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Meets at 12:15 p.m., Thursday *Vol. 2229*

Next Meeting: November 29: Evening Social at the Braden Residence

**This
Week:**

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



Wednesday November 16



Noon at Flynn's On the Hill

LAST WEEK:

The program featured District 7430 Area 2 Foundation Coordinator Gordon Bigelow as Rotarians around the world celebrated Foundation Month. In the early part of the 20th Century, the United States and other countries found themselves mired in a great war. Rotary International President Arch Klumpf watched it unfold with great dismay. He proposed a better way of doing things. At the 1917 convention, he proposed setting up an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” That one idea, and an initial contribution of \$26.50, set in motion a powerful force that has transformed millions of lives around the globe. From such humble beginnings, our Foundation has grown into one of the foremost charitable organizations of our time. It is top-rated by all consumer watchdog agencies and regularly funds over \$100 million worth of projects every year. One amazing aspect is that it is entirely funded by voluntary contributions. All Rotarians are encouraged to consider at least a small donation every year. The donations can be sent to the annual fund for general purposes or they can be directed to support the polio eradication effort. The eradication of polio remains the signature project of Rotary. The efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan have been frustrating and dangerous. The recent polio case in New York served to illustrate the need to complete the mission. It proved that polio is only a plane ride away. It also proved that vaccines work. Our 2022 District 7430 polio fundraiser raised in excess of \$40,000. The Gates Foundation will match that contribution by a factor of 2:1. This means that the event will have raised approximately \$130,000 for the campaign. We will need to keep the donations flowing if we are going to honor our promise to the children of the world. The promise of a polio-free world. The money that goes into the annual fund is used on Rotary projects that reflect our seven avenues of service such as maternal health, economic development, and protecting the environment. The money is spent on grants that could be local or international. Easton Rotary has been the recipient of local grant money twice in recent years. Global grants are larger projects with budgets exceeding \$30,000. The Isiolo, Kenya maternal health grant that

has been submitted by the Morning Star Club is an example of a Global Grant. Africa remains an area of the world that offers so much beauty, yet has so many needs. A donation to the Rotary Foundation allows every Rotarian to make a difference and help those who are most in need. In a way, it allows us to be the answer to everyone's prayers.

Football Lunch: This year's Easton vs. Phillipsburg preview will be held on Wednesday, November 16 at Flynn's on the Hill (341 Pursel Street, Phillipsburg). Lunch will cost \$15.

Holiday Opportunity: Phillipsburg Rotary is selling **poinsettias**. They are available in red, white, pink, and marble. 4 sizes are available. The deadline to order is November 30. Order through the links at the Club website.

Jack Bennett Classic: The Holiday Basketball Tournament is rapidly approaching. Please consider a donation to support our fundraiser. Business card ads start at \$100. Donations of any size are appreciated.

District Conference: This year's event is scheduled for May 5-7, 2023 at the Tropicana Hotel in Atlantic City. Registration is already open and can be accessed through Pottstownrotary.org. Early registrants will be eligible for a lottery-drawn upgrade.

Rotary Dues: For the first time in many years, the Rotary Club of Easton will have an increase in dues. The increase will only apply to members over the age of 40 and will amount to an increase of \$5 per month. The new billing will start in 2023.

Happy Things:) *Amy Korman* has been busy, busy, busy but still found time to tune in to our meeting. *Gordon Bigelow* had \$5 to celebrate his Kenya-based visit with Morning Star Rotarians. *Gayle Rogers* had \$5 to thank the people who helped jump start her car. *BJ & Kristie Metz* enjoyed a long overdue trip to Mystic, Connecticut.

Speaker Assignments: Open dates start in January. Try to get a couple of possible dates from your speaker. Almost any topic is acceptable but remember to caution your guest speakers: Our rules prohibit political messages or campaigning, business commercials, and direct solicitation.

“Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”

This new vision statement helps us set a future course so that Rotary can thrive in the years ahead. It reflects the impact Rotary aspires to have on the world and our members.

Community Service

The November Wegman's food donation yielded 144 pounds of food for the food pantry at ProJeCt. Many thanks to Wayne and Paul for doing all the work.



Jack Bennett Classic: This will be the 26th edition of the popular Tournament. Easton and Phillipsburg will serve as the anchor teams. Girls teams will include Emmaus and Freedom. The boys bracket will feature Bangor and Hatboro-Horsham.

Important Dates :

November 16: Easton vs. P'burg Football Preview (Wednesday at Flynn's)

November 24: Thanksgiving

November 29: Evening Social at the Braden Residence

December 8: Lunch at the Nurture Nature Center

December 15: Students of the Month

December 22: Jack Bennett Holiday Classic Lunch

December 27, 28: Jack Bennett Holiday Classic



Rotary on the Web:

Easton Rotary: www.eastonrotary.com
District 7430: www.rotarydistrict7430.org
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