

# Kiwanis

## CLUB OF EASTON, PA

### NEWSLETTER



August, 2024

SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

#### President's Letter

Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

I hope this month's letter finds you refreshed from your Labor Day weekend time with family and friends. I know it was a challenging time to travel so I also hope you didn't get caught up in any of the difficulties we heard about and if you did were able to weather them successfully.

For those of us just back from Reading and the Pennsylvania District Convention (DCON), we are still buzzing about the time we had there and things we learned. If you haven't attended a DCON, you owe it to yourself to do so. It is a wonderful time to gather with like-minded individuals and learn how they are approaching our service to children in their community. We were especially honored to have a joint DCON this year with New Jersey joining us.

Next year will be a very special year as Pennsylvania hosts the International Convention in Pittsburgh where people from all over the world will gather. This will be a wonderful opportunity to experience the wonder of Kiwanis International. I will be making a proposal to the BOD that we have some sort of subsidy to members of our club for attending ICON next year. You won't want to miss this!

We are in the final push organizing for our Super Raffle Saturday, Sept 7<sup>th</sup> at noon. Bill Walters reports that all 200 tickets are sold so we have a firm foundation to support our club's primary fundraiser. 50/50 tickets will be available right up until the drawing and tricky trays will also be available for bid. I ask that every one of you make an invitation to those in your circle of influence and make known the abundance of high-quality tricky trays. The tricky trays have been gathered and put together by our members and are the third leg of this year's fund-raiser. The success of tricky trays rests upon the number of people who see them and place tickets. More people = more funds raised.

Our annual Rose Sale has also kicked off and that is one of my favorite activities of the year. Delivering the roses on Rose Day in October is always an uplifting activity. The looks in people's eyes when they see the beauty of the roses are wonderful. Watch for more information about our Rose Sale.

We have exciting times ahead as we make final preparations to honor our Fire Fighter of the Year on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will be at the Pomfret Club on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and is always a moving and memorable ceremony. Please plan to attend and let Walt Howell know you will be coming.

On October 9<sup>th</sup> we will have the installation of our new officers as we begin a new Kiwanis year. This is a wonderful time of new energy and focus as we review and remember the purpose of Kiwanis and why we are all here. It is always exciting and uplifting to learn about the new ideas to make us better from a new incoming slate of leaders.

As we approach the end of my two years in office, I am constantly reminded of what a wonderful club we have. Each and every one of you makes a difference in our community, for the children and makes our club an awesome club. I am deeply grateful for what you do for each other and for Kiwanis. Thank you.

Warmest Regards,

James Owen

### **August 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Janet Owen opened the meeting today by leading the club in saying the *Pledge of Allegiance* and singing *God Bless America*. Barb Walters shared words of wisdom. Janet then turned the meeting over to our speaker Paul Werrell who introduced himself and the topic for the program....The Impact Project: Community Justice Panel



Paul is a consultant to the Community Justice Panel. He provided us some history on the program and explained what it is and who it helps and supports. The Community Justice Panel (CJP) Program is a youth aid panel diversion program designed to utilize trained community volunteers to effectively handle first-time, juvenile offenders charged with summary and misdemeanor offenses. Community volunteers uphold Balanced and Restorative Justice Principals. The offender and family meet with the panel of volunteers to discuss the crime, school, and home/life issues. The goals of the program are accomplished through the panel's creation of a contract for the youth to complete. Successful completion results in no adjudication of delinquency and in most cases, the dismissal of fines and court-related costs. If the youth does not complete the contract they are processed through the traditional court system. The panel is not a court of law and does not determine guilt or innocence. Guilt is admitted by the juvenile prior to accepting the CJP as an alternative to the traditional court system. At any time during the panel process, the youth or their parents may end the process and choose to go to the District Justice or Juvenile Court.

The youthful offenders eligible for the panel must be first-time offenders guilty of a summary or misdemeanor offense. And are referred to the panel by the local police department or the District Justice at their discretion.

Paul shared the goals and benefits for the program and handed out a Community Justice Panel Questionnaire that are used to apply to become a Panel member. Currently there are 13 panels throughout the Lehigh Valley located in: Emmaus, Whitehall, Allentown (2 panels), Southern Lehigh (2 panels), Fountain Hill, Bethlehem, Salisbury, Macungie, Lower Macungie, Slatington and South Whitehall. Northampton County is slated to have a Panel up and running in the near future.

To learn more, go to.... [theimpactprojectince.net](http://theimpactprojectince.net)

### **Club Business**

Bill on updates regarding the Super Raffle....there are still raffle tickets available. Get your pictures and description of Tricky Tray prizes to him.

Not a great number signing up for the meal.

- Walt on SLPs .....getting together with the Forks elementary principal for getting a K-Kids Club going again.
- Janet....The Pennsylvania District Kiwanis International will hold its 2024 District Convention from August 15–18, 2024 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Reading, PA. The convention will be a joint event with the New Jersey District

### **August 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

#### **Easton Emergency Person of the Year Award 2023**

#### **Honoring Kyle R. Sherman**



On August 14, 2024, the Kiwanis Club of Easton had the distinct honor to posthumously recognize the recipient of the 2023 Easton Emergency Person of the Year, Kyle R. Sherman. President James Owen opened the meeting. The *Pledge of Allegiance* was said and *God Bless America* was sung. Barbara Walters shared words of inspiration.

James then welcomed our guests, Linda Sherman, Kyle Sherman's wife, and his daughters, Kelly Mihalko and Tracey Mazzarella and Christina Henritz (Operations Manager of the Easton Emergency Squad) and Bud Shull, President of the Board of Directors of the Easton Emergency Squad.

Walt Howell, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Easton and chair of the Awards Committee, gave remarks about the history of the Emergency Person of the Year Award followed by Bud Shull who spoke about the honoree.

First Bud thanked the Kiwanis Club of Easton for acknowledging the Easton Emergency Medical Services as part of the Public Safety Trilogy. He went on to say that service and dedication were two words that described Kyle Sherman as well as going above and beyond as an EMS practitioner.

Kyle Sherman began as an EMT in Williams Township where he served as Captain and as President. He and his family lived next door and his family became involved and spent countless hours volunteering there.

When the Easton Emergency Squad began advanced life support service Kyle and his family also volunteered there. He was also on the board and president. He volunteered all of this time while working at ArcelorMittal, formerly Bethlehem Steel. He facilitated the merger between the Williams Township and Easton Squads. Even after his retirement he remained on the board and as an EMT.

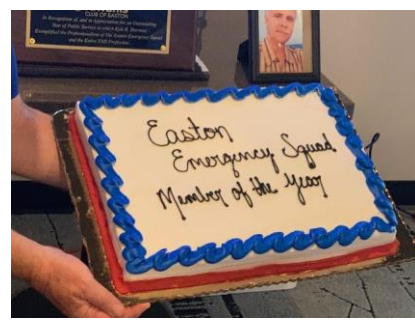
Kyle Sherman was a wonderful example of dedication and service and Bud Shull said, “the void left by his death remains unfilled.”

The award presentation of a plaque in Kyle Sherman’s honor was made by James Owen and Bud Shull and received by Mrs. Kyle Sherman. Remarks were made in Kyle’s honor. Also, the Kiwanis Club of Easton gave a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Sherman presented by Janet Owen recognizing the importance of her support of husband as a first responder.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Sherman, her daughters, Christina Henritz and Bud Shull. It was truly an honor to recognize your husband, father and colleague Kyle R. Sherman. He left a remarkable legacy.







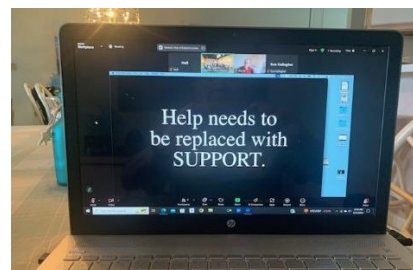
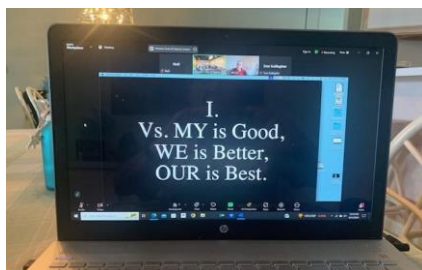
### August 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting

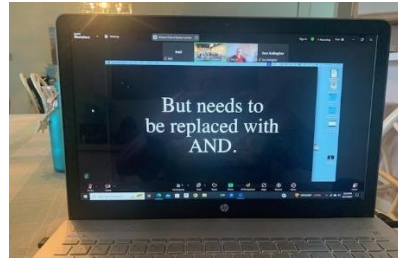
Today's meeting opened with President Elect Scott Fisher welcoming members. We said the *Pledge of Allegiance* and sang *God Bless America*. Barb Walters shared words of inspiration. Scott shared events that happened on this day in history and mentioned club birthdays and anniversaries singling out 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Alliances' 10<sup>th</sup> Club Anniversary. Congratulations 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Alliance!

Our speaker for today was unable to be here so this was more of a round table meeting. Topics discussed were the Super Raffle, the Rose Sale and membership.

Scott then shared a video by Mark Jacobson, TED Londonderry Studio. It was about Ways to Communicate and What It Takes to Make a Connection. The screen shots below explain words that kill connections. It was a very interesting and informative video and something to keep in mind when we reach out to others. Thanks so much, Scott.

The meeting ended with a reminder to look at next year's calendar and a review of upcoming meetings.





## August 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting

### **THE KIWANIS CLUB OF EASTON Board of Directors Meeting 12 PM Wednesday, August 28, 2024**

- **Call to Order:** Scott opened the meeting by leading us all in the *Pledge of Allegiance* and singing *God Bless America*
- **Attendance:** 9 Board members were in attendance
- **Approval of Minutes:**
  - Be it resolved that the Kiwanis Club of Easton BOD approves the May 29, 2024 Board of Directors' meeting minutes as submitted.  
All in favor....minutes approved
  - No June or July 2024 Board Meetings
- **Treasurer's Report...**presented by Rosemary Kocher
  - **Total Funds as of August 28, 2024**
  - Payment of the bills report
- **Correspondence:**
  - Center for Humanistic Change – Thank you letter and Sponsorship Appreciation Certificate
  - Big Brother Big Sisters - Thank you letter
  - Touch a Truck thank you email
- **Committee Reports:**
  - *Finance Committee* – Will meet in September
  - *Membership:* Neil Gallagher is stepping down as Membership Chair
  - *Audit Committee:* Audit to be completed in October. Committee needed...Chris Paltz volunteered to do the audit and Scott and Rosemary will be assisting.
  - *Other committee business has been reported during our monthly meetings and can be read in the monthly meeting updates in this newsletter.*
- **Old Business:**
  - Little Free Library was installed at the Easton Boys and Girls Club as reported today by Dean Young. All should stop by and see it!

- Induction of new members Jeremy Clark and Bonnie Jo Leidy....this event is being worked on to find a date that works for both Jeremy and Bonnie.
- Strategic Plan....we are scheduled to do work on this at a September meeting.
- **New Business:**
  - Kiwanis International dues increased from \$52 to \$77....much discussion happened around this item. Please see motion that follows for outcome.
- **Motions:**
  - Be it resolved that the Kiwanis Club of Easton approves the 2024-2025 dues for members in the amount of **\$150 (no increase this year for dues).**
  - Awards received at the District Convention.....please see the article covering this in this issue of our newsletter.
  - PA District Convention report from delegates.... We hope to schedule a panel of attendees so they can share their experiences and any updates and points of interest from the convention.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - *Super Raffle and Tricky Tray* – September 7, 2024
  - *Next Board Meeting* – September 18, 2024
- **Adjournment**

Scott adjourned the meeting at approximately 2pm

### **In Memoriam**



Jerry Thomas

It is with a sad heart that we report the passing of our former member, Jerry Thomas, on August 30, 2024.

Jerry joined Easton Kiwanis on April 30, 2008 and was still a member in 2017. Jerry was active with many of our projects as he loved volunteering with kids and youth.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Lilia, two daughters, Maria Thomas and Laura Thomas-Durham; a son Jerry Thomas and there are three grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

The Kiwanis Club of Easton would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Lilia and to Jerry's family.



## Member News

### The Kiwanis Club of Easton's first Little Free Library!



Thanks President James Owen, Easton Kiwanis member Carlos Plaza and Dean Young, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Easton and Easton Kiwanis member, and all Easton Kiwanians for encouraging literacy and the love of books. The Little Free Library from the Kiwanis Club of Easton was installed at the Boys and Girls Club of Easton recently. This will provide a convenient location near the Boys and Girls Club community garden area where books are available and can be shared.

### Boys and Girls Club of Easton



Easton Kiwanis President, James Owen, delivering some snacks for the Boys and Girls Club!

Thank you, Executive Director, Dean Young, for providing the opportunity! Thank you, Priscilla Martinez-Perez, Sandy Stewart- Barrett and Scott Fisher for the donation.



**PA District Convention**  
**Reading, PA**  
**August 10-13, 2023**

The 107<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Kiwanis District Convention was held in Reading, PA. The 2024 District Convention was a joint convention between Pennsylvania District and New Jersey District. The convention was held on August 15-18 at the [Doubletree Hilton Hotel](#) in Reading. Five members from the Kiwanis Club of Easton were present – Scott Fisher, Walter Howell, Rosemary Kocher and James and Janet Owen. Scott, Walt and Janet were our official delegates.



Activities began Thursday with an afternoon of service. Ten Kiwanians walked to New Journeys Community Outreach in Reading and helped to pack up 440 non-perishable lunch bags or assemble 288 sandwiches for their Friday lunch distribution. Some also helped organize their clothing closet. In the evening there was a Reading Phillies Baseball game.



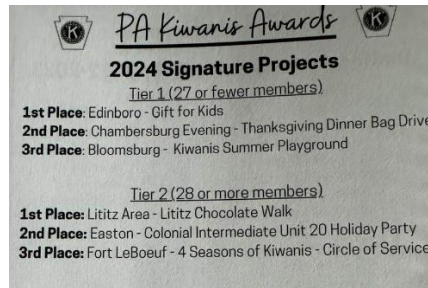
Throughout the weekend Theme Baskets and Displays were available. As first-time attendees Rosemary Kocher and Scott Fisher went to a session designed for those attending the convention for the first time that familiarized them with programs and procedures.

During the weekend there were several motivating Keynote Speakers, general sessions and a wide variety of Break Out Forum sessions as well as times to socialize. There will be more information on the convention in the September Newsletter.

The Saturday luncheon celebrated the accomplishments of Pennsylvania and New Jersey Kiwanis Clubs. In this area Kiwanis Club of Easton and its members were recognized with the following:

**Signature Project**  
**Tier 2 (28 or more members)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Easton Colonial Intermediate IU 20 Holiday Party



### 2023-2024 Distinguished Kiwanians

Janet Owen  
James Owen  
Neil Gallagher



### 2022-2023 Distinguished Clubs

Club Name	Division
Easton	17/18

Also recognized – James Owen, Distinguished Club President  
William Walters, Distinguished Club Secretary



**Club Communications**  
**Blue (25-45 members)**  
3rd Place – Kiwanis Club of Easton

## Special Congratulations to Janet Owen



Janet Owen was inducted as **Lt Governor** for region in the Pennsylvania Kiwanis District 17/18. Congratulations, Janet!

Congratulations to all of the members of the Kiwanis Club of Easton for all that you do for the children in our community!

Our Club donated a **Chocolate Themed Basket** for the Kiwanis Foundation and also Back to School items for children in the Reading area. Thanks to club members for their support of these two projects and to Janet Owen for arranging the basket and for collecting the school items.

### Sports of Health

I was asked to submit something for the newsletter about my involvement in the Sports for Health program I participated in this past August.

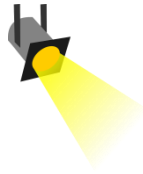
Since the summer of 2006 I have been serving as a summer guide for the Northeast Regional Pennsylvania Ski for Light/Sports of Health program for visually impaired and blind adults. This year from Sunday 8/18 to Sunday 8/25, I spent the week at the Sky Lake Camp and Retreat in Windsor, New York guiding and assisting some of the adults attending the program.

I have attached some photos of the activities the program offered this year, and I am in a few of the photo's riding on a mountain coaster at Greek Peak Adventure Center and climbing the rock wall inside Dick's House of Sports. We also went zip lining at the Adventure Center although it rained most of the time we were there. One day we walked to a nearby wind vane of which there were several in the area. Some participants also enjoyed boating in kayaks and canoes in the lake on the property as well as hiking paths around the lake.

One of the ideas I had was to reach out to the Conklin Kiwanis Club in the area to see if they might be interested in volunteering during the summer Sports for Health program or perhaps the winter Ski for Light program.

Walter Howell





***In the Spotlight***



**Wilson Area Communities That Care Coalition's Touch a Truck Event and Community Resource Fair**

**Our goal is to make this a free and fun family event that builds community and gets vital resources into the hands of Wilson Area families. (This is the second annual event!)**



Ways to be involved in the Wilson Area CTC's  
Touch a Truck Event and Community Resource Fair

- 1) Join our planning committee
- 2) Sponsor food, drinks, or entertainment (see sponsorship levels below)
- 3) Have a resource table at our event
- 4) Bring a truck or other vehicle
- 5) Donate backpacks or school supplies
- 6) Donate door prizes
- 7) Volunteer at the event
- 8) Promote the event to your networks



Easton Kiwanis Club supported this event by having a table and donating to the providing school supplies category.





Thanks to Terry Thomas and Scott Fisher for co-chairing this event!  
 Additional thanks go out to Scott and Judy Fisher, Janet and James Owen, Chris Paltz, Terry and John Thomas, Jeremy Clark, Neil and Sue Gallagher, Rosemary Kocher, Roger and Carolyn Connors. Everyone supported and pitched in!

## *Birthdays*

- ❖ Victor Dennis      Sept. 15
- ❖ Susan Bartels      Sept. 17
- ❖ Tanya Falero      Sept. 18
- ❖ Chris Paltz      Sept. 28

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Barbara Walters      9/3/2003
- Bill Walters      9/8/1982
- Gary Tempest      9/23/1993
- Sue Gallagher      9/29/2018

# IT'S ALMOST HERE KIWANIS CLUB OF EASTON SUPER RAFFLE

**September 7, 2024**  
**Tricky Tray**  
**THE Great Easton**  
**September 7, 2024**  
**KAWINIS**  
**ANNUAL SUPER RAFFLE AND TRICKY-TRAY**

**NO CHARGE TO ATTEND MEAL OPTIONAL**  
 DOORS OPEN NOON  
 FOOD READY BY NOON  
 SUPER RAFFLE DRAWING 1PM - 2PM  
 TRICKY-TRAY CLOSING AT 2:30PM  
 TRICKY-TRAY DRAWING FOLLOWING

**#KidsNeedKiwanis**  
 DOOR PRIZE \$150  
 LOTTERY  
 SCRATCH OFF TICKETS

**MEAL OPTIONAL**  
**Pasta Meal Available**  
 ADULTS \$50  
 Children 12 \$15  
 Salad, Meatballs, Sauce, Peppers, Coffee, Tea, Soda, Water, noon-2PM

**Drawing held for \$100 Kiwanis Super Raffle tickets. \$10,000 in prizes. Only 200 tickets are sold. THEY MAY STILL BE AVAILABLE. Also 110 Super 50:50 tickets will be available.**

**Reserve seats for your meal. Leave a message to Easton Kiwanis with your name, how many people will attend and phone number at: 484-291-1596 or email info.eastonkiwanis@gmail.com**

**FUNDRAISING PROCEEDS FOR OUR MULTIPLE SCHOLARSHIPS AND YOUTH CLUBS**

**\$20 FOR 25 TICKETS**

**MORE THAN 30 BASKET ITEMS AVAILABLE**

**SHAMMY SHINE CAR WASHES**  
 MARLBOROUGH RESTAURANT  
 WINE BASKET + ITEMS  
 GREEN POND GOLF COURSE  
 WILLIAMS RESTAURANT  
 BAR-DON BOWLING  
 IRON PEGS BASEBALL  
 MEXICAN DINNER ITEMS  
 JUST BORN CANDY  
 CRAYOLA PRODUCTS  
 ICE CREAM SUNDAE  
 CHOCOLATE  
 KIDS BASKET  
 ARTS/MUSIC  
 PICKLEBALL  
 ITALIAN  
 SEWING  
 DRUM  
 AND MORE!!!!!!

SEPT. 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 12:00  
 BE SURE TO JOIN US AT  
 BROWN & LYNCH AMERICAN LEGION POST 9  
 FUN, FOOD, PRIZES!!  
 BE SURE TO BE THERE!

**Rose Sale**  
 Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation's  
 21st annual  
**Rose Sale**  
 \$24 per dozen  
 multicolored, long-stemmed  
 roses with baby's breath in a  
 decorative box  
**Kiwanis**  
 PENNSYLVANIA KIWANIS FOUNDATION

Kiwanis members, it's that time of year again for our wonderful fundraiser the **ROSE SALE**. The roses are always beautiful and they make great and thoughtful gifts. **Orders and payment** should be given to **Barb Walters** by **September 25<sup>th</sup>**. **Delivery Date** is **October 24<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks to **Barb Walters** for chairing this important fundraiser!

**Upcoming Events**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS ↓↓↓↓**

**Sept 7 – Annual Super Raffle @ Brown & Lynch American Legion Post 9, 12-3PM, great pasta meal, Super Raffle, Super 50:50, Tricky Tray fundraisers.**

**Sept 11 – Round Table-Super Raffle wrap up**

Sept 18 – Board Meeting

Sept 25 – Focus on Strategic Plan

Oct 2 – Easton Firefighter of the Year, Pomfret Club

Oct 9 – Installation of New Officers & Directors, Scott will lay out his plan for this time as President

Oct 16 – (Kathy Presto-open)

Oct 23 – Board Meeting

Oct 30 – Evening Social Meeting, time/location TBA

Nov 6 – Arthur Kney, PhD, Professor Environmental Engineering Lafayette College, "Wastewater Technology - Who Knew That Was Important and How Does It Affect Your Life?"

Nov 13 – Round Table

Nov 20 – Dr Kenneth Wildrick, "Personal Reflections on the Environment"

Nov 27 – Board Meeting

Dec 4 – (Janet-open)

Dec 11 – Round Table

Dec 18 -- (Janet-open)

Dec 21 – Sat. Christmas Party

Dec 25 -- CHRISTMAS

Bill Walters, Manager of Special Projects

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John Walson, Jr.

**GOLF FOR KIDS' SAKE**

**JOHN WALSON JR. GOLF FOR KIDS' SAKE**  
**WOODSTONE COUNTRY CLUB**



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

[www.bbbslv.org](http://www.bbbslv.org) **Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lehigh Valley - Defenders of ...**

Look under **Events**

KIWANIS CLUB OF EASTON meets every Wednesday

[www.eastonpakiwanis.org](http://www.eastonpakiwanis.org)

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**GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

EASTON KIWANIS YOUTUBE CHANNEL

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC56Xw6VDh-Jb](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC56Xw6VDh-JbLjyFug4V-AA/videos)

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