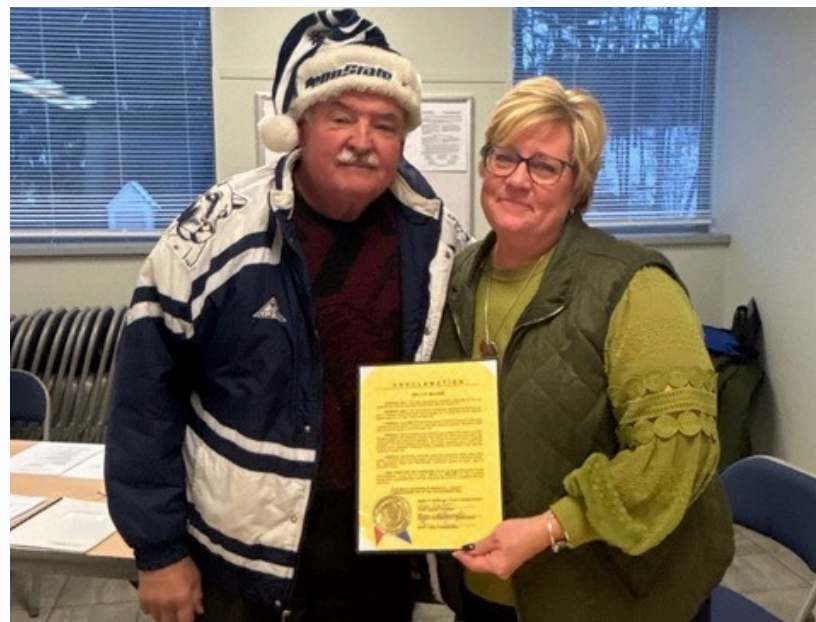




With thanksgiving & H.O.P.E.



Thank You, to my Schuylkill County Community...



Dear Friends & Family,

As I prepare to retire after more than 33 years with the Schuylkill United Way, I find myself reflecting on this incredible journey — one filled with memories, friendships, challenges, and countless moments that have touched my heart forever.

When I first joined the United Way all those years ago, I could never have imagined how deeply this work — and this community — would shape my life. What began as a job quickly became a calling. From the very beginning, I was fortunate to learn from and work alongside some truly remarkable people. I'll always be grateful to Clare J. Houser Jr., who served as Executive Director before me and set such a strong example of leadership, compassion, and commitment to our mission. And I can't speak about my time here without mentioning Billie Payne and Naomi Ost my mentors and dear friends, whose guidance, encouragement, and faith in me helped shape not only my career but the person I've become.

Over the years, I've had the Privilege of seeing our community come together time and again, lifting one another up in times of need, celebrating successes big and small, and proving that when we have "H.O.P.E.," there's nothing we can't accomplish.

I'll never forget the excitement of campaign season, the laughter shared during community events, or the quiet moments of gratitude from those whose lives were touched by the programs we supported. I've watched children grow into adults who now volunteer and give back themselves. These memories will always stay with me.

Of course, none of this could have happened without all of you — My family, our donors, businesses, volunteers, board members, SUW staff and Partner Agencies who believed in and supported our mission. Your kindness, generosity, and dedication have inspired me every single day. You've shown me what true community looks like: neighbors helping neighbors, friends supporting friends.

Though I'm stepping away from my role at Schuylkill United Way, my heart will always remain here — with the people and places that have meant so much to me. I look forward to watching this organization continue to grow and thrive in the years ahead.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for the trust you've placed in me, the memories we've shared, and the difference we've made together. Serving this community has been the honor of a lifetime.

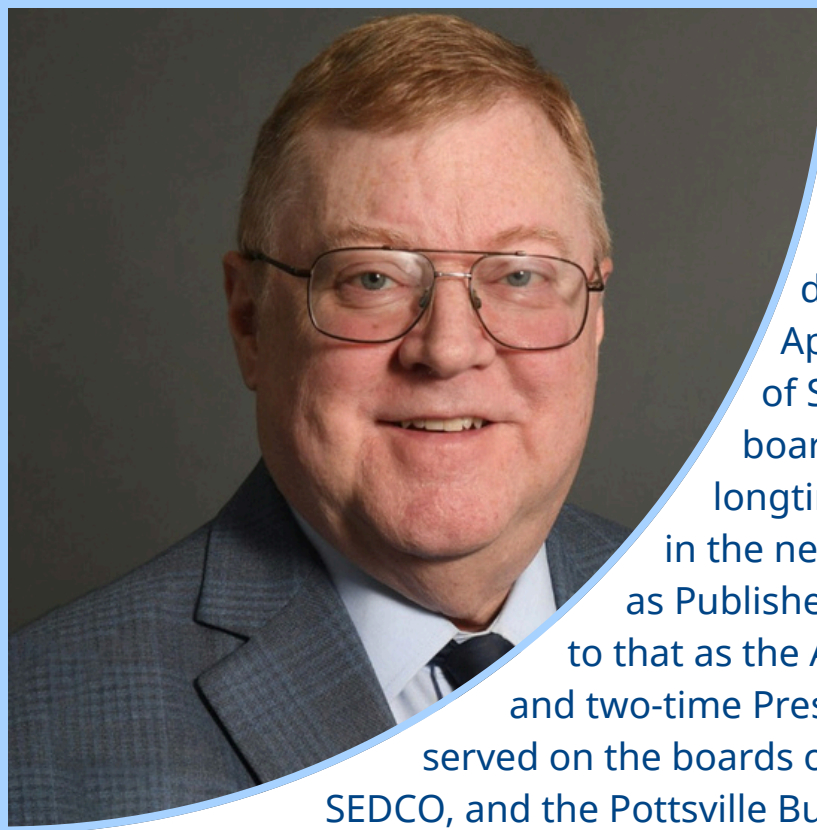
With truth, love and kindness,



*Thank
You,
KELLY!*



Congratulations Mike Joyce!



Mike Joyce was named incoming executive director of Schuylkill United Way at our annual Appreciation Breakfast. Prior to joining the staff of Schuylkill United Way in 2024, Joyce was a board member of SUW for five years and a longtime Pacesetter and volunteer. His career was in the newspaper industry, where he spent five years as Publisher of the Republican Herald and 20 years prior to that as the Advertising Director. He is a current member and two-time President of the Rotary Club of Pottsville, and has served on the boards of the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce, SEDCO, and the Pottsville Business Association as well as being part of the Pottsville Bicentennial Committee. He lives in Pottsville with his wife Janet. They have three children and 8 grandchildren!

After being introduced at the Appreciation Breakfast, Joyce ended his speech by saying:
"On a personal note, I am very, very thankful to be where I am right now. With all of your help, we will continue this journey and support these agencies and our County."





A Job Well Done

THANK YOU JOHN GLEISNER!

Mr. John Gleisner served as President of the SUW Board of Directors for 2024 and 2025.

He led with steadfast determination and a willingness to help in any and all ways possible. We truly appreciate him taking on this role amidst his professional and personal responsibilities.

Thank you, John, and we look forward to your continued guidance on the board!



Dear Friends & SUW Supporters,

As I take a minute to reflect back on my time as President of the SUW board as my term comes to a close, two things come to mind. The first is how fast the time has gone. It seems like only yesterday when I stepped into this role, hoping to be able to measure up to the great leaders that helped guide the SUW forward in years past, always wondering what can I do to help make a difference? How can I help continue the great work that has been done by those that came before me? I hope I have measured up.

The second thing that comes to mind is how thankful I am. I want to say thank you to my fellow board members who selflessly donate their time, efforts and expertise in support of our mission of Helping Other People Everyday. They are a great group of volunteers that are dedicated to putting others first. Thank you to our partner agencies and the tireless work they do to serve individuals and families in our community. What they do is driven by a commitment and passion to serve others, and to help care for the people that often need help the most. They are truly difference makers. Thank you to the thousands of Schuylkill County residents that continue to support our efforts not only through their generous donations and support of our annual campaign, but by getting involved and donating time and energy to events like the Day of Caring, Stuff the Bus and the High School Football challenge. Although not a Schuylkill county native, I have called this my home for over 20 years now, and one thing I have seen that has never changed is the willingness of people to give. Often it is those that have the least that give the most, and they serve as a beacon of light to show the good in the world.

Finally, I am thankful to the staff of the SUW. They are a small but mighty crew, dedicated, driven, passionate, caring and committed in all they do. Anyone that has spent any time with any of the office staff knows and understands all that they do each and everyday. As this year closes, so does an important chapter for the Schuylkill United Way. Kelly Malone is stepping aside as Executive Director after over 3 decades of service to our community. Her love of community and passion for the United Way and its mission are evident to all who know her, and her impacts will be felt long after her departure. I wish her and her family joy and happiness in her retirement. Kelly, you leave the SUW in very capable hands and I know Mike will continue the great work you have done as executive director.

Again, thank you all for this opportunity to serve, and I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!



John Gleisner

President – Schuylkill United Way Board of Directors





Enjoy a few photos
from our annual
**Appreciation
Breakfast**
November 14, 2025



2026 Campaign Awards

The Houser Award

Each year, the Schuylkill United Way gives the prestigious **Houser Award** to the company with the highest employee, corporate, and special gifts combined giving. This award is named after beloved former SUW Executive Director, Clare J. Houser, Jr.

This year we congratulate HYDRO!

They took top honor with \$180,388 in contributions! Thank you for your continued commitment to Schuylkill County.



Hydro employees attending the SUW Appreciation Breakfast.

Tiered Company Awards

1-200 Employees



Total Giving:
\$53,136

201-400 Employees



Total Giving:
\$40,769

400+ Employees



Total Giving:
\$164,127

\$20,869 raised by Child Development, Inc.

Child Development, Inc. was the top giver amongst our Partner Agencies this year. We thank them for their dedication and generosity in all they do!



Company with the Largest Increase

HUGE thanks to Mrs. T's Pierogies/Ateeco, Inc. for the largest increase in company giving. They contributed \$4,771 more than last year's campaign!

Top Campaigns



Top 10

Corporate, Employee, and Special Event Giving

1. Hydro	\$ 180,388
2. Wegmans Retail Service Center	\$ 164,127
3. John E. Morgan Foundation	\$ 120,000
4. Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.	\$ 55,174
5. Bob Weaver Auto	\$ 53,136
6. Mrs. T's Pierogies	\$ 40,769
7. St. Luke's Miners Campus/GSL	\$ 34,338
8. PPL, Inc.	\$ 28,165
9. Carpenter Technology - Shalmet LLC.	\$ 27,625
10. The Evans Network of Companies	\$ 26,069



Top 5

Corporate Giving

1. John E. Morgan Foundation	\$ 120,000
2. Hydro	\$ 25,000
3. Wegmans	\$ 20,000
4. The Evans Network of Companies	\$ 15,000
5. PPL, Inc.	\$ 14,083



Top 5

Employee & Special Event Giving

1. Hydro	\$ 155,388
2. Wegmans Retail Service Center	\$ 144,127
3. Bob Weaver Auto	\$ 46,136
4. Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.	\$ 40,674
5. St. Luke's Miners Campus/GSL	\$ 34,338



Billie Payne Lifetime Achievement Award

"The leader who shares experience ensures a bright future and leaves a legacy of success. Thank you for your unwavering service to the Schuylkill United Way."



Patrick Kane presenting this year's Billie Payne Lifetime Achievement Award.

These words are engraved on the Billie Payne Lifetime Achievement Award that was proudly presented to **Michele Mickonis** at our annual Appreciation Breakfast. With the spirit of selfless community dedication and servant leadership that Billie Payne possessed, Michele's years of service to community, family, and work culture at Hydro were highlighted during the presentation. Michele's daughters surprised her on stage with gifts.

Congratulations and thank you Michele for all you do for and with Schuylkill United Way and our county!!



Top 5 companies based on
Pacesetters



224 PACESETTERS
giving \$131,065



152 PACESETTERS
giving \$87,768



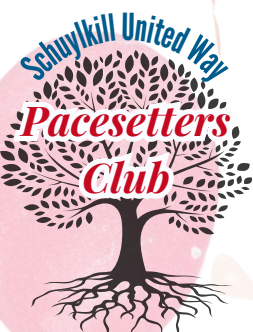
76 PACESETTERS
giving \$53,136



39 PACESETTERS
giving \$30,958

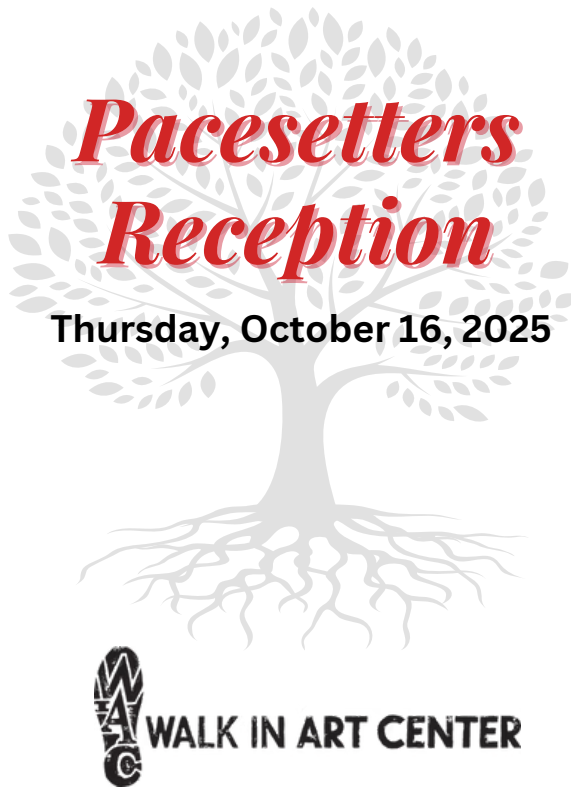


23 PACESETTERS
giving \$13,000



Pacesetters do just that, they set the pace for our annual campaign
by giving a minimum of \$500.

The SUW Pacesetters Club is chaired by Mr. Patrick Kane.



It's always a highlight of the year to see our Pacesetters at the annual reception.

This year we had a total of 796 Pacesetters contributing \$667,806!

We send special thanks to our generous sponsors:

Food Sponsor
Wegmans

Venue Sponsor
The Walk In Art Center

Event & Pierogies Sponsor
Mrs. T's Pierogies

Beer Sponsor
Yuengling



\$26,000 raised by annual SUW Golf Tournaments!

This year marked the 20th anniversary of the SUW-Hometown Golf Tournaments! We are extremely fortunate to have had Charles Ladd, IV and Chris Cohoon championing these



tournaments since the beginning. Special thanks to these leaders, our golf tournament committee, volunteers, and of course the golfers for another successful year of support for SUW and our Partner Agencies!





CONGRATS
Keith C. of Hydro

Grand Prize: 2025 Chevrolet Trailblazer AWD LS (\$28,000 value)
courtesy of Bob Weaver Auto

Car Sponsors: J. Bertolet Volkswagen, Rinaldi Family
Dealerships, Sands Ford of Pottsville, and
Williamson, Friedberg & Jones, LLC.

congrats to all winners!

And thank you to all the local businesses who sponsored our campaign prizes!



\$1,500 Gift Card
Ian M. of Hydro



\$1,000 Gift Card
Derrick R. of Hydro



\$750 Gift Card
Kevin L. of Wegmans



\$500 Gift Card
Kerri Q of St. Luke's



\$250 Gift Card
Chris F. of Hydro



\$1,600 Vacation Package
Eric S. of Hydro



Hadesty's **ACE**
HARDWARE

\$500 Weber Gas Grill
Jennifer B. of Hydro

C
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Do it Best DEWALD
& LENGLE
HARDWARE

\$1,500 Husqvarna Snowblower
William C. of Hydro



\$500 iPad
John C. of Hydro

Hydro

Commitment in Action

We were thrilled to recognize the Chief Professional Officers from six of our Partner Agencies who celebrated milestone anniversary this year! Celebrating **20 years** as the leader of their organization are: Sharon Kimmel (Schuylkill County Society for Pediatric Orthopedics), Samantha Gibbons (Tamaqua Area Meals on Wheels), and Mary Ann Devlin (Child Development, Inc.). Marking **30 years** at the helm are Doug Allen (Big Impact Group of Schuylkill County), Carolyn Bazik (Schuylkill Wellness Services), and Peter Keitsock (Avenues, formerly UCP).

Thank you all for your tireless work you've done in Schuylkill County and the incredible example of commitment you've shown our community.

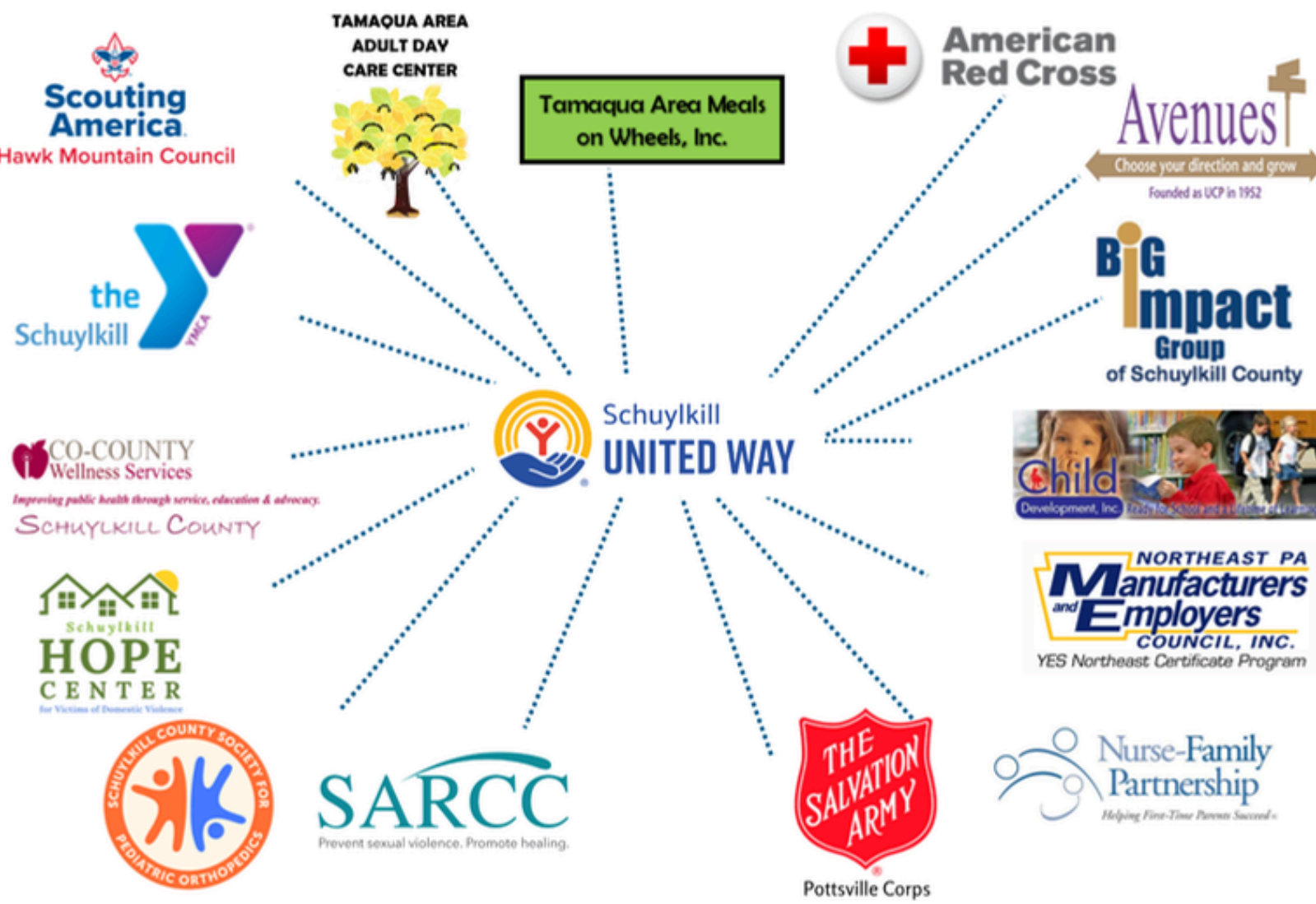


Left to right: **Sharon Kimmel** (Schuylkill County Society of Pediatric Orthopedics), **Samantha Gibbons** (Tamaqua Area Meals on Wheels), **Mary Ann Devlin** (Child Development, Inc.)



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The Schuylkill United Way is dedicated to providing funding, guidance and encouragement to our partner agencies who help people throughout Schuylkill County by way of a variety of programs and services.



- American Red Cross**
610-375-4383
- Avenues/Founded as UCP in 1952**
570-622-7920
- Big Impact Group of Schuylkill County**
570-622-0174
- Child Development, Inc.**
570-544-8959
- Northeast PA Manufacturers & Employers Council, YES Northeast Certificate Program**
570-622-0940
- Nurse-Family Partnership**
484-772-2360
- The Salvation Army/Pottsville Corps**
570-622-5252
- Scouting America/Hawk Mountain Council**
610-926-3406
- Sexual Assault Resource & Counseling Center (SARCC)**
570-628-2965 (Office & 24/7 Hotline)
- Schuylkill County Society for Pediatric Orthopedics (formerly Crippled Children)**
570-622-7170
- Schuylkill Wellness Services**
570-622-3980
- Schuylkill Hope Center for Victims of Domestic Violence**
Office: 570-622-3991 *24/7 Hotline: 570.622.6220
- Schuylkill YMCA**
570-622-7850
- Tamaqua Area Meals on Wheels**
570-449-8271
- Tamaqua Area Adult Day Care Center**
570-668-6556

Learn more...



Schuylkill

UNITED WAY *Calendar of Events*

2026

MARK THOSE CALENDARS!

Friday,
May

8

Captain Jason B. Jones Memorial Day of Caring

Volunteer for a county-wide day of service helping our Partner Agencies and other organizations with some indoor & outdoor projects. Start time is 9a.m.



Tuesday,
June

16

High School Football Challenge

Cheer on your favorite high school football team as they compete in a series of strength, agility, speed, and skill challenges! Held at North Schuylkill High School's Ghosh Orthodontics Field at Spartan Stadium, you can visit with all of our Partner Agencies, sponsors, and the food trucks! Competitions begin at 5p.m.



July 31 -
Aug 3

31^{and}
3

Stuff the Bus

Throughout July local businesses and organizations help collect school supplies and backpacks for Schuylkill County students. Get involved and give our children a strong start to the school year!



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Summer Golf Tournament
TBD at
Mountain
Valley!



Thank you!



With all of our Partner Agencies, we say thank you for another year of generosity, learning, volunteering, and community. Wishing everyone a happy & healthy New Year!

A final meeting...

On Monday, December 15, we held our final Board of Director's meeting of the year, and the last of Kelly's career. As a special surprise, board members requested the Schuylkill County Commissioners provide a proclamation recognizing the 33 years Kelly has served at Schuylkill United Way. It was a beautiful tribute and a fitting conclusion to an incredible career!

Thank you, Commissioners Larry Padora, Boots Hetherington, and Gary Hess for this honor and your support.

