



THE ROTARY FELLOW

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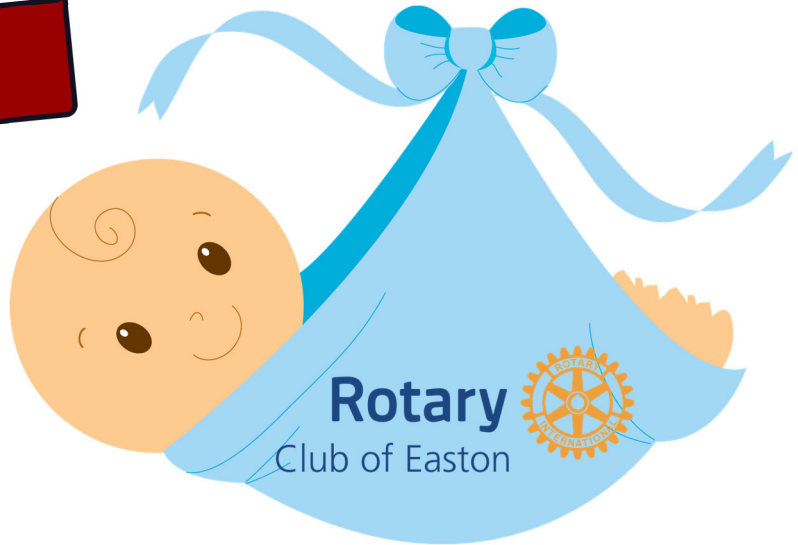
1915 - CELEBRATING 110 YEARS OF SERVICE - 2025
 Meets at 12:15 p.m., Thursday *Vol. 2506*

April 10—Pomfret Club Lunch

This Week:	Focus On Peace	
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April 3

Baby Shower
For
Lynn Schoof



5:30 PM Wednesday at McGill Orthodontics

LAST WEEK:

The Rotary Club of Easton will officially be 110 years old on April 1, 2025. Our program featured BJ Metz who took us on a whirlwind tour of our Club's history. The story began at Seip's Café in December 1914 when a delegation of 9 members of the newly formed Allentown Rotary met with 8 Eastonians to discuss the possibility of forming a new Club. The Club chartered with 33 members and grew to 102 members by the end of the first year. The first President was Wesley Heiberger and meetings were held at the Huntington Hotel. Other notable meeting locations included Karldon Hotel, Hotel Easton, Sheraton Hotel, Northampton Country Club, and the Pomfret Club. We also took quite a few road trips to local businesses and schools. There was an annual trip to a local farm for many years. Original dues were \$16/year and one year quite a fuss was created when the price of lunch increased to \$1.00 (up from \$.90 cents). The earliest major charitable donation was \$31,000 to the Children's Home of Easton; a donation that would equate to over \$500,000 dollars today. The Club sponsored a Golden Age Club for senior citizens in 1951. Membership was around 300 people and 90% were women. Fundraising often centered around food and we spent many days selling sausage sandwiches, hot dogs, pancakes, and ice cream. The BIG Raffle was our largest fundraiser for many years and we took in \$10,000 every year with a reverse raffle. The annual Cabaret Night showcased the variety of talent within our Club. There was an annual golf challenge between Easton and Phillipsburg Rotarians and the winner took home the coveted Golden Bedpan Trophy. Current traditions are highlighted by the Jack Bennett Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament which began in 1997. We support local youth with Student of the Month Awards. Our Teddy Bear Project has become a great favorite and has been going for 23 years. Our \$100,000 gift to the Kellyn Foundation has enabled them to bring food to people throughout the Valley. Our crowning achievement is our support of Easton Rotary Field where the kids with special needs play baseball. It has been a great 110 years and we are still going strong.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to us!

Service Opportunity: This year's Pack The Purse will be in conjunction with the Pomfret Club Book Club. Start searching for those lightly used bags! Information about wish lists and drop-off locations are coming soon. The final packing is scheduled for May 8 at the Pomfret Club.

Fundraiser News: Upcoming projects include Pints For Polio in October, A Jack Daniels Whiskey sale, and a possible elementary school spelling bee. The Jack Bennett Basketball sponsor letters will be distributed soon. A major Dickens-based fundraiser is scheduled for December 3.

Community Service Opportunity: Easton Rotary will be collecting books for the Northampton County Juvenile Detention Center. The project is looking for books appropriate for people aged 12-21. Books should be educational with a positive message.

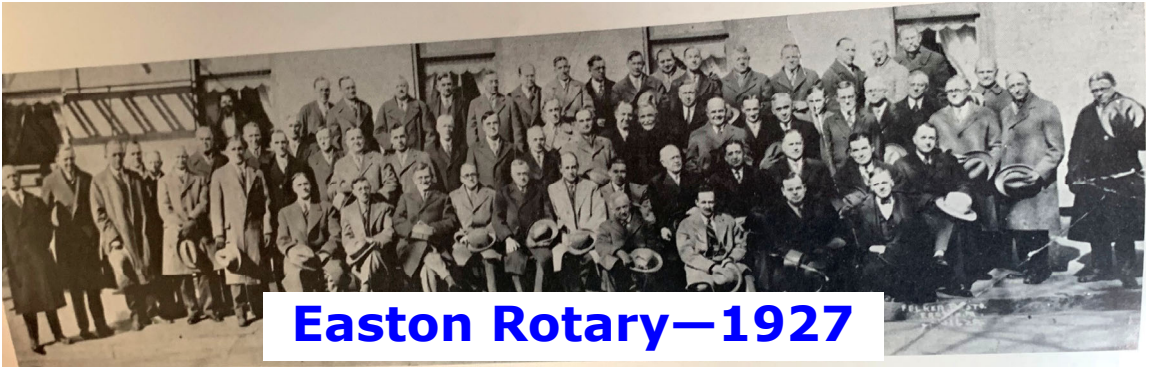
Happy Things: *Mike Dowd* thanked the Club for last week's meeting. *Gordon Bigelow* reports that Baby Jacob is now in, and sometimes out of, a big boy bed. *Jean McGill* is looking forward to next week's shower. *Audra Frank* is preparing for the Miracle League Golf Outing on May 19. *Karen Hickey* is running for the office of President of the Pomfret Club. *Jim Palmeri* was sporting his name badge AND his Rotary pin. *Terry Pundiak* had a great time with the grandchildren even though they accidentally almost visited Mexico. *Sanju Choudhury* returned from India where he was the chief guest at the Rotary Club's Annual Vocational Excellence Awards event. *Lynn Schoof* had breakfast with her parents on Sunday.

Baby Clock: For those keeping track, we have reached week 35.

Other Baby News: A shower is planned for Thursday April 3 at 5:30 PM at Jean McGill's office. Food and drinks will be provided. The registry is available at Target.

Service Opportunity: April 19 will be the Rotary Day of Service. Perhaps a downtown garden cleanup or a planting on the KSAT? The Club is looking for ideas. April 26 is a Cleanup Day in various parts of Easton and might be a good day for a project.

Service Opportunity: Saturday May 3 will be Service Club Day at the Miracle League. Volunteers from the Easton Kiwanis, Easton Lions, Palmer Kiwanis, and Easton Rotary will take over the concession stand for the day. There are two shifts available: 9:30-11:30 and 11:30-1:30. Let BJ know if you are available to help out.



Easton Rotary—1927



Important Dates :

April 1: Easton Rotary's 110th Birthday!!!

April 3: Baby Shower Social at McGill Orthodontics

April 10: Pomfret Club at Noon

April 17: Evening at the Public Market

April 24: Students of the Month



Rotary on the Web:

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