



THE ROTARY FELLOE

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

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President Elect: ????

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Meets at 12:15 p.m., Thursday

Special Edition

January 2022:

Rotary International President Elect Jennifer Jones announced her 2022-23 theme which is “Imagine Rotary”. Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference.

Gordon Bigelow, Shelly Gottlieb, Jamie Rzeszowski, and Tom Walton delivered a load of donated food to the pantry at ProJeCt. The food donation was courtesy of Wegman’s.

Rotary District 7430 donated \$2,000 to District 6710 in Kentucky, which was recently devastated by tornadoes.

Emmaus Rotarian Alicia Ruiz-Orbin took us on a detailed tour of the history of women in Rotary. Sadly, it took until 1987 and a Supreme Court decision to force Rotary to integrate.



Jennifer



Gordon, Shelly, Tom, Jamie

February:

Collections for the annual Teddy Bear project were stronger than ever. Over \$1,200 in donations allowed us to distribute approximately 240 bears. Deliveries this year were expanded to include Hecktown Oaks, and the Reilly Children's Hospital. Many thanks to Terry Pundiak for spearheading this project for so many years.



The Rotary Bears

Easton Rotary delivered 10 bags of clothing that were split between the warming shelter at the Allentown YMCA and Safe Harbor. Many thanks to Lynn and Michael at Lehigh Valley Drycleaners for supplying the clothing.

Jim Palmeri and Tom Walton teamed up to do the monthly Wegman's food donation delivery.

Our February 17 program featured a classification talk by Amy Korman. Horticulture and entomology are her areas of focus and she told us a little bit about how plants and insects "are part of what makes the world wag".

Mark Haldaman presented Student of the Month Awards to 4 local High School seniors.



Tom delivers!

March:

The Easton Wine Project was the site of our monthly evening social. It was great to be able to socialize in public.

Easton Rotarian Jack Bennett celebrated birthday number 95 and will soon celebrate 71 years of service to Easton Rotary.

We traveled across the pond to Flynn's on the Hill for a joint meeting with Phillipsburg Rotary. Recently retired Lafayette Basketball Coach Fran O'Hanlon was the guest speaker. Coach Fran was at the helm of the Leopards program for 27 years and led the team to three trips to the NCAA round of 64.



Coach Fran

Rotary District 7430 is sporting a newly-formed Environmental Sustainability Team featuring our own Audra Frank. Team member Rick Morrissey from Morning Star introduced us to the group's mission and urged us to take personal responsibility to do away with our wasteful habits.

April:

Janet Mease and Terry Pundiak took care of the monthly Wegman's food donation to the pantry at ProJeCt. As per tradition, Janet picked a day with torrential rains. Terry took the precaution of going undercover for the mission.



Wegman's In The Rain

The Pomfret Club served as the venue for a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Bethlehem. President and CEO of the State Theatre Shelley Brown told us how the Theatre managed to stay afloat through the COVID days. 2022 will feature the 20th anniversary edition of the Freddy awards.

The 2022 Ritchey J. Ricci Teacher of the Year Award was presented to Erik Everett of Wilson High School who teaches 7 different classes each year. Last year's winner, Denise McGaughan reported on the many ways she used last year's award money to upgrade the classroom experience for her students at CIT.

Rotary International helped celebrate World Immunization Week to help spread the word that vaccines work and are critical to preventing and ending diseases like polio. Immunizations can save as many as 3 million lives every year and are one the most cost-effective healthcare tools. Vaccines help people all over the world live healthy lives.



Gordon Bigelow and Morning Star Rotarian Donna Holton combined for a presentation featuring a proposed Rotary Global Grant project. The \$85,000 project involves improving maternal and child healthcare in Ngaremara, Isiolo County, Kenya.

The 2022 District Conference was held at the Hershey Lodge. D7430 was one of three participating Districts. Easton Rotary was represented by Assistant Governor Jean McGill.



Our Club engaged in a Day of Service Project in honor of the new Environmental Sustainability Team. A team of 8 showed up to clean up the Karl Stirner Arts Trail.

District 7430 held an evening fundraising gala to support the upcoming STEM YEA pilot project. The event raised \$17,000. Easton Rotary has agreed to sponsor two students from the Wilson Middle School.

May:

The 3rd edition of our Pack The Purse Project was a great success. This year we teamed up with a newly-formed women's group at Northampton Country Club. The result was 75 fully packed purses that were distributed to organizations including the Third Street Alliance, Family Connections, Trinity House, My Sister's Closet, and Cay Calgon House.

David Wolff, Don Lockard, and BJ Metz were on hand to do the monthly Wegman's food donation to the pantry at ProJect. A total of 168 pounds of food was donated.

Our Club completed a home and home joint meeting project with the Rotary Club of Bethlehem. 11 Easton Rotarians made the commute to Kirkland Village for the event.

Chair Mark Haldaman presented \$200 Awards to four local high school seniors in another edition of our Student of the Month program.



The Cleanup Team



Packing The Purses At NCC



The Food Is Delivered

June

Easton Rotary teamed with the YMCA for a District Matching Grant project that will help bring a literacy component to the newly-formed West Ward street market. Tanya Ruiz from the West Ward Community Initiative of GEDP gave us an overview of this attempt to establish a community hub in this troubled part of our community.



Donations to the special disaster relief fund for Ukraine have topped \$15 million. Jobs have been destroyed. Families have fled. Rotary Clubs have kept on meeting through it all. Rotarian membership in Ukraine has actually increased. Rotarians and Rotaractors in neighboring countries continue to provide resources and shelter for the refugees.

Marnie and Wayne Barefoot stepped up at the last minute to complete the June edition of the Wegman's food run. The monthly haul for ProJeCt included 111.5 pounds of bread and 371 pounds of frozen meat.



Another Car Load Of Food

Easton Rotary continued our service to youth by sending two Easton High students to the District Camp Neidig Leadership Camp.

Easton High Senior Imaan Ali was announced as the winner of the 2022 BJ Metz Young Person of the Year Award. Imaan was chosen in recognition of her service both here at Easton High and also in Pakistan. She will be continuing her academic career this fall at Lafayette College.



Imaan Ali

It was a big month for Rotary jewelry. John Eisenhard received his Paul Harris plus 1 Award. Marnie Barefoot received her Paul Harris plus 2 Award. BJ & Kristie Metz were recognized as Major Donors to the Foundation of Rotary International.

Easton Rotary Service Foundation Chair Paul Braden announced \$46,000 worth of grants for the coming year. The grants included: \$5,000 to the Easton Community Center; \$5,000 to the Third Street Alliance; \$2,500 to complete a \$5,000 Rotary District Matching Grant to the YMCA; \$33,500 to the Miracle League of Northampton County.

BJ Metz treated the Club to a little bit of Rotary history with a presentation from the D7430-funded Rotaplast mission to Maracaibo, Venezuela in 2006. The mission lasted 11 days and the team performed life-altering surgery on 88 children.



PRID Jeffry



The highly successful year came to a close on June 30 with a celebration at the Pomfret Club. Outgoing Governor Bob Hobaugh was on hand as well as incoming Governor Len Gieseler. Past Governor Cindy Hornaman was also present. Highlighting the day was a long-awaited appearance by Past Rotary International Director Jeffry Cadorette.

The Staff at the Felloe

