

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, which translated as "We trade." 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 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. 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 but the rewards in personal satisfaction are great. We are a service club dedicated to, "*Serving the children of the world.*" 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. In 2012 the club received the Martin Zippel Award from the Easton Boys & Girls Club. The award is presented to individuals and organizations that have demonstrated exceptional integrity, leadership and consistency in improving the quality of life for disadvantaged youth in the Greater Lehigh Valley.

"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, 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 and Firefighter of the 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 2 students of Career Institute of Technology and a yearly scholarship to a Lafayette College student.

Provides learning materials for the Family YMCA Pre K-Counts school program in Easton. Help with community projects such as, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Provided funds for the Third Street Alliance S.T.E.M. Lab. Provided funds for the Reading Oasis at the Easton Boys & Girls Club.

Sponsors several "youth clubs" at the Easton School District: 4 K-Kids, 1 Builders Club.

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 and the EliMiNaTe project for neo-natal tetanus eradication.

Service projects are often are 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
of volunteers dedicated to improving
the world one child and one
community at a time"**



Kiwanis
CLUB OF EASTON

EASTON KIWANIS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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**Young Children
PRIORITY ONE**

EASTON KIWANIS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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"/>			

** NOTE: month & birth day are requested, year is voluntary.*

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 _____

Annual dues vary based upon the month you join. Renewal dues are \$150/year payable prior to October 1st.

Please complete application form and mail along with payment made payable to EASTON KIWANIS CLUB, c/o Easton Kiwanis Club, William Walters, 1046 Resolution Dr., Bethlehem, PA 18017

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

Date _____ Sponsor Name _____

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 1st – 3rd Wednesdays

at noontime at the Pomfret Club, 33 South 4th St., Easton, PA 18042

4th - 5th Wednesday 8AM at Easton Public Market, 325 Northampton St., Easton

Kiwanis International Membership online date _____ membership number _____