



THE ROTARY FELLOE

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

July:

The Rotary year began by welcoming Shekhar Mehta from India as our new international President. Bob Hobaugh from Kutztown took over as Governor of District 7430.

Easton Rotarians delivered 10 bags of food to St. Paul's, including an estimated 50 pounds of condiments.

Lynn Amatore and her son Michael from Lehigh Valley Drycleaners gave us bags of clothing which we delivered to the Salvation Army and Good Shepherd Church.

We had a State of the Town update from Phillipsburg Mayor Todd Tersigni.

A donation of food and cash was made to the food pantry at the Holy Temple in Easton.



Clothing Delivery

Easton Rotary celebrated the re-emergence of the long-lost Golden Bedpan which served as the coveted prize in the annual golf challenge with the Rotary Club of Phillipsburg.

A weekly program featured Hannah Shin from North Allegheny High School near Pittsburgh. Hannah is serving on the International Interact Advisory Council of Rotary International.



August:

Easton Rotary was introduced to Liantsoa Rasoanjahary, a student from Madagascar who will be in the United States to study at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster. Her limited resources left her with a laundry list of items needed for dormitory life. Within 24 hours Easton Rotarians ensured that she would have everything she needed.



Liantsoa

Safe Harbor was the recipient of a large donation of cleaning supplies, food, and cash.

National Night Out was celebrated in the West Ward and Easton Rotarians were on hand to slice and hand out watermelon.

Zoom technology enabled another long-range speaker as Deborah Bigelow presented an entertaining and unique look into the world of gilding.

Rotary joined its partners in the Global Eradication Initiative to mark the first anniversary of a historic public health milestone: the World Health Organization's African region being certified free of wild polio.

September:

A challenge to the Club resulted in over \$2,000 being raised to support ShelterBox. We will continue to add to the total until May.

The newly formed District 7430 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee paid a visit with a program designed to start a conversation on how to become a welcoming Club by embracing DEI.



Serving Watermelon

Our year-long food pantry project came to a close with a donation to ProJeCt of Easton. Overall we supported 11 food pantries, Safe Harbor, and the Third Street Alliance. That's 26 separate acts of community service! Special thanks to Marnie and Wayne Barefoot, Tom Walton, Gordon Bigelow, Lori Metz, and Mike Dowd.



Easton Rotarian Marnie Barefoot was surprised with an honorary Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of her tremendous contributions to the success of our Club.

DG Bob Hobaugh paid his official visit and urged us to chart our course and set our sails for a successful year. He noted how we, as Rotarians, can have a positive impact on so many people, including ourselves. Through service we are able to grow and transform. We learn to empathize with those in need.



DG Bob

Our long-overdue Club election was held. Newcomers added to the Board include Wayne Barefoot and Gayle Rogers. Lori Metz and David Wolff will continue as members of the Easton Rotary Service Foundation Board.

October:

Weyerbacher Brewery served as the location of the monthly social.

The annual District 7430 Purple Pinkie 5K Polio fundraiser was held at the Schnecksville Fairgrounds. The event raised over \$40,000 for the campaign.

Franklin and Marshall sophomore Liantsoa Rasoanjanahary shared her thoughts about her opening semester here in the United States and the differences in culture and education from her home in Madagascar.



Weyerbacher

Easton Rotarian and Area 2 Foundation Coordinator Gordon Bigelow delivered an educational and inspirational presentation of the Foundation of Rotary International. He urged us all to consider at least a modest gift of \$25 in line with the goal of having participation by Every Rotarian Every Year.

The Miracle League held a Trunk or Treat event and Easton Rotary was there. Jamie provided the Baby Shark decorations. Gordon and Kristie handed out the candy. Thanks to Marnie and Wayne for all the goodies.

VegStock returned and a handful of Easton Rotarians were there to help our friends at the Kellyn Foundation.

November:

McGill Orthodontics served as the host for the monthly social.

Abril Hammerstone from the Family YMCA of Easton and Phillipsburg explained what they did with the grant money that came jointly from Easton Rotary and District 7430. The Pop-Up and Play Program served hundreds of youth throughout our community and provided over 1,200 meals for adults.

Easton Rotary helped place the greens in planters scattered around the downtown area.

The annual Easton/Phillipsburg Football lunch was held for the first time in two years. Athletic Directors, Coaches, Senior Captains, and Cheerleaders were all on hand to re-establish this one of a kind tradition. The meeting featured the unveiling of the Rotary Football Trophy. Rachel Haddad sold \$165 of 50:50 tickets.

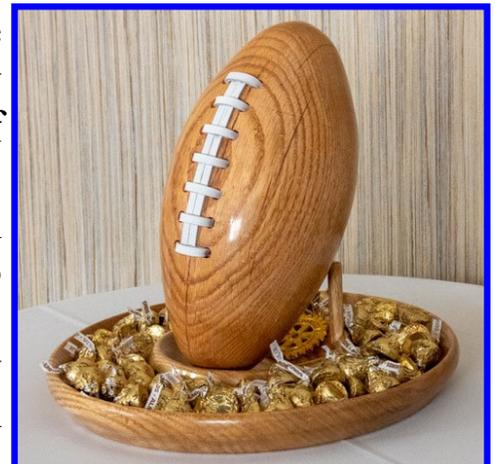
The bitter cold weather did not stop Easton Rotarians from showing up at Sam's Club to ring the bells for the Salvation Army. Thanks to BJ & Kristie Metz, Gayle Rogers, Amy Korman, Terry Pundiak, Gordon Bigelow, and Lynn Schoof. Our day netted \$556.88 which wasn't bad considering our kettle was over an hour late in arriving.



Baby Shark



McGill Orthodontics



Rotary Football Trophy

December:

The monthly social was held at Gambino's Italian restaurant. The meal featured antipasto, Caesar salad, bruschetta, fruit, house-made mozzarella, and calamari. The event was highlighted by Terry's tree of home-made ornaments.

Easton Rotary manned the phones at the Children's Home in support of their annual WAEB Phone-a-thon. Thanks to BJ Metz, John David, and Jamie Rzeszowski.

We gathered at the home of Lori Metz to prepare a meal for the the residents of Safe Harbor. Thanks to Lori and Michael for doing all the shopping and for sacrificing their kitchen for the event. Thanks also to BJ Metz, David and Christine Wolff, and Tom Walton for helping to produce the meal consisting of corn chowder, salad, and cupcakes.

Lori Metz made the following clothing deliveries: 30 coats and 12 pairs men's pants to the River of Life Church clothing closet; 75 pieces of women's clothing and 12 pairs of men's pants to the Salvation Army; 12 pairs of men's pants and 3 jackets to Safe Harbor. Thanks to Lynn and Michael at Lehigh Valley Drycleaners for supplying the clothes.

Mark Haldaman presided over the first round of Student of the Month Awards. Seniors from four local High Schools received \$200 each and a permanent plaque to be placed in the lobbies of their respective schools.



Baby It's Cold Outside!



Ornament Tree

The Jack Bennett Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament returned including the annual preview lunch. This was the 25th edition of this popular holiday tradition. The Easton boys had to withdraw but the rest of the games went as scheduled with the Easton girls team taking the varsity final over Phillipsburg.

Terry Pundiak brought his Saturn On The Square project to a close. His personal efforts managed to raise nearly \$2,000. Approximately half of the money was sent to the Rotary Foundation and earmarked for the polio eradication campaign. The rest of the money went to the Easton Rotary Service Foundation.

The Rotary year is at the halfway point. Easton Rotary has provided service to our community in terms of food and clothing for those in need, and support for local organizations. We have provided international support by donating to the Rotary Foundation, PolioPlus, and ShelterBox. We have supported youth through our student awards, our involvement with the Miracle League, and our support for Liantsoa.

We have provided support for each other by staying in touch and coming together for social events. The coming year will provide plenty of opportunities for service on all levels. We will have more student awards, a teacher award, and a young person of the year award. There may even be a project involving bears! And now, on to 2022...

Respectfully submitted:



Basketball Returns!



Making Corn Chowder

The Staff at the Felloe

