



THE ROTARY FELLOE

Rotary Club of Easton, Pa., District 7430

Founded in 1915 Charter # 149

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1915 - CELEBRATING 105 YEARS OF SERVICE - 2020 Meets at 12:15 p.m., Thursday at Northampton Country Club <i>Vol. 2001</i>		
<i>Next Meeting Jan. 23 - TBA</i>		
This Week:	Joker's Treasure is now \$200.00 ■ ■ Cards remaining → 33	

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Last Week:



Our program featured Easton Rotary Jeopardy which, purely by chance, happened to coincide with the Greatest of All Time challenge match on the real TV program. President Elect BJ emceed the game which made sense seeing as how he made up all the clues and would have had a distinct advantage had he played along. Categories included By The Numbers, Who Are They, True or False, Easton Rotary Fundraisers, and Rotpourri. In “By The Numbers” we learned a recent study determined that Rotarians log approximately 47 million volunteer hours every year. The study, released by the Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies in Baltimore, USA, found that Rotary International annually mobilizes volunteer effort equivalent to nearly 27,000 full-time paid workers. What is more, this study reveals that the efforts of Rotary volunteers save communities an estimated \$850 million in service costs per year. In “Who Are They” we were lucky Jack Bennett was on hand to remember that Wesley M. Heiberger was the first President of Easton Rotary. In “True or False we learned that a lot of accomplished people were also Rotarians including Neil Armstrong, Thomas Edison, and Luciano Pavarotti. The “Easton Rotary Fundraisers” category brought back memories including selling hot dogs at the Forks of the Delaware Shad Tournament, dipping ice cream at the Celtic Classic, Harry Campbell and John Giardinieri selling sausage sandwiches at the Lion’s Fair, and the BIG Raffle. In “Rotpourri” we learned about Easton Rotary Field, the origin of the

Service Above Self motto, and Rotary's opportunities for young people including Interact and Rotaract. Easton Rotarians may have another chance to play Jeopardy in the future if BJ can somehow manage to think of another 30 clues...

Happy Things: *Mike Dowd* had a considerable amount of birthday dollars. *Ron Gano* is getting in shape for an 11-day cruise. *Jack Bennett* thanked Lew Fish and all the volunteers that helped make the Basketball Tournament a success. *Shelly Gottlieb* spent December traveling and reuniting with family. *Terry Pundiak's* new car seems to have a mind of its own. *Tom Walton* thanked Terry for delivering the Giant Gear to the Tournament. *BJ Metz* thanked the students from the Easton High Honor Society who volunteered at the Tournament.

Volunteer Opportunity: Shelly Gottlieb is looking for volunteers to help select this year's Ritchey Ricci Teacher of the Year Award. Volunteers will need to read the applications and then interview the contestants to select the winner. The winning teacher will receive \$1,000 to use in their classroom.

Easton Rotary 2.0: *The next meeting is Tuesday 1/21 at 5:30 at the Easton Wine Project.* All Easton Rotarians are invited and encouraged to attend the Tuesday evening gatherings in addition to the weekly noon meetings (another makeup opportunity).

Good News ★★★★★: For the 12th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S. The Foundation earned the recognition for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Only one percent of the organizations Charity Navigator evaluates have received 12 consecutive 4-star evaluations. The time is right to consider a donation and be a part of all the great work done by Rotarians throughout the world!

Speaker Assignments: BJ Metz needs people to volunteer to line up speakers. Open dates begin on March 12. 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 BJ if you have an idea for a program.

A New Partnership!

Members of Toastmasters and Rotary will enhance their skills, broaden their networks and increase their positive impact in communities through a new collaboration. The ongoing relationship between the two organizations will begin at the grassroots level with local club members learning and working together. Additionally, Toastmasters will create a set of eight structured communication and leadership development courses for Rotary with a phased rollout that will be available in English in 2020, and in more languages in 2021.

Important Dates

Jan. 23: TBA
Jan. 30: Lafayette College - Refugee Action
Feb. 6: Cocktail Meeting
Feb. 13: Bennie Eliason - Street Medicine
Feb. 20: Students of the Month at CIT
Feb. 27: Kellyn Foundation project
March 5: Cocktail Meeting
March 12: TBA



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

Rotary on the Web:

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



ATTENTION EASTON ROTARY:

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