Club members can rest easier knowing Fife Security Agency is on duty. As Barney would say, "The minute it looks like there is going to be trouble, we need to **NIP IT! NIP IT IN THE BUD!**"

(Barney was presented with this special gift at the annual Christmas party.)

If you would like your business card published in future newsletters, please see Pam Harris.



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*Trivia Answer:*  
 Answer C. The first drive in Theater was built in 1933, in Camden, NJ.

## Save the Date

**Valentine's Dinner Dance** 

**When: February 10, 2018**  
**6:30 pm-12:00 pm**  
 (doors open 5:30 pm)  
**Where: Lewistown Fire Hall**  
**Cost: \$22 per person**  
**\$42 per couple**

**Next Cruise-In will be in April 2018.**



## Celebrations



### October/November/December Birthdays

Mabel Henley	October 4
Jay Henley	October 5
Carol Hocking	October 10
Debbie Locke	October 18
Ricki Putman	October 20
Randy Zimmerman	October 20
Linda McElfresh	November 13
Linda Hurley	November 18
Rosalie Wienhoff	November 19

Joe MacInnes	November 25
Glenn Wienhoff	December 2
Edwin Henley Jr.	December 17
Austin Hurley	December 27
Christine Rummel	December 31

### October/November/December Anniversaries

Joe MacInnes	November 3
Tom and Mary Webber	November 6
Mike and Debbie Locke	December 6

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- Dynamic
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- Keysey-Garver Well Drilling Inc.
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- Martin & Lori Lydard
- Mountain Gate Restaurant
- Napa Auto Parts
- Rosemont Automotive
- Christine Rummel
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