



THE ROTARY FELLOW

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

President: Gordon Bigelow
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Create Hope To Achieve
Lasting Change In The World

Special Edition

July:

The dawn of a new Rotary year, and the introduction of new Rotary International President Gordon McNally from Scotland. His chosen theme is “Create Hope In The World”. He believes we must refocus our efforts to build peace across the globe, and help each other find peace within. To Create Hope, we must continue our work and do it better than ever.



District 7430 welcomed Bethlehem Rotarian Diane Donaher as Governor. Diane was amongst the first wave of women allowed to join Rotary back in the late 1980s and has served Rotary in many capacities.

For the first time in 3 years, Easton Rotary also had a new President as Gordon Bigelow takes the helm. Gordon is a long-time Rotarian and brings a wealth of Rotary knowledge to the role. PDG Bob Hobaugh presided over the installation of officers.



A New President



Food Dept.: Tom Walton and Wayne Barefoot delivered 300 pounds of Wegman's food to the pantry at ProJeCt.

Our first project was an appearance at Heritage Day. Unfortunately, a brutal rainstorm washed out the majority of the event. President Gordon's expert preparations kept Team Easton Rotary Safe and Dry.



Team Easton Rotary

Feeling Lucky?: Gift card raffle tickets made their debut. The tickets cost \$20 and there will be a drawing for a \$250 gift card every time we sell 50 tickets.

RI President Gordon McNally has selected mental health as one of his primary issues. Easton Rotary responded by inviting Maggie Murphy to address the Club. Maggie is the Executive Director of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Our July evening social was held in the Library at the Pomfret Club. The event featured the induction of four new members as we welcomed Darcie, Nicholas, Andrew, and Dakota. Many thanks to DG Diane for participating in the ceremony.



August:

The West Ward celebrated National Night Out and Team Easton Rotary was on the scene at the Outdoor Market. Free watermelon was served to a great crowd on a terrific night in Easton.



Rotarians With Sharp Knives

Food Dept.: Tom Walton single handedly delivered 300 pounds of Wegman's food to the pantry at ProJeCt.

International News: Mário César Martins de Camargo, a member of the Rotary Club of Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil, is the selection of Nominating Committee for President to become Rotary International's president for 2025-26. He will officially become the nominee on 15 September if no other candidates challenge him.



Rotary History: Gayle Rogers told us about Friendship Trees, a Rotary tradition established by our founder Paul Harris as he traveled the world promoting Rotary.

The Arts: Easton Rotary took a field trip to the Karl Stirner Arts Trail. Trail Director Jim Toia told us about the art pieces: Hydrogen and Nitrogen; Alien; Water Way; Easton Ellipse; and Freedom Fighters and the Underground Railroad.



Out On The Trail

Community Service: Marnie Barefoot was busy delivering clothing. Various distributions were made to Safe Harbor, Trinity House Women's Shelter In ABE, and the Teen Closet at Easton High. Another round of distributions went to Safe Harbor and the Salvation Army. Many thanks to Lynn Amatore and her son Michael at Lehigh Valley Drycleaners for providing the clothing.

Social Media: Lynn Schoof has enhanced our presence on various platforms. The most prominent one is Facebook, but we are also featured on Instagram. LinkedIn is another option that is geared mostly to a professional audience.

September:

Our evening social was held at the Pomfret Club and was highlighted with an appearance by local 11-year-old historian Ben Cooke. His passion for history was spurred by participation in reenactments of the Revolutionary War and World War II. Ben is preparing for a journey to London and Normandy for Bridge to History's "Operation Meatball" program. His mother, Alex, was a Rotary Youth Exchange student and she actually wore her YEX blazer to our meeting.



A Boy And His Tank

International Service: PDG Janet Kolepp shared some of the adventures her Women Of Action group experienced through their work in Kenya. Janet's Morning Star Rotary partnered with the newly formed Club in Isiolo Kenya on an \$85,000 Rotary grant that will improve maternal and child health by training health care workers and modernizing the Ngaremara Health Dispensary. Their visit to Kenya resulted in other projects at various schools.

Food Dept.: Tom Walton, Zac Chase, and Wayne Barefoot combined to deliver a whopping 370.5 pounds of Wegman's food to the pantry at ProJeCt.

Community Service: The 2023 edition of Saturn on the Square kicked off with a collection of over \$114.

Service To Youth: September 16 was the date for a combined project as 4 local service Clubs came together to support the Miracle League of Northampton County. Members representing Easton and Palmer Kiwanis, Easton Lions, and Easton Rotary took over the concession stand at Easton Rotary Field. The Clubs look forward to a repeat event during the Spring season.

October:

Rotary Fellowship: The meeting room at the Kellyn Foundation was the scene for a fantastic evening social. Over 55 Rotarians from 7 different Clubs joined in the festivities and made for a highly successful event. In addition to remarks from District Governor Diane, she awarded two Paul Harris Fellows. A PHF+2 was bestowed upon Jean McGill and a PHF upon Sue Herschlag.



Rotary Delivers



Teamwork



A Great Night At Kellyn

Community Service: A handful of Easton Rotarians survived a rainy windswept day volunteering at Garlic Fest.

Rotary Service: District Governor Diane Donaher made her official visit to the Rotary Club of Easton. She is a Past President of both the Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Morning Star Rotary Clubs and has served as Chair for no less than 6 District Conferences. In line with President Gordon McNally's theme, she envisions creating beacons of hope as if from a lighthouse; to create light that can travel across



A Visit From DG Diane

communities and the world. She reminded us of some of Easton Rotary's beacons of hope including: support for the Miracle League; food and clothing collections; teddy bears; and packing the purses. She asked us to mark our calendars for April 26-28 when the District Conference comes to Bethlehem.

Food Dept.: Terry Pundiak and Tom Walton delivered 383 pounds of Wegman's food to the pantry at ProJeCt.

Community Service: Saturn on the Square continues with profits now exceeding \$1,000. The profits are being reserved for the Teddy Bear project which will be expanded by adding a distribution in November for children in local hospitals.

Rotary Fellowship: Pearly Baker's Ale House was the site for our evening social. We even had a visit from our Arizona Rotary friend Jerry Paulus who was in town for a high school reunion. The evening was highlighted by President Gordon presenting President Elect Lynn with a Paul Harris Fellow.



A PHF For Lynn

Civic Update: We had a visit from Easton Mayor Sal Panto. A former teacher, and history buff, he gave us a brief history of how Easton and Northampton County got their names. He acknowledged what he believed were some critical mistakes as Easton lost the chance to expand like our neighboring Valley cities. Recent times have been good and Easton has been transformed into a town that is bright, clean, and safe. Phillipsburg Mayor Todd Tersigni also paid a visit.



The Mayors

Service To Youth: The Miracle League Halloween Party was back on the field and Team Easton Rotary was there. The weather was perfect and even featured a gorgeous full moon. Over 200 children attended.

November:

Rotary Fellowship: The evening social was held at the ever popular Weyerbacher Tap Room. A special appearance was made by some stuffed animals and the Studio DNA photo booth.



Easton Rotary Field

Bear Day: Easton Rotarians were on the road to local hospitals delivering stuffed animals for the children. The gifts were delivered to St. Luke's Anderson, St. Luke's Children's Hospital, and Lehigh Valley Health Network Reilly Children's Hospital. The Saturn on the Square money has now exceeded \$1,900.



For The Kids

Food Dept.: Terry Pundiak, Zac Chase, and Tom Walton delivered several hundred pounds of Wegman's food to the pantry at ProJeCt.

Sad News; Easton Rotary was saddened by the passing of Bill Palmer. He served as President of Easton Rotary in 1999-2000 and Governor of District 7430 in 2010-11.

The Fourth Estate: A new Easton Rotary publication made its debut as "The Social Fellow" appeared in our inboxes. TSF features pictures and news from our evening social events.



Service to the World: As Foundation Chair Mike Dowd puts it, *We're number 1!* Indeed the Foundation of Rotary International is the premiere charitable organization in the world, routinely receiving perfect scores from watchdog groups. Our local Club Foundation has also overachieved and has been responsible for over \$750,000 of grants over the past twenty years.

Tradition: The high school football rivalry between Easton and Phillipsburg is unlike any other. The teams will face off this year for the 116th time. For as long as any one can remember, Easton Rotary has marked this game with a special lunch the week before the big game. The event is shared with Phillipsburg Rotarians. The winning team gets the honor of receiving the Rotary Trophy crafted by Terry Pundiak. Administrators coaches, and senior captains from the teams and cheerleaders are all on hand.

Service To Youth: Chair Mark Haldaman and Zac Chase handed out Awards to four local High School Seniors. Each student received \$200 and will have their named displayed in the lobby of their respective school.

December:

Service To Community: BJ & Kristie Metz manned the phones at the Children's Home for the annual WAEB phone-a-thon. The money raised will allow the children to have a spectacular Christmas party.

The December evening social was held in the Library at the Pomfret Club featuring fellowship, song, holiday spirits, and hors d'oeuvres. Terry Pundiak provided a Rotary-inspired tree complete with 3D-crafted ornaments for everybody.

Food Dept.: Zac Chase and Tom Walton delivered 287 pounds of Wegman's food to the pantry at ProJeCt.

Clothing Dept.: We received word that Wayne and Marnie Barefoot were out on another round of clothing deliveries. As usual, the clothing was provided by Lynn Amatore and her son Michael at Lehigh Valley Drycleaners.

Pennies From Heavenly Bodies: Terry's Saturn on the Square project came to an end with a profit of \$2,320, a parking ticket, and at least one broken wheel. This is an amazing bit of community service that is as fascinating as it is unique. Along the way, Terry managed to find the world's cutest astronomer.

Rotary Politics: The Nominating Committee has proposed a slate of officers for the 2024-25 Rotary year that will begin on July 1, 2024. The slate is: President: Gordon Bigelow (term ending 12/31/2024); President Elect: Lynn Schoof (term ending 12/31/2024); President: Lynn Schoof (term beginning 1/1/2025); President Elect: Gordon Bigelow (term beginning 1/1/2025); Vice President: BJ Metz; Secretary: Andrew Bogoly; Treasurer: John



December Social



The Terry Tree



Future Scientist?

David; Immediate Past President: BJ Metz until 12-31-2023, Gordon Bigelow starting 1-1-2025; Directors: 3-year term: Gayle Rogers, Audra Frank, Lew Fish; 2-year term: Mike Dowd, Paul Braden, Don Lockard; 1-year term: Kathleen Trimble, Jean McGill, Nick Swingle.

Jack Bennett Holiday Classic: The annual preview luncheon featured coaches and senior captains from Phillipsburg, Easton, Freedom, and Emmaus. The Brown Daub Family of Dealerships stepped up to be our Title Sponsor. President Gordon awarded the Rotary Football trophy to Phillipsburg Athletic Director Kyle Fleming in honor of the Liners Thanksgiving Day victory.



Ho Ho Ho: The Pomfret Club scheduled a Breakfast With Santa. Easton Rotary invited the children from the Third Street Alliance to come to the event. Children ate for free, and Rotary picked up the tab for the moms. The kids enjoyed breakfast, crafts, and a visit from Santa. Our own Audra Frank showed up as Mrs. Claus.



Breakfast With Santa at the Pomfret Club

Jingle Bells: Easton Rotarians were on hand at Sam's Club to ring the bells for the Salvation Army. Once again, we have accepted the challenge of the Easton Lions and the Easton Kiwanis. Unfortunately, we slipped to 3rd place this year. The good news is that the Salvation Army received donations of \$3,953.32.



Rotary Bell Ringers

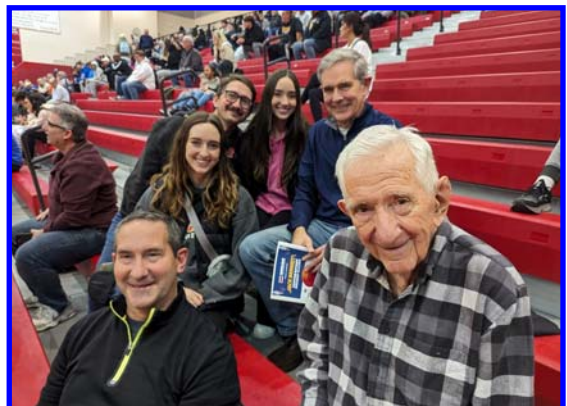
Terry Pundiak amazed the shoppers with his ability to instantly play their favorite carol on his trusty harmonica. Thanks to BJ Metz, Terry Pundiak, Zac Chase, Amy Korman, Don & Pat Lockard, Jean McGill, and Gordon Bigelow for donating their time.

Rotary Jewelry: President Gordon presented Gayle Rogers with a Paul Harris Fellow. This is Gayle's first ever PHF recognition. The award is in recognition of support for the Foundation of Rotary International.



A PHF For Gayle

Service To Youth: December came to a close with the 27th edition of the Jack Bennett Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament. This year the Varsity titles went to the Easton Girls and the Phillipsburg Boys. We even had a visit by Jack Bennett and family! Tom Walton had help from Easton and Phillipsburg Cheerleaders to sell 50:50 tickets. Many thanks to Chair Lew Fish for overseeing another incredible event. This continues to be an outstanding holiday sports tradition.



The Bennett Family



Varsity Champion Liners



Varsity Champion Rovers

And so, we come to the end of 2023. Halfway through the Rotary year and it has been a busy one. On the horizon are more student awards, social events, new members, Foundation grants, and a Bethlehem-based District Conference. Please encourage your friends to come join us as we continue to **Create Hope In The World.**

Happy New Year
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The Staff at the Felloe



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