



Rotary Opens Opportunities

THE ROTARY FELLOE

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Meets at 12:15 p.m., Thursday (someday?) at Northampton Country Club *Vol. 2113*

Next Meeting: April 29: Marty Helman - Rotary and Peace

This
Week:

Happy Dollar Pledges: \$291



April 22



LAST WEEK:

Our program featured Jill Zinckgraf who is the Executive Director and CEO of the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Warren County (DASACC). She has seen many changes during her career but unfortunately many things remain the same. The ERA is a proposed amendment to the US Constitution stating that civil rights may not be denied on the basis of one's sex. It seeks to end the legal distinctions between men and women in terms of divorce, property, employment, and other matters. It was proposed in 1972 but is still not a part of the Constitution because 15 states have still not ratified the amendment. The Battered Women's Movement in the 1970s brought increased attention to the issue of domestic abuse but in 1980 marital rape was still legal in 44 states. A landmark court decision in 1977 marked the first time that "battered women's syndrome" was successfully used when Francis Hughes Wilson was ruled not guilty of murdering her abusive husband. She was determined to be not guilty by reason of temporary insanity in the famous case of the burning bed. Tracey Thurman successfully sued the Torrington, CT city police in 1985 for having failed to protect her from her husband's violence which permanently scarred and partially paralyzed her. The US Surgeon General C. Everett Koop issued a report identifying domestic violence as a "leading cause of injury to women... more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined." In 1994, the US Congress passed the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) as part of the Federal Crime Bill. VAWA funds services for victims of domestic violence and rape and provides training to increase police and court officials' sensitivity to domestic violence. Other Acts would follow on national and local levels. The problem however has not diminished. Domestic abuse levels are the same today as they were decades ago. COVID-19 has only made things worse. Emergency shelter bed nights are up by 67%. Sheltering itself has increased 188%. There is a long road ahead. It will entail a cultural change. We must learn to think differently as a society. Victims must be believed. Listen sympathetically and ask how to help.

Happy Things:) *Audra Frank* is looking forward to opening her studio (260 S. Main Street in Phillipsburg) at 4 PM on April 25. *Lynn Schoof* celebrated a successful 3rd Street Bistro. *Gayle Rogers* welcomed Jill Zinckgraf. *Paul Braden* enjoyed the successful Karl Stirner Arts Trail cleanup. *Gordon Bigelow* reports that wife Joyce received her second vaccination shot. *Ritchey Ricci* had \$15 happy dollars: \$5 each for teachers Cristen Charnley and Denise McGaughran, and \$5 for Chairperson Shelly Gottlieb.

Service Opportunity: The Pack The Purse Project returns. Easton Rotary is collecting toiletries and non-perishable items. The filled bags will be distributed to women and mothers in need at the Third Street Alliance. Examples of items include deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, lotions, hand sanitizer, female sanitary napkins, gift cards (\$5 Dunkin Donuts, for ex.), disposable masks, cloth masks. Donation collection is at the Easton YMCA or Metz, Inc. Monetary donations may be sent to Mike Dowd or electronically at eastonrotary.com.

Community Service Opportunity: Our Food Pantry Project is back. Our next target is Shiloh Baptist Church. Their primary need is for canned goods (beans, veggies, tuna, fruit, etc.) but they will accept any offerings. The next delivery is scheduled for April 27. Monetary donations should be mailed to Mike Dowd (Checks made to the Easton Rotary Foundation, c/o *Mike Dowd, 25 Chestnut Ridge Circle, Easton. PA. 18042*). Please note the corrected address for Mike. Donations can also be made at eastonrotary.com (email Mike Dowd to let him know how to apply the donation mikedowd1948@gmail.com

Speaker Assignments: BJ Metz needs people to volunteer to line up speakers. Open dates start in July 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.

Some Things Never Change Dept.: For the 13th straight year, The Rotary Foundation has received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. Once again, we have been recognized as one of the foremost charitable organizations in the world.

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Tri-District Conference 2021

Team Easton Rotary strikes again! This time the crew was out to clean up the Karl Stirner Arts Trail. Many thanks to all for making our Club and our community look great.



Important Dates :

May 6: Evening social at the Pomfret Club

May 13: James Owen - His Choice

May 20: Alicia Orbin - Women in Rotary



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