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**ROTARIAN APPLAUDS EXCELA HEALTH HAND SPECIALIST
FOR SELFLESS SERVICE FOLLOWING ACCIDENT**

WHITE OAK, PA, October 15, 2013 ... White Oak Rotarian Dan Lyons practices his club's credo of service above self. The organization's newly elected president was gratified Excelsa Health hand surgeon Lance Brunton, MD, abides by that philosophy, too, after a yard work accident sent him in search of expert care.

Recently retired as Latrobe's longtime postmaster, Lyons severed a portion of a finger on his right hand July 8. Alone and in pain, he searched in vain for the fingertip before heading to a nearby hospital for emergency care. "I was hurting, upset to lose the finger and wondering what to do next. We were scheduled to leave on vacation and I didn't have time to spare."

Lyons attempted to receive specialty care in the Monroeville area but the appointment was unsatisfying with the recommended physician unable or unwilling to address his needs. "When I left the office I was in a quandary – what do I do now. I recalled hearing about Excelsa Health's orthopedics program, and specifically Dr. Brunton. I called his office from the parking lot of the other doctor."

Dr. Brunton scheduled Lyons for outpatient surgery at Excelsa Square at Norwin the following day. "Dr. Brunton was incredible. He took into consideration my needs and my anxiety and responded," said Lyons. "He cares, he's gentle and he's good at what he does."

Beyond the severed finger, the injury Lyons sustained involved muscles, tendons and nerves in his hand. Dr. Brunton further shortened his damaged middle finger to the first joint, refashioned a fingertip and made additional repairs. He then ordered rehabilitation with Excelsa Health's hand therapist Heidemarie Ross at Excelsa Square to help Lyons retrain his hand. "My right hand is the dominant one, so I'm relearning some basic skills - shaving, writing, making a fist, and I working toward returning to my golf game."

Having never had surgery before, Lyons had no idea what to expect from this emergency, but the 56-year-old considers the service received exemplary and selfless.

“I have nothing but the highest regard for the care I received. I’m giving a big hand to Excelsa Square and Dr. Brunton. They are a real blessing to our community.”

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