



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Kiwanians,

August was a busy and rewarding month for our club, and I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all members who gave their time and energy to our service projects. On August 5th, we partnered with the West Ward Community Initiative for National Night Out, providing a fun and safe evening for families. Just a few days later, on August 10th, our club supported the Wilson Area Communities That Care Coalition at their Touch a Truck event, helping to create an engaging and educational day for children. We closed the month on August 15th with Boys and Girls Club Give Back, where our members worked together to make a difference for local youth. Each of these efforts showcased the spirit of service that defines our club, and I am grateful for all who participated. A more detailed overview of each project can be found in the pages of this month's *Klatter*.

In addition, much of our focus this past month has been on selling Super Raffle tickets, and I am pleased to share that all \$100 tickets have been sold, with our Super 50/50 ticket sales also looking very strong. This success is the result of the commitment and persistence of our members, and I thank each of you for your efforts. As I write this letter, we are just one week away from our Wednesday, September 3rd drawing, and I look forward to seeing you all there. Please plan to attend this fun event and join in the excitement as we celebrate the culmination of this important fundraiser!

We also continue to keep our Special Projects Manager, Bill Walters, in our thoughts as he recovers from complications following surgery in June. While he remains on limited duty, it is a joy to see him back with us in any capacity. Bill is truly the heartbeat of our organization, and we look forward to his return to active duty in the weeks ahead.

As we turn the page to September, I am excited for the opportunities ahead and grateful for the dedication each of you brings to our mission. The strength of our club is found in the commitment of its members, and together we will continue to make a meaningful difference in our community. Thank you for all that you do, and I look forward to sharing another month of service and fellowship with you.

With appreciation and Kiwanis spirit,
Scott Fisher
President, Kiwanis Club of Easton



On August 6th, at the Pomfret Club in Easton, the Kiwanis Club of Easton was proud to honor our Emergency Squad Person of the Year, Tyler L. Westbrook. Tyler is an extraordinary individual who has served his community since he was 15 years old and was part of the EMS in Texas. Since 2018 he has been part of the Easton Emergency Squad where he serves as Clinical Coordinator and Paramedic.

President of the Kiwanis Club of Easton, Scott Fisher, opened the program. Walter Howell, Chairperson of the Awards Committee, gave a brief history of the Easton Emergency Squad.

Bud Shull, President of the Board of Directors of the Easton Emergency Squad, then introduced Tyler. Words used to describe Tyler Westbrook throughout the program were deeply skilled, calm under pressure, dedicated employee, passion for the job, always willing to answer questions and a good teacher. He is also an instructor at Northampton Community College.

Tyler was also a recipient of the Lehigh Valley Health Network Proud Partners Award in 2023. He was able to revive a 2-month-old baby who was not breathing. Amid all of this Tyler is a very humble person and spoke of being part of an incredible team.

He was joined for this event by his grandmother and two young daughters. Stressing the importance of family support for our First Responders, Janet Owen, Lt. Governor of PA District 17/18 and Easton Kiwanis member, presented his grandmother with a bouquet of flowers.

Also present were Bud Shull, Christina Henritz, Operations Manager and Ron Lobb, Secretary of the Board of the Easton Emergency Squad.

Several community leaders were also present to express their support for and appreciation of Tyler. Attending were State Representative, Robert Freeman; Northampton County Executive, Lamont McClure; Northampton County Controller, Tara Zrinski; Easton Councilwoman, Crystal Rose and Easton Councilman, Frank Pintabone.

Thanks too, to Crystal Rose representing Unity Bank and presenting a gift basket to Tyler in honor of his service. Thanks also to Unity Bank, a corporate member of the Kiwanis Club of Easton, for all of your support.

With our appreciation and warmest congratulations to Tyler L. Westbrook for being our Emergency Squad Person of the year and thanks the Easton Emergency Squad for that you do for all of us.

To watch the 24 min EMS Award video on Easton Kiwanis YouTube click here:

<https://youtu.be/RUI1VBaESwc>

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August 13 there was no meeting...

August 20 Meeting - Comments from Attendees & Roundtable about the International & District Conventions and up-coming Super Raffle...

What an experience!! Seven members of the Kiwanis Club of Easton attended the Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh, PA, JUNE 25-28, 2025.

Attending members were Scott Fisher, Kathy Heller, Walt Howell, Sue Gallagher, Neil Gallagher, Rosemary Kocher and Janet Owen.

Not only were we able to meet Kiwanians from around the world, we were cheered on by guest speaker, Terry Bradshaw, saw a familiar faces from our Covid meeting days (Hope Markes from Jamaica), attended several motivational and informational workshops and elected CATHY SZYMANSKI as our new Kiwanis International Vice-President and she's from Erie, Pennsylvania. Talk about exciting!!!

Some highlights from the Convention shared by our members:

Walter Howell - My interests were attending sessions that pertained to how clubs could attract younger persons as potential members. One session I attended was a panel discussion with Key Club and Circle K members and them voicing their desires for becoming members of clubs once they become adults. Another session I attended discussed how clubs were successful in exploring differences and similarities of Generations X,Y, and Z so they could attract those persons as potential members.

Kathy Heller - I attended the Breakfast that recognized individuals from our Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs. We heard from a member from the Kiwanis Kids Club; Builder's Club; Key Club ; Aktion Club & Circle K. Needless to say, I was so impressed with Patrick Hughes who represented the Aktion Club. Patrick, has had to overcome many hardships during his life! Within 2 years he has lost both of his parents! With poise and affirmation, he presented the goals & achievements of his Aktion Club. During this breakfast, we learned through a slide presentation about the Kiwanis Club and Signature Projects. Through this Breakfast, I learned how we as Kiwanians are Forging the Future for Kids!

Scott Fisher - As a Kiwanian for the past 41 years and now approaching the close of my tenure as President of the Kiwanis Club of Easton, I was truly excited to attend my very first Kiwanis International Convention, held this year in Pittsburgh, PA. I honestly didn't know what to expect. The thought of being surrounded by more than 1,200 Kiwanians from across the globe was both thrilling and a bit overwhelming.

While I had high hopes for the educational forums, I must admit they were somewhat underwhelming. I had anticipated sessions that would highlight real-world successes—perhaps led by clubs that have demonstrated exceptional growth in membership, impactful fundraising strategies, or creative community outreach programs. In my view, hearing directly from peers who are achieving tangible results would have provided more practical value and inspiration.

That said, what stood out above all else—and what will stay with me long after the event—is the people. As is so often the case at Kiwanis gatherings, the relationships formed, the stories shared, and the camaraderie among fellow members were the true highlights. The global reach of Kiwanis became very real as I connected with passionate members from all walks of life and corners of the world.

I was especially impressed by the Annual Meeting on Saturday morning. It was a model of organization and professionalism, and the election process brought genuine energy and engagement to the room. It reminded me of the strength and vitality of our organization and left me feeling inspired about Kiwanis' future.

Attending this convention was a fitting way to begin winding down my leadership role—and a strong reminder of why I've stayed committed to Kiwanis for over four decades.

And on August 20th the Round Table Discussion focused on....

The meeting began with Scott Fisher leading opening exercises followed by Words of Wisdom about teachers since school was about to begin shared by Sue Gallagher.

The meeting was a round table discussion where members who attended the International Convention shared some of the ideas that were presented there. Members presenting were Scott Fisher, Rosemary Kocher, Neil Gallagher, Sue Gallagher and Janet Owen.

The theme of the convention was Forging the Future. Presentations attended were on increasing membership, building existing funds, revitalizing and refreshing clubs. Different fundraisers were presented as well as projects that could be done to involve the community. There were several different handouts, one being a Passport which can be used as a checklist for the club. Emphasis was also given on making meetings and activities fun. Also, we heard that other clubs have some of the same concerns we do.

Overall, we all felt a strong sense of community and purpose at the convention. It was great to meet new people, to get new ideas, to share what our club does and get to know something about our international leaders. We all agreed that it was a valuable and energizing experience.

PA Kiwanis Meeting

After the International Convention, Pennsylvania Kiwanis held its meeting. Along with the meeting, awards were presented to individuals and to club. The Kiwanis Club of Easton was recognized:

Kiwanis Club of Easton – *Distinguished Club*

James Owen – *Distinguished President*

Rosemary Kosher - *Distinguished Secretary*

Walter Howell & Janet Owen – *Distinguished Kiwanians*

Janet Owen – *Lieutenant Governor Division 17/18*

Club Communication Award – 3rd Place

Newsletter Editor Sue Gallagher with Publisher Bill Walters holding the CLUB COMMUNICATION AWARD



Assortment of photos from convention and Roundtable Luncheon



Div 17-18 Kiwanis Clubs and Sponsored Leadership Clubs Ronald McDonald PULL-TABS....



The Brandywine Heights Key Club has taken the lead at this point with 18.6 pounds of can tabs contributed to the cause. Next closest is the St. Jane's K-Kids Club with 16 pounds. As I do works-outs at the local YMCA I notice they are contributing can tabs to our cause as well. At present I am in possession of 62 pounds of tabs from various sources to be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia in November.

Respectfully, Walter Howell

Just a reminder that our "competition" runs through November 1st - would appreciate any updates on your collection progress to date!

2025 Rose Sale Information

Pennsylvania Kiwanis
Foundation's
22nd annual

Rose Sale

\$26 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
Rosemary Kocher
by October 2nd with
Delivery Date –
October 23rd.

August 5th - National Night Out...

National Night Out is a community policing awareness-raising event in the United States, held the first Tuesday of August. The event is meant to increase awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, town watch, neighborhood watch, and other anti-crime efforts. *From Wikipedia*

This year National Night Out was on August 5th. Members of the Kiwanis Club of Easton participated in this Community Block Party in the West Ward of Easton. It was a great time with Community Tables, Food, Crafts and Entertainment all free of charge.

The Kiwanis Club of Easton provided Early Learning Guides, Police Badge Stickers, Snack Bags, and bookmarks for families to enjoy.

PennAEYC, Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children, also partnered with the Kiwanis Club of Easton, PA at a table at Easton's National Night Out. Kids got a chance to meet Starkid and parents received early learning guides and information on how to choose, find, and afford child care. Everybody was dancing when the Big Easy Easton Brass paraded through the street.

It was a great event with several members of the Kiwanis Club of Easton participating – Jeremy Clark, Scott Fisher (President of the Kiwanis Club of Easton), Walter Howell, Sue Gallagher, Rosemary Kocher, Janet Owen (Kiwanis Lt. Governor of the 17/18 District), Priscilla Martinaz-Perez with her son, Jan Schwartz and Cathi White. Great to see so many Easton Kiwanians there to enjoy such wonderful Community Spirit.



Our thanks to Trina Johnson-Brady and all who participated in this great community event. Kiwanis Club of Easton members at an informational early learning table there were Kathy Heller, Rosemary Kocher, Chris Paltz, and Janet Owen.



August 15 Boys & Girls Club of Easton – Give Back Day...

Easton Kiwanis Club and Whitsons Culinary Group at the Boys and Girls Club of Easton photos capture them in action during Fun Friday, am session Friday, August 15, 2025, featuring a cookout, Bug Bingo, and fun learning enrichment activities!

Easton Kiwanis members participating were Susan Bartels, Rosemary Kocher, Janet Owen, Chris Paltz, Cathi White and Dean Young, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Easton!

It was a great time for all!



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF EASTON**



Special thanks to Janet Owen for arranging to have a Club Leadership Session at the Riverview Clubhouse on Saturday, August 18th, at 8:30 AM. Kiwanis Club of Easton members, Scott Fisher, Sue Gallagher, Rosemary Kocher, and Janet Owen attended the Division 17/18 Club Leadership Education Program. Mike Coolbaugh, Membership Coordinator of the district, was the presenter.



Seven out of 9 clubs in Division 17/18 were represented at the session. It was great to meet members from other club and share ideas and hopefully to have interclub opportunities.

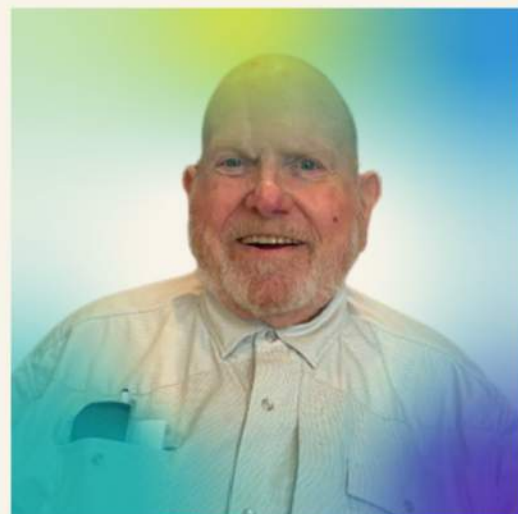
Thanks, too, Janet, for the delicious breakfast you prepared. It was much appreciated. Seven out of nine clubs in Division 17/18 were represented.

Bills Back and where was he???

Well, hello. It's the Manager of Special Projects, Bill Walters. No, I was not on vacation for the last many weeks. *I wish I was.* On Monday June 30th I was scheduled for a heart ablation and the installation of a heart "watchman." 7-years ago the ablation allowed me to go home the next day. *Well, not this year.* The doctor "nicked" a tiny artery deep in my leg and was not aware of it due to the limitations of current dopplers which they use to guide their tools "to avoid the smallest arteries." Fortunately, it was discovered in recovery and the hospital quickly assembled a vascular surgeon and his team and into another operating room I went for 2 more hours of "repairs" and 3-units of whole blood and lots of IV solutions. 8-days in St. Lukes Hospital, Fountain Hill and then 2-weeks at Kirkland Village Nursing Home. I gained 20-pounds of liquids which I am still trying to eliminate. I had a wound-pump attached in my groin for 9-weeks and now Barb changes my special wound-dressing daily and I'm allowed to drive a car again.

It's been a life-changing event in our lives but I think we're past the worst of it all. I'm back at my Kiwanis "Monday email Missile of Events" and the Tuesday Robo-Call for members. I've been helping a bit behind the scenes from my desk and plan to be back, hopefully, in full-swing for the Super Raffle.

One thing I will ask of everyone reading this: donate blood. I have reached the 50-gallon donation many years ago and Barb is over 75-gallons but everyone who can should donate their blood. *Remember, you do get cookies at Miller-Keystone Blood Centers.*



Thanks to the many Kiwanians who visited, sent cards and the beautiful floral bouquet, Bill.

Walt Howell's recent "volunteering" vacation...

I spent the week at Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center in Windsor, New York. The program is called *SPORTS FOR HEALTH* with visually impaired participants and sighted guides (which is what I have been doing with this program for 19 years). It started on Sunday 8/14 and continued through Sunday 8/24.

The attached photos are of the participants at the Underwood Lodge where we have sleeping accommodations and the lower level is for relaxing after the day's activities. One of the photos is of some of the participants checking out one of the 25 wind turbines in the vicinity. One of the photos is of me and Linda Kirk, a participant telling the Conklin, New York Kiwanis Club about the programs offered by the Northeast PA Regional Ski for Light/Sports for Health programs. The gentleman with the humorous tee shirt is my roommate, Joe LaCostra from Danbury, CT. Another photo is of everyone having meals in the Pilgrim Hall in the main building called Founder's Lodge.



We intended this for the older students but it was pretty evident that even the younger students could pick up the lessons and operation of the drone quicker than expected. We were pleasantly surprised the program didn't actually go as scheduled.

So, what began as something targeted for 5th grade & up quickly opened up to all the students. We rotated kids throughout the week with at least 10 kids flying the Drone everyday: Learning the maneuvers and directional movements of the drone. We're looking to expand this to the intermediate programs offered in the curriculum throughout the first semester. At the rate we're going we envision the students being ready for more advanced operations at the end of the first semester, at that point we can move on to more difficult operations.

The initial program was a tremendous success, and enjoyed by all the students. We really couldn't have done this without the support from the Kiwanis Club of Easton, and we would encourage other organizations to start similar programs.

This caption goes with the pictures: We had them build structures to assess with drones. Adam is teaching them.

Note: In May, 2025, Adam Williams, President, and Kathy Presto, Vice-President, of the Board of Directors of EACC accepted a \$5000 grant from the Kiwanis Foundation of Easton for the Easton Area Community Center. This was used to purchase the Drone Legends Program. The program designed for 3rd to 8th grade students and will be used this summer as well as after school starting in September.





Susan Bartels

Sept.17

Chris Paltz

Sept. 28



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Bill Walters

9/8/1982

Gary Tempest

9/23/1993

Sue Gallagher

9/29/2018



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sept 3 –4th week Committee Meetings NO WED. LUNCH MEETING

Sept 3 – Super Raffle @ Brown & Lynch American Legion 6PM dinner, 7PM Drawing order food from B+L Kitchen

Sept 10 – Kiwanis Luncheon Honors Roger Conners @ Pomfret Club

Sept. 13 – Miracle League contact Janet Owen

Sept 15 -- Board Meeting

Sept 17 – T.B.A.

Sept 24 -- 4th week Committee Meetings NO WED. LUNCH MEETING

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

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

Oct 8 – Easton Firefighter of the Year @ Pomfret Club

Oct 11 --Miracle League Service Opportunity

Oct 15 -- Luncheon Meeting at SURV

Oct 22 -- 4th week Committee Meetings NO WED. LUNCH MEETING

Oct 23 -- Rose Sale Delivery

Oct 26 -- Miracle League “Trunk or Treat” Service Opportunity AND Easton-Phillipsburg Halloween Parade Service

Oct 27 -- SURV Fundraiser for IU20

Oct 29 -- Club “Fifth Night” Social

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