

ROTARY CLUB OF YORK – EAST

District 7390 – Meetings: Tuesdays @ 7:30 a.m. Via Virtual Platform

January 2021 Newsletter

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

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York East Board of Directors 2020/21

President: Kyle King
President Elect: Sandra Graham
Vice President: Sheri Stamm
Treasurer: Diane Yocum
Secretary: Betsy Buckingham
Past President: Hunter Mink
Sargeant at Arms: Ben Marchant

At-large Members & Committee Chairs:

Chris Beck
Becky Disney – Fundraising & Giving
William Gierasch – Club Administration
Linda Gorter – Rotary Foundation
Sandra Graham – Membership
Angie Hartman
Chris Izzo – Grant Committee
Greg Kern – Community Service
Tim Koller – Public Relations
Kris Pollick
Bob Straw - Vocational

Happy Birthday to you... **January**

1/25.....Bob Straw

*If your **January** birthday is not listed, please contact
Betsy Buckingham at bwb1954@verizon.net.

January Programs

1/5 Mark Platts, President, Susquehanna National Heritage Area: National Heritage Area impact on our Community.

1/12 Joan Mummert, President & CEO, York County History Center: Update on The Steam Plant Project, relocating the campus to serve as a major cultural anchor and community space.

1/19 York County School of Technology Students of the Month.

1/26 Ann Davis, Executive Director, Dreamwrights: Broadening Creative Options in a time of COVID.

York East currently meets via ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING platform only. Instructions on how to join the virtual meeting will be sent to membership via the email meeting reminder each Monday.

YORK EAST ROTARY BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2021
7:30 a.m. VIA ZOOM Virtual Platform

WEEKLY MEMBER PARTICIPATION:

Greeters

At this time York East Secretary takes attendance through ZOOM Virtual Platform

Invocators

We are temporarily foregoing the Invocation

REMINDER: If you are unable to serve as greeter or invocator, please find a replacement and notify Betsy Buckingham.
(If you prefer to not deliver the invocation, please let Betsy know so you will not be assigned.)

A Message from our President



Hello York East Rotarians!

2020 has likely been the most difficult year we have faced as individuals, as a collective group and as a country. At the same time we find ourselves in the midst of a challenging global pandemic, and continue to be racially and politically divided. While I don't believe the two latter issues pertain to, or disrupt the actions of this club, we cannot pretend that they do not impact our perceptions of those we come in to contact with each and every day. Regardless of our individual biases and beliefs, let's not allow anger, fear and malice to drown out hope.

While many continue to lose confidence in people, I choose to believe that most people are good and desire to leave a positive impact in the lives of others. Over the past nine months, I have seen some of the most amazing acts of kindness by members of this club and community. While the masses may allow outside noise to distract them, let's continue to serve selflessly and seek out opportunities to make a positive impact in the lives of others.

As the clock strikes midnight this Friday and we begin a new chapter, I leave you with these thoughts:

- Encourage contrast and healthy dialogue instead of conflict.
- We certainly cannot help everyone, but at least be mindful and open to opportunities that may present themselves.
- Set goals in direct proportion to what is possible and execute.
- Wishing each of you good health and prosperity, Happy New Year!!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Kyle

Kyle G. King, President

York East Salvation Army Support

BRAVO! Although Bob Straw was unable to recruit bell ringers this year due to the COVID pandemic, he did successfully coordinate a giving initiative to demonstrate our support of the mission of the Salvation Army. York East members stepped up and collectively donated nearly \$900 to the Salvation Army through personal donations. **This total nearly matches the most collected in the kettles at Walmart during our allotted time slot!**

York Day Nursery Holiday Gift Project

The York East membership is so generous! In addition to the gifts we provided for 63 children at York Day Nursery, we also donated an additional \$210! **Kudos to all who contributed and especially to Angie Hartman and Wendy Keesee for coordinating this effort on behalf of York East.** If you would like to see the joy we helped provide for these children, go to the **York Day Nursery Facebook page** to see their post. It is worth the visit!

Opportunity to Serve on the York East 2021 Board of Directors

Serving on the York East Board of Directors is a wonderful opportunity to better connect as a Rotarian to fellow Rotarians locally and beyond and, more importantly, to connect directly to the York East membership. York East is in the process of putting together the Board of Directors 2021/22 Slate of Officers and is currently looking to fill the officer slots for Vice President and Club Secretary.

The **Vice President** falls in the line of succession behind the President Elect, giving this candidate 2 years to learn and prepare for the President's position. Our District 7390 provides wonderful training opportunity for all leadership positions. The York East Board of Directors also offers strong support for its members.

Club **Secretary** is a fun position through which one gets to know our membership, build relationships through Board involvement and enables one to become very connected to York East as a whole. The current Secretary will gladly train and serve as a resource, as needed, for the incoming candidate.