



THE ROTARY FELLOE

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1915 - CELEBRATING 103 YEARS OF SERVICE - 2018
 Meets at 12:15 p.m., Thursday at Northampton Country Club *Vol. 1804*

Next Meeting: Feb. 22: Students of the Month - At CIT

This Week:	Chaplain: RC Smith Greeter: Tom Walton Joker's Treasure is now \$80.00		49	
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Feb. 15

Diane Labelle Executive Director:

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 LEHIGH VALLEY
CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
 FOR THE **ARTS**

Last Week:

Our program featured local historian and Allentown Rotarian Frank Whelan. His name is familiar to Valley residents as he spent 30 years writing historical articles for the Morning Call. He took this opportunity to tell us a little about how our city came to be called “Easton”. William Penn’s son Thomas Penn married Lady Juliana Fermor, the daughter of Thomas Fermor, 1st Earl of Pomfret and Henrietta Louisa Jeffreys. Lord Pomfret resided in a large country house known as Easton Neston in the parish of Easton Neston near Towcester in Northamptonshire, England. Thomas Penn was so entranced by the land at the confluence of the Lehigh and Delaware rivers that he proposed establishing a county named Northampton with a county seat known as Easton in honor of his father-in-law's estate. The 1976 bicentennial celebration in Easton featured a visit from Baron Hesketh who was the current occupant of the estate. Curiosity led Frank and fellow reporter Bob Wittman to visit Lord Hesketh at the actual estate home in 1983. Lord Hesketh proved to be a gracious host and personally guided them on a tour of the 32,000 square foot house situated on 4,000 acres. The house has 36 rooms featuring large windows, large lamps, large artwork, large gardens, and, well, large everything. The doorway is topped with the family crest that translates as “This Hour And Always.” The architect of the original structure appears to be Nicholas Hawksmoor with assistance from Christopher Wren (unless it was the other way around). They toured the grounds in the Baron’s green Land Rover, bouncing over his mother’s precious English wild flowers known to the Baron as “weeds”. No pictures were allowed when they passed through the testing area for the motorcycles that were being produced on the grounds. The Baron is an F1 enthusiast and wondered if Frank knew the Baron’s friend Mario Andretti. The final part of the tour was the view from a balcony overlooking a fountain and some far off trees. The Baron envisaged his grandchildren walking under those newly planted trees. Sadly, financial misfortunes forced the sale of the property and those trees will be enjoyed by others. The Russian-born fashion designer Leon Marx restored the estate’s interior and updated the mechanical systems for a cost

of 25 million English pounds. Pictures of the estate can be found online in a 2012 article from Architectural Digest.

Club Service: Easton Service Foundation Chair Paul Braden presented Don Lockard with an Easton Rotary Service Foundation Fellow in honor of yet another \$500 threshold of Foundation giving by Don and Pat Lockard.

Club Service Opportunity: Ritchey Ricci needs help with the Student of the Month and the Teacher of the Year programs.

Happy Things: *Lori Metz and family* welcomed grandbaby #2. *Pat Lockard* was happy about husband Don's latest acquisition. *Anita Paukovitz* was happy for another successful Children's Home fundraiser with WAEB. *Terry Pundiak* is off to California to see the grandkids. *Jean McGill* announced that daughter Blake's world travels will continue in Bolivia, Chile, and Argentina. *Art Berg* reminisced about childhood days playing catch with former Eagles quarterback Davey O'Brien. *BJ Metz* officially apologized to Terry Pundiak for not being brave enough to attend the Super Bowl party.

Community Service Opportunity: Easton Rotary will partner with other local Clubs to package meals for local food banks. The event is scheduled for March 10 at Moravian College. Last year's meal count will double to 40,000! The work is easy and quick. Please set some time aside in your schedule to help out.

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.

Welcome to our newest member!
Easton Rotary was thrilled to induct:
John David

Making A Difference

Thanks to Terry Pundiak,
Teddy Bears have become an
annual event in Cancer Wards.

This year saw 70 bears
delivered to patients at St.
Luke's and Easton Hospitals.
This brings the all-time total to
over 1200.



Important Dates:

- March 1: Offsite Cocktail Meeting
- March 8: Jeff Snyder, CEO Easton Hospital
- March 15: 2017 Teacher of the Year Report
- March 22: Club Assembly
- March 29: DGN Herb Klotz - District Membership Chair

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

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