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# Anderson Parks honor 12 exemplary staffers

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ANDERSON TWP. - Recently appointed Anderson Park District Director Ken Kushner kicked off his tenure and the new year by recognizing 12 "exemplary" employees, both past and present, with the Lonnie Bettle Service Award Jan. 10.

The award is named after former employee Lonnie Bettle, who worked with the district from 1988 to 1999 and "was an exemplary employee, and performed his job diligently and admirably," according to a park district release.

According to Kushner, Bettle fell ill and died in 2004. The award was first instituted in 2000, but has never been given out.

"All we are doing is honoring employees past and present who did a wonderful job for the district and the residents of the township," Kushner said. "He was someone to be admired and lived up to."

The following people received the award: Dick Combs ('90- '05), Amy Bleimund ('97- current), Richard Haas ('90 - current), Dave Reynolds ('97 - current), Jimmy Longhauser ('93 - '06), Leah Moyer ('01 - current), Brian Jordan ('94 - current), Kristen Schmidt ('02 - current), John Von Wahlde ('94 - current), Rick George ('04 - current), Sheila Fehn ('95 - current), Don Green ('01 - current) and Denny Sutter ('03 - current).

According to the park district commissioner, the decision to belatedly begin the process of giving out the rewards is part of Kushner's initiative to reward and recognize what he considers the district's most important asset, the employees.

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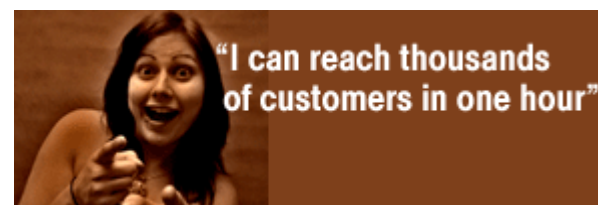
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