



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

THE ROTARY FELLOE

Rotary Club of Easton, Pa., District 7430
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1915 - CELEBRATING 109 YEARS OF SERVICE - 2024
Meets at 12:15 p.m., Thursday *Vol. 2409*

May 2: Pack The Purse at NCC

This Week: **Create Hope To Achieve
Lasting Change In The World**



April 25



5:15 - ???

Evening Social at Wind Creek

Time To Kickoff

The District Conference



LAST WEEK:

Jim Palmeri and Joe Pilyar both hail from Martins Creek which, to some, is also known as the Center of the Universe. The duo combined on a presentation about a new community-based endeavor. The roots of the project stem to 1864 when a cornerstone was laid for a small rural church outside the village of Martins Creek. The area is known today as Three Church Hill. The Scotch-Irish cemetery, located adjacent to the church, contains the graves of 24 Revolutionary soldiers buried in this cemetery. Another building on the property was a one room schoolhouse, built in 1803, and is now the home of the Hunter-Martin Settlement Museum which is packed with historic items. By early 2023 the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church was struggling to keep its doors open and the possibility of the church being sold or possibly brought down caused two residents to offer an alternative. Joe Pilyar and his wife Elvira Woodruff presented a plan to save the building and preserve the integrity of the church. The Three Church Hill Arts & Historical Society was created in May of 2023, as a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving local history while creating a community space for music, art and education that will serve communities throughout Northampton County. The former Church has been deconsecrated and is now known as the Bell Tower Cultural Center. The five cultural pathways on which the Center's programs will focus are Music, Art, Education, Films/Theater, and History. The volunteers have taken charge. Local talent has been showcased in art and music events. Educational workshops have been selling out. Attendees might learn how to make lasagna, use cell phones, or take better photographs. The La-Tea-Da teas and talks program will feature Four Feisty ladies talking about what inspired them in their successful careers. Many challenges lie ahead. Projects include clean water, sanitation, electrical upgrades, plumbing, and a proper kitchen.

Don Lockard spoke about the District 7430 Rotary Youth Exchange program. Don and Pat have hosted many students over the years. He spoke about the enormous impact and influence the program has on the young people involved. The idea of sharing between countries. The need to respect and understand other cultures. Hosting a student presents unusual challenges. Let's face it, people are bringing teenagers into their homes. Communication can be difficult as the students' proficiency in English varies widely. Heavy background checks are needed for host families. The challenges are well worth the effort. Many families connect with these young people for the rest of their lives. Rotary Clubs pay an \$800 fee to the District to cover the cost of student orientation and monthly get togethers. Students also receive a monthly stipend. The District Committee reports that there are still 5 students that have not found a host Club. Host families do not have to be Rotarians. The deadline for this year's exchange is May 15.

Happy things: *John Eisenhard* had a nice 3 ½ day trip back from Vail. *Terry Pundiak* fixed his 3D printer. *Gayle Rogers* was sad that her friend and neighbor passed away. *Jim Palmeri* may seek John Eisenhard's advice before embarking on his own cross-country trip. *Joe Pilyar* was happy for Creekers baseball. *Don Lockard* got his convertible Vette out of winter storage. *Eve Chiles* is engaged in numerous amazing organizations including Battle Born. *Dana Cardona* is looking forward to being an official Easton Rotarian. *Richard Sywensky* managed to complete a home flooring project. *BJ Metz* was about to celebrate an event that has occurred annually for 64 years. *Gordon Bigelow* was due to receive his hearing aids after the meeting.

The following candidates have been approved for membership by the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors. Objections must be submitted to Secretary Paul Braden, in writing, within 10 days of this notice.

Name	Classification	Sponsor
Kyle Stoltz	Mortgage Broker	Eve Chiles
Kevin Adams	Sales Director	Patrick McGowan

Potato Project News: Please cut seed potatoes to benefit the food-insecure in a 5-county area. April 21, 2024, at 1:00 pm. District 7430 Rotarians and friends will cut the potatoes at Becker's St. Peter's ELC, 265 Maiden creek Rd., Fleetwood, PA 19522. Donated by Weaver's Hardware.

Service Opportunity: Saturday May 4 will be Service Club Day at The Miracle League. Volunteers from Easton Rotary, Palmer Kiwanis, Easton Kiwanis, and the Easton Lions will take over the concession stand for the day. The two shifts run from 9:30-11:30 and 11:30 -1:30. The work is easy and the rewards are great. Let BJ know if you plan to attend.

The time is here for the District 7430 Conference. Let's travel all the way to Bethlehem this weekend and have some fun.



Important Dates :

April 25: Evening Social at Wind Creek

April 26-28 - District Conference at Wind Creek

May 2: Pack The Purse at Northampton Country Club

Rotary on the Web:

Easton Rotary: www.eastonrotary.com

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