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Where the men are: On Montville calendar

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For his photo shoot as Mr. March, Bill Schoenenberger had his swimsuit ready.

Luckily, he said, it wasn't needed.

"Boy, was that a relief," said Schoenenberger, a Montville resident and real estate agent with Weichert Realtors. "I was ready for it either way."

Schoenenberger is one of dozens of men appearing -- mostly at tired in business-casual wear (ex cept the shirtless firefighters) -- in the 2009 Men of Montville calendar.

The \$10 calendar, which de buted last weekend, is a first-time fundraiser for the Montville Township Women's Club.

The group hopes to make the calendar an annual event and its largest money-earner, bringing in \$20,000 this year for charity work, said president Michele Caron.

"We had seen the New York City firemen's calendar and realized it was a wonderful fundraising event and everyone had fun doing it," Caron said. "This is something that would cause a lot of excitement in town."

The women's group chose several professions and groups in town -- including chefs, doctors, police officers and veterans -- and then found men in Montville who do those jobs, Caron said.

Women's Club member Kathy Bence, a professional photographer, took the pictures.

A few men resisted the chance to be a pin-up, but most agreed.

"It's a good organization," said Drew Gabbe, owner of The Fruited Plain caterers, who appears in the October photo with two other local chefs. "I thought it would be fun to do. Anything to help the town is a good thing."

The calendar also highlights Montville men who are deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. A group of troops appears as the photo for December, and two Marines are on the calendar's cover.

Money raised from the sales will go toward scholarships and dona tions to local groups. In the past, the Women's Club has contributed to Montville Pet Parents, local rescue squads and homeless shelters, Caron said.

For information on where to buy the calendar, visit the women's group web site at www.mtwc.org.

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