

KIWANIS HISTORY

Two men, both natives of Detroit, MI, Allen Browne, a professional organizer, and Joseph Prance, a tailor, had an idea one day in August of 1914. A concept, rather, to develop an organization that provides not only fellowship, but one that provides insurance features as well. The original name of the organization was "The Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order of Brothers," also known as BOB. Within a year the name was changed to "Kiwanis," taken from an Indian term, "NunKee-wan-is," which translated as "We trade." A more true meaning is "We have a good time-we make noise." Kiwanis was founded and chartered January 21, 1915 and 3 years later our Easton Kiwanis Club was founded July 18, 1918 at Seip's Café. 2003 marked our 85th anniversary. The Easton Club was the 99th club chartered. Today there are over 8400 clubs worldwide with over 600,000 members in over 96 countries. Easton Kiwanis became more than a weekly gathering of congenial spirits. Kiwanians gave leadership to ongoing community activities, including campaigns that produced the new YMCA in 1921; Easton's large, new hospital in 1930; and the first Community Chest in 1922 (now the United Way). Lafayette College educational opportunities for worthy Easton young men would become a major activity of the Club through the Kiwanis Club Scholarship Program, funded by an initial gift of \$1000 from Robert S. Gerstell. The Kiwanis Scholarship Program changed in the early 1960's due to the economy. Robert S. Gerstell again stepped to the forefront and on April 12th, 1963 the Kiwanis Foundation of Easton was incorporated. The Foundation would become the charitable arm of the Easton Kiwanis Club.

In 1920 Roe Fulkerson, the gifted editor of the Kiwanis magazine, proposed two simple words, "We Build" as the Kiwanis motto. These two words, "We Build," became the guiding force and inspiration for the important work of Kiwanis. They promised then, as they do now, that for Kiwanis, the best is yet to be. We are not a social club or sacred or political society, membership is open to anyone of good character ... the cost is small, the rewards in personal satisfaction are great. We are a service club dedicated to, "Serving the children of the world," which is our new motto. Over the many years our club has been responsible for the forming of several other Kiwanis clubs. The Easton Kiwanis Club has been recognized many times by Kiwanis International at the National and State level for service to mankind. In 1992 our club was awarded the Easton Sales and Marketing Executives Award for Service Organizations.

“SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD” with “Service to Youth, Community and Nation” by the following.....

Contributions and donations are given to many non-profit community organizations such as Boys & Girls Club of Easton, Spring Garden Children's School, Safe Harbor, Third Street Alliance, Children's Home of Easton, YMCA Camp, Minsi Trails Boy Scouts, Canal Boat at Hugh Moore Park, State Theatre, Special Olympics.

Sponsors and hosts Police Officer Of The Year Award in conjunction with the City of Easton.

Participates, coordinates and hosts a Children's December Holiday Party for Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 students.

Offers yearly scholarship to a student of Career Institute of Technology and a yearly scholarship to a Lafayette College student.

Has co-hosted with Phillipsburg Kiwanis Club to coordinate Derriere-in-the-Delaware whereas the money raised at this event is given to a deserving non-profit organization in each community.

Help with community projects such as Adopt-A-Highway, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Kids Casting at the Shad Festival and the Soap Box Derby.

Has an Annual Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds for the Easton-Phillipsburg YMCA Summer Camp.

Worked with other statewide Kiwanis Clubs to raise funds to develop the Children's Hospital wing at Geisinger Hospital in Danville, PA.

Works with over 600,000 K-Family members of Kiwanis Clubs in 96 countries on our worldwide service project to help eradicate Iodine Deficiency Disorder in underdeveloped nations worldwide.

Service projects are often linked to the Kiwanis International program, Young Children: Priority One. This initiative places continuing focus on the needs of children of all ages and races.

**“Kiwanis is a global organization
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EASTON KIWANIS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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| LAST NAME | | FIRST NAME | | MIDDLE INITIAL | NICKNAME |
| BIRTHDATE (MO/DAY) | HOME PHONE | | PREFERRED E-MAIL ADDRESS | | |
| HOME ADDRESS | | | CITY | STATE | ZIP |
| BUSINESS – EMPLOYER | | | POSITION | | |
| BUSINESS ADDRESS | | | CITY | STATE | ZIP |
| BUSINESS PHONE | | BUSINESS FAX | | SPOUSE NAME | |
| BUSINESS E-MAIL ADDRESS | | BUSINESS WEB PAGE ADDRESS | | CHILDREN(S) NAME(S) | |
| CELL PHONE NUMBER | | Send Kiwanis Mail To: HOME-- <input type="checkbox"/> WORK-- <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |

Are you a former member KIWANIS- CIRCLE K- KEY CLUB- BUILDERS CLUB- K KIDS-

Club Name _____ College/University Attended: _____

Hobbies + Interests: _____

Committee Preference: Administration- Community Service- Fund Raiser- Youth Services- Member Growth-

I hereby accept this application for membership and agree to conform to the bylaws of this club and comply with the obligations of membership as explained by my sponsor.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

One-time Initiation Fee \$75 Annual Dues \$140 (Annual Dues Billing Sept)

Please complete application form and mail along with payment made payable to EASTON KIWANIS CLUB to:

WILLIAM WALTERS, SECRETARY EASTON KIWANIS CLUB, RR#2 BOX 487AA, KUNKLETOWN, PA 18058

NEW MEMBER SPONSOR. To the Board of Directors of the Kiwanis Club of Easton, PA., I take pride in proposing _____ as an active member of the club and have confidence that this individual will become a valuable member. Date _____ Sponsor Name _____

Sponsor Signature _____ Additional Club Member _____

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date _____ Secretary Signature _____

These following six Objects of Kiwanis were developed way back in 1915 and have never changed.

1. To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
2. To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
3. To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
4. To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
5. To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
6. To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

The Easton Kiwanis Club meets Wednesdays at noontime at the Pomfret Club, 33 South 4th St., Easton, PA 18042