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ROTARY**

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. 2308*

Next Meeting: April Social - ???

**This
Week:**

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



March 30



LEHIGH VALLEY
Community
Foundation

CONNECT. GROW. FUND.

*Erika
Riddle
Petrozelli*

Noon At The Pomfret Club

LAST WEEK:

And now, a unique Rotary Felloe. The entire Staff was unavailable for last week's meeting featuring the Children's Home of Easton. The Children's Home was represented by Kristin Koscielski Frampton, Gabby Toedter, and Kiana Faroun. The following is Kristen's synopsis of the meeting:

Gabby, Kiana, and I had a great time attending the Easton Rotary meeting yesterday the Pomfret Club. Gabby and I introduced ourselves and spoke about the history of the home as it relates to our mission and vision. Starting in 1885 as a safe place for struggling families to bring their children, our goal has always been to care for the vulnerable youth in our community and help families reach a place of stability and peace. Fast forward nearly 140 years, and while the campus and programs have changed, our mission remains the same – to build, strengthen, and preserve the family's full potential.

We then spoke about our current programs and how they benefit the youth that we serve.

Campus residential – We touched on our interim-education program, our campus activities, and summer trips.

Supervised Visitation and Custody Exchange – How we help the reunification process and aid families as they navigate co-parenting.

Behavioral Health Clinic – I spoke about our partnership with Concern Professional Services and how we listened to the needs of the community, and that dire need being mental health. I emphasized how we have grown hiring therapists, and how we serve not just CHE residents, but all individuals and families on medical assistance.

Older Youth – Gabby and I spoke in detail about our Older Youth Program. The requirements to be part of the program, the growing need for services for the teenage and young adult population, the Life Skills curriculum they are taught and the ultimate goal and importance of the program as it sets youth up for future success. We shared success stories of Rafia and Blaine. Gordon Bigelow remembers hearing Blaine speak years ago and expressed how impressed he was with him and his progress.

Foster Care- Gabby spoke in depth about our Foster Care Program and how we are actively looking for new foster families. She shared the common misconceptions of foster care and informed the group about the benefits that CHE offers parents. The training that foster parents take in preparation, how long it typically takes to go through the foster application process, our 24/7 community support network and how we are always a call away for any help. She shared how many foster families we have and the towns they are located in.

The Rotary members were very engaged in the discussion and had questions about our programs, which we were happy to answer and shed more light on.

Rotary Politics: We will soon have to determine who will serve on the Board as of July 1. Lynn Schoof has volunteered to enter the role of President-Elect. Any Easton Rotarian is eligible to serve as a Director. Our new rules will give us the ability to expand the Board if needed.

Fun Opportunity: Mark your calendars for Monday May 1 for the annual **Corks & Forks** event hosted by Phillipsburg Rotary. Socialize and enjoy the finest in cuisine from the best restaurants in the Lehigh Valley.

Fun Opportunity II: Anyone who is still hungry after Corks & Forks can consider attending **Simply Savory** on Wednesday May 3 at the Hampton Inn. The event features food, drinks, and a silent auction. Proceeds will help ProJeCt keep all of their services free of charge

Service Opportunity: This year's edition of Pack the Purse is underway. We are partnering with the women at Northampton Country Club. Items needed include: new or gently used purses, deodorant, band aids, female sanitary napkins, toothbrush, toothpaste, ChapStick, pens, lotions, mints, tissue packs, travel size anything, change purses, gift cards (\$5 max), wrapped snacks, individually wrapped hand wipes. Donations may be dropped off at Metz, Inc. , Easton YMCA, or Northampton Country Club. The packing event will be on Thursday May 4 at 5:30 PM at NCC.

Disaster Relief: The recent earthquake in Turkey has affected thousands of people and many Rotarians. As expected, Shelter Box is on the scene. Freezing temperatures and heavy rains are making things extra difficult. The affected area is also home to a significant number of Syrian refugees. The specially equipped boxes include shelter kits, stoves, thermal blankets, and solar lights.

Community Service

Food Delivery: Tom Walton and Zack Chase managed to deliver 260 pounds of food to the pantry at ProJeCt.

Clothing News: Marnie Barefoot reports that 4 bags with 43 coats went to Holy Family Clothing Closet in Nazareth. 7 winter coats went to Chris/Volunteer with Northampton County Prison for newly released inmates. Lehigh Valley Drycleaners had accumulated 20 bags of clothing and Tom Walton delivered them to the Salvation Army.



Tom and Zack Deliver

Service Opportunity: April 29 is the opening day at the Miracle League. Volunteers will be needed in the concession stand. Watch for an announcement when the signup genius opens.

Service Opportunity: The first ever Miracle League golf outing is scheduled for Monday May 22 at Green Pond Country Club. *Imagine* if Team Easton Rotary had a strong presence at the event. Official details will follow soon.

Important Dates :

March 30: Erika Riddle Petrozelli - Lehigh Valley Community Foundation

April ?: Evening Social - TBD

April 13: Garrett M. Vassel - Commodore Project

April 20: TBD

April 30: TBD



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