



# Kiwanis®

## CLUB OF EASTON

April Klatter 2026

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Easton Kiwanians,

Spring is here. Ken Wildrick shared wonderful Words of Wisdom on Nature with us at a meeting recently. The beauty of this season is very evident as we watch Springtime unfold.

What a wonderfully busy April Easton Kiwanians have had full of volunteer projects, learning from great speakers, planning for upcoming events and just enjoying each other's company at an Iron Pigs Game with family and friends on a beautiful Spring Day!



Our dedication to our goal of promoting literacy was in full swing as members delivered books to the YMCA Early Learning Center in Forks Township to fulfill wish lists that we requested from teachers. A Kiwanis Grant that we received from our Rose Sale results funded this project.

Easton Kiwanis also participated in the Pennsylvania One Book initiative. One book was selected to be read across PA – The Great Cookie Kerfuffle. This was done at Forks Learning Center and at Third Street Alliance.

Our SLPs were busy and it's great to see their commitment their schools and the community. So much more is mentioned in our newsletter. Be sure to check it out.

Coming up in May, we will be awarding scholarships to high school seniors, honoring the Police Officer of the Year, and having our annual Club and Foundation meetings. Foundation Grants will be presented.

The Divisional Council Meeting will be held on 5/16 from 9-12 at the Palmer Township Kiwanis Youth Center. This is open to any members. All members should have received an email with this information. It's an important meeting. Try to attend if you can.

Don't forget our SUPER RAFFLE is coming up. This is a very important fundraiser for the club. Please try to support this event. One member last year said he sent out personal letters to friends and attached a Newsletter so they could see some of what we do. It worked well.

We have another great meeting coming up on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will have a storyteller coming!! See Bill's flyer. It should be a great meeting. We are extending invitations to our sister clubs in the area. We have lunch available to purchase for \$15. RSVPs by 5/30. Please pass the word!

What Do Kiwanians Do? I have shared some things we do in this letter but there is so much more, whether you are able to attend meetings or not there are things that can be done!

Kiwanians are people care about kids, our community and each other! We are dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time!

Yours in Kiwanis Service,

Sue Gallagher

### March 29 – Equi-librium Egg Hunt..

The event was well attended and everyone had a great time. I believe all of the egg hunts were filled up. It was a wonderful time and the place was so educational. There are plenty of programs available. Especially interesting was a program called silver saddles for people over 55. Might want to look into that!! reporting by Cathi White



### March 29 –Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl-a-Thon..



## April 1st meeting – Artificial Intelligence by Cathy Szymanski...

Sue Gallagher opened the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and God Bless America was sung. Words of Wisdom on Nature were shared by Ken Wildrick.

Sue welcomed our guests – Cathy Szymanski, Kiwanis International Vice President and today's speaker. Also visiting our club on zoom was Kevin Kamper from East Meadow Kiwanis, New York. Member updates were given and we sang "Happy Birthday" to Cathi White whose birthday was on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Great to have you both with us!

Cathy Szymanski's Presentation was on Artificial Intelligence. She explained that it is showing up in all of our lives and has advantages and disadvantages.

Advantages can include helping doctors, in the areas of art and music and by creating new jobs in technology. AI can also be used in a positive way to help Kiwanis grow. It can be used for service projects, flyers, newsletters, community engagement and recruitment to name a few. More information can be found on [Kiwanis.Org/AI](https://www.kiwanis.org/ai). Cathy also emphasized that AI is not a replacement for fellowship but it can help touch more lives.

Disadvantages included AI powered scams and she explained some of the ways to spot scams, including fooling by impersonation, odd or unnatural word choices and unnatural details. It can also lead to problems with mental health.

For more information on Cathy's very timely and important presentation please see her program on our [EASTON KIWANIS YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#).

Thank you, Cathy, for your presentation. As you said AI is with us so knowing as much as we can about it is very important.

For more information on Kathy's very time timely and important presentation please see her 38-min program on our YouTube channel: [CLICK HERE](#)



EASTON KIWANIS  
welcomes  
CATHY SZYMANSKI  
Kiwanis International  
Vice President



APRIL 1, 2026



ARTIFICIAL  
INTELLIGENCE  
AND HOW IT  
AFFECTS OUR  
LIVES.



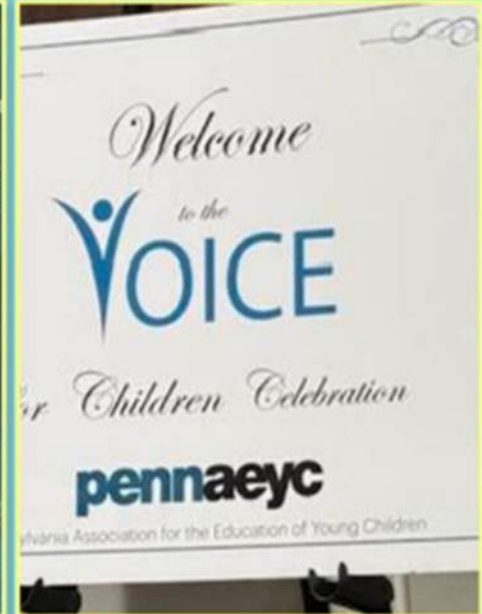
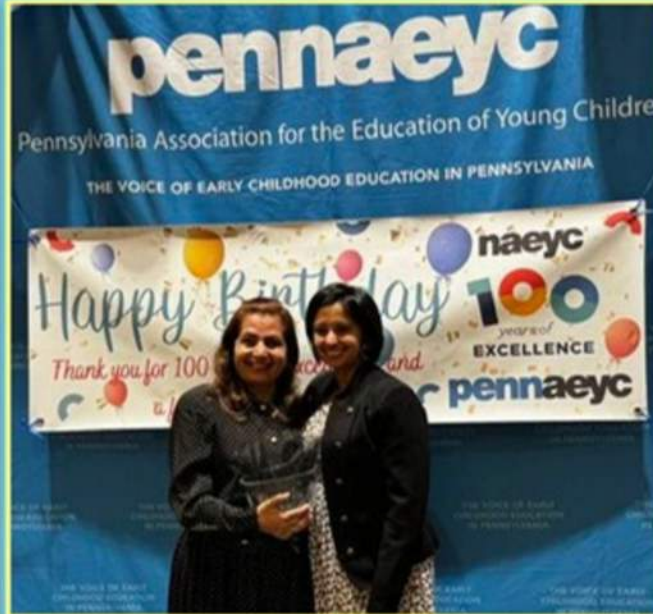
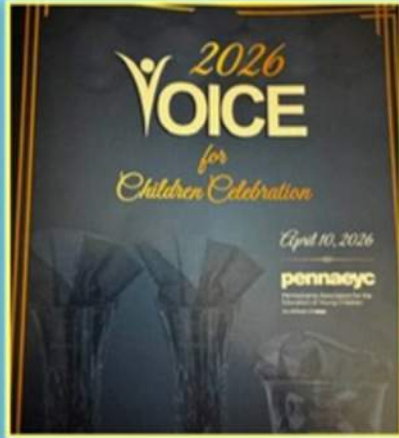
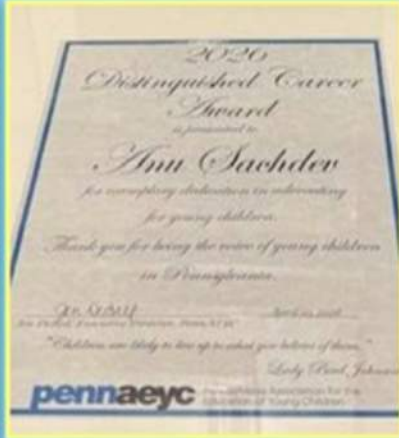


I had the distinct pleasure to attend the PennAEYC, state affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Voice Awards in Hershey last night.

Our local chapter president, Dr. Anu Sachdev, was a recipient of a Voice for Children Distinguished Career Award.

I have kept up with my advocacy for children since leaving the field in 2016 by joining my local affiliate, LANCHAP.

Early Childhood Education will always be something worth fighting for and we will continue to educate the public of its profound worth. Our kids are counting on us. Reported by Easton Kiwanis member and PA Kiwanis Governor-elect Janet Owen



## April 11th – Janet Owen at the PA District Key Club Convention...

What a weekend...reported our member and PA Governor-elect Janet Owen I'm so impressed with the Pennsylvania District Key Club Convention! So honored to get to install their new leadership for 2026-2027.



## April 11th – Pres Sue and Moms Offering Moms Support...

Pres Sue presented a check to the MOMS organization and their response: *We want to thank the Kiwanis Club of Easton for their generous donation of diapers, wipes, and a check for our Clean Diapers Program! 1 in 3 families in the US struggles to provide diapers for their baby- we thank Kiwanis for their help in supporting our families!*



Easton Kiwanis day at the Iron Pig game!

Beautiful weather and wonderful community!

Thanks to all of our members who came out and brought their family and friends!

*Thank you, James Owen for coordinating this event!*



The Pennsylvania One Book initiative is a valuable program that highlights the importance of early literacy development in preschoolers and the significance of reading early and often to children, as well as engaging them in conversation and other activities around books.

Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation is a representative on the PA One Book Committee. Having partnerships with collaborating agencies is one part of helping make this program successful. Many Pennsylvania Kiwanis clubs will also be participating in the PA One Book program. Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation supported this by purchasing the 25,000 copies of the book, *The Great Cookie Kerfuffle*, and having members read the book in classrooms and do activities around the book with the children.

Easton Kiwanian + PA Kiwanis Governor-elect Janet Owen and other Easton Kiwanians Kathy Heller, Sue Gallagher, Cathi White have been busy this week at the Forks Educational Center-YMCA and later on at Third St Alliance. Kathy Heller read at the Early Learning Center on April 16th and baked cookies with the children.

This year's book is the "Great Cookie Kerfuffle". We thank the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation for fostering the relationship that resulted in their name being attached to this years selected Pennsylvania One Book. *PA Book One* is an amazing program that fosters early literacy development in preschoolers. Great book to promote literacy and to have a cookie snack.



This meeting was opened by Sue Gallagher. We said the Pledge of Allegiance and sang God Bless America. Sue Gallagher shared Words of Wisdom on “What Kiwanians Do” and we all recited the Six Objects of Kiwanis.

Club members were welcomed as well as our speakers, David Robertson, Founder of JOSHWAY, and his colleague, Katherine Jackson. There were two guests, Charles Chase from the Kiwanis Club of Allentown North East, and Maryanne West from the Bee Ready Program.

James Owen introduced David Robertson who began his presentation on JOSHWAY - Empowering Youth and Restoring Identity. Robertson went on to explain how JOSHWAY came about after he lost his younger brother to mental illness and addiction. Shortly after losing his brother Robertson also lost his mother and his father. JOSHWAY came about as a way for him to honor all three of them.

He explained that kids today are under real pressure. He wants to transform that pressure into purpose. JOSHWAY serves in public and private schools, youth non-profits, community-based programs and in several more places.

JOSHWAY meets youth where they are and works to equip them with life skills and digital literacy as a pathway to leadership. He explained how this is done during his presentation.

David is very passionate about this program and about helping youth in areas where they need it most so the real pressures they face can be managed in positive ways. He also thanked Katherine for her work in writing grants to help support JOSHWAY.

Please go to our [EASTON KIWANIS YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#) to learn more about this very important program to empower youth amid the pressures today. Our thanks to David Robertson and Katherine Jackson for the work they do with JOSHWAY and for sharing information about this program with Easton Kiwanians.



Five years ago, I lost my younger brother Josh.

Mental health and addiction took him.  
That kind of loss changes you.  
It forces you to ask a deeper question:  
**What if no young person ever felt invisible?**  
That question became a promise.  
And that promise became JOSHWAY.  
Empowering Youth. Restoring Identity.



**Thank you David Robertson**  
**Founder of JOSHWAY**

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**Contact JOSHWAY**  
• 913 Northampton Street  
• Easton, PA 18042



### Money Smarts

When youth learn to manage money, they learn to manage their future.

Through Money Smarts, JOSHWAY Youth...

- Budget with confidence
- Make real financial decisions
- Plan for independence

92% of students report increased financial confidence after completing Money Smarts.



### April 16th – Shawnee K-Kids....

This morning 34 Shawnee K-Kids attended the meeting guided by Mr. Ellison and assisted today by Easton Kiwanians Cathi White, Julie Novick, and me. Mr. Ellison updated them on the results of the last meeting's activities and informed them that some K-Kids would be preparing the Bench Buddy seating area at the rear of the school for refurbishing and others would be making spring themed greeting cards. The first activity this morning was for all the K-Kids to pick up paper and refuse around the school property. Attached are some photos I took of the activities of the members. Their next scheduled meeting is May 14th and is the last scheduled meeting for this school semester. Reporting by Walt Howell



### April 16th – St Janes K-Kids....

This afternoon 16 St. Jane's K-Kids met. Miss Johnstone informed the members the activity for today is to go to each classroom to determine if they had a canister for collecting can tabs. If a classroom needed one, they would be supplied a canister. Today the members turned over two one-gallon bags filled with can tabs. The remainder to their meeting was for making Teacher Appreciation greeting cards. Easton Kiwanians assisting today were Cathi White, Rosemary Kocher, Sue Gallagher, and me. The next scheduled meeting is on May 7th. Reporting by Walt Howell



**April 18th the new Greater Northampton Kiwanis Club held their first event...**

**YAY**



**Aloha Winter,  
Aloha Spring**



Saturday, April 18th 11-3 p.m.  
Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church  
604 Fourth Street, Catasauqua, Pa.  
Join Us for a Fun Event, Free Admission  
for Kids (ages 3-9) and their Families

**Face Painting  
Crafts  
Games**



Register at the link below by 4/11/26  
for a **FREE** hot dog lunch!



**\*\*\*Food and basket raffles  
available for purchase**

**April 24th- Reading at the YMCA Forks Education Center...**

*What a fun day this morning at the Y Forks Education center!! I read 2 books then began a lesson on countries around the world. I showed them a picture of a country/continent and asked them to find it on the blow up globe. I then left a puzzle for them of the U.S. they all had fun with the theme and their song for graduation is all about the states. It fit so well. Reporting by Cathi White*



If not contact Secretry Rosemary Kocher [rmkocher@rcn.com](mailto: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](mailto:EastonKiwanis@gmail.com)

**ONLY 200 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD**

**58-years ago, a moment in Easton Kiwanis history...**

Although Easton Kiwanis specifically was not mentioned in this 1968 photo article from the EASTON EXPRESS, Donald Walters & Easton Printing-Malcom Rice were members of Easton Kiwanis and I believe so was Ben Levin and Easton Express did have, to my relocation, representation in the club then.

**PAL Presents Four Plaques For Service**

Awards for outstanding contributions to the Easton Police Athletic League were presented at last night's regular monthly meeting of the PAL in the Circlon restaurant.

Paul Martin, president of the Easton Police Athletic League, presented awards to Donald Walters, Ben Levin, and Martin Zippel. Mrs. Zippel accepted the plaque for her husband.

Malcom Rice accepted an award for the Easton Printing Co.

The awards to Walters, Levin and Zippel were for individual efforts. The award to Easton Printing was for help given by the firm.

The Easton Express and Radio Station WEEEX also receive certificates for contributions to PAL.



—Express Photo  
**PAL AWARDS** — Paul Martin, president of the Easton Police Athletic League, presents a plaque to Mrs. Martin Zippel who accepted the award for her husband. Others receiving awards last night are, left to right, Donald Walters, Ben Levin and Malcolm Rice.

Make your plans now to attend June 3<sup>rd</sup> at lunchtime. We'll be meeting at the new Palmer Kiwanis Youth Center on Green Pond Road. Simple \$15 lunch. Invite friends to our storyteller afternoon. About 30 minutes of a great story. **Reservations by May 30th**

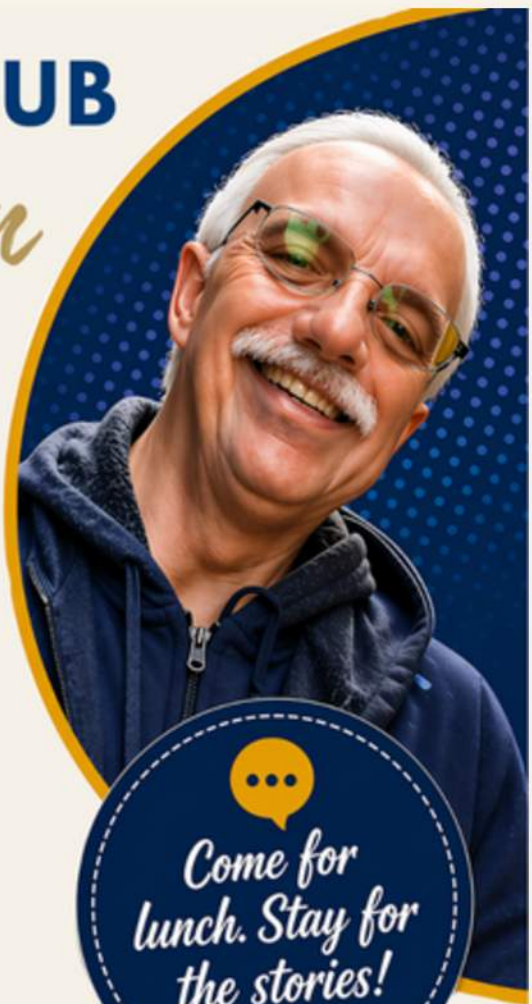


# KIWANIS CLUB OF *Easton*

## LUNCH MEETING

WITH *Jim Cyr*  
**STORYTELLER**

*Stories Connect.  
Laughter Lingers.*



*Come for lunch. Stay for the stories!*



**DATE:** Wednesday, June 3rd



**TIME:** Noon – 1pm? story about 30 minutes



**LOCATION:** Palmer Kiwanis Youth Center  
3052 Green Pond Road, Easton, PA



**LUNCH:** \$15 optional, send lunch reservation to [EastonKiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:EastonKiwanis@gmail.com)

*Inspiring stories.  
Great company.*  
**STRONGER  
COMMUNITY.**



**Kids Need Kiwanis**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
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### May Birthdays

May 10 - Neil Gallagher  
 May 15 - Thomas Lubben  
 May 19 - Salvatore Cuccuiffo  
 May 24 - Skip Fairchild

### **Anniversary Joined Kiwanis**

### May Club Anniversaries

May 3, 2027 - Thomas Lubben  
 May 11, 1983 - Charles Adams

### **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; May 14.

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

**FORKS EDUCATIONAL CENTER** – reading for children 2<sup>nd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays – speakers, 4th Wed Zoom Board Meeting

May 6 – CIT Scholarship held at SURV

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 26 -- Reading Under the Lights, Cottingham Stadium; (5;30-7:30)

May 27 -- Board Meeting 2PM ZOOM

June 3 –A Storyteller is our program, we're meeting at the new Palmer-Kiwanis Youth Center, Green Pond Road @ lunchtime. Make reservations by May 30th

June 10 -- Super Raffle Fundraiser

June 17 – George Koury, George's Pizza, his memoir about childhood experiences growing up in Lebanon.

June 24 – Board Meeting 2PM ZOOM

June 24-27 -- Kiwanis International convention in Manila

Jul 1 – no meeting

Jul 8 – no meeting

Jul 22 -- Board Meeting 2PM ZOOM

Aug 12 – Easton EMS Award @ Pomfret Club

Aug 13-16 -- Kiwanis District Convention in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Aug 26 – Board Meeting 2PM ZOOM

Sept 23 -- Board Meeting 2PM ZOOM

Oct 14 – Easton Firefighter Award @ Pomfret Club

Dec 19 – Christmas Party @ Riverview Clubhouse

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