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**THE ROTARY FELLOE**

Rotary Club of Easton, Pa., District 7430  
Founded in 1915 Charter # 149

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1915 - CELEBRATING 108 YEARS OF SERVICE - 2023  
Meets at 12:15 p.m., Thursday *Vol. 2315*

*Next Meeting: June 8: Dominga Gornell - The Importance of Protein*

**This  
Week:**

**You don't Imagine yesterday,  
You Imagine tomorrow.**



**June 1**  
**Evening Social**  
**at the**  
**Weyerbacher**  
**Tap Room**  
**5:30 PM**



# LAST WEEK:

**Our program featured** Brooke Mitman who serves as a House Manager for the Valor Clinic Foundation. The organization is currently housing 13 homeless Veterans in Paul's House which is the renovated Hotel Jonas in Kunkletown. She introduced Norm Hannah who is the Community Outreach Manager for Valor. He explained how Valor started in 2012 when a retired Army officer became frustrated with the lack of response when he needed help from the VA. The officer worked at a church food pantry where he noticed a lot of homeless Vets and he decided to do something about it. He helped to create the Paul's House Sanctuary where Vets can receive free room and board for up to one year. People who leave the program receive assistance in finding suitable housing and furniture. A support group known as Veterans Unstoppable uses trained group facilitators to guide discussions leading to discovery, problem resolution, and improved personal communication skills. The second phase of support is held in a retreat setting where each person is counseled on how to examine their own past and develop an empowering self-made plan for the future. The Holiday Meals program provides food at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter to families that are struggling financially. The resilient Warrior program assists Vets to maintain a normal life style in the face of adverse life conditions. This no cost program helps with the necessary paperwork to access care and benefits from Federal, State, and local resources. The Hope for the Homeless program assists Vets through outreach, monthly Stand Down events, and relocation moves. Valor relies heavily on volunteer labor to take care of maintenance, cooking, sorting clothing, delivering furniture, and housekeeping. Volunteers are even enlisted to teach fly fishing. They accept donations of furniture, linens, and kitchen items. When donating food they suggest pull top cans, foil pouches, and jarred items such as peanut butter. A lot is asked of those who serve. Too often they are forgotten when they return home. Statistics show that an average of 22 Veterans per day commit suicide. The Valor Clinic Foundation is doing their best to give Vets a hand up on the home front.

**Happy Things:)** *Wayne and Marnie Barefoot* have now had 7 baby deer born in their backyard. *Lynn Schoof* paid last week's money and thanked Mike Dowd for attending her concert. *Mike Dowd* enjoyed a terrific concert last week. *Terry Pundiak* enjoyed the Freddy Awards preview. *Zack Chase* enjoyed a nice lunch on such a great day. *Don Lockard* is back after a COVID break following his trip to Holland. *Gayle Rogers* was in a just because type of happy mood. *Brooke Mitman* was happy for family and friends. *Gordon Bigelow* had no sadness to report. *Earl Wismer* was happy for no reason at all. *BJ & Kristie Metz* enjoyed the fantastic success of the Miracle League golf outing. *Mark Haldaman's* rock-lugging fitness regime works but will soon come to an end.

**Time To Celebrate:** Rotary Easton commissioned a special banner at the Miracle League to honor the success of the Easton High Girls Basketball Team. The players have been invited to the Tuesday June 13 game at 5:30 pm to officially unveil the banner.

**Duck Soup Dept.:** Pottstown Rotary is selling their popular Duck Race tickets. The cost is \$5 for each chance. This has been a unique and profitable fundraiser for their Club over many decades. See Gayle Rogers for tickets.

**Branding 101:** Easton Rotary continues its quest to update our branding. A new "Rotary Basics" brochure has been developed. Easton Rotary yard signs are available. A new Club banner is in the works. Samples of Rotary T-shirts and polo shirts will be here soon that will enable Team Easton Rotary to look sharp as we serve our community.

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**The following candidates** have been approved for membership by the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors. Objections must be submitted to Secretary Paul Braden, in writing, within 10 days of this notice.

Name	Classification	Sponsor
Nicholas Swingle	Family Foundation	Gordon Bigelow
Dakota Wright	Photography	Lynn Schoof
Andrew Bogoly	Inventory Control	Lynn Schoof

# Service To Youth



The inaugural Miracle League of Northampton County golf outing was held at Green Pond and Team Easton Rotary was well represented (Mark Haldaman somehow avoided the picture). A highlight of the day was when long-time Miracle League player Nick spoke about how much the League means to him.



## Important Dates :

**June 1:** Evening Social at Weyerbacher

**June 8:** Dominga Gornell - The Importance of Protein

**June 15:** Easton Rotary Service Foundation Grants

**June 29:** A real Presidential Changeover!!!



## Rotary on the Web:

**Easton Rotary:** [www.eastonrotary.com](http://www.eastonrotary.com)  
**District 7430:** [www.rotarydistrict7430.org](http://www.rotarydistrict7430.org)  
**Rotary International:** [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)