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CLUB OF EASTON



June Klatter 2025

2025 SUPER RAFFLE KICK-OFF

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

As we close the book on June and head into the heart of this wonderful Pennsylvania summer, I want to begin by thanking everyone who contributed to this month's *Klatter*, as well as all those who attended our bi-weekly luncheons and participated in our recent service projects. Your involvement is what keeps the Kiwanis Club of Easton active, impactful, and true to our mission.

In this month's letter, I'm excited to officially kick off the 2025 Super Raffle, which will take place on Wednesday, September 3rd. For over 40 years, this event has been our club's premier fundraiser – helping us do what we do best: “improve the world one child and one community at a time.” The Super Raffle funds our scholarships, our youth programs, and so many of the initiatives that make a difference in our city and the surrounding area.

We sell just two hundred raffle tickets (\$100 each) and two hundred 50/50 tickets (\$10 each) – simple in theory, but as we've seen, about 20% of our members often carry 80% of the effort. Let's change that this year. If you're not able to sell tickets, I kindly ask that each member commit to purchasing at least one. At \$100, it's an excellent value and a meaningful investment in our mission. Honestly – what else still costs \$100 that hasn't gone up in price in the past 40 years? Adjusted for inflation, that same ticket should cost nearly \$300 today, yet we've kept it unchanged to ensure broad participation.

We have a terrific summer ahead, full of opportunities to connect, serve, and make memories together. Be sure to check out the calendar and updates in this issue. Let's all do our part to support the Super Raffle and continue the legacy of this great club.

And one final note – please consider inviting a friend, colleague, or neighbor to an upcoming meeting or event. There's no better way to grow our club than by sharing the spirit of Kiwanis with others.

Yours in service,

Scott Fisher

President, Kiwanis Club of Easton



What a great meeting! Gary Tempest, retiring Kiwanis Club of Easton Treasurer, was honored today for his 30 plus years of service to the club, as he passes the torch to Rosemary Kocher.

President Scott Fisher opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and we sang God Bless America. Ken Wildrick's Words of Inspiration centered around "Gratitude" and its place in our lives. There were 18 club members present and as well as past member Nick Ciambrone, who came to honor Gary. *So great to see you, Nick.*

Our emcee today was Walter Howell. He opened the Gary's Recognition Day by acknowledging Gary's dedication to the club. Chris Paltz then read the following statics about Gary's time as treasurer:

Service Hours

- 32 years x 35 hours per year = 1,100 hours of service

Translates to:

- 1,100 divided by 160 hours per month (4 weeks x 40 hours) =
7 months of service if full time

Forgone income:

- 1,100 hours x average billing rate = approximately \$135,000

Wow! When you look at it that way it is truly a sign of Gary's behind the scenes dedication to the club. When asked previously why he did it, 'he said it was his contribution to Easton Kiwanis.' In Bill Walters' words. "Gary's calling was to invest in our (club's) future, 1 child at a time."

Chris Paltz and Walter Howell then proceeded to give Gary a gift from the club. It was a framed print of a U.S. Postal Stamp from 1987 that was made to honor the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the American Association of Public Accounts.

This was followed by several members speaking on Gary's behalf. We heard from Walt Howell, Skip Fairchilds, Ken Wildrick, Rosemary Kocher,. Neil Gallagher, James Owen, Joanne Cappellano, Nick Ciambrone, Scott Fisher and Bill Walters, who started his presentation with a slide show followed by remarks about Gary.

The theme of this time dedicated to Gary was one of utmost appreciation. Gary is very humble and a true behind the scenes person. He was always able to do what was best for the club at all times. Adjectives like generous, dedicated, honest, patient and gracious were also used.

Gary thanked the club for this honor and said that as the job was passed to Rosemary, he would always be available to help her.

Saying thanks does not seem like enough. We all know that Gary was steadfast in his work keeping the club on solid ground. Gary you are appreciated more than words can say! *Thank You*



June 11th we held a “prayer luncheon”...

Our meeting today started with President Scott Fisher, welcoming everyone, including our guests, Rabbi Mark Shulman, Anthony Ventura and Barb Walters. We said the Pledge of Allegiance and sang God Bless America, led by Barb Walters.

Ken Wildrick shared profound Words of Inspiration on Independence, since we will not be meeting until after the 4th of July, He Words of Wisdom also centered around Objects 4 and 6 of The Six Objects of Kiwanis.

This was the first Prayer Breakfast (in our case, Luncheon) that the club has had in many years. Kiwanis encourages these prayer breakfasts to foster community support and unity.

Rabbi Mark Shulman

Speaker

Scott proceeded to introduce Rabbi Shulman, who has been the Senior Rabbi at the Congregation Beth El Gibor, House of the Might God in Bethlehem, PA. He was raised in traditional observant Jewish Home. He has been involved in the Messianic Jewish Movement for over 25 years. Rabbi Shulman is the author of 3 books.

Rabbi Shulman obtained his S'micha, ordination, through the International Alliance of Messianic Congregations and Synagogues. He has been married for forty years to his wife Ranjiena who serves alongside him in ministry. They have 3 grown children and 8 grandchildren.

For 11 years Rabbi Shulman has served in the USAF Auxiliary-CAP as the Pennsylvania Wing Chaplain and the Northeast Region Deputy Chaplain, under the endorsement of the Union of Messianic and Synagogues and holds the grade of Major.

We were very fortunate today to have Rabbi Shulman as one of our speakers. Not only does he have a very notable background but he also speaks with enthusiasm and conviction.

One topic he discussed was how to serve young people and the importance of building strong moral character. He explained 4 core values he deems important – obligation to God, respect, integrity and excellence. He said the best way to apply these is through volunteer service.

Rabbi Shulman went on to explain that he is part of two worlds in his ministry. One is the Rabbi World, in which Spiritual Development is the major emphasis. The other is the Chaplaincy World, in which he ministers to everybody and all beliefs. There the emphasis is on being the best you can be. This goes back to the 4 core values.

Rabbi Shulman explained more on both of these worlds. He also said that Denominationalism can be divisive. It is important to focus in what brings people together and unites them. This is a thread that went through his presentation.

The cadets with whom he works are between 13 and 18 years old. In his congregation there are 60 Gentiles and 40 Jewish members.

Rabbi Shulman also gave two beautiful blessings in Hebrew during his presentation – one was before our meal and one was a final blessing.

A question-and-answer period followed at the end of both presentations.

It is very difficult to capture the presentation given by Rabbi Shulman in a few paragraphs. It was inspirational and dynamic. Please check our YouTube Channel to see the Rabbi Shulman’s full enlightening and uplifting presentation.

Anthony Ventura

Speaker

Our next speaker was Anthony Ventura. Anthony is 16 years old and will be a Junior at Easton Area High School in the Fall. At the high school he is in the Honor Society, the band, the Key Club and in the Red Poppy Club. Outside of school he is a Boy Scout, volunteers at his church and with the Phillipsburg Railroad Historians.

At this meeting Anthony was speaking about what it is like to be a Chaplain’s Aide for his Boy Scout troop. He explained that since the troop had not had an adult volunteer for 3 months, he had to assume some of the Chaplain’s responsibilities.

He explained that his troop is comprised of scouts of different denomination. It is important to develop reverence in accordance with the Boy Scout Law.

Scouts have services conducted by the Chaplain’s Aide at different times. The services Anthony has are ecumenical and consist of several components which he explained. There are also Prayer Circles where Scouts can mention their intentions for prayers.


Last summer Anthony went to Philmont in New Mexico. It was a 12-day backpacking trip with no phones or cars. Anthony said that in nature it was easy to see that there is something bigger in this world. This summer he is going to Sea Base for 2 weeks on a boat again with little or no communication with the outside world. He said it’s another opportunity for him to connect with the Creator. He has been busy getting the services ready.

June 11th "prayer luncheon" continues....

One other thing that Anthony explained that sometimes the best thing he can do is give encouragement to the scouts and provide a listening ear. He also has a God Box with various inspirational materials in it that goes to campsites with them. Anytime a scout feels the need it's there to be used.

Anthony is the son of Elizabeth Ventura and the grandson of Neil and Sue Gallagher. Thank you so much for your presentation, Anthony. We wish you all of the best in your future endeavors.

The 68-minute prayer luncheon on YouTube [click here.](#)



Prayer Luncheon
June 11, 2025

Rabbi Mark Shulman

Scouting America Chaplain Aide Anthony Ventura

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The graphic features a central illustration of a plate with a fork and knife, and a pair of hands clasped in prayer. Surrounding this are various icons: a menorah, a Star of David, a scroll, a church, and a chalice. Portraits of Rabbi Mark Shulman and Anthony Ventura are also included.



June 18th our President Scott Fisher provided insight into our upcoming Major Fundraiser: The Super Raffle..

President Scott Fisher welcomed everyone to the meeting today. We had one guest on zoom, Charles Chase from the Allentown Northeast Kiwanis Club. *The Pledge of Allegiance* was said and *God Bless America* was sung. Scott shared Words of Inspiration and events that happened "On This Day in History."

The meeting started with committee reports from members:

- Walt Howell reported that both SLPs, Shawnee and St. Jane's School, will be in operation in the coming school year.
- Walt also reported that Judy Dickerson will be contributing some of the 300 books donated to Cops 'n' Kids by the Nazareth Key Club to Easton Kiwanis' Little Library at the Boys and Girls Club.
- Rosemary Kocher discussed Finances
- Scott Fisher mentioned that Easton Kiwanis will be participating this year in the Touch a Truck Event on August 10
- Bill Walters asked any members reading to preschoolers to please try to record the reading and send it to him for a project that he is working on

Super Raffle

The main topic of this meeting was the Super Raffle. Scott Fisher is leading this very important fundraiser.

Topics discussed:

- Logistics that will try to make the Super Raffle not only a financial success but also be as stress free as possible
- Ways to better collect money and encourage communication with all members
- There were two handouts
 - First - the club will be broken up into four teams each with a team captain to collect money
 - Second – was a way to communicate with potential ticket buyers

Different sales strategies were also discussed. Tickets are being ordered and should be available by June 24th.

Suggestions were met with enthusiasm. Looking forward to a very successful **SUPER RAFFLE!**

To view the presidents remarks on the 72-min video [click here](#).



June 25th no meeting as members are leaving for International and District Convention in Pittsburgh...

As the Kiwanis International Convention and the PA District Convention are both taking place beginning on the 25th and since Easton Kiwanis has a great group of dedicated members attending in Pittsburgh we did not have a meeting. Our member and Lt. Governor Janet Owen had to go without her husband James as as he was preparing to attend last Wednesday's Club meeting he broke his leg as he was leaving his home. Representing Easton are: President Scott Fisher, Lt. Governor Div. 17/18 Janet Owen, Past President Neil Gallagher, Incoming President Suzanne Gallagher, Secretary-Treasurer Rosemary Kocher, Past Lt. Governors-Kathy Heller & Walter Howell.

The opening speaker was football legend Terry Bradshaw. Easton members have been seen rubbing elbows with International Trustee and Easton Kiwanis "Zoom" friend Hope Marks along with meeting the International President Lee Kuan Yong from Petaling Jaya, Malaysia and his lovely wife.



Congratulations to Harry Wildrick!
Harry is the grandson of Lois and Ken Wildrick. He graduated from High School in Syracuse, New York in June. He will be heading off to Reed College in Salem, Oregon in the fall. This is great for Lois and Ken since he will be only two hours from them when they are in Washington. We wish you all of the very best, Harry!



Elizabeth Ventura graduated Cum Laude from East Stroudsburg University on May 10th with a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education. She is a Lead Teacher at Head Start in Allentown. Elizabeth is the mother of Anthony Ventura and the daughter of Neil and Sue Gallagher. Congratulations, Elizabeth!

Owen Fairchild, grandson of Skip and Mary graduated from Penn State University on May 11th with a BS degree in Landscape Management. Owen has had his own business, College Hill Landscaping, for several years. Owen's years of experience coupled with his college degree will help Owen expand his business even beyond College Hill in Easton.



Ronald McDonald PULL-TAB update...

District 17/18 Clubs - INSPIRATION! - Ronald McDonald House Tab Collection / Check This Out! Brandywine Heights Key Club (Allentown Kiwanis) accepted the challenge and CRUSHED it. Thanks Karen Baker



UPCOMING EVENTS INFORMATION

More convention and district news and birthdays and anniversaries will be in the July news.

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A dish to share and a chair are
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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

July 2 – no meeting in honor of 4th of July

July 9 – Kathy Heller Luncheon-noon @ SURV

July 16 + July 23 replaced by Potluck Dinner evening at Rog & Carolyn Conners home 5PM on Sunday July 20th.

July 30 – Evening event-members and guests for food and fun at WUNDERLUST-5PM and later.

Aug 6 – EMS person of the year @ Pomfret Club

Aug 10 – Sunday-Touch a Truck Wilson Area Communities that Care @ Wilson High School parking lot, 10:30am-1PM

Aug 13 –

Aug 20 –

Aug 27 --

Sept 3 – Super Raffle @ Brown & Lynch American Legion 6PM dinner, 7PM Drawing

Sept 10 – Kiwanis Luncheon Honors Roger Conners @ Pomfret Club

Oct 1 – Installation of officers and board by LTG Janet Owen

Oct 3 – Palmer Kiwanis Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser @ Green Pond CC.

Oct 8 – Easton Firefighter of the Year @ Pomfret Club



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