

Thomas P. Northrop



Thomas P. Northrop, born in Washington, PA, is the President & Publisher of the Observer Publishing Company.

Tom graduated from Marietta College with a Bachelor of Arts in History and earned his Bachelor of Science in Newspaper Production Management from Rochester Institute of Technology.

He is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Washington and received its *Vocational Service Award* which has since been renamed the *John L.S. Northrop Community Service Award*, in honor of Tom's father. Tom is the Vice-Chairman of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association and is a former Board Member of both the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association Foundation and the Washington Hospital Foundation. He is an active Board Member for the Washington County Tourism and Promotion Agency, and the ABCDE Fund. Previously, he was active with Citizens Library, Washington County Health Partners, United Way of Washington County and the Washington County Red Cross.

Tom was elected to the WCCF Board in 2001 and was the only man to serve on the WCCF's *Women of Philanthropy* committee, which was created in 2007 to raise money and awareness for the *Mother's Fund* which supports disadvantaged women and children. In recognition the Foundation designed a customized tie with the fund's colors (yellow and green) and named it, "Tom's Tie." The ties are sold with the proceeds benefiting the *Mother's Fund*.

When Tom was elected Chairman of the Board in 2008, he and his father, John, who had served as Board Chairman in the WCCF's earliest years, became the Foundation's first and only father/son duo to serve as Chairman, creating the impetus of the Foundation's 2008-2010 marketing theme, *Philanthropy-The Next Generation*.

During Tom's tenure as Chairman, the Foundation significantly broadened its mission statement to "*improve the quality of life primarily in Washington County by providing a vehicle for philanthropic giving across a broad spectrum of giving levels to support diverse community needs and to provide prudent stewardship of those charitable funds.*"

Tom and his wife, Peggy, reside in Washington and are members of the Foundation's *Family of Founders*.

