



EASTON KIWANIS KLATTER

SEPTEMBER
2026



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Easton Kiwanians,

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful Fall weather. Autumn is my favorite season. I enjoy seeing Mother Nature paint the leaves on the trees various shades of bright red and warm yellow. I enjoy going to the farm to get pumpkins for the porch and for our yard. The crisp autumn air is a welcome relief and perfect for sitting at Easton Area High School football games with fans cheering for the players and of course for the band of 340 students. There is nothing like it.

For Kiwanians, with September comes the end of our Kiwanis year and October 1st is right around the corner for our new year. Looking back on the past year and seeing all that the Kiwanis Club of Easton has done, you should all be very proud of yourselves. I am so grateful for all of you.

This past year we have participated in community events and even have a very large Kiwanis inflatable to take along so people know who we are. We have served children in numerous ways, enjoyed a variety of speakers, had successful fundraisers and contributed to many non-profits to support our community partners.

We are not large in number but we are tireless in our efforts to do all we can and more for children and our community. It is also a true privilege to be able to honor our First Responders who put their lives on the line for all of us every day.

How often have we said that one of the best things about Kiwanis is that we are a family. We celebrate together; milestone birthdays and anniversaries; the Pomfret Club's unanimous vote to name the library at the Pomfret Club after one of our members, the Charlie and Sandy Adams Library for their generosity; a history making district convention and Easton Kiwanian, Janet Owen, being installed as PA Kiwanis Governor, to mention a few. We are also there for each other in times of need. That's what families do.

On the business side, committees have been busy with service projects; SLPs and Key Club; two successful fundraisers; club and community communication; working on the bylaws (accepted recently by the club); the strategic plan and restructuring the committees – a lot going on.

This past year has been a learning experience for me in many ways – I just might even get Robert's Rules down for board meetings – but most of all I am filled with awe for all that you do from your hearts, because you care about kids and our community. You're the best. *Thank you!*

See you in the next Kiwanis New Year!

Sue

Sept 2nd – Jana Morris, Recovery Revolution and a Birthday Surprise...

The meeting today was held at SURV Restaurant. Sue Gallagher welcomed everyone and the Pledge of Allegiance was said and God Bless America was sung.

Sue shared Words of Wisdom in honor of Joanne Cappellano whose 90th Birthday was celebrated at this meeting.

Joanne made history as the first female club president at a time when Easton Kiwanis consisted primarily of Easton male business leaders. She made history again as the first female Vice-President at the bank where she was employed.

Joanne is an amazing example to all of us. Joanne, we thank you for your service and dedication of 39 years to the Kiwanis Club an Easton and we wish you a very happy birthday with many happy, healthy years ahead!

Our speaker today was Jana Morris, Executive Director and Founder of Recovery Revolution, which celebrated 20 years in operation in 2025. Recovery Revolution is a premiere outpatient addiction treatment in the Pennsylvania's Slate Belt Region and beyond. Its mission is to promote healthy, responsible, and personalized treatment of individuals with addictions (including gambling).

Jana explained different facets of substance abuse disorder, Recovery Revolution's approach to treatment and how they work with schools, senior citizens, the Clean Slate drop-in center and a Licensed Sober Living Recovery Residence for those in recovery who have nowhere to live.

Thank you, Jana, for presenting this program to our club. It was amazing to hear how far reaching and how many programs Recovery Revolution has. Please see the entire 23min presentation on this very important topic on <https://youtu.be/Becvm98CTWY>.

Recovery Revolution was the recipient of a grant to maintain and expand school services from the Kiwanis Foundation of Easton in May.



Sept 9th – 3rd Street Alliance...

On September 26, 2026, Third Street Alliance will hold a Harvest Moon Celebration. The Kiwanis Club of Easton is supporting our community partner with a \$500 sponsorship for this event.

On September 9th, Sue Gallagher and Rosemary Kocher delivered the \$500 check to Marissa Azzalina, Third Street Alliance Development Communications Manager.

Beth Archer, Director of Development, is the 3rd Street Alliance representative for the Kiwanis Club of Easton.

Thank you, Third Street Alliance, for all that you do for children and for the community.



Sept 10th – Reading to students at Forks Educational Center...

Easton Kiwanis members, Janet Owen and Cathi White read to the students at Forks Educational Center-Rivercrossing this morning. Great time spent with the students.

It was a good time today reading to a different group of children. They didn't know what it was all about because it was a 'new' group. But they are looking forward to another reading day.



Today's meeting was held at SURV restaurant with Vice President, Cathi White, presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and God Bless America was sung. Cathi then shared words of wisdom and proceeded to introduce Dr. Thomas Lubben, our speaker.

Dr. Lubben is a life-long educator with over 50 years of service in a wide range of educational roles. He is a published author of both fiction and nonfiction books. He has been a member of Easton Kiwanis since May 3, 2017.

His program was "Life Begins at 70??" Dr. Lubben explained that his presentation was biographical about the past 15 years. He started by saying the notion that packing it in at 65 is not what is happening and he explained that in the last 15 years he has had difficult things happen to him, loss of a job and marriage, but he has also had experiences like a trip to China 2021 that changed his life.

During the last 15 years, Dr. Lubben has started charter schools for the arts, remarried his first wife, had physical challenges and wrote two book series, the B J Gleeson Series and the Eyewitness Series, which is spiritual in nature.

Through the ups and downs, Dr. Lubben continues to reinvent himself, teach a college course in Sociology, write and continue to develop his talents. He closed his talk with inspirational quotes from Joe Louis, the Bible and Robert Frost. He ended by saying, "God isn't finished with me yet."

Thanks, Dr. Lubben, for your inspiration. See his 23min video presentation in full on [EASTON KIWANIS YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#)-click here.

MAJOR KNEE INJURY – Feb. 2015



THE FUTURE- 2026 & Onward

"Everybody wants to go to heaven, but no one wants to die to get there."
(Attributed to famous boxing legend: Joe Louis)

Jeremiah 29: 11: For I know the Plans I have for you, says the Lord.

Robert Frost: "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference."



GOD ISN'T FINISHED
WITH ME YET

THEN and NOW!!!!



Life Begins at 70 ??????

WIFE'S DEVESTATING SURGERY -
July-2022



Kiwanis Club of Easton
SERVING THE CHILDREN OF OUR COMMUNITY

Life Begins at 70 ??????
The Times - They Are a-changing
Bob Dylan

Dr. Thomas Lubben
Published Author

The Times- They Are a-changing: Bob Dylan

We are Kiwanis

SERVICE | LEADERSHIP | COMMUNITY

Sept 17th – Shawnee K-Kids...

Easton Kiwanians Walt Howell and Cathi White delivered an Easton Kiwanis shirt to Mr. Ellison, Shawnee K-Kids Advisor.

What a great first meeting with the K-kids at Shawnee!! The group has a lot of great ideas for this year!

And Mr. Ellison's comments:
Thank you once again!
I will wear it with pride!



Sept 23rd-24th – Forks Educational Center 20 years...

On Wednesday, September 23, The Forks Education Center celebrated 20 years of serving the community. We had state and local representatives visit, along with Easton mayor Sal Panto who read stories to the children. We buried a time capsule, created a quilt, and had a kazoo parade!

And on the 24th Governor Designate, Janet Owen, was reading at Forks Educational Center.

Congratulations, Julie Novick, on providing 20 years of excellence in preschool education.



Sept 30th – Palmer Kiwanis Interclub with an Artist...

Palmer Township Kiwanis invited fellow Kiwanians to join them for their regular meeting on September 30th. Their guest presenter was Chris Severn, a certified Bob Ross painting instructor. Chris is expanding his presence in the Lehigh Valley Arts Community painting in the approachable and joyful wet-on-wet style of Bob Ross. He is opening a painting studio at the ArtsQuest Creative Factory. He teaches all ages.

At the Palmer Kiwanis meeting, Severn created a painting using his teaching style that blends technical precision with an encouraging approach. It was amazing to see a painting come to life in its entirety in less than an hour.

Severn is inspirational and committed to accessible art education and community engagement. It was an enlightening and enjoyable experience.

Thanks so much, Palmer Kiwanis, for inviting members of the Kiwanis Club of Easton. Easton Kiwanians there were Rosemary Kocher and Neil and Sue Gallagher. Dianne Farleigh, Div. 17/18 PA Kiwanis Lt. Governor, was also there.

Thanks to Deb Ashton for ordering Kiwanis Roese from Easton Kiwanis this year.



Other Member Tidbits from September...

September 17th the Pomfret Club honored Charlie and Sandy Adams with a surprise dinner. Bill and Barb Walters were going to the PC for an anniversary dinner and wanted Charlie and Sandy to join us on the 17th but Charlie had to decline as he had promised to join 2 members of the Pomfret Club Board for dinner that night. Little did the Adams' know the whole Board of Directors were honoring Charlie and Sandy that night with a surprise.

"At the August Board meeting, the BOD unanimously voted to name the library the "Charlie and Sandy Adams Library." The Adams have been so generous to the club, and their generosity allowed us to upgrade our electrical system. On Thursday, September 17th, the Board invited the Adams to a surprise dinner in the library to announce the new name. It was convivial and meaningful. We thank the Adams once again."



Bill and Barb celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on the actual date of September 17th with long-time friends Bob and Robin Moran at the Pomfret Club. The PC holds special memories for Bill and Barb as they got engaged at the PC and held the wedding rehearsal dinner at the PC.

But gathering their family together for a celebration would have to wait until Saturday September 26th. Their daughter Barb and son-in-law Chris "assembled everyone" for dinner at Marblehead Chowder House.





Where in the world were Cathy Heller and Chris Paltz when they were kayaking?



We know that Kathy Heller was recently in Alaska on a cruise and visited the WHITE PASS & YUKON RAILWAY from Skagway, AK.



Walt Howell was on an Alaskan Cruise as was Kathy Heller from Sept. 4 to Sept 11. I took a cruise on the Celebrity Edge from Seattle, Washington through the inside passage of Alaska. This trip was affiliated with the National Fraternal Order of Police and there were approximately 120 FOP members and families on this cruise. The National FOP Secretary Jimmy Holderfield & his wife Pam hosted several gatherings on the ship for members during the cruise.

Our first port of call was in Ketchikan, Alaska. We then headed towards Juneau and along the way passed the Endicott Arm and Daws Glacier. While in Juneau I took a shuttle out to the Mendenhall Glacier and took a nature trail to the Nugget Falls. Our final port of call in Alaska was to the Gold Rush hub of Skagway.

On our return to Seattle we had a port of call in Victoria, British Columbia and I took a guided evening tour around the city. One stop was to the lighted Parliment Building. The cruise ended at pier 91 in Seattle and I was headed back home by way of Alaska Airlines. Alaska was the only state in the U.S. that I had not be in before, so that is one more item off my Bucket List. *Joyfully, Walt*



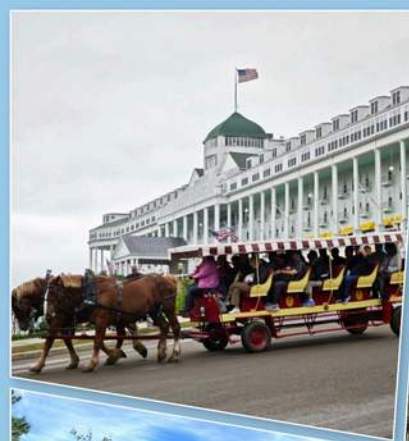


Sept 13th - 23rd – President Sue and 4Xs Past President Neil Gallagher..

Neil and Sue Gallagher celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary with a Viking Great Lakes Expedition Cruise on the Octantis. It was a wonderful experience exploring bays and peninsulas in Michigan, Wisconsin and Ontario Canada in zodiacs and on a special operations boat (very fast). The 10-day cruise started and ended in Milwaukee. 1194 Nautical Miles (1374 street miles-but they were on water, not streets) They also toured Mackinac Island (no cars allowed) and Sault Ste. Marie on foot. The scenery was amazing and there were lectures on ornithology, underwater archeology and more, as well as a weather balloon release from the top deck with passengers bundled up in blankets to watch the balloon take off. It was relaxing and refreshing experiencing the stillness of nature. Even riding in the zodiac over choppy waters was an adventure. Very exciting!! It was a perfect way to celebrate their 55th anniversary!



1. MILWAUKEE, US
2. MACKINAC ISLAND, CAN
3. KILLARNEY, CAN
4. FRAZER BAY, CAN
5. TOBERMORY, CAN
6. BENJAMIN ISLAND, CAN
7. SAULT, SAINTE MARIE, CAN
8. ALGOMA, USA
9. CHICAGO, USA
10. MILWAUKEE, US





This photo recently came into my hands indirectly from the Palmer Kiwanis Club's secretary. I ran it thru the ChatGPT AI I use and improved it dramatically. I added identification via numbers and rows. I then shared this with Roger Connors and asked him if he remembers it.

Rog's response: *"I remember the Washington trip and most of those in the pic. I think the Wash. DC trip was in 1963 or 64. On the way home the bus was stopped by a state trooper and all were concerned since we had cases of liquor on the bus, but the trooper never found it."*

There are 34 Easton Kiwanis members in the photo. He and I have come up with the following names, but we do stand corrected if someone has more knowledge.

Row A

- 1 Stewart Henry – MetED
- 2 Mason Williams – Insurance
- 3 George Hoagland – General Supply
- 6 Jim Beam – Dir of Music, EASD

Row C

- 1 Dr Aaron Litwak – Dentist
- 3 Ed Kelley – Bell Telephone
- 4 Salvation Army Officer
- 5 Roger Connors II – Insurance & Real Estate
- 7 Jack Hemstreet – Hemstreet Spring & Alignment

Row B

- 1 Bob Daws – Building Contractor
- 2 Ray Blyler KWM Insurance
- 3 Bert Meadows – Easton Mack Truck
- 4 William Laudermilch – Moore Forms
- 5 Donald Walters – Walters Tire & Oil
- 6 Dr Benson Olenick -- Optometrist
- 7 Clair Churchman – Churchman Business College
- 8 Chief Levin – Men's Wear



Jeremy Clark Oct. 31st

**Anniversary
Joined Kiwanis**

Cathi White	10/2/2024
James Owen	10/4/2017
Susan Bartels	10/11/2023

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 Oct 22; Nov 12; Dec 10; Jan 14; Feb 11; Mar 18; Apr 15; May 27.

St. Janes K-Kids Awaiting start up this 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 October 17 9:30-Noon

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

Oct 4 – Division 17/18 Picnic

Oct 7 – Installation of Officers

Oct 14 – Easton Firefighter Award @ Pomfret Club

Oct 21 --

Oct 25 -- Trunk or Treat (Miracle League) 5-7PM

Oct 25 – Halloween Parade w Phillipsburg Kiwanis

Oct 26-29 – SURV Fundraiser for Easton Kiwanis

Oct 28 – Annual Rose Sale Delivery (Wednesday @ St Janes Center)

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

Nov 17 – Mixer at SURV 5PM

Nov 18 – 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 – Christmas Party @ Riverview Clubhouse

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