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CLUB OF EASTON

July Klatter 2026

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Easton Kiwanians,

Summer is flying by. July seems to have passed in the blink of an eye and back to school things have been out in the stores for a while. While there was a little break in the action of our club during July we were able to have a Baby Diaper Shower for Moms Offering Moms Support, a 501c3 nonprofit organization with Zair Burris' as Director, President.



Zair's presentation brought to light the struggle many moms, in particular, are facing to provide for their children. Please see her presentation on our You Tube Channel. It is eye opening.

Easton Kiwanians have been attending Leadership Training Sessions on Zoom this month given by Kiwanis International. These were in depth learning sessions providing more information on the roles of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership. More information on any of these can be found on the Kiwanis International Website.

Two of our members traveled a distance to Manilla in the Philippines to attend the Kiwanis International Convention, Janet (PA Governor Elect) and James Owen. They shared some of their experiences at a club meeting. We look forward to hearing more about it in the future.

Speaking of conventions, we have a number of members going to the Kiwanis District Convention in Gettysburg from August 13th-16th. It is a great experience, sharing ideas, meeting new people and then bringing new ideas and information back to the club.

When I was teaching, August was the time to start thinking about the upcoming school year. As a reading teacher I had a small work space but I enjoyed getting supplies and decorating it so it was a welcoming place for the students - the start a fresh, new year!

Easton Kiwanians will be volunteering at events during August, including Wilson Boro LINCS Touch a Truck (Aug. 2nd) where children see different vehicles and can receive a backpack and school supplies for the start of a fresh new year! Our table will include Early Learning Information. We will also be at Easton's National Night Out (Aug. 4th). These are great volunteer opportunities. All are welcome.

August 5 – Sigal Museum Field Trip (Brown Bag Lunch) RSVP to Cathi White

August 12 - EMS Award Luncheon RSVP to Walt Howell

Thank you, Easton Kiwanians for all that you do. You are making a difference!

With gratitude always,

Sue Gallagher

Hope Marks-President



Cathy Szymanski-President-elect



Trinidad 'Toto' Gonzales-V-pres



July 4 – Dean Young and Walt Howell...

Dean Young commenting on Walt Howell's checking the Little Free Library at the Easton Boys & Girls Club.

Appreciation is extended to Walt Howell for stewardship of the local Free library, at the BGCS a commendable community service initiative by the Kiwanis Club of Easton...Dean

Thanks Dean for taking the photos. My weekly duty checking the Little Free Library...Walt

Thank you Dean on behalf of Easton Kiwanis. It's an honor to provide this for the residents of Easton...Bill



July 15 – Diaper Shower for MOMS + more...

Today's meeting was held at SURV Restaurant. We said the Pledge of Allegiance and sang God Bless America. Sue Gallagher welcomed members, guest Mary Ann West and our speaker Zair Lojkovic Burris, Director, President of MOMS OFFERING MOMS SUPPORT (MOMS), a 501c3 nonprofit. MOMS was founded in 1985 by Mary James, a stay-at-home mother of two from California. Today, there are 973 chapters in the United States, as well as international chapters. Zair started the Easton MOMS in November, 2019.

Zair explained that she started MOMS in Easton after her first child was born. She read that many families were unable to afford diapers for their children and she wanted to do something to help. MOMS is an organization that provides baby supplies to low income and homeless families. It is in Easton but also serves Bethlehem, Nazareth and Allentown. Referrals come from social workers, hospitals, advocacy programs, St. Luke's Nurse Family Practitioners and other agencies.

Supply items such as diapers, formula, pack-n-plays, car seats, breast pumps and clothing for infants to three years old are given free of charge to families in need. All items are donated

and it is strictly a volunteer organization. MOMS depends on donations from local businesses, foundations, trusts, other organizations and individuals. MOMS even kept running during COVID with porch pickups and drop offs. Last year Easton MOMS served 213 families and 300 children and toddlers.

Zair explained their 5 programs which are Clean Diapers, Full Bellies, Safe Sleep, Car Seats and Seasonal Aid. Great job Zair and Moms Offering Moms Support. You saw a need and are helping. Their web page is: [Moms Offering Moms Support](#)

Thank you, Zair, for your informative presentation. Thanks Easton Kiwanis members for donating diapers. The Kiwanis Club of Easton also donated \$300 to MOMS. Please see Zair's informative presentation on the Kiwanis Club of Easton YouTube channel, click here: [EASTON KIWANIS YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#).

After our speaker, Ken Wildrick shared words of inspiration on the 250th Anniversary of our country focusing on Pennsylvania heritage with William Penn who founded Pennsylvania in 1681, the Holy Experiment.

We celebrated Walter Howell's birthday since it was on July 15th, our meeting date. Governor Elect Janet and James Owen, who attended the Kiwanis International Convention in Manila, shared some highlights of the convention with the club. We are looking forward to hearing more about this in the future.





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ZAIR BURRIS
TO THE...
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1918

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JULY 15TH, 2024

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During National Hot Dog Day, July 15, Chuck Gugliuzza lifetime Easton resident now residing in Florida bestowed a large quantity of hotdogs to the Boys & Girls Club, which were delivered this afternoon for the kids 3 PM snack. Not just any dog. These were Jimmy Hot Dogs presented to Dean Young Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Easton by fellow Easton Kiwanis Club members, James and Janet Owen.

On hand this afternoon to help serve is a Boys & Girls Club of Easton Member appearing in the photo as she assist one of the club's volunteer extraordinaire, Ms. Sandra Riley.

Thanks, Chuck, thanks, Janet and James, and thanks to Easton Kiwanis Club for making us part of national hot day at the Boys & Girls Club Easton.

PS: From Jimmey's, After a busy day slinging hot dogs, We sold a total of 1146 hot dogs between the two locations on National Hot Dog day. So we will be donating 1146 hot dogs over the next few days to different organizations/causes in our communities. Thank you for your continued love and support.



July 18 -- K Family Gathering, Grantville...

James & Janet Owen at Kiwanis Family meeting in Grantville of the awesome Key Club and their Leadership.



July 20-- 2nd Harvest Food Bank, Nazareth...

James & Janet Owen volunteered @ 2nd Harvest Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania. Their task today was helping with 19 pallets, 760 Senior Food Boxes, 24,320 pounds

This volunteer effort was spearheaded by America 250 PA as a way to give back to our wonderful state.

Also reported there was some dancing involved????

James has been used to moving "freight all around the world in a prior life for United Airlines, now it's moving cargo on the ground.



 **Second Harvest
FOOD BANK**
of the Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania

Thanks, Wanderlust, for a great place to gather. A good time was had by all!!



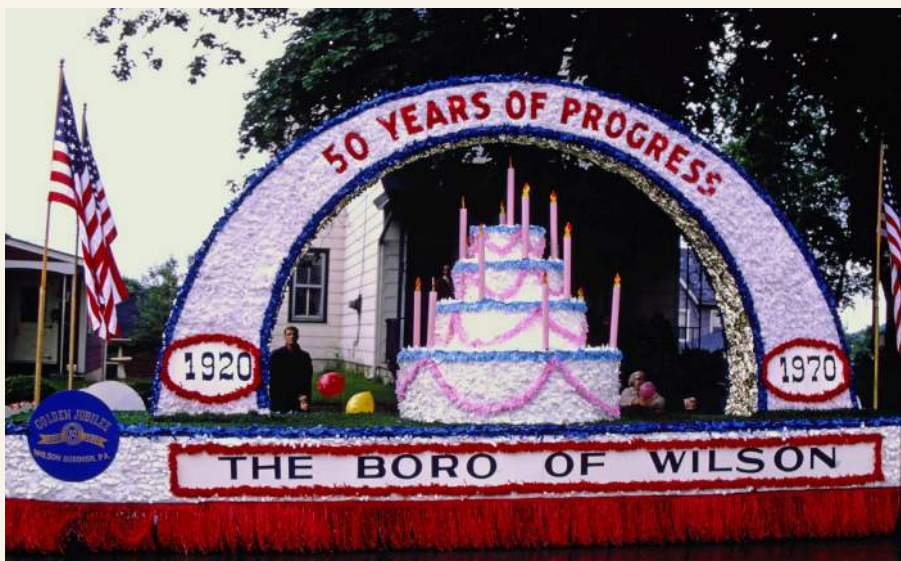
Easton Kiwanis from the past...

Wilson Boro 50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee parade on Sunday June 7, 1970

White 1962 Cadillac Series 62 White Convertible driven by Tom Stotz, Stotz Office Equipment and great Easton Kiwanian. Possibly the front passenger could have been Clair Churchman as they were both strong proponents of the "Y" Day Camp.

Green 1969 Buick Electra 225 4-door hardtop possibly driven by Jack Kuhn, another great Easton Kiwanian who owned Easton Buick.

Daughter Barbie Walters in red coat and my wife Barb Walters in light blue sitting in chair.



David Adams, my father-in-law and Fran Milheim, Tall Cedars of Lebanon





About District Convention...

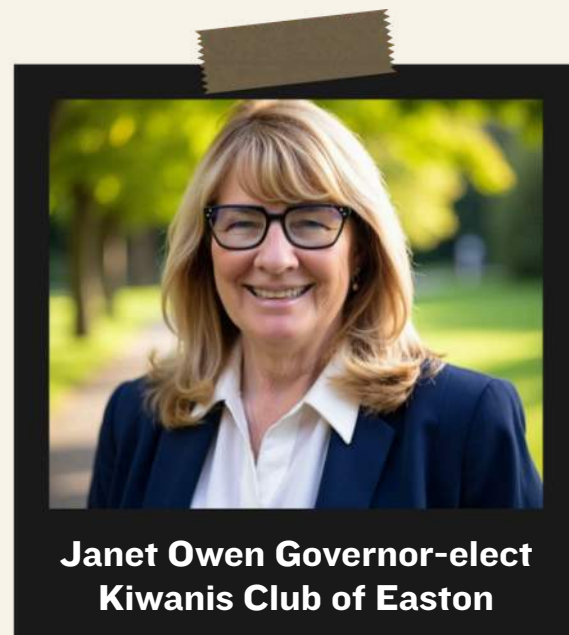
Join Kiwanians from across the district for a weekend of connection, learning, and inspiration! The 2026 Pennsylvania District Convention will take place in the historic town of Gettysburg. Come together to honor a legacy of service in our nation's 250th year, exchange ideas, celebrate fellow Kiwanians, and explore new ways to make an impact in your community. Enjoy thoughtfully curated experiences, including special excursions, inspiring speakers, interactive workshops, and meaningful fellowship as we strengthen our clubs and renew our commitment to service. *Vote for our next PA District Governor, Janet Owen.*

PA Kiwanis District Convention Page, [click here](#).

Online Registration, [click here](#).

Hotel Reservations deadline is July 13, 2026, please [reserve your hotel room](#) by using **Group Code 081226KIW** online or call 717-339-0020 and reference the group code. The Kiwanis group rate is \$155 +Tax/fees per night.

Easton Kiwanis Club member Janet Owen is the first Kiwanian from Easton Kiwanis to be a Pennsylvania Kiwanis District Governor-elect since 1919. And she will only be the 8th woman to become Pennsylvania Kiwanis District Governor, October 1st, 2026 .





July Birthdays

Joanne Cappellano	August 13
Janet Owen	August 13
Priscilla Martinez-Perez	August 13
Laurie Nelson	August 22
Jessie Shappell	August 28
Gary Tempest	August 28

July Club Anniversaries

Jessie Shappell	August 1, 2023
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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. Done until next school year.

St. Janes K-Kids meetings. Done until next school year.

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

Aug 2 – LINCS Touch-A-Truck, Wilson Boro

AUG 4 – National Night Out at Cottingham Stadium

Aug 5 – Field Trip Sigal Museum noon, bring a bag lunch, learn about Prohibition Time

Aug 12 – Easton EMS Award @ Pomfret Club \$25/peron for lunch

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

Aug 19 – Meeting at SURV, sharing information from our summer conventions

Aug 26 – Board Meeting 2PM ZOOM

Sept 2 – Jana Morris, Recovery Revolution

Sept 16 -- TBA

Sept 23 -- Board Meeting 2PM ZOOM

Oct 4 – Division 17/18 Picnic

Oct 7 – Installation of Officers

Oct 14 – Easton Firefighter Award @ Pomfret Club

Oct 25 – Halloween Parade, planning stages

Oct 26-29 – SURV Fundraiser for Easton Kiwanis

Nov 4 – Nurture Nature, Birds, fireflies, invertebrates, and wildflowers - discovering the biodiversity in our local environment

Nov 17 – Mixer at SURV 5PM

Dec 9 – IU 20 Kids Christmas/Holiday Party

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