

BIO – Dr. C. Dale Treese

When Dr. C. Dale Treese put down roots in Elizabethtown in February of 1981, he made a conscious effort to be actively involved in the community. This commitment is evident from his public service which began in 1982 and continues to this day.

Dr. Treese is a graduate of Hollidaysburg High School, received his bachelor's degree from Juniata College and his Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) from Temple University. When he bought his home on North Hanover Street, he approached the Planning Commission for a special exemption that would allow him to open his dental practice adjacent to his residence. His community service began shortly afterward with a seat on the Planning Commission, including serving ten years as its chair, and extending to his current position as Ward 1 representative on Elizabethtown Borough Council. In the interim he has assisted in raising funds for the rebuilding and restoration of the Community Center and has held positions of leadership on the Greater Elizabethtown Area Recreation and Community Services (GEARS) board; the Elizabethtown Area School Board, serving as vice president; the Elizabethtown Area Regional Authority, serving three years as chair; the Elizabethtown Area Water Authority, serving as chairman since 2010; and the Elizabethtown Industrial Development Authority, serving as vice chair for 6 years. He has traveled with delegations to Ireland as part of Elizabethtown Borough's sister city relationship with Letterkenny, County Donegal.

Dale has been a active member of the Kiwanis Club since 1981 having served as lieutenant governor, president and a state chairman of the organization over the years. He was a director on the board of the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation and was a founding member of the state's steering committee that created the Children's Heart Program and established the Children's Miracle Network's chapter at Hershey Medical Center. He designed and developed the Kiwanis Cup Tournament, a unique match play benefit golf event that has drawn players from as far away as Florida and Texas. This year is the 15th edition of the tournament to benefit Camp Lady Bug, a GEARS summer program in the park for mentally and physically challenged individuals and the Children's Heart Program at the Children's Hospital in Hershey.

Dr. Treese has received national and international awards in the medical and dental fields, having been designated as one of the top dentists in America multiple times over the course of his career and was recognized as a Leading Physician of the World by the International Association of Dentists. He received the Kiwanis Distinguished Service Award while serving as a state chairman in the organization and has been bestowed with the Legion of Honor by the DeMolay International organization and the Elizabethtown DeMolay Chapter in 2012.

In addition to his extensive community service, Dale coached youth baseball and basketball while pursuing his photography hobby during his years in Elizabethtown. He credits much of his success to the support of his wife of 40 years, Jean, and their two daughters – Jennifer, an aerospace engineer residing in Seattle Washington and Aubrey, a health communications graduate of Juniata College residing in Huntingdon Pennsylvania.