EASTON KIWANIS KLATTER

OCTOBER 2026



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Easton Kiwanians,

Happy New Year! As you know our Kiwanis New Year starts on October 1st and ends on September 30th . This past year was action filled as Easton Kiwanians participated in many community events and continued our work of "improving the world one child and one community at time."

At our first October meeting club officers and board members were installed for the upcoming year. It is a dedicated group of Kiwanians who put the Six Objects of Kiwanis into action. They were installed by Janet Owen, PA Kiwanis Governor and Kiwanis Club of Easton Member. Thank you all for all you do.

On October 14, the Kiwanis Club of Easton presented the Fire Fighter of the Year Award posthumously to Tyler Weidner. Tyler tragically passed away in September 2025. It was truly moving to see Tyler's family, fellow fire fighters, friends, dignities and Easton Kiwanians there to honor Tyler. His legacy will live on.

At our Kick-Off to a New Year Meeting, we recognized and inducted Beth Archer as representative for Third Street Alliance and recognized Julie Novick (*Awesomeness Award*). Welcome also to new member, Maryanne West, sponsored by Terry Thomas.

Recognition awards were given to Neil Gallagher, retiring from the board after many years of service, and Bill Walters, Manager of Special Projects, for his Outstanding Work on Club and Community Communication. Thank you both.

Please note – Easton Kiwanis Membership Drive Fundraiser Mixer, Nov.17th at SURV Restaurant (5:00-7:00). Check your email for information. Please plan to attend and bring a guest. Questions – Contact Janet Owen

When I think of November, Thanksgiving, of course, comes to mind but I also think of the many blessings we have as individuals and as a club. When Rosemary and I met with a potential new member, we told her about the club and we both said it's not just a club, *it's a family*.

Read the newsletter! The newsletter, thank you Bill, is a testament to what we are doing. When you see our members, smiling faces, a Spider/Skeleton themed table at the Miracle League Trunk or Treat, many hands packing Roses (thank you, Rosemary Kocher, for chairing the Rose Sale) and a smile on someone's face or tear in someone's eye when you give them the roses, you know being an Easton Kiwanian is something special.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sue

Sept 8 – Forks Education Center-Reading...

Reading at the YMCA Education center this morning. The readers were Sue Gallagher and Cathi White. The children always enjoy the stories and interacting.







Sept 9th – Kathy Presto visits Africia...



I went to Tanzania Africa for a 2 week safari. Part of that was visiting a Massai village to see how they lived. I visited a kindergarten class and gave them crayons pencils and markers and paper.

I had a marvelous experience and am willing to share with Kiwanis.

Oct 4th – Division 17/18 Division Picnic...

Lt Governor Diane Farleigh reports on the Div 17/18 Picnic. Happy New Kiwanis Year Fellow Kiwanians! Club Members from the Allentown, Allentown Northeast, Emmaus, Easton, Bethlehem & Northampton Clubs came together to make 50 "Birthday Box" kits for our Divisional Service Project to be distributed to local food banks & agencies that provide Foster Children Services. Special Thanks to Linda MacNamara from the Northampton Club for spearheading the Service Project. Governor Janet shared her vision for the New Year. "First Dog" Emma joined in the festivities. Thank you for all you do in your communities! It all comes together when we work as a team.



Oct 7th – Club Officer Installation and more ...

Today's meeting was held at SURV Restaurant. Sue Gallagher welcomed everyone. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and God Bless America was sung. Ken Wildtrick shared Words of Wisdom on phases of life and what we might be leaving behind. We sang Happy Birthday to those members celebrating October birthdays.

PA Kiwanis Governor Janet Owen opened the Installation of Officers and Board Members by asking members to share a note of positivity to another member. She then proceeded with the Installation.

These leaders have and will continue service for Kiwanis, their club and the community they serve.

President- Suzanne Gallagher
Vice President- Cathi White
Secretary- Marybeth Okula
Treasurer- Rosemary Kocher
Immediate Past President – Scott Fisher
Board Member- Crystal Rose
Board Member- Bill Walters

Congratulations!

<u>Certificates of Recognition</u> were then given to the following members:

Bill Walters – Outstanding Club and Community Communication Award
Neil Gallagher - Service to Board of Directors
Janet Owen – Certificate of Honor and Achievement
Sue Gallager – Outstanding Club and Community Communication
Certificate of Awesomeness – Julie Novick, Forks YMCA Education Center (20years)

Congratulations to all and thank you for that you for all that you do,





















October – Miracle League "Helpers"...



On Saturday, October 10, 2026, Rosemary Kocher and her husband Bob, and Marybeth Okula and her husband Mark, assisted in the Miracle League Snack Stand for the afternoon games. The weather was perfect and the teams had an extraordinary time on the baseball field. We thank the Miracle League Crew for inviting the Easton Kiwanians to participate.

"On Saturday, October 17, 2026, the Kiwanis Club of Easton served in the concession stand at the Miracle League. Despite a chilly start to the day, Cathi White, Kathy Heller, Marybeth and Mark Okula, and Chris Paltz kept the hot dogs and hot pretzels ready, selling plenty of hot chocolate and coffee. It was the last game of the season for the Miracle League, and a wonderful day for both our Easton Kiwanians and the baseball teams!"



Oct 14th – Easton Firefighter of the Year Award...

The Kiwanis Club of Easton held its annual Easton Firefighter of the Year Award Ceremony at the Pomfret Club on Wednesday, October 14.

This year, the selected recipient Kevin Sciba graciously declined the honor and requested that the award be presented posthumously to Tyler Weidner. Tyler tragically passed away in September 2025.

Kevin and Nellisa Weidner, Tyler's parents and Kerry Kozic, fiancé, were at the ceremony to accept the award from Sue Gallagher, President of the Kiwanis Club of Easton.
Walter Howell emceed the event with Deputy Fire Chief Chad Gruver and introduced all the dignitaries. Some of the dignitaries in attendance included Pennsylvania State Representative Bob Freeman, Mayor Sal Panto, City Councilman Frank Pintabone, and City Councilwoman Crystal Rose. Representative Bob Freeman and Senator Lisa Boscola honored Tyler Weidner's family with citations recognizing Tyler's service and dedication. Janet Owen, Governor of the Pennsylvania District of Kiwanis, presented the family with a Certificate of Honor. Flowers were also presented to Tyler's fiancé and mother from the members of the Kiwanis Club of Easton.

Tyler was not only a hero in life, but his legacy of giving continued after his passing. As an organ donor, Tyler donated both kidneys to two individuals in their forties, giving them a new lease on life. Tyler's legacy will live on. Watch the 34min video on YouTube CLICK HERE



Oct 20th – St Janes School Reading to Children...

Kiwanian and former principal read to the youngest students at St. Jane School Wilson. The prechoolers and Kindergartners really enjoyed hearing the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown.







Oct 2Ist – New Builders Club @ St Janes School...

Wednesday afternoon the St. Jane's Builders club met for the first time. We had 29 students from grades 6 & 7 attending and more will be coming because the 8th grade members were on a field trip. The club is was lead by Christi Johnstone, Faculty Advisor and assisted by Kiwanians Marybeth Okula and Walt Howell. Walt gave the members an overview of the Builders Club and asked how many of the members were members of their K-Kids program and how they can continue on as Kiwanis members as Key Clubbers, Circle K International members and finally adult members. Next Marybeth explained to them the principals of the Builders Club students developing leadership skills, teamwork and community service value.

The final part of this meeting involved the members giving speeches for the elected officer positions. The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday November 11th at 2:15 PM.











Oct 21st – Kick off the New Kiwanis Year...

Today's meeting at SURV Restaurant was opened by Vice President Cathi White. She welcomed everyone and the Pledge of Allegiance was said and God Bless America was sung. Words of Wisdom were shared by Ken Wildrick.

PA Kiwanis Governor Janet Owen inducted Beth Archer to the club. The Kiwanis Club of Easton welcomes Beth as the newest member representative from Third Street Alliance. Bill Walters and Walt Howell will be her sponsors going forward.

Thanks to Third Street Alliance for their continued dedication and commitment to women and children facing life challenges and Early Education. We are honored to have you as a member!

Also recognized at the meeting were Scott Fisher – Immediate Past President and Julie Novick received the Awesomeness Award for 20 years of service at Forks YMCA Learning Center.

Kiwanis Youth Protection

Nothing is more important than the safety of the children Kiwanis serves. That's why Kiwanis International dedicates a week each year to youth protection. Kiwanis clubs are required to educate members on Kiwanis Youth Protection Policies & Procedures.

At this meeting, Walter Howell, went over Youth Protection Policies and Procedures and showed a power point presentation on Youth Protection Training. All members received a copy of Kiwanis Youth Protection Policies & Procedures, Anyone in Kiwanis volunteering with children must have the necessary clearances.Thank you, Walt, for you dedication to the safety of children.

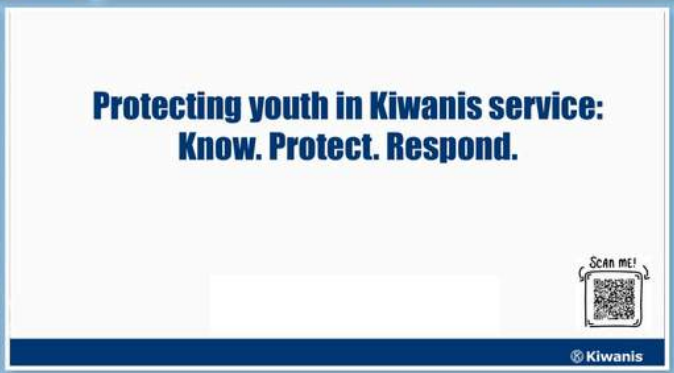














Oct 22nd – Forks Education Center-Reading...

Pennsylvania Kiwanis District Governor Janet read, *Frankenkitty and The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything* to children at Forks Educational Center-YMCA.

Kathy Heller read, Will You Be My Friend, to 15 students at the Forks Educational Center. The book was provided to the Kiwanis Club of Easton through funding from the Kiwanis Children Fund and the Pennsylvania Children's Foundation.



Oct 22nd –Shawnee K-Kids...

The Shawnee K-Kids met again today and the objectives today were to have elections of club officers, hand out the K-Kids member items, and complete the Kiwanis International K-Kids Annual Survey. Lead by Mr. Ellison the members attempted to complete the survey on their iPads before the October 30th deadline, but the website did not seem to be working, so Mr. Ellison suggested they all complete the survey at another time.

Mr. Ellison introduced Janet as our new Pennsylvania District Governor and she spoke with the members about the Kiwanis organization as K-Kids and where they fit into the whole worldwide organization. Janet was taking photos during the meeting.

Janet Owen, Cathi White and I assisted with the 41 members present listening to speeches for the 13 members that gave speeches for an elected office. Once the members voted for their preferences Cathi and I counted the ballots and gave the results to Mr. Ellison. He then informed the of the election results and dismissed them to go to their classes. Mr. Ellison, school advisor is back and keeping the kids engaged and FOCUSED! Their next meeting is scheduled for November 12th at 7:30 AM.

Oct 22nd –Shawnee K-Kids--continued...











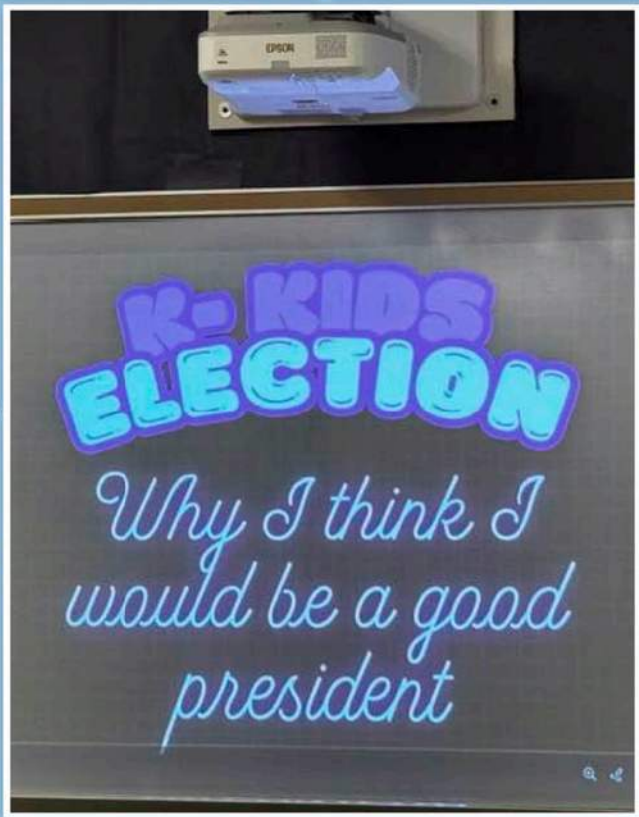
















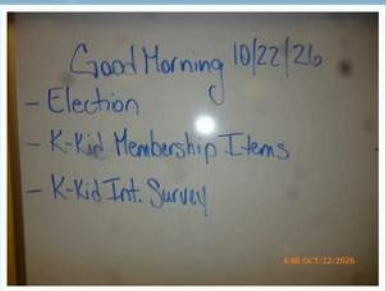
























Oct 25th – Phillipsburg-Easton Halloween Parade...

Sunday afternoon the Phillipsburg Kiwanis and Easton Kiwanis participated again in the local Halloween parade starting in Phillipsburg NJ and ending in Easton PA. This year we had the Kiwanis balloon to identiy the float. ***Be on the lookout for the Kiwanis Care Bears.***


















Oct 25th – Miracle League Trunk or Treat..

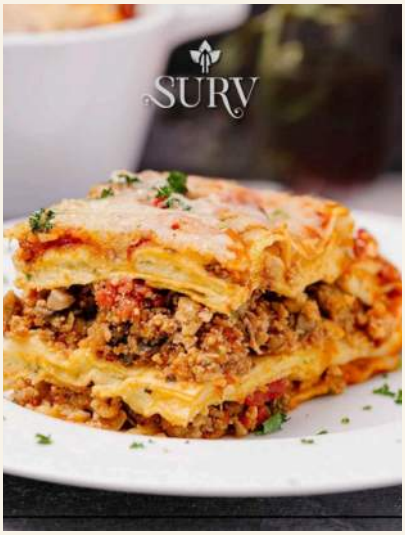
It seemed that for a while Easton Kiwanis was not going to be able to attend the Miracle League Northampton County's 13th Annual Trick-or-Treat Event. But when a message came from asking us to please help as we have for many years, well, Easton Kiwanis' *"Leadership Ladies"* came thru. Easton Kiwanis President Sue Gallagher, Vice President, Cathi White, Secretary, Marybeth Okulla, Treasurer, Rosemary Kocher, and the PA District Governor, Janet Owen for coming out.



Oct 26th – Curbside Meal Fundraiser from SURV...

SURV's October Curbside Fundraiser supported the Easton Kiwanis Club to aise funds for the annual IU20 Holiday Party. Thank you, SURV, for all that you do for the Kiwanis Club of Easton and the community.

This month's family meal featured: Sausage & Pepper Lasagna with house-made basil-infused tomato purée, béchamel, fresh mozzarella & Grana cheese, pizza oven garlic knots, and an Italian Salad. This meal feeds a family of four for $60, with a portion of every order donated directly to the Kiwanis Club of Easton, PA to support their IU20 holiday party.





SURV



Oct 27th – Easton Boys & Girls Club-HOMEWORK HELPERS...

Easton Kiwanis Club Partners with B&GCE expanding their help with supplemental Academic Coaching for Kids! We are thankful to our community partners and collaborators. With their help there's always a meaningful positive fun experience waiting for Kids at the Boys & Girls Club of Easton.

Easton Kiwanis Club members are teaming up with the BGCE organization to provide additional academic support for all Club members who can use an extra learning coach. Under the direction of Rosemary Kocher, Easton Kiwanis Club members have been recruited and are ready to join BGCE Club members in their academic pursuit for excellence. The group of volunteers are made up of former educators, retired school teachers and former principals.

Rosemary Kocher and her team of educators will commence their volunteerism on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, between 4 PM and 5 PM which will be repeated on a weekly basis. Following the successful academic coaching session, club members can earn the opportunity to participate in fun activities such as Bingo, board games, access to the game room, and more.

This is a great opportunity, a good deal for parents and youth to take advantage of the generosity, time and consideration that Easton Kiwanis Club is giving to our organization on behalf of the youth that we serve. *Reported by Dean Young , Club Director of EBGC*

Easton Kiwanis members are undertaking a new role helping to educate children with our Homework Helpers program at the Easton Boys & Girls Club.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF EASTON























Kiwanis CLUB OF EASTON

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Volunteer with Easton Kiwanis Homework Helpers

at the Boys & Girls Club of Easton

Tuesdays • 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
(You do not need to attend every week.)

Make a Difference in Just One Hour a Week

The Easton **Kiwanis** Club is seeking caring, patient, and enthusiastic volunteers to support local students with homework, reading, and basic academic skills. Your time and encouragement can help build confidence and success.



What Volunteers Do

- Provide one-on-one or small-group homework help
- Encourage positive study habits
- Support reading and math practice
- Serve as a friendly mentor and role model

Who We're Looking For

- Adults who enjoy helping kids learn
- No teaching experience required
- A positive attitude and willingness to help

Location

Boys & Girls Club of Easton
220 James Houston Way, Easton, PA

Why It Matters

Your support helps Easton youth stay on track academically and feel confident in school. One hour a week can change a child's outlook.

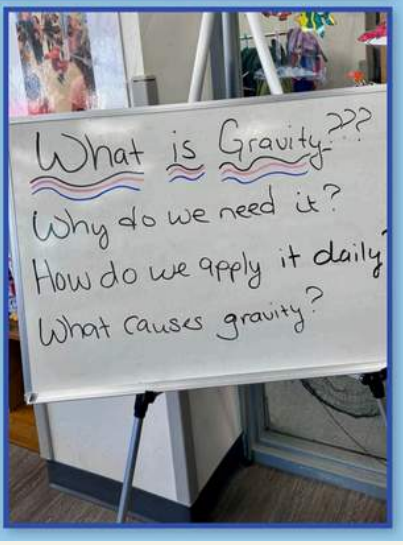
Interested in Volunteering?
Contact Rosemary Kocher for details or to sign up.
Email: rmkocher@rcn.com

Background Clearances Required

Join us in making a positive impact—one homework assignment at a time.







Oct 28th –Annual Rose Sale..

At least a dozen Easton Kiwanians joined together on the 28th at St Francis de Chantal Church lower level to assemble all the many rose boxes and then place the roses in the boxes. And by around 9:30 in the morning all the cars were loaded with 169-dozen roses for deliveries and they left to put smiles on the faces of the many customers receiving the beautiful roses. Thank you to the most fitting person to chair our Rose Sale, ***ROSEMARY KOCHER.***



Oct –Nazareth Key Club...

Special Olympics Flag Football regional at Nazareth Area high school. Key clubers were responsible for keeping, score of games, times, and facilitating the skills part while cheering on all the Athletes. Key clubers also assisted in awarding medals to the Olympians. It was an amazing day for all.



EASTON KIWANIS HISTORICAL MOMENTS & SOME PAST HUMOR...

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Kiwanis Club Honors Last Charter Member

John R. Winter. 92-year-old retired Easton tailor, was honored by the Easton Kiwanis Club yesterday for his outstanding records as a Kiwanian.

Winter is the only surviving charter member of the Easton club, founded in 1918.

He has served as club treasurer for the entire 54-year period of his membership. This is the longest time any club treasurer in all of Kiwanis International has held that office, officials reported

They also cited Winter's perfect attendance record at club meetings for 42 years



JOHN R. WINTER

John sold the clothing business and continued as a merchant tailor in the Northampton National Bank Building until his retirement.

At the luncheon meeting in Hotel Easton, the club presented a plaque to Winter in appreciation of his long service. The presentation was made by the Rev. Charles Bomboy. club president, and Robert S. Gersteall. a past president.

Winter plans to move to San Diego. Calif., next week to live with his son. James who was a guest at the luncheon.

John Winter, whose Easton home was al 610 Burke St. was a merchant tailor for more than 70 years, retiring two years ago. Born at Batavia. N. Y., he came to Easton to work as a cutter in 1907.

He was later joined by his brother, Charles, in the clothing firm of Winter Brothers After the death of Charles,

He died August 1973

Found this among my fathers old WWII stuff

What To Do In Case of An AIR RAID

1. As soon as the bombs start droping, run like HELL. (It doesn't matter where, as long as you run like hell!)
   (a) Wear Track Shoes if possible - If people in front of you are slow, you won't have any trouble getting over them.

2. Take advantage of opportunities afforded you when air raid sirens sound the warning of attack, i. e.
   (a) If in a bakery, grab some pie or cake, etc.
   (b) If in a tavern, grab a bottle.
   (c) If in a movie, grab a blonde.

3. If you find an unexploded bomb, always pick it up and shake it like hell. (Maybe the firing pin is stuck.) If that doesn't work, heave it into the furnace. (The fire department will come later and take care of things.)

4. If an incendiary bomb is found burning in a building, throw gasoline on it—(You can't put it out anyway so you might as well have a little fun.)
   (a) If no gasoline is available, throw a bucket of water on it and lie down—you're dead.
   P.S. The properties of the bomb free the hydrogen from water causing rather rapid combustion. (In fact, it will explode with a helluva crash)

5. Always get excited and holler bloody murder. (It will add to the fun and confusion and scare hell out of the kids.)

6. Drink heavily, eat onions, limburger cheese, etc., before entering a crowded air raid shelter. (It will make you very unpopular with the people within your immediate vicinity, eliminating any unnecessary discomfort that would be more prevalent if people crowded to close.)

7. If you should be a victim of a direct bomb hit, don't go to pieces. (Lie still and you won't be noticed.)

8. Knock the Air Raid Wardens down if they start to tell you what to do. (They always save the best seats for themselves and their friends anyway.)



Roger Conners - Nov. 3
James Owen – Nov. 3
Kathy Presto – Nov. 24

Anniversary Joined Kiwanis

Skip Fairchild - 11/20/1985
Joanne Cappellano – 11/4/1987
Dean Young - 11/1/1988
Terry Thomas – 11/6/2019
Rosemary Kocher – 11/11/2021

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 Nov 12; Dec 10; Jan 14; Feb 11; Mar 18; Apr 15; May 27.

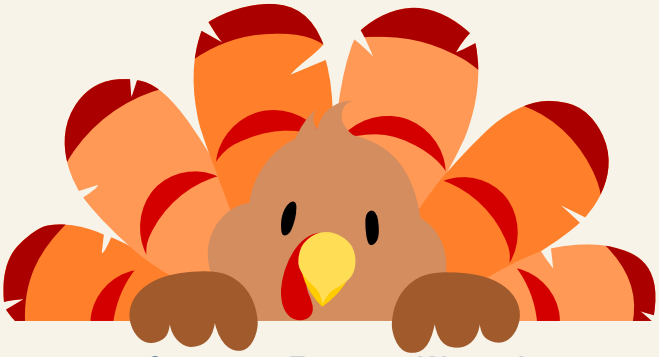
St. Janes K-Kids 2:15 to 3:15 PM November 19, December 3

St. Janes Builders Club 2:15 to 3:15 PM-November 11 & 24, December 2, January 13.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

2026: *usually* 1st & 3rd Wednesdays – speakers, 4th Wed Zoom Board Meeting
Nov 4 – SURV @ 11:45: Nurture Nature, Birds, fireflies, invertebrates, and wildflowers - discovering the biodiversity in our local environment
Nov 17 – Mixer at SURV 5PM
Nov 18 – SURV @ 11:45: Ken Wildrick presents: War, Pacifism, and Non-Violence: The Revolution and Beyond. Lots that's interesting due to extensive pacifism in PA (we are the Quaker State, of course, and the Moravians are local), and lots of history that many of us will remember related to the Vietnam era.
Dec 9 – IU 20 Kids Christmas/Holiday Party
Dec 19 – Club Christmas Party @ Riverview Clubhouse





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