



THE ROTARY FELLOE

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Meets at 12:15 p.m., Thursday *Vol. 2509*

May 15 - TBD

**This
Week:**



Focus On Peace



May 8

Rotary
Club of Easton



**Pack
The Purse
Project**

5:30 PM at the Pomfret Club

LAST WEEK:

Our program featured

Beth Archer who gave us an update on what is happening at the Third Street Alliance for Women and Children.

**3RD STREET
ALLIANCE**

2024 proved to be a busy

year as the nights of service rose from 10,000 to 14,000. Some offices have been relocated to other addresses to make room for more services.

The typical client in need of shelter is 19-22 years old with two children.

A new pilot program has been introduced to address workforce development. The organization has partnered with Crayola, Victaulic and other corporations who advise on what to teach the residents. Finding job opportunities that offer a living wage can be a real challenge. The Learning Center's classes cater to students aged 6 months to 13 years.

Early childhood teachers are in short supply. Few people are pursuing these jobs because the work is difficult and the pay rates are low. Third Street has partnered with Northampton Community College in an attempt to create their own teacher workforce. The NCC students get real life experience working at the Learning Center. Many of the child residents have backgrounds that are full of trauma. The staff need extra training to deal with these students. The organization's diversion and prevention services work to allow families to stay in their existing homes. Once a family reaches the shelter, the lack of affordable housing makes it difficult to get families out. The Alliance works with a network of landlords to keep track of stable housing opportunities. Families are usually housed within 90 days of arriving at the Shelter. Third Street pays the rent for the first six months. This allows the family to adjust and put away a few dollars. A portion of the Alliance's funding comes from federal tax dollars. The uncertainty in Washington suggests those funds could be cut off at any moment. A short term freeze already occurred earlier this year. The Third Street leadership have been developing plans for such an event.

Happy Things: *Tom Walton's* friend had a successful hip replacement. *Mark Haldaman's* daughter is 4 weeks away from finishing at Lafayette and his son has been accepted to a summer engineering program at Lehigh. *Terry Pundiak* is ogling warblers and sending pictures of ducks to his grandson. *Justin Shaffern's* Scranton Rotary Club celebrated 6 Paul Harris Fellow awards. *Tyler Stuppino's* one year-old daughter is ready for gymnastics class (with Daddy). *BJ Metz* is happy that doggy Fuzzy is barking away again after some serious dental work.

Service Opportunity: This year's Pack The Purse will be in conjunction with the Pomfret Club Book Club. Items needed include: deodorant, female hygiene products, toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, pens, lotions, mints, tissue packs, change purses, wrapped snacks, and gift cards (\$10 max). The final packing is scheduled for 5:30 PM on May 8 at the Pomfret Club.

Fundraiser News: Upcoming projects include Pints For Polio in October, A Jack Daniels Whiskey sale, and a possible elementary school spelling bee. The Jack Bennett Basketball sponsor letters will be distributed soon. A major Dickens-based fundraiser is scheduled for December 3.

International Service in Mexico:

Dogs, cats, rabbits, and other pets took center stage during a Blessing of the Animals event co-organized by the Rotary Club of Tehuacán Granadas in Puebla state in January.

"Around 1,000 pets and approximately 3,000 people attended the event this year," reports Paola



Ortiz Gómez, president of the club, which partnered with TAC Una Protección al Entorno A.C., a nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection of animals. Since 2022, the club has organized and promoted the special Mass. "We all believe that by fostering a culture of respect for nonhuman life, it teaches us to respect human life as well," she says. "It fills us with satisfaction to see that entire families attend and not only receive a blessing for their pet but at the same time receive veterinary care, learn about animal adoptions, and donate to the care of homeless animals".

Service To Youth

Saturday May 3 was Service Club Day at the Miracle League. Kiwanians, Lions, and Rotarians joined forces to operate the concession stand. The weather was fantastic and it was a great day for baseball. On behalf of all the kids: Thank you so much!



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Important Dates :
May 8: Pack The Purse



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