



THE ROTARY FELLOE

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1915 - CELEBRATING 104 YEARS OF SERVICE - 2019
 Meets at 12:15 p.m., Thursday at Northampton Country Club *Vol. 1932*

Next Meeting Dec. Jan. 9 - TBA

This Week:	Joker's Treasure is now \$184.00 ■ ■ Cards remaining ➡ 33	
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Dec. 19

Jack Bennett

Holiday Classic

Basketball

Tournament

Last Week:

Our meeting featured holiday-style music from the Easton High Chamber Singers under the Direction of Pete Deshler. The a cappella group specializes in Renaissance music dating between 1450 and 1600 AD. The Chamber Singers have been a staple at Easton for 42 years and, last year, produced an official CD of their work. The coed group featured eight boys and eight girls. The 16 spots are filled through auditions with Director Pete. This year's entertainment featured:

- * **Joy To The World** - traditional style
- * **The First Noel** - Traditional style
- * Two compositions by Hans Leo Hassler, a German composer and organist of the late Renaissance and early Baroque eras. The first was **Cantata Domino**, followed by **Dixit Maria**.
- * **Ave Maria** by Tomás Luis de Victoria, the most famous composer in 16th-century Spain, and one of the most important composers of the Counter-Reformation.
- * **O Little Town of Hackensack** - This rendition of a PDQ Bach work came complete with snoring, an instructional map, finger pointing, and an overzealous bass singer. It is perhaps the only Christmas standard that mentions Hackensack, Tenaflly, Secaucus, and Peapack.
- * **Deck The Halls** - Traditional style with absolutely no New Jersey references.
- * **Benediction** - Traditional style
- * **We Wish You A Merry Christmas** in which the singers offer a rather firm quid pro quo regarding figgy pudding.
- * **Vive La Compagnie!** - The group closed with a rousing performance of their signature piece.

Happy Things: *BJ & Kristie Metz* spent Thanksgiving week playing in Connecticut. *Bob and Jean Conroy* leave Saturday for the Deep South and will see us in May. *John and Marilyn Eisenhard* will spend time in Key West before heading for the far West. *Ron Gano* reports that an entire Cruise ship has been invited to sing carols with Terry Pundiak.

Volunteer Opportunity 1: “Tushies and Toes” - Easton Rotary will collect new socks and underwear from Nov. 20- to Dec. 20. The clothing will be donated to Rebecca’s Closet at Easton High for students in need of basic necessities. Dropoff locations include: McGill Orthodontics, Easton YMCA, Llantrisant Retreat and Wellness Center, and Lehigh Valley Dry Cleaning (3079 William Penn Highway and 3601 Nazareth Road).

Volunteer Opportunity 2: Terry Pundiak has a caroling event planned for December 16. The event will kickoff at 5:00 at Pints and Pies (2049 Northampton St, Easton, PA 18042). The actual caroling will begin at 6:00 PM in the lobby of Easton Hospital.

Volunteer Opportunity 3: Don’t forget, the Jack Bennett Holiday Basketball Classic is coming on December 27 and 28. The shifts each day are 11:30-2:30, 2:30-5:30, and 5:30-8:30. A SignUp Genius message will be sent electronically. The work is embarrassingly easy. It can be chilly so wear layered clothing..

Easton Rotary 2.0: *The next meeting is Tuesday 12/17 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. There is still time to include the Rotary Foundation in your year-end financial planning.

Speaker Assignments: BJ Metz needs people to volunteer to line up speakers. Open dates begin on January 23. 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.

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.

Director Pete Conducts...

The Easton High Chamber Singers will absolutely NOT leave until they receive some figgy pudding!



Important Dates

Jan. 16: Diane Donaher - The Rotary Foundation

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Jan. 30: Lafayette College - Refugee Action

Feb. 6: Cocktail Meeting

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

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