



**“Building our community, one child at a time”**

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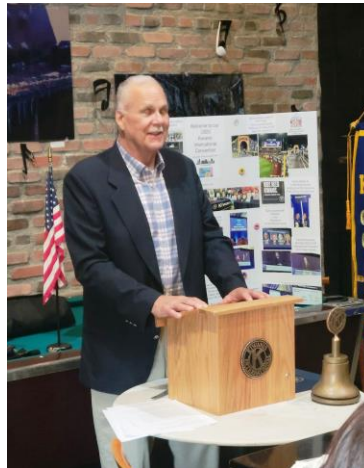
## **The Downtowner**

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### **Key Club Scholarship Dinner**



**Phillips Armstrong**

We had an excellent turnout at our July 10 meeting, which was our annual Key Club Scholarship Dinner. **Tom Harp**, Secretary of the Kiwanis Foundation of Allentown presented scholarship checks to the following Key Club members:

- **Reina Escobar**, Salisbury HS. She will be studying finance at Penn State University. She was accompanied by her sister.
- **Emma Osher**, Lehigh Christian Academy. She will be a history major at King's College. Emma was accompanied by her mother and aunt.
- **Alexander Torres**, Allen HS. He will study biology at Lehigh Carbon Community College.
- **Sungwon Yu**, Southern Lehigh HS. He will be attending Lehigh University where he will major in computer science and business. He was accompanied by his parents.

Unfortunately neither **Eli Ulman**, of the Brandywine Heights HS Key Club or his parents were unable to attend. Eli will be majoring in computer science at George Washington University. His scholarship check was mailed to him.



**Reina Escobar**



**Emma Osher**



**Alex Torres**



**Sungwon Yu**

Our special guest speaker was **Phillips Armstrong**, Lehigh County Executive. Phil gave an uplifting address based on his 40 year career as an educator, and his mentoring of hundreds of students seeking a college education. We presented Phil with a personally-signed copy of **Enos Martin's** book, "Fifty Years of Turmoil and Titles: A History of the Eastern Pennsylvania Interscholastic Basketball League 1926-1975." Enos has generously donated proceeds from the sale of his book to our club's treasury. Phil was very appreciative of this gesture.

## **Back to School Bash**

Our community service project this month will be our participation in the Allentown School District "Back to School Bash" to be held on Wednesday, August 13 from 1-6 PM at Cedar Beach Park in Allentown. **Enos Martin** is coordinating the project this year. Thousands of ASD students and their families have participated in this event since its inception two years ago. Dozens of non-profit organizations participate. Children receive free

backpacks as well as school supplies and vendor giveaways. We are partnering with the Kiwanis Club of Allentown Northeast at a display promoting Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs. We will also be distributing free Early Learning Guides in both English and Spanish. Enos has created a signup sheet with two shifts: 1:00 – 3:30 PM and 3:30 – 6:00 PM. So far, Enos and **Tom Harp** will represent us at the first shift, and **Karen Baker** and **Katelyn Quinn** will help out at the later shift. We have also recruited 3 volunteers from the ANE club. Enos is designing a tri-fold display featuring the SLP's our Kiwanis Clubs currently sponsor in the ASD. We will have Kiwanis membership information as well. This has been a very popular and fun event. The rain date is August 14. We have been blessed with gorgeous weather in the past, and expect the same this year!

## Rose Sale!



Please support this year's **Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation Rose Sale** by ordering dozens of fresh, multi-colored roses, boxed with baby's breath and tree fern, that benefits the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation and our club's treasury. The roses sell for \$26 per dozen, and our club keeps \$9.50. Our goal is to sell 60 dozen roses, the same as last year. The deadline for orders is **Thursday, October 2**. Roses will be delivered on **Thursday, October 23**. Contact **Peg Harp**, our Rose Sale Coordinator with your order at 610-428-9878 or [pegharp@ptd.net](mailto:pegharp@ptd.net). She will be forwarding Rose Sale order sheets and posters to our members. Brighten up the day of your loved ones, friends, and coworkers with these beautiful roses!

## A Glance Into Our Past

### ***100 Years Ago – August 1925***

On August 11<sup>th</sup>, the Kiwanis Club held its annual picnic at Lehigh Community Park, located near the community of Ormrod. The park was established by Lehigh Portland Cement which was located nearby. At 1:30, a chicken and waffle dinner was served, followed up by steamed clams at 6 pm. Between the meals, the York Kiwanis Club took on the Allentown team on the baseball field. According to the Morning Call, York Kiwanis shellacked the local team 11-0 in a revenge contest. Just weeks earlier, Allentown had traveled to York and roughed them up 15-2.

### ***75 Years Ago – August 1950***

The Club participated in a very successful "Old Home Week" in Allentown from August 13-20. Four of the club's members were instrumental in the organization of the week-long event. "Old Home Week" was described as a "town reunion." The week was highlighted

with Mayor Donald Hock providing an address to the Kiwanis meeting attendees on August 17<sup>th</sup> stressing the importance of the event. Another highlight took place at the Allentown Fairgrounds and was titled "Allentown Talent on Parade", a 2 ¼ hours of vaudeville entertainment. Cost of Admission was 50 cents.

### **50 Years Ago – August 1975**

On Sunday, August 24, 1975 the 58<sup>th</sup> annual District Convention opened at the George Washington Motor Lodge, located at Route 22 and MacArthur Road. A Home Depot franchise is now located on the site. US Representative H. John Heinz, Pittsburgh, provided the luncheon address on Monday. Heinz would later be elected as senator from the state of Pennsylvania (1977-91). Since women were not yet members of Kiwanis, a fashion show, shopping trip, swimming and tennis outing were planned for them. At the Tuesday night dinner, Bill Bradley, an all-star from the New York Knicks, addressed the group. Bradley would later be elected senator from the state of New York (1979-1997).

### **25 Years Ago – August 2000**

The archives do not include any items on the activities of the Club in August 2000.

- **Enos Martin**

## **Upcoming Meetings and Activities**

**MONTHLY MEETING – Thursday, August 14, 6:00 PM (Social Hour from 5-6 PM) at the Shanty on 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a tabletop service project to benefit Caitlin Smiles. We will also be welcoming Division 17/18 Lt. Governor Janet Owen who will be presenting a "Kiwanis Hero in Service Award" to Enos Martin.**

**SERVICE PROJECT – Wednesday, August 13, 1-6 PM, "Back to School Bash" Cedar Beach Park, Allentown.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – Thursday, August 21, 5 PM on Zoom.**



### **August Birthdays**



**9 – Jim Fronheiser**  
**13 – "Big Bob" Ashcraft**

**No August Club Anniversaries**

- **Tom Harp, Editor**