

2017 PTSC ANNUAL HOLIDAY BANQUET AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Well, another year has quickly passed us by in the Pittsburgh Tri State Chapter NCRS and what a busy year it was. To celebrate the year our chapter held its' annual holiday banquet and general membership meeting. This years' meeting was held at Rizzo's Malabar Restaurant in Crabtree. The 30 members who attended were treated to a fantastic dinner. As with all chapter events the food is always great. The reason for this is due to the hard work and efforts of John DeGregory and Paul DiSanto. Members had plenty of time before and during dinner to socialize and catch up with friends, while watching a slide show presentation of photos from the Regional.

Chairman, Don Geary welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He also thanked them for their help and support to the chapter throughout the year at all our events, and especially for helping with the Regional Judging Event held in Altoona this August. After dinner Don briefly reviewed the years' events and also discussed the events planned for next year. He also noted that the annual directory was delayed because of the Bylaws vote, but said it will be mailed out to all members in the very near future. If any members not attending the banquet have any changes that they would like included in next years' directory, please contact Judy Geary as soon as possible with your information.

Don also recognized the following chapter members for their hard work and contributions at the Regional, with his Chairman's Award:

Mike Bucheit – Advertising/Fund Raising/Sponsors
Frank Gavron – Parking
Norm Neffied – Finance/Paypal
Jim Wainwright- Registration/Registration Packets/Name Tags
Jimmy Patitucci- Apparel

The members present also voted unanimously to approve the changes/amendments to the Bylaws.

Most importantly all those in attendance were asked to bring either a Toy valued at \$25.00 or a monetary donation in the same amount for our area TOYS FOR TOTS. Dave Kitch, the coordinator for this spoke briefly about the Toys For Tots Program and how important it is for our areas' children in need during this Holiday Season.

A great time was had by all! We hope to see you at one of our monthly meeting or chapter events during 2018. Your input into chapter events is always welcome and appreciated.

May you all have a very healthy and happy holiday season with your families. We wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Jimmy Patitucci
Outside Coordinator