

Kiwanis

CLUB OF EASTON, PA



NEWSLETTER

September, 2024

SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

President's Letter

Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

Reflecting back on the past two years as President of your Kiwanis Club of Easton, I am struck by how closely we have worked together to accomplish great things. It is a tribute to each and every one of you and your dedication to Kiwanis. The times you contributed funds, or stepped forward to take a position or volunteer for one of our service opportunities, all go to make Easton Kiwanis the great club it is. We do in fact make a big difference in our community, for the children in our region and for the improvement of the fragile infrastructures that impact children's lives. Whether it be the generous way we, as a club stepped forward to help the victims of the Memorial Day Easton West Ward fire, read to kids at the Forks YMCA school, volunteered at Miracle League, conducted the Holiday Colonial IU20 party, established our first Little Free Library, and so many other examples, you make a difference in the lives of children and the wellbeing of our community. I have been immensely proud to be your President and to tell people everywhere I go the wonderful work you do.

As we move into a new Kiwanis year, I know you will join me in welcoming our new incoming President, Scott Fisher. I look forward to supporting Scott in every way we can, much in the ways you supported me, and to continue to grow our club to become even more effective and impactful in the lives of children. Congratulations, Scott, on your new position as our club President. For myself, it was one of the most profound honors of my life to proudly serve as the President of the Kiwanis Club of Easton, and I know it will be yours as well. We all look forward to helping your vision come into being and will support you every step of the way.

In Kiwanis Service,

Kind Regards,

James Owen

Monthly Wrap Up

September 4, 2024 Meeting

This zoom meeting was called by Bill Walters for the purpose of wrapping up details for the Super Raffle/Trick Tray Event and for answering any questions. It was asked that all members

on the Fundraising committee and all other members willing to help with the event attend the Zoom meeting. Bill showed pictures of the room and explained the layout of the tables.

Bill went over a printed agenda of the details including the time frame, people needed, set up and the Program for the afternoon. He explained the Tricky/Tray set up with each basket having a name, a picture of the contents and written description with an accompanying picture and explanation of a service or project provided by the Kiwanis Club of Easton. Great job, Bill!!

We were ready to go!

Go Team!!

September 11, 2024 Meeting

President James Owen opened the meeting with the *Pledge of Allegiance* and *God Bless America*. James asked for a very somber moment of silence to remember the 9/11 Attacks on our country and to hold in memory all of those who gave their lives for our country on that day and continue to do so even now.

Our club was very honored today to install a new member, Jeremy Clark, into the Kiwanis Club of Easton. Jeremy is a trial attorney and is currently president of the Northampton Bar Association. James Owen opened the ceremony and welcomed Jeremy. Barb Walters shared Words of Inspiration. Scott Fisher, President-Elect, gave a brief history of Kiwanis.

During the ceremony all Kiwanians read the six **Objects of Kiwanis** which serve as the guiding principles of our organization. James Owen then presented Jeremy with a Certificate of Membership, a Kiwanis Member Pin and his Kiwanis name tag. Jeremy was also given a folder of information about the club. Walt Howel gave a brief orientation and James Owen gave closing comments. **Congratulations and Welcome to Jeremy Clark!!**



Business

- Kathy Heller shared information about the Nazareth High School Key Club
- Barb Walters reminded everyone that Rose Orders are due on Sept. 25th

- Bill Walters shared some information about the Super Raffle/Tricky Tray and thanked everyone for their help.
- Our club has been invited to join Phillipsburg Kiwanis in the Halloween Parade. Walt Howell has information
- Miracle League Trick or Treat is on October 27th. Janet Owen has information on this.

September 18, 2024 Meeting

No meeting

September 25, 2024 Meeting

President James Owen opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. We said the *Pledge of Allegiance* and sang *God Bless America*. James took a few moments to address the club reflecting on his two-year Presidency. This was followed by a round of applause.

A discussion of the Strategic Plan followed. It was decided that Structure and Finance were two areas requiring emphasis and both will be addressed at a future time.

Business

- Walt Howell said that two SLPs, Shawnee and St. Jane's, should be up and running soon.
- Walt also mentioned that plans to participate in the Easton/Phillipsburg Halloween Parade on Oct. 27th with the Kiwanis Club of Phillipsburg are underway. Please refer to the email Walt sent to the membership.
- Janet Owen said the Northampton Miracle League Trick or Treat will be from 6:00 to 8:00 on Oct. 27th at the Chrin Center. If you are interested in participating, please contact Janet. Set up is from 4:00 to 6:00.
- Janet also mentioned that the IU Christmas Party will be on Dec. 4th at the Chrin Center. More information to follow.

Member News

Miracle League

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Easton volunteered recently at the concession stand of Northampton Miracle League Field Concession Stand. Thank you, Kathy Presto, Walt Howell and Chris Paltz.



[PennAEYC Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children](#)



PennAEYC was happy to be a sponsor of the Building Brighter Futures: Addressing the Early Childhood Crisis panel discussion and networking event hosted by the [Lehigh Valley Chamber](#) , [Lehigh Valley Community Foundation](#) , and the Early Childhood Education Action Committee. Jan Schwartz, PennAEYC's Outreach Director, and Anu Sachdev, PennAEYC board member, are on the Early Childhood Education Action Committee. Panelists included [Congresswoman Susan Wild](#) and State Representative Peter Schweyer. They and other stakeholders from the business sector, community organizations, and parents explored collaborative strategies to address the early childhood education crisis. The panel was facilitated by Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce CEO Tony Iannelli.
Facebook (9/13/24)



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF EASTON**

Supporting the Boys & Girls Club of Easton with the goal of ongoing contributions. What goes around comes around!

Thank you for the support Perozo Trucking Inc.

Dean Young, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Easton, gratefully accepts a bountiful donation of nutritious snacks from a kind-hearted mother and son, neighbors, and ardent club supporters.

We want to thank Perozo Trucking Inc., Priscilla Martinez-Perez of Remax Real Estate, Kiwanis Club, and Melquisedec Martinez for their contributions. Our club strives to collect and then donate to those who need it most, and we are grateful for Perozo Trucking's support when possible. We firmly believe that the power of giving and receiving is a fundamental principle that guides our actions.

- Dean Young (Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Easton and 36-year member of the Kiwanis Club of Easton)



In the Spotlight
SUPER RAFFLE
September 7, 2024

Annual Super Raffle fundraiser by Bill Walters

Easton Kiwanis has been doing the Super Raffle continuously for over 40 years except for COVID years of 2020 and 2021. We copied it from Easton Rotary the 2nd year they did it and they eventually even stopped doing the raffle as they had problems selling-out their 200 tickets. Their prize money was lower than ours. About 12-16 years ago we had trouble selling out too, but we kept doing it. Keep in mind we are talking about a huge fundraiser for our club producing \$7950 in income less license and ticket costs. And keep in mind back when we started it there was no license fee and one of our members was a printer: so back in the 'ol days we netted \$7950. Remember there are 200 tickets at \$100 each and the Grand Prize is \$10,000, that might be shared with 5 or less people and we give away \$2050 in smaller winnings to 9 people. We've also had a \$10 Super 50:50 drawing for many years along with the Super Raffle. That has been generating income of about \$600+ average over the past 8 years. So, we've been producing about \$8000+ from the event. We held it during our weekly Wednesday meeting and except for one time it was always at lunch. Charlie Adams and I assisted Charlie Bealer who brought the idea to our club after he attended the Easton Rotary's first drawing. I was in business then and between Charlie and his business and mine we had lots of contacts which made it easy to sell tickets to. In fact, in the early years, we jointly sold at least 125+ tickets until I sold my business and I said "It's not the Bill & Charlie Kiwanis Club. We need members to step up and sell." Eventually I asked someone else to take over the "paperwork" of the event and Joanne Cappellano stepped in. After Joanne's car accident last year, I agreed to re-assume leadership and we knew we could not get it fully operational by May-June as that had been the timetable for many years. Now that we also have a Fundraising Committee questions arose of how to improve the event and raise even more money. Should we lower the price and add more tickets to sell or what could we do to generate more income for our Service Fund. In conversation, member Carlos Plaza mentioned the idea of having a Tricky Tray along with the Super Raffle. Hence was born our new idea of **THE GREAT EASTON KAWINIS SUPER RAFFLE AND TRICKY-TRAY**. I must admit that the banner and wording idea came from a very old friend, Mike Keenan of the Keenan-Nagle Advertising Agency in Allentown. We knew we should not attempt this in the summer months and the next question was "where to hold it?" Various locations were considered and the Brown & Lynch American Legion was researched and they were very willing to support us and it turned out to be a great location. Members were encouraged to provide tricky-tray baskets and contact sources for gift-cards. We ended up with 30 baskets and 11 gift cards provided by 15 members of Easton Kiwanis. Each of the 41 items had an "ad sheet" showing-describing what it was and a comment like "Did you know Easton Kiwanis members provide/do/support..." listing many of our projects along with a different photo for all 41 ad sheets. And 19 members of our club sold the 200 Super Raffle tickets along with the Super 50:50 tickets. The pasta meal idea in fact lost \$212 and probably would not be considered in any future similar events should the club decide to do this again. The best part was that the day's event produced a net profit of \$9500 and the winner of the Super 50:50 contributed his \$1090 back to the club. Overall, we have added \$10,590 to Easton Kiwanis' Service Fund and I want to thank all the club members and spouses that helped this year; *you Kiwanis verbs know who you are.*

If you would like to watch the event on our Easton Kiwanis YouTube channel, [click here](https://youtu.be/jr9kc7KYYIA).
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Lehigh Valley Polo Event
September 15th

Two (2) VIP Vouchers
(worth \$350 exchangeable for
10 General Admissions)
for September 15th
Lehigh Valley Polo Event at
Easton (Bradens) Airport
Tee Shirt, Stuffed Animal, and Plant

Did you know Easton Kiwanis members provided a Reading Oasis at the Easton Boys & Girls Club.



Your Generosity Changes Lives.

2024 Charity Fundraising #KidsNeedKiwanis

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Handyman's "Bucket of Stuff"

\$25.00 Gift Certificate from Placitello's
WD-40
Simple Green
3-IN-1 Oil
Gorilla Wood Glue
Gorilla Super Glue Gel
Gorilla Tape
Craftsman Work Gloves
(4) D, (4) C, (8) AA, (8) AAA Batteries
American flag

Did you know Easton Kiwanis members provide an annual Easton Firefighter of the Year Award.



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Barb and Bill Walters
58 Years
September 17th

Congratulations
Easton Area High School Band
100th Anniversary

This has been quite a year for the award-winning Easton Area High School Band celebrating its 100th Anniversary. Since 1924 the band has been an essential part of not only the school but also the community. From humble beginnings it has grown to a Marching Band of nearly 300 students.

The evening of September 28, 2024, was a night to remember. The Instrumental Music Association hosted the First Flag Band Festival, which incidentally celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Five area bands performed in the festival and were recognized for their accomplishments. Exhibition performances were presented by the Easton Area Middle School 7-8 Marching Band (200 strong), the Easton Area High School Marching Band and the Alumni Marching Band. Over 300 alumni band members returned to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary. It was amazing to see all of the Easton Bands perform. Our own Kiwanis Club of Easton member, Kathy Presto, Easton Area Community Center Board of Directors President, was in the Alumni Band playing bells. She shares her experience below.

From: Kathy Presto

I was excited to meet and share memories with hundreds of alums and the current EAHS band. It was an amazing experience to walk on the field at Cottingham just like I did decades ago and play in the Alumni Band and then

with EAHS band who is phenomenal. Together we were 600 plus people playing and marching and making the 100 Sign on the field. Definitely a once in a lifetime experience that I will treasure always. As they say once a rover always a rover!

Special thanks go to Mr. Christopher Ballentine, EAHS Instrumental Music Director, Mr. Aaron Hetrick, the Instrumental Music Association and the amazing students.

You are all awesome.

The Kiwanis Club of Easton was also fortunate in February of this year to have Mr. Ballentine speak at one of our meetings, along with last year's Band Council President, Joshua Frankin, and one of the Drum Majors, Angelina Padula. The Easton Area High School Instrumental Music Association was also the recipient of one of the Kiwanis Club of Easton's Foundation Grants.



Easton Area High School and Alumni Bands

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- **October 3** - Kiwanis Readers at Forks Educational Center 11:00am. *
- **October 3** - Childcare Voter Campaign at PBS in Bethlehem at 6:00pm (Jan Schwartz)
- **October 12** - Miracle League concession stand - 9:30- 11:30.*
- **October 22** – Zoom meeting at 7:00 PM to plan and organize the Kiwanis the Kiwanis Club of Easton Holiday Party which will be held on December 21st. 1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.*
- **October 24** - Pack and Deliver Roses, 7 AM ***

- **October 24** - Jump Start Read for the Record at Forks Educational Center at 11:00a.m. We will be reading Piper Chen Sings.*
- **October 26**- Region 6 Meeting ***
- **October 27** - Easton/ Phillipsburg Halloween Parade**
- **October 27** - Miracle League Trick or Treat at the Miracle Field. We will still do the Pirate theme to keep things simple but let me know if you have any suggestions. 4:00 - 5:45 Set-up 5:45 photographs 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.*
- **November 7** - Kiwanis Readers at Forks @ 11:00a.m.*
- **November 21** - Kiwanis Readers at Forks @ 11:00a.m.*
- **December 5** – Colonial IU20 Holiday Party with the Nazareth Key Club 8:30 - 1:00/1:30. *

For information: *Janet Owen, **Walter Howel, ***Barb Walters, ****Scott Fisher

Birthdays

Tom Malerba	Oct. 1 st
Daniel Mino	Oct. 4 th
Jeremy Clark	Oct. 31 st

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

James Owen	10/4/2017
Susan Bartels	10/11/2023



Thanks to club members for supporting this important fundraiser. Delivery will be on **October 24th**. Members will be meeting at **St. John's Lutheran Church at 330 Ferry St.** by **7 AM** to pack roses. Barb will have sign-up sheets at meetings in October. A **BIG THANK YOU** to **Barb Walters** for organizing this event.



Please mark your calendars! The Kiwanis Club of Easton will be the recipient **SURV'S** next **Curbside Fundraiser** to support our IU 20 Holiday Party. The dates are **October 28, 29 and 30**. Be on the lookout for more information and for the menu for this fundraiser. Thank you **SURV** for your support of the Kiwanis Club of Easton and for your ongoing commitment to the community! Looking forward to this delicious event!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 – Retrospective on District Convention from Panel of Kiwanis

Attendees...

Oct 23 – Board Meeting

Oct 24 – Rose Sale Delivery, 7:30AM-9AM

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 5 – IU Holiday Party

Dec 11 – Round Table

Dec 18 -- (Janet-open)

Dec 21 – Sat. Christmas Party

Dec 25 – CHRISTMAS

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EASTON KIWANIS YOUTUBE CHANNEL

PENNSYLVANIA BACKGROUND CHECKS (free for volunteers)

ONLINE APPLICATION

Welcome to Pennsylvania Access To Criminal History (AKA PATCH)

<https://epatch.pa.gov/home>

The PATCH unit will no longer mail out any PATCH check that is requested on the EPATCH web site. It will be the responsibility of the requestor to print out the No Record or Record response.

Volunteer. <https://epatch.pa.gov/TandCVolunteer>

There is no charge for requests made for the purpose of volunteering. The volunteer record check can be made via the PATCH website or by mail using form SP4-164A, "REQUEST FOR CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK, VOLUNTEER ONLY". The SP4-164A form may be downloaded from the home page of this website under the "HELP" drop down menu. The name of the agency or organization for which you will be volunteering must be listed. You must also read and accept the legal disclaimer affirming that the purpose of this record check is for volunteer purposes only and is not authorized for any other use.

A Notarized Copy of a Criminal Record Check is NOT available for Free Volunteer Checks.

Volunteer Acknowledgement Section

By checking this box, I verify that I am submitting this request for criminal history record information in connection with my status as an unpaid volunteer. I understand that the \$22 fee is being waived because of my status as an unpaid volunteer. I also understand that any false statements made on this form are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities and can be punishable by fine or imprisonment.

Check the small box and then ACCEPT/DECLINE the box below and it will take you to the page to complete your PERSONAL INFORMATION.

This form you may download and then you will need to mail it in.

https://www.psp.pa.gov/Documents/Public%20Documents/criminal_history/CRC%20Request%20Volunteer%20Only%20SP%204-164A.pdf

11/30/2022

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GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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