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THE ROTARY FELLOE

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

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Meets at 12:15 p.m., Thursday *Vol. 2307*

Next Meeting: March 30: Erika Riddle Petrozelli - Lehigh Valley Community Foundation

**This
Week:**

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



March 23



The Children's Home of Easton
Noon At The Pomfret Club

LAST WEEK:

Our program featured Mary Cook from the Rotary Club of Colledgeville. She will be our District Governor Nominee beginning in July. She came representing the newly-formed District 7430 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. Sadly, the DEI label has become polarizing in a variety of ways. The actual purpose of the Committee is to help Clubs adopt a more welcoming atmosphere so that anyone who visits will feel at home. Mary believes that Rotarians do three things really well: develop leaders, serve our communities, and build peace. Mary used examples from her own Club to highlight the need for change. In 2015, Colledgeville had no President and was somehow supposed to support an incoming District Governor. Three members stepped up to pledge consecutive two-year terms. They upgraded their meeting place to the campus of Ursinus College. They recruited new members from a variety of religions and ethnicities. They found people that could handle electronics and navigate the various social media avenues. Encourage new members to join with a friend.

Basketball News: Chair Lew Fish announced that this year's edition of the Jack Bennett Holiday Classic netted a profit of \$8,325.00! Many thanks to Lew for putting in so much time to manage this great event. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped things run smoothly.

Evening Social: Many thanks to the team at the Kellyn Kitchen for hosting our March social. The fire was roaring, the chairs were rocking, and Chef Amanda put out a terrific buffet for dinner.

Food Delivery: Many thanks to Zack Chase and Tom Walton for handling the March edition of the Wegman's food donation. They managed to deliver 260 pounds of food to the pantry at ProJeCt.

Happy Things: *Lew Fish* reported on a highly successful Jack Bennett Basketball Classic. *Gordon Bigelow* thanked the Club for response to the surveys and reported that preliminary talks are underway for an Area 2 collaboration. *Mark Haldaman's* daughter is halfway through her time at Lafayette and looking forward to participating in a senior year cancer research project. *Lynn Schoof* celebrated three years of Rotary

membership. *Paul and Paula Braden* cruised to Honduras, Belize, and Mexico. *Terry Pundiak* is visiting grandchildren near and far. *Gayle Rogers* welcomed Mary Cook to Easton Rotary. *Mary Cook* was happy to finally meet Gayle Rogers in person. *Mike Dowd* thanked Kristie Metz for a thoughtful and kind hospital visit. *Tom Walton* is celebrating his grandson's birthday. *Ron Gano* arrived with no money but was allowed to eat and offer a happy dollar. *Kristie Metz* congratulated Mary Cook on being selected as our incoming DGN.

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

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.

Service Opportunity: April 22 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.

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.

The Power of a Bear

Beginning in 2001, Easton Rotarian Terry Pundiak has collected money to purchase Teddy Bears that are then delivered to local Oncology Wards. They were distributed to St. Luke's Anderson, LVHN Hecktown Oaks, and Reilly Children's Hospital. This year we were able to deliver 100 Bears. This may not sound like much, but please read the response from the mother of a patient:



Hello:

I just wanted to thank your organization for providing some comfort to my son who was recently hospitalized at LVHN Children's. He received an adorable Paddington Bear while he was being treated for pneumonia. It was a difficult time for him (and for Mom), but the bear sat with him in bed, and they got better together. We've been home a few days now, and he still snuggles with his new bear friend. Thank you all for helping a little boy through a tough time. It is more appreciated than I can put into words.

Important Dates :

March 23: Children's Home of Easton

March 30: Erika Riddle Petrozelli - Lehigh Valley Community Foundation

April ?: Evening Social - TBD

April 13: Garrett M. Vassel - Commodore Project



Rotary on the Web:

Easton Rotary: www.eastonrotary.com
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