



PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Easton Kiwanians,

Spring is here! I am not a person who wishes time away, but seeing buds on the trees and robins in the yard makes my heart happy. Even though our winter weather was not the best, Easton Kiwanis did not miss a beat. We continued our service projects, had great speakers and enjoyed each other's company at meetings whether on zoom or in person.

Which brings me to another topic. It takes a village to make our club run including members working behind the scenes. I would like to give a shout out to three of those jobs.

Our Manager of Special Projects, Bill Walters, is not just behind the scenes, he is behind the camera. I experienced first-hand this past month how wonderfully well the Zoom part of our meetings work. Bill has continued to perfect sound and video systems to provide clear pictures and sound. The videos of our meetings on YouTube are treasures and available for viewing. They are full of great information shared by our speakers. This is only one thing Bill does behind the scenes. He really is our go-to-person when we need information, a flyer or a question answered about Kiwanis.

Another behind the scenes job is sending personal birthday, get well and sympathy cards to club members. This hospitality committee job is being done by Ken Wildrick and Marybeth Okula. If you know of anyone who is in need of a card, please let them know.

Scott Fisher is also involved in another behind the scenes job. He sends personal, uplifting messages recognizing each member's birthday and club anniversary.

Each and every member brings something unique to our club and all of your gifts are greatly appreciated.

Spring brings a full variety of speakers and activities. The Awards and newly formed Literacy Committees are busy planning events. Janet and James Owen are hosting an afternoon baseball game at Coca Cola Park on April 12th. Please be sure to let them know if you plan to attend.

SURV Restaurant is offering another Curbside Fundraiser for us on April 27-29. Be on the lookout for more information. Thank you, SURV, for the generosity you show to us and to our community.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting, April 1st, when our Kiwanis International Vice President, Cathy Szymanski, will be presenting a program on Artificial Intelligence.

Easton Kiwanians, you are a part of an amazing village, one that is dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

With my gratitude to all of you,
Sue Gallagher

March 3 – Reading at Third St Alliance..

Today we had two lovely ladies from Easton Kiwanis come to read to two of our classrooms and planted flowers with the children! Thank you so much, the children loved it!

Thank you Kathy Heller and Cathi White for sharing your time with the students at The Learning Center at Third Street Alliance!



Something new for this month...

I recently came across an old Easton Kiwanis weekly newsletter. I've added it to the very end of this Kiwanis Klatter newsletter and throughout this newsletter I've asked a few questions about what was in the news back in 1973 – 53 years ago. You have to read all the way to the end to be able to answer them. Why not answer them in an email to EastonKiwanis@gmail.com. And there were no color photos, multiple pages, emailed.



What was the price of postage for the Easton Kiwanis weekly newsletter snail-mailed to all members back in February of 1973?

March 4th meeting – Dawn Fenner of the Essentials Café...

This meeting began with Sue Gallagher welcoming everyone. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and God Bless America was sung, Ken Wildrick shared Words of Wisdom on Hunger.

There were several guests plus our speaker at the meeting. Mr. Brian Gaumer, advisor and engineering teacher from Easton Area High School was in attendance with students Vidvath Neeraj, President of the TSA, Anthony Ventura member of the Technology Student Association (TSA); Steve Ganley, from Stroudsburg Kiwanis; Barbara Walters and speaker Dawn Fenner from Essentials Café.

Lets start with our speaker first. Dawn Fenner, Executive Director from the Essentials Café, came to the Kiwanis Club of Easton to share the mission of the Essentials Café with our members. Dawn was recognized as one of Lehigh Valley's most influential people in 2026. **Congratulations, Dawn!!!!**

The Essentials Café is a model of a *you-pay-what-you-can* café that is serving as a ministry of hope in Bethlehem. It is a community café where all are welcome with no set prices, where a meal can be enjoyed regardless of one's financial situation. Dawn is the only full-time employee and there are two part time employees in the kitchen. All of the rest is done by volunteers.

There members of the community can come together for a home cooked meal and conversation. Building community while helping to alleviate hunger is what the Essentials Café is all about.

Barbara Walters, a long-time former Easton Kiwanis member is a volunteer at the café and has found it to be a rewarding part of her life. It was great to have her attend this meeting with Dawn.

The Easton Kiwanis Club presented a donation to the organization in recognition of their focus and outreach. The club salutes this organization and would like to see others support their mission as well. You can watch the 33min video about Essentials Café, [click here](#).

EASTON KIWANIS
WELCOMES DAWN FENNER OF THE ESSENTIALS CAFE™
 A Pay As You Can Community Café
where EVERYONE is welcome-regardless of ability to pay.

CHARTERED JULY 18, 1918

WOODEN NICKEL PROGRAM

Wooden Nickels offer an opportunity to provide a meal for someone else.

Stop by the cafe and pick up wooden nickels for a suggested price of \$12.00 each. Each **wooden nickel** can be redeemed for a nourishing meal.

Two ways to provide meals to others:

- *Place **wooden nickel** in our counter jar. This jar is kept at the counter, paying it forward for our guest that may not be able to make a donation for their meal.
- OR
- *You can take the **wooden nickel** with you and give it to a friend in need, or a neighbor who may be working hard and simply too tired to cook, or give as a gift for someone that gave you a meal in the past, sharing with them your experience at Essentials Cafe.

When Anthony Ventura, a Junior at Easton High School, shared with his grandparents, Neil and Sue Gallagher, that his technology club, the Technology Student Association (TSA), was short on funds to attend a technology competitive meet, his grandfather Neil suggested he might turn to the Kiwanis Club of Easton. Anthony sent an email to Bill Walters who asked Anthony some questions about the club's shortfall. With the answers Bill got, that's when Easton Kiwanis and a few individuals stepped in to help.

Donations of over \$3,000.00 were presented to Brian Gaumer, advisor and engineering teacher, Vidvath Neeraj, President of the TSA, and Anthony Ventura. Donations were made by the Easton Kiwanis Club and individual Easton Kiwanis members: Bill Walters, Neil and Sue Gallagher, James and Janet Owen, Charles Adams' son Eric, and Unity Bank.

This is what Kiwanis is all about! Helping students lead and succeed!



March 4th – Jump Start Reading at Forks Education Center...

Jump Start for Reading at the YMCA Forks Education Center. Walter Howell was also joined by other Kiwanis members: Janet & James Owen.



Great day celebrating all the lady bosses in the Lehigh Valley. PA Kiwanis Governor Elect, Janet Owen, was selected to sit on a panel speaking on Recovery, Resilience, Service and Self Care.

Representing Unity Bank, were Easton Kiwanis members, Crystal Rose and Laurie Nelson. James Owen helped with the table and Priscilla Martinez-Perez, helped to arrange the opportunity. Thank you, Priscilla!



2ND ?

Who was in charge of the Music & Birthday committee?

85 Kiwanis members from around the Commonwealth attended the 2026 MidYear Conference near State College. 20 of those attendees came for a day of learning for the very first time. We hope everyone enjoyed the education and fellowship and look forward to our next District event in Gettysburg this August as We Build a stronger Kiwanis future!

Easton Kiwanians attending: Walter Howell, James & Janet Owen-Gov-Elect, Julie Novick-new member attending her first convention.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Kiwanis Club of Easton on being recognized as a Distinguished PA Kiwanis Club! *Job well done, Past President, Scott Fisher!*

James Owen: Excellent conference. Wonderful presentations on mindfulness and membership Can't wait for Manilla and Gettysburg. The year is just going to keep getting better. It's great to be a Kiwanian.

Barb Byers Carter, PA Kiwanis Governor: Thank you attendees for your participation. Thank you MidYear committee for your dedication in planning this event. Thank you presenters for imparting your knowledge and experience. *Together, we are Many Hands... Making a Difference*



March 11th – James Owens delivery person...

James Owen, member of the Kiwanis Club of Easton, dropped off 11 boxes of Early Learning Guides to Hector D. Bonilla to distribute to parents of upcoming Kindergarten students. Hector is the, K-12 Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction for the EASD AI Core Committee of the Easton Area School District.



March 12th – We're Reading Across Pennsylvania...

Easton Kiwanis members, Janet Owen and Cathi White read to the students at Forks Educational Center- YMCA in honor of Read Across Pennsylvania!

Read Across Pennsylvania

Research shows that reading aloud is the single most important thing you can do to help a child prepare for reading and learning.



March 12th – We're Reading Across Pennsylvania...

Easton Kiwanian Marybeth Okula read to Mrs. Pacchioli's kindergarten class at St Jane's School. They were participating in Kiwanis International's Read Across PA. Looks like a great time!



Read Across Pennsylvania



3rd ?

What committee was Roger Conners Senior on?

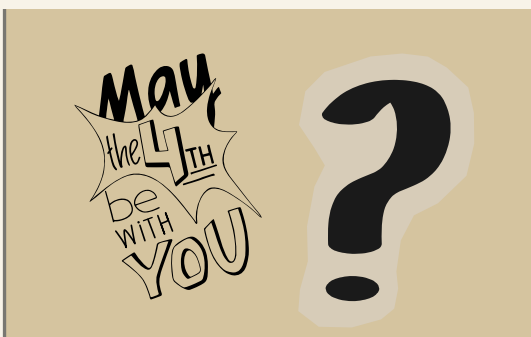
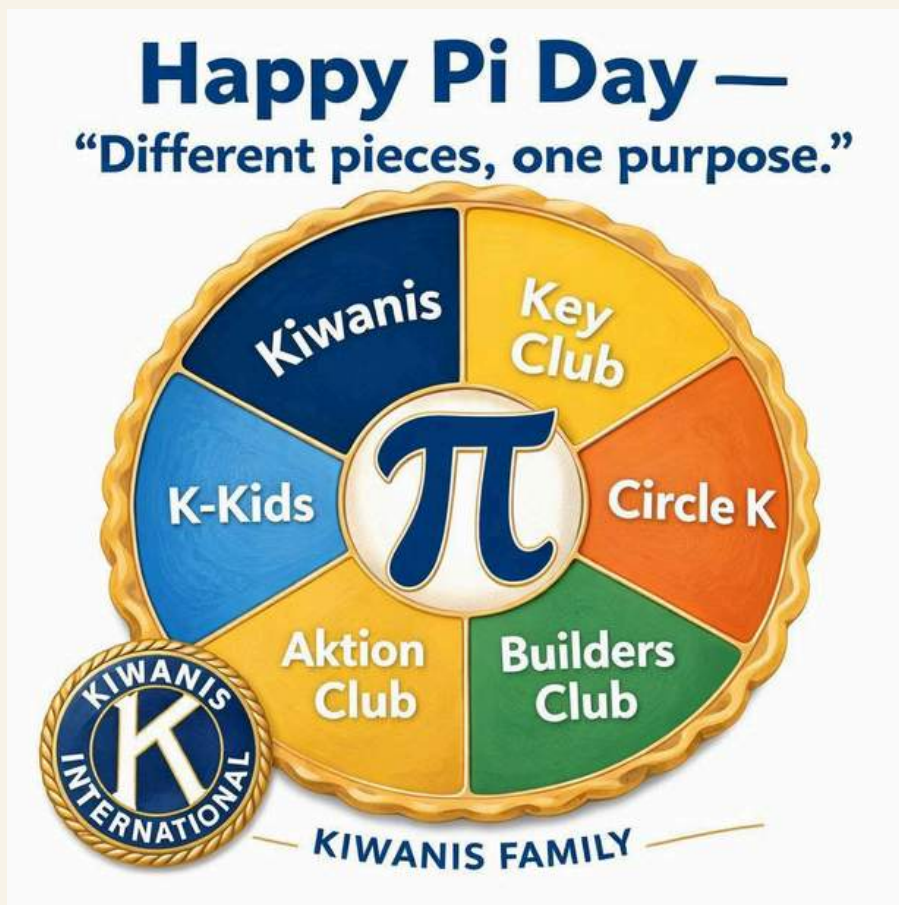
National Pi Day on March 14th recognizes the mathematical constant π . Also known as pi, the first three and most recognized digits are 3.14. The day is celebrated by pi enthusiasts and pie lovers alike!

On March 12, 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a non-binding resolution (111 H. Res. 224),^[4] recognizing March 14, 2009, as National Pi Day.

Pi is the ratio between the circumference of a circle and its diameter. While the idea of pi has been known for nearly 4000 years, accurately calculating it has been something of slightly more recent mathematical development. By 2000 BC, the Egyptians and Babylonians accurately used the constant to build. Mathematicians such as Archimedes, Fibonacci, François Viète, Adriaan van Roomen, and Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz all calculated pi by various methods. However, in 1706, Welsh mathematician William Jones introduced the Greek letter π to represent the ratio of a circle's circumference; pi.

Q. Who holds the record for memorizing the most digits of pi?

A. In 2015, Rajveer Meena memorized 70,000 decimal places of Pi as certified by Guinness World Records.



WHAT WAS A BIG FUNDRAISER THE CLUB HAD AT THAT TIME?

Neil Gallagher called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and God Bless America was sung. Neil welcomed all present. Kathy Heller introduced her guest, Gail Rogers, from the Rotary Club, and Beth Archer, Representative for Third Street Alliance was introduced. Ken Wildrick shared Words of Wisdom on Language.

In honor of PA Kiwanis Governor Barb Byers Carter's emphasis on mental health matters, Margaret Murphy, Executive Director, and Janeen Greener from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), were our club's guest speakers today.

NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization helping to build better lives for those living with mental illness, peers, and for their families and friends. Serving these two educational groups, NAMI's purpose is to improve the quality of life for the peers and their families. This is done in numerous ways including support groups, signature programs for High School students, intervention teams and much more.

Our speakers emphasized the importance of trying to eliminate the stigma that can be associated with mental illness as well as recognizing the importance of self-care for the caretakers. Approximately 1 in 5 adults in the Unites States experience mental illness each year.

This was a most timely presentation and we appreciate Margaret Murphy and Janeen Greener for sharing this information with our club and for the work they do. Much more was discussed and our 50min video can be found on our [EASTON KIWANIS YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#).

Neil Gallagher, a Past President, of the Kiwanis Club of Easton presented NAMI with a donation from the Kiwanis Club of Easton.

EASTON KIWANIS
WELCOMES
MARGARET MURPHY & JEANINE GREENER
from
N.A.M.I.
National Alliance for the Mentally III



MARCH 18, 2026



National Alliance on Mental Illness 610.882.2102
nami-lv.org



Free Peer, Family, and Community
Support and Education

March 26th – Reading at the YMCA Forks Education Center...

Kathy Heller and Cathi White read to 18 preschoolers yesterday at the YMCA. Kathy and Cathi read a few books and Kathy did a project where the kids helped draw and color Clifford the dog. Both were in the same room because a lot of the children were outside. It was fun!!



HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOUR JUNE 10TH SUPER RAFFLE TICKETS YET?

If not contact Secretary Rosemary Kocher rmkocher@rcn.com or (610) 392-6153



GRAND PRIZE \$10,000

EASTON KIWANIS FUNDRAISER

SUPER RAFFLE!

TICKET \$100.00

Amazing Cash Prizes

- 7 - \$150 cash prizes
- 2 - \$500 cash prizes
- 1 - \$10,000 GRAND PRIZE

Grand Prize may be split 5 ways or less

Drawing held June 10th, 6:30PM at BROWN & LYNCH AMERICAN LEGION, 2260 CORRIERE ROAD, EASTON, PA
Light refreshments available at minimum cost.

Buy a ticket! All proceeds will go towards local youth education programs and community support.

For more details to purchase tickets ask Easton Kiwanis Members or email: EastonKiwanis@gmail.com

ONLY 200 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD

March- 2026 Pennsylvania District Key Leader..

April 24-26, 2026 at South Mountain YMCA Camps

About

Key Leader is designed to inspire young people to achieve their personal best through leadership. Key Leader Camp is a three-day event where students learn from communication and leadership skills through a series of group events, small breakout groups, and a ropes challenge course. The program is centered around the five key principles: Personal Integrity, Personal Growth, Respect, Building Community, and Pursuit of Excellence.

Who - any students ages 14 to 18.

When - April 24-26, 2026

Students will arrive for registration from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Friday and depart at 12:00 pm on Sunday.

Where - South Mountain YMCA Camps, 201 Cushion Peak Road, Reinholds, PA

Cost - \$175 for the weekend. This includes all materials, food, and lodging upon arrival.

NOTE: For security purposes, all bags and personal belongings are subject to be searched.

Any questions, please reach out directly to Matt Wise, PA District Key Leader Administrator, at 570-660-2540 or keyleader@pakiwanis.org.

This is a wonderful opportunity for young people to develop leadership skills as well as friendships. Young people that have attended have said it has been a great experience and even life changing. Students do not need to be Key Club Members. If you know of any young person who might be interested please contact Sue Gallagher, President Kiwanis Club of Easton sue2300@aol.com for more information.



April 11th Saturday – Early Childhood invitation...

early childhood
EDUCATION
collaborative

FAMILY PARADE & CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 11, 9-11:30am
Sigal Museum & Easton Farmers Market

easton farmers' market

Let's Get Creative!
Make Your Own Instruments and School Banner to Celebrate Week of the Young Child!

Parade Walk • Music + Activities • Storytime

Parents Welcome to Join the FUN!
Parade Route through the Easton Farmers Market + Public Market



Who brought the speaker to the meeting that day?

Register for free:



or: bit.ly/parade2026

Kiwanis

CLUB OF EASTON



Governor-elect Janet Owen & Past President James will be hosting a Kiwanis Afternoon at Coca Cola Park and the Iron Pigs on Sunday April 12th.

They've reserved a Dugout Suite so it's a fantastic viewing opportunity. All you can eat buffet included. Cost is \$50 per person. Please let James know ASAP if you'd like to attend. Bring your family, friends, prospective members. We will be opening this up to our Kiwanis friends in the region after a short period of time to give our members and families first choice at attending. We have space for up to 40 people. Game starts at 1:15PM, gates open at 11:45AM.

There's no place closer to the action than the Dugout Suites at Coca-Cola Park. These suites are located on the ground level behind home plate and have access to a private full-service bar and lounge, and a climate-controlled suite with 24 fixed stadium seats outside. The 2.5 hour all-you-can-eat buffet at Coca-Cola Park in Allentown, Pennsylvania, serves a variety of food items, including fried chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and more. The buffet also includes unlimited bottled water and soft drinks until the middle of the eighth inning. *Remember Coca Cola park is cashless and parking will be \$5/car-credit card only.*

Make your reservations for seats now. Pay your \$50 per seat to James Owen via Zelle to his phone, (610) 564-1419. Questions: text James' phone.



ROCHESTER RED WINGS at IRON PIGS





April Birthdays
Kathi White April 2

April Club Anniversaries
Laurie Nelson April 2, 2025
Crystal Rose April 2, 2025
Janet Owen April 9, 2009

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 youth 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; Apr 16; May 14.

St. Janes K-Kids meetings. Thursdays 2:15PM-3PM. Apr 16, May 7 + May 21.

FORKS EDUCATIONAL CENTER – reading for children 2nd + 4th Thur 11am, contact Cathi White or Janet Owen

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 as dates are now being established for games.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

2026: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays – speakers, 4th Wed Zoom Board Meeting

Apr 1 – Cathy Szymanski, Kiwanis International Trustee, will be on Zoom expanding our knowledge of “Artificial Intelligence” and how it affects our lives

Apr 12 -- Sunday at Iron Pigs, tickets from James Owen

Apr 15 – David Robertson, founder of JOSHWAY

Apr 22 -- Board Meeting 2PM ZOOM

Apr 23 – Foundation Meeting-details to follow

May 6 – CIT Scholarships @ CIT

May 13 – Easton Police Officer Award @ Pomfret Club

May 16 - Divisional Council Meeting will be held on 5/16th from 9-12 at the Palmer Twsp Kiwanis Youth Center.

May 20 – Annual Club Meeting & Foundation Meetings – Foundation Awards presented today

May 27 -- Board Meeting 2PM ZOOM

June 10 -- Super Raffle Fundraiser-proposed date June 17 – George Koury, George’s Pizza, his memoir about childhood experiences growing up in Lebanon.

June 24 – Board Meeting ZOOM

Jul 22 -- Board Meeting ZOOM

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Easton Kiwanis normally meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays @ 11:45AM
check our Facebook page for further information

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Club of Easton

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February 14, 1973

1. Energy Crisis - Mr. A. C. Metz

Although we know of no one in our area who is currently suffering due to a fuel shortage, we are certainly aware that we are under a cloud of such an eventuality. Other sections of the country, however, have not been so fortunate - such as Iowa. They have had a blast of cold weather which we seemed to have escaped, but haven't had enough fuel to meet their industrial needs. Experts tell us that we would have had a fuel shortage on the East coast for the past two winters, but were spared due to mild conditions.

Our speaker, Mr. A. C. Metz, is the Sales Manager for the Philadelphia Division of B P Oil Company. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado, and has worked for the past 20 years for Sinclair and BP Oil Companies. He is supplied courtesy of our own Bud Walters of Walters Tire and Oil Company. (This was not a paid advertisement.)

2. Board of Directors Action

At last Tuesday's monthly meeting of the Board of Directors the following action was taken:

- Approved request to provide transportation for Inter-State Blind Friends' meeting in Phillipsburg for ~~February 8, 1973.~~
- Adopted recommendation of Clair Churchman, Chairman of the Kiwanis Education Committee, to sponsor a dinner and evening for new members. The purpose of this meeting is to indoctrinate new members in the history, purpose, and objectives of Kiwanis. Right On, Clair.
- Voted to accept, with regret, the resignation of Dr. George LeBovit, our Club's veterinarian. George cited conflicts with his practice and inability to attend meetings regularly. We're sorry to lose a good member.
- Voted to transfer \$1,500 from the Travelogue account to the Kiwanis Welfare Fund. The Travelogue Committee felt that with anticipated expenses for the next session, that this was excess money, and hence, available for use for our projects.

3. By Golly, We Can Do It.....

Results from December's Division #17 monthly activity reports are in. We are #3 - two points behind Emmaus. Not a bad showing when you consider where we started out of thirteen clubs. December is a more meaningful report since it is one of the four months during the year that each club is required to submit a full-blown run down of activities and services. I'm proud of the Club's showing - aren't you?

4. Coming Attractions

- Wednesday, February 14, 1973 - the sixth and last in our series of Travelogues - "The European Alps" featuring James Forshee. This promises to be a colorful show.
- Saturday, February 17, 1973 - monthly recycling campaign. Chief Levin reminds us to bring our newspapers and magazines to these collection points - Forks Food Basket, Palmer Food Basket, or the 25th Street Shopping Center

5. Thought for the Week

Middle Age is when you've met so many people that every new person you meet reminds you of someone else.

Ogden Nash

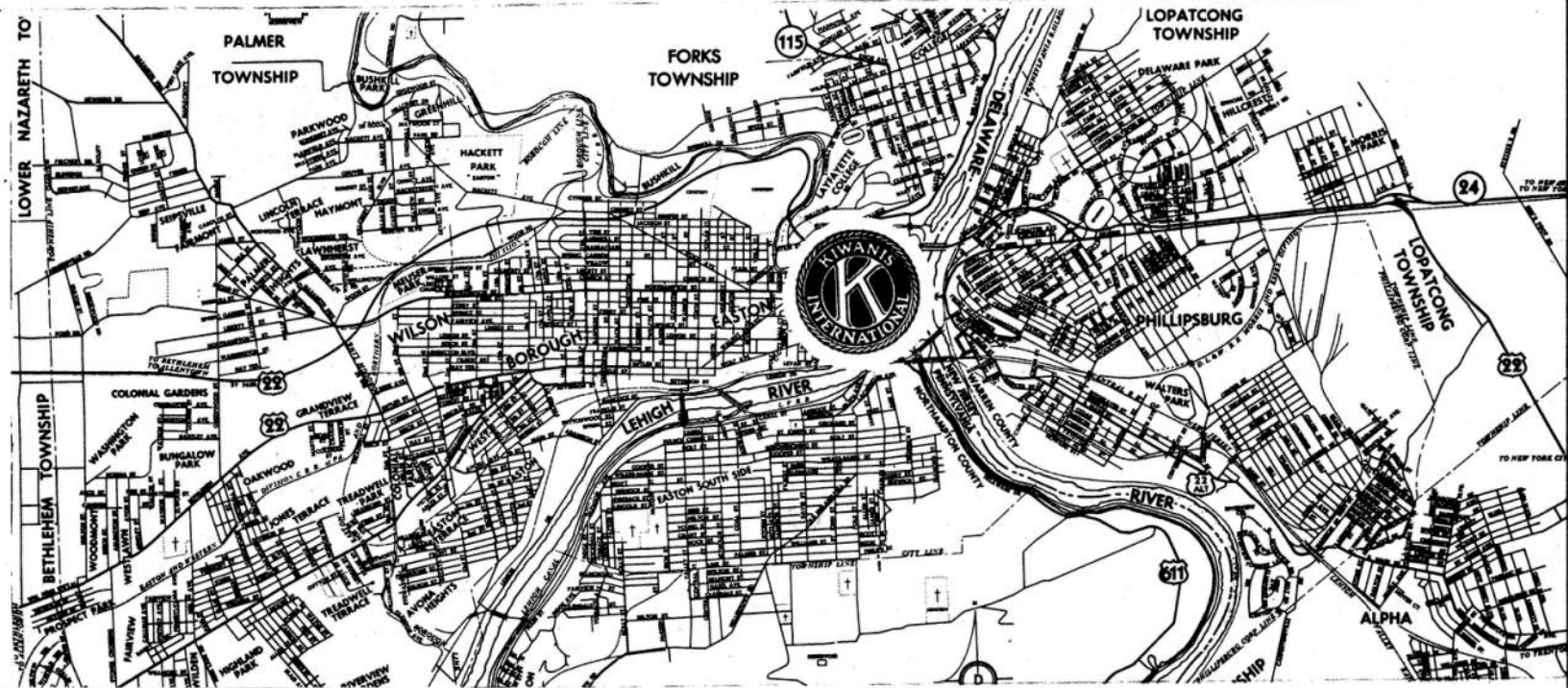
SERVING A GREATER EASTON

KIWANIS CLUB OF EASTON
EASTON, PA.



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What was the old name
for our Service Fund?



COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN FOR 1972-1973

Club Meeting

Arthur D. Stoneback, Jr., *Chairman*

Reception & HouseHerbert L. Vanover, David Kratzer
Music & BirthdaysOrion H. Reeves, Richard M. LaBarre
AttendanceHarley W. Fulmer, Charles L. Keim
PublicityG. Byron Hafer, J. Richard Tony
Inter-ClubBert U. Meadows, John S. Cole

Youth Services & Sponsored Youth

Gerald E. Parks, *Chairman*

Vocational GuidanceRoger J. Conners, II, James Matthews
Track ClubWilliam Donahue, Charles Montague
Boys & Girls WorkGilbert Cohen, Richard M. LaBarre
Circle "K"Charles Schaeffer, Chief Levin
Operation Drug AlertJames Matthews, John M. Cochran

Standing Committees

TraveloguesBarry M. Rice, Dr. Herman S. Beam
Ford GumGilbert Cohen
Peanut DayBenjamin DeSantis
FinanceStuart D. Henry, D. C. Seagreaves
Ways & MeansLloyd Nicely, Reeves VanDuzer

Membership Development

Barry M. Rice, *Chairman*

Regulations & MembershipWilliam J. Laudermilch,
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Kiwanis EducationClair E. Churchman, John H. Klemmer,
Roger J. Conners, I
Outing & AthleticHoward Riefenstahl, Stuart D. Henry
Ladies Nite & Special Events ..Robert J. Bergren, Richard T. Baskin
RosterJ. Wilbur Mack, Raymond B. Brassington

Citizenship Services & Major Emphasis

G. Byron Hafer, *Chairman*

Nat'l & Internat'l RelationsFred L. Ashton, Jr., John C. Kuhn, Sr.
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