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CLUB OF EASTON



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Kiwanians,



As September closes, so too does my year as president of the legendary Kiwanis Club of Easton. I dedicated this year of service to the memory of Bill Fifield who welcomed Judy and me to Easton 47 years ago by offering me a job in the display advertising department at the Easton Express and later sponsoring me into Kiwanis. When my career direction changed and required extensive travel for many years, I stepped back from regular meeting attendance, though never from my membership which is now 42 years. Five years ago, retirement allowed me to return fully, re-connecting with old friends, making new ones, and reengaging in this community which I love so much. I can say from experience that involvement in a service organization is one of the best ways to use the gift of time when careers and obligations ease.

Over the past year, our club has built on more than a century of service, addressing local needs and supporting projects with global impact. We have celebrated successes, faced challenges, and upheld the spirit of “serving the children of the world.” Yet our future depends on bringing in new members and keeping our current ones engaged. I encourage each of us to invite just one new person to join us in service this coming year. Together, through recruiting, nurturing, and retaining members, we will ensure the vitality of the Kiwanis Club of Easton for the next one hundred years.

At the heart of our work is the Kiwanis mission: “Improving the world one child and one community at a time.” I am grateful to each of you who lives out this mission so faithfully – whether through hands-on projects, leadership, or quiet acts of generosity. It is your commitment that allows our club to make a lasting difference and to reflect on the best of what Kiwanis stands for.

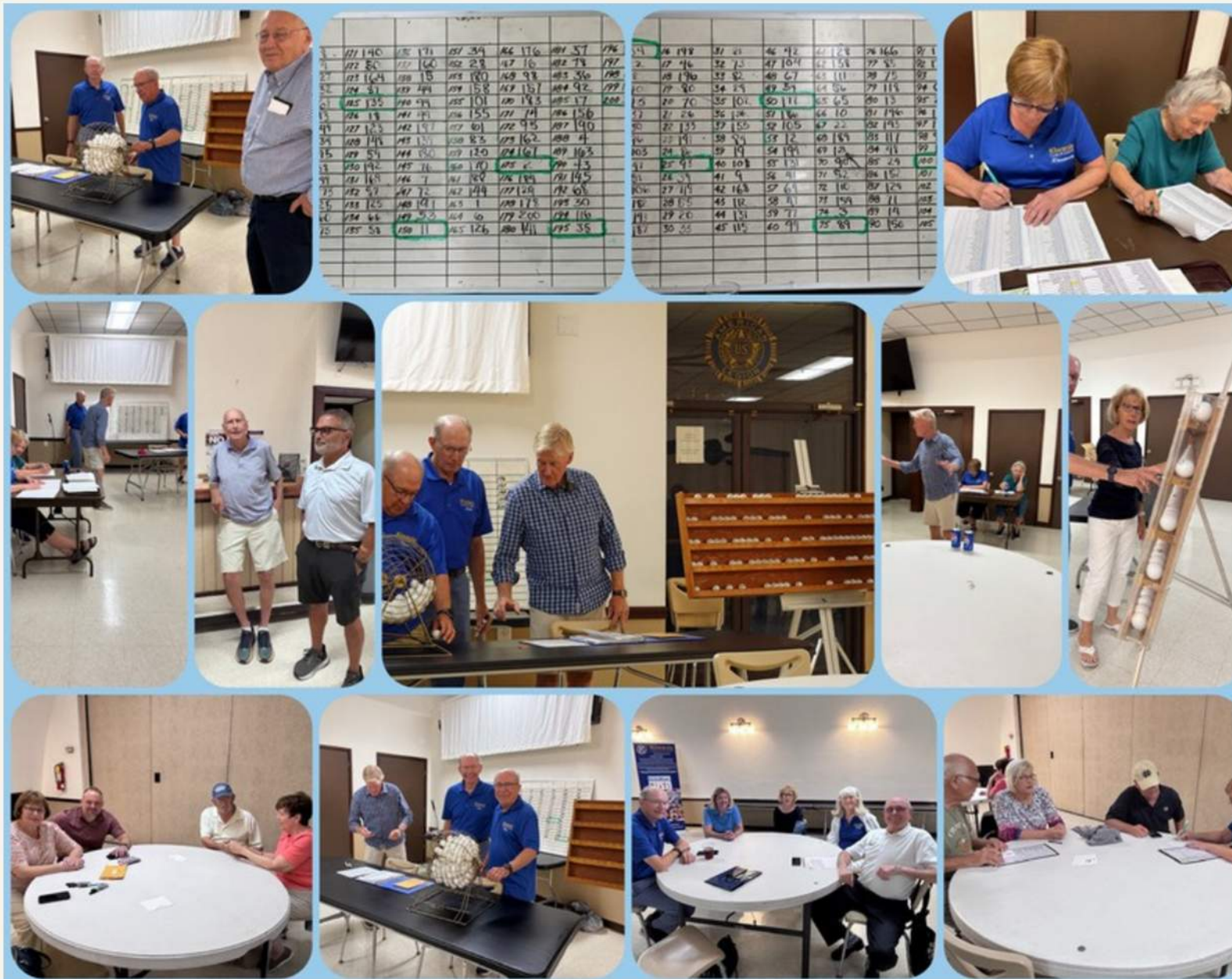
With gratitude, I thank each of you for your dedication and friendship. I extend my sincere best wishes to our new president, Sue Gallagher, and to the board and foundation members who will continue to guide our excellent work. As we embark on the next chapter, I encourage you to consider the role you might play in shaping our future. Leadership within our organization is not just about holding a title – it is about bringing forward your talent, your expertise, and your passion in ways that inspire others and strengthen our collective mission. Our success has always been built on the dedication of individuals willing to share their gifts, and I invite you to be part of that legacy. Together, we can carry our work to new heights, expand our reach, and create an enduring difference in the lives we touch!

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

The Kiwanis Club of Easton, PA held their 2025 SUPER RAFFLE drawing Wednesday evening, September 3, 2025. Attached are photos of the boards with final numbers so if you had a ticket, you can check where it ended up in the raffle. (Green boxes are winner number.)

We sell 200-\$100 tickets so we bring in some \$20K plus our \$10 Super 50:50 which brought in \$2900 more. There are 7-\$150 winners, 2-\$500 winners and the Grand Prize of \$10,000 which the last 5 ticket holders agreed to split. Total prizes awarded \$13,475 to 15 lucky winners.

The Kiwanis Club of Easton, PA thanks all those who participated and congratulates all those who won. Thank you to our Kiwanis Raffle Leadership Team – Scott Fisher, Rosemary Kocher and Joanne Cappellano. Thanks also to Charlie Adams, Skip Fairchild, Neil Gallagher and Bill Walters. Our raffle proceeds provide funds for our club to award scholarships, support several Kiwanis youth clubs at local schools along with requests throughout the year for local needs by various social service agencies.



What a great meeting this afternoon! The past club year was designated as Roger Conners' Year recognizing Roger for his 62+ years of service to the Kiwanis Club of Easton. Today club members, Roger's family and friends came together to celebrate our very special member at a Recognition Luncheon held at the Pomfret Club in Easton.

It was a wonderful tribute to our longest serving member and started with Scott Fisher, President, welcoming all who were there. Steadfast in his strength and commitment to the club Roger held several positions over the years as he served with dedication, humility and heart.

Scott mentioned Roger's father's influence in his life and how he encouraged him to join Kiwanis. He also spoke of Roger's dedication to his family, Carolyn, Roger's wife; his son, Doug, and his wife Kristen; his daughter Karen and her husband, Lon; and son Don and his wife Robin. They also have 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Concluding his opening remarks, Scott again mentioned Roger's warmth, playfulness and humor that make him so well loved.

Next on the agenda was the Invocation written by Scott Fisher and read by Sue Gallagher. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and God Bless America.

After the buffet luncheon the Celebratory Program began. Scott shared highlights from Roger's 62+ years as a member and read a Proclamation proclaiming Roger as the first recipient of the "Kiwanis Club of Easton's Distinguished Service Award." Roger was also given the Kiwanis International 60+ year membership pin

There was a slide presentation made by Bill Walters highlighting events from Roger's service to the club. Later, Bill also gave a testimonial about his time in Kiwanis with Roger and mentioned that his father and Roger's father were in Kiwanis at the same time. Several other members also shared remarks, stories, and anecdotes about Roger. There was also a message from Janet and James Owen sent from their vacation to offer their congratulations to Roger. A letter written by Ken Wildrick who was in Washington state was also read.

Roger's son, Doug, gave the family tribute and spoke on behalf of his father also sharing Roger's devotion to his family. Doug told of how he had attended several Kiwanis events with his father.

Next, Roger was given the Beacon of Hope Plaque and a Crystal Cube Award for his many years of dedication to and philanthropic endeavors for the Kiwanis Club of Easton. It was noted also that favors for attendees were at each person's place – a pen with a light that read, "Roger, you are the guiding star of 62 years for Kiwanis and the children's lives you have touched. Thank you."

This was followed by words from Roger as he spoke of some of his history with the club as President and as President of the Foundation. He said his family is the joy of his life. He is proud of the work the club does for children and the community. He said one of the best benefits of the club is the people you meet. So much can be learned from others.

He went on to thank Bill Walters, for all that he does for the club. He ended by saying to him success is happiness, family, business and being together to help each other. Closing remarks were made by Scott Fisher.

**Warmest Congratulations to Roger Conners
For 62+ Years of Exemplary Service to
The Kiwanis Club of Easton**

Special thanks to Scott Fisher, Kathy Heller, Walt Howell, Bill Walters and the Awards/Recognition Committees.

Readers: We encourage you to see this very special event on our YouTube channel, [EASTON KIWANIS YOUTUBE CHANNEL.](#)



September 17th no meeting

September 18th St. Janes K-Kids meeting

The St. Jane's K-Kids met for the first time this fall semester and the 13 members present were instructed by their Faculty Advisor, Christi Johnstone to create "*You Matter*" cards to place on the student's desks in the other classrooms. Suzanne Gallagher, Cathi White and I assisted Ms. Johnstone. The next meeting scheduled will be on October 16.

Respectfully, Walt Howell



September 24th no meeting

Newsletter Tidbits

Why do we blow out candles on a birthday cake?

The superstitious tradition of blowing out candles on birthday cakes has surprisingly ancient origins. Some historians believe it goes as far back as the ancient Greeks, who may have made cakes adorned with lit candles to honor Artemis, the goddess of the hunt and moon. This, in turn, was adopted by the Romans, who helped spread the tradition. In modern Europe, the ritual of celebrating birthdays with a cake and candles — as we do today — has been around since at least the 18th century. One of the first documented accounts comes from the 1746 birthday party of Count Ludwig Von Zinzendorf, a German bishop, who had a massive cake covered in candles. At this point, in Germany at least, the act of extinguishing the candle flames was seen as a way to carry desires up to the gods — not dissimilar to how we blow out candles and make a wish today.



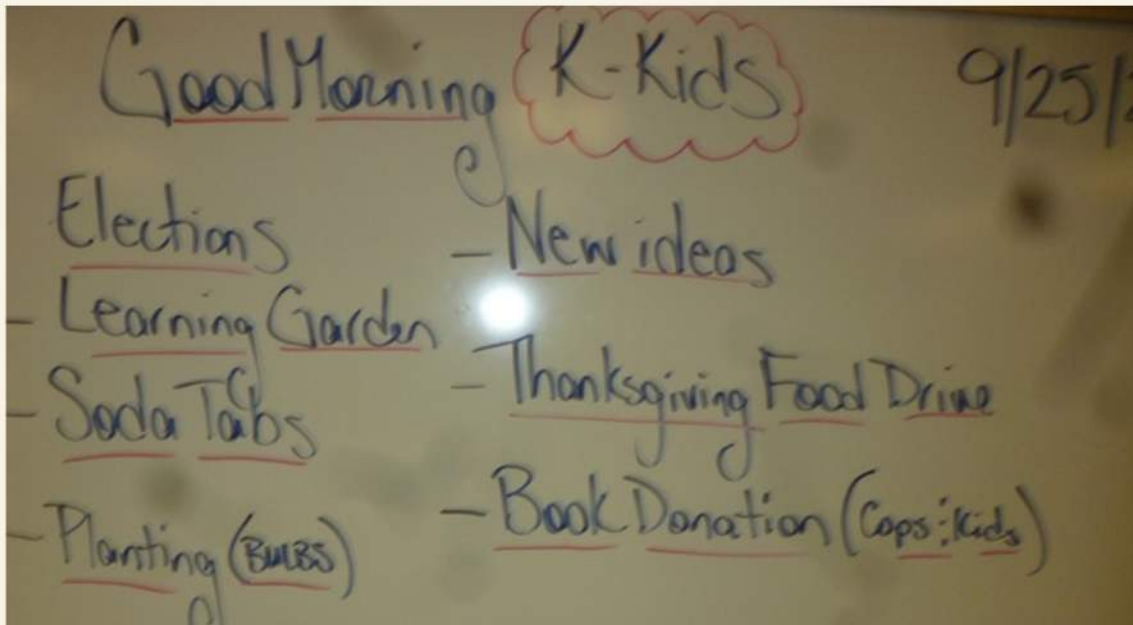
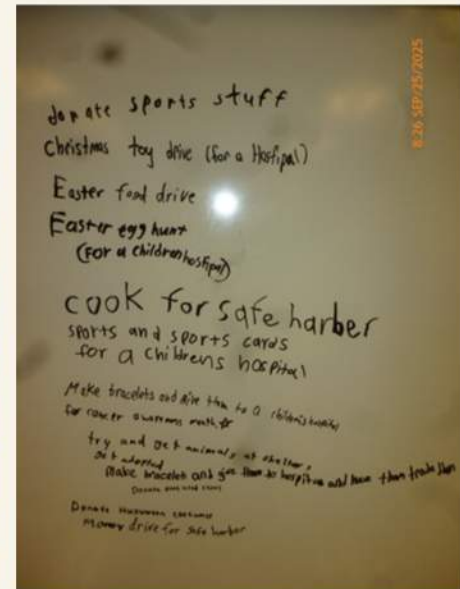
The Shawnee K-Kids met for the first time this fall semester. There were 29 of the 30 members in attendance lead by Faculty Advisor, Givon Ellison. Also assisting from the Easton Kiwanis were Chris Paltz and me.

Mr. Ellison informed the members of the activities he would like for them to accomplish this semester and listed the same on the white board. He advised them that the October 23rd meeting would be for members who wished to compete for one of four offices; President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer to be prepared to write their presentation. Each candidate would have to make a presentation for the office they wished to pursue.

They then were asked to offer ideas of the activities they would like to do the remainder of the semester. Those making suggestions were asked to write the suggestion on the white board.

The final couple minutes were devoted to having the members write a message on an index card to the residents of Safe Harbor. The next meeting will be at 7:30 am on Thursday October 23rd.

Respectfully, Walt HOWELL



Walter Howell and Sue Gallagher attended the CIS Experience at Easton High School. This was an opportunity to see how Communities in Schools of Eastern PA helps students overcome barriers and thrive at Easton Area High School.

This was a unique opportunity to see how this program works and to meet the dedicated professionals are a part of it. The goal of CIS is to make sure that there is a caring adult in the life of every child and to help students achieve success.

The CIS staff at EAHS includes, Elise Symia, MS Site Coordinator; Olga Ramirez, MSW Social Worker; Brian Wittreich, Student Support Specialist and Janice Pfeiffer, ISS Support Specialist. This enthusiastic and dedicated team works within the school to provide opportunities for student support to improve behavior, academics and attendance through specialized individual and group counseling. They also work with community partners to provide support for student growth and help with challenges to any barriers that prevent success. The Kiwanis Club of Easton is one of their partners. Presently there are 198 students receiving this support.

Members of the team discussed student support, targeted services, student case management and community partners. They also mentioned the benefit of actually having space at the high school so they are available to the students on site.

Thanks also to Maria Esposito, Vice President of Advancement & Communications, and Michael T. Raymond, Communications Manager. The CIS Experience was very informative. CIS is a most important program for students to help remove barriers that prevent success.



September 26th Charter Celebration Kiwanis Club of Greater Northampton Area Night

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Northampton Area held its Charter Celebration at the Tri Boro Sportsman Club of Northampton. The club was officially established on June 4, 2025. It will serve children and young adults in the Northampton Area School District, including Northampton Borough, Bath Borough, Allen Township and East Allen Township.

After a Social Time and the beginning of the Raffle, a fundraiser for the club with a large selection of baskets donated by club members, other Kiwanis Clubs, local businesses and more the celebration began. Janet Owen, PA District 17/18 Lt. Governor, welcomed everyone and made introductions.

This was followed by a Buffet Dinner, after which remarks from Tom Harp, PA District Kiwanis Governor, and Tiffany Callaio, Region 6 Trustee, were made.

Next the Charter was presented by Janet Owen and accepted by Kiwanis Club of Greater Northampton Area President, Crystal Messer. Janet also recognized Charter members.

The celebration continued with gifts given to the new club, one of which was a check in the amount of \$100 from the Kiwanis Club of Easton for their Service Account.

The Club Banner was unveiled, the cake was cut, the drawing was held and closing remarks were made.

Special thanks go to Kiwanis International, PA District – Tiffany Callaio and Janet Owen.; the Kiwanis Club of Allentown, New Club Sponsor – Tom Harp. Enos Martin and Karen Band and The Kiwanis Club of Great Northampton Area Members.

It was a wonderful celebration and it was great to see so many Kiwanis Clubs from the 17/18 PA District represented to welcome the new club. Kiwanis Club of Easton members there were Janet Owen, Walter Howell and Sue Gallagher.

Congratulations to the Kiwanis Club of Greater of Great Northampton Area and welcome to the Kiwanis Family!!



What a beautiful day to do service at the Northampton Miracle Field! Kiwanis Club of Easton members, Janet Owens and Walter Howell, and B.J. Metz from the Rotary Club of Easton were there to help out. Thanks so much, Janet, Walt and B.J.!



UPCOMING S.L.P. & COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS

Why not plan to attend our "youth club" meetings

SLP Meetings: As long as you have your valid PSP Criminal Background Check and Child Abuse History Clearance, you can join Walt and other members at any meeting you are available. You can download the documents, [click here](#). Make sure Walt has a copy of your documents.

Shawnee K-Kids meetings. Thursdays 7:30AM; Oct 23; Nov 20; Dec 11; Jan 29; Feb 26; Mar 19; Apr 16; May 14.

St. Janes K-Kids meetings. Thursdays 2:15PM-3PM. Oct 16, Nov 13, Dec 4, Jan 8 + Jan 22, Feb 9-13 K-Kids Week, Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 16, May 7 + May 21.

FORKS EDUCATIONAL CENTER-reading for children

2nd + 4th Thur 11am

MIRACLE LEAGUE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY Volunteers are needed and the kids always appreciate people cheering in the stands. Contact Janet Owen if you can volunteer.



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

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



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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, speaker presentation from Jeremy Clark
Oct 20 – Board Meeting on Zoom 4PM
Oct 22 -- 4th week Committee Meetings NO WED. LUNCH MEETING
Oct 23 -- Rose Sale Delivery
Oct 26 -- Miracle League “Trunk or Treat” Service Opportunity & Easton-Phillipsburg Halloween Parade Service
Oct 27 -- SURV Fundraiser for IU20
Oct 29 -- Club “Fifth Night” Social
Nov 5 – SURV and our speaker will be Dr. John P. Balmonte, professor at Lehigh who will speak about Interactions between our oceans, their biosphere, and the environment as a whole.
Nov 12 -- T.B.A.
Nov 19 – SURV and our speaker will be from Nurture Nature
Nov 26 -- Breakfast interclub with Palmer at Williams Restaurant
Dec 4 -- IU20 Annual Christmas Party Service Opportunity
Dec 6 -- Easton Kiwanis Club Christmas Party
Dec 17 --Luncheon Meeting at SURV
Dec 24 – no meeting-Christmas Eve
Dec 31 – no meeting-New Years Eve

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