



# THE ROTARY FELLOE

Rotary Club of Easton, Pa., District 7430  
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1915 - CELEBRATING 103 YEARS OF SERVICE - 2018  
 Meets at 12:15 p.m., Thursday at Northampton Country Club *Vol. 1803*

*Next Meeting: Feb. 8: Frank Whelan - History of Canal Development in Easton*

<b>This Week:</b>	Chaplain: Jay Gatsby Greeter: Nick Carraway Joker's Treasure is now \$58.00	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; background-color: blue; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">Cards remaining</div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-left: 10px;">51</div> </div>	
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# Last Week:

**Our program featured** Bill Tonkin who retired after a 32-year career with the FBI. Bill was volunteered to serve as the media spokesperson for the Newark FBI division in 1991. This placed him in a unique position to witness the events of a high-profile crime. At that time, the Reso family lived in a modest house in Morris Township, NJ. Sidney Reso was the CEO of Exxon yet still drove himself to work every day. On April 29, 1992 he stopped at the end of his driveway to retrieve his newspaper. Arthur and Jackie Seale were waiting. A struggle ensued, and Sidney was shot in the arm and whisked a way in a van. He was shackled, gagged, and placed in a coffin-like wooden crate in a storage locker. Sidney Reso would die in that crate. Arthur and Jackie proceeded with their ransom demands. Under the guise of “Warriors of the Rainbow” they masqueraded as environmental activists and demanded \$18.5 million. It took Exxon only 24 hours to deliver the cash to the Reso household. Communications stretched on for weeks without the authorities knowing that Sidney was already dead. Eventually a pattern developed. The phone calls from the extortionists came from telephone booths in rural areas. 100 agents were deployed to stake out phone booths. One agent noticed a woman who wore latex gloves when using the pay phone. The license plate on her car was from a rental agency. Agents waited at the agency until Arthur and Jackie showed up to turn in their car. The criminals were now in custody. Jackie accepted a plea deal and led authorities to the shallow grave of Sidney Reso. She served 17 years before being paroled. Arthur Seale remains in a South Carolina prison serving 95 years plus a life term. Bill’s presentation serves as a reminder that there is evil lurking in our world. The face of evil comes in many forms. Arthur Seale was clean-cut with blonde hair and blue eyes. He was a former policeman and worked security at Exxon. The world is now safe from Arthur Seale but for the Reso family, the damage is permanent.

**Happy Things:** *Lew Fish* celebrated a blessed event that apparently occurred some time ago. *Terry Pundiak* is writing billion-dollar apps and throwing a Rotary Super Bowl Party. *BJ Metz* visited Bethlehem Rotary

as they visited the new Ben Franklin Technology wing.

**Community Service Opportunity:** Easton Rotary will be providing and serving a meal for the residents of Safe Harbor. Volunteer opportunities include food serving on Monday, January 29 at Safe Harbor. Sign up online through [Signup Genius](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0E4AA5A623A4FD0-dinner) at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0E4AA5A623A4FD0-dinner](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0E4AA5A623A4FD0-dinner).

**Speaker Assignments:** RC Smith needs people to volunteer to line up speakers. *There are a number of open slots to fill in May and June.* 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. Contact RC Smith if you have an idea for a program.

**Polio Update:** With 22 confirmed cases in 2017 to date, and just one case in 2018, the world is on the brink of eradicating polio, a vaccine-preventable disease that once paralyzed hundreds of thousands of children each year. Rotary gives \$53.5 million to help eradicate polio and challenges the world to continue the fight to end the disease. More than half of the funds will support efforts to end polio in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Further funding will support efforts to keep 10 vulnerable countries polio-free.

**Making A Difference:** RI President Ian Riseley has called upon all Rotary Clubs to plant at least one tree/member before Earth Day. The big question is, where will we put them?

**Club Social Media:** Facebook users can check out the Rotary Club of Easton page. Like us to get automatic news feeds.

**Yet Another Rule:** Guests are always welcome at Easton Rotary meetings and functions. Easton Rotary will cover the cost of a prospective member's first visit. After that, the meeting should be paid for by either the Rotarian host or the guest.

**Don't Forget:** Your meeting assignments. Please try and arrange for a substitute if you cannot fulfill your greeter/chaplain assignment.

**Easton Rotary Service Foundation Reminder:** Easton Rotary Service Foundation Fellows are available to all at a cost of \$500 each. The money does not have to be paid in one lump sum. Birthday donations, memorial donations and direct donations all count toward the total.

# Be The Inspiration

**Rotary International President  
Elect Barry Rassin unveiled the  
Rotary theme for 2018-19.  
According to Barry: “Be the  
Inspiration — and together, we  
can, and we will, inspire  
the world.”**



**BE THE INSPIRATION**

## **Important Dates:**

Feb. 15: Diane Labelle - Exec. Dir. LVHS for the Arts

Feb. 22: Students of the Month - At CIT

March 1: Offsite Cocktail Meeting

March 8: Jeff Snyder, CEO Easton Hospital

## **Makeup Opportunities: *Now available online!***

Phillipsburg: 12:00 at Flynn's on the Hill

Allentown West: Wednesday 07:30 at Luthercrest, 800 Hausman Road

Allentown: Friday 12:00 at Bell Hall

Bethlehem: Wednesday 12:15 at Moravian Village

Bethlehem Morning Star: Thursday 07:30 at Moravian Village

## **Rotary on the Web:**

**Easton Rotary:** [www.eastonrotary.com](http://www.eastonrotary.com)  
**District 7430:** [www.rotarydistrict7430.org](http://www.rotarydistrict7430.org)  
**Rotary International:** [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)



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