



Kiwanis
CLUB OF EDINBORO

June 2024

Edinboro **KIWANIAN**

PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT

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Pat Baker (2023-2025)

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Mark Hutchison (2023-2025)

MONTHLY MEETING

4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

SOCIAL

2nd Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. at

Perkins Restaurant

3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. at

Crossroads Diner

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of volunteers dedicated to
improving the world one child
and one community at a time.*

History and the Meaning of Memorial Day

The meaning of Memorial Day sometimes get's lost in translation. Below, we'll cover everything you need to know to finally understand the full Memorial Day meaning.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. It's difficult to prove the origins of this day as over two dozen towns and cities lay claim to be the birthplace. In May 1966, President Lyndon Johnson stepped in and officially declared Waterloo N.Y. the birthplace of Memorial Day.

Regardless of the location of origins or the exact date, one thing is crystal clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War (which ended in 1865) and a desire to honor our dead. On the 5th of May in 1868, General John Logan who was the national commander of the Grand Army of the republic, officially proclaimed it in his General Order No. 11.

Part of the history of Memorial Day meaning will show that in the Order, the General proclaimed, "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land." Because the day wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle, the General called it, The date of Decoration Day.

On the first Decoration Day, 5,000 participants decorated the graves of 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried at Arlington Cemetery while General James Garfield made a historic speech.

New York was the first state to officially recognize the holiday in 1873. It was recognized by all northern states by 1890. Differently, the South refused to acknowledge the day and honored their dead on separate days. This went on until after World War I when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war.

With the Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 – 363), it is now observed on the last Monday in May by almost every state.





WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12
4:00 - 6:00 P.M.
MCLANE CHURCH
RAIN OR SHINE

GOAL: We want the children of Edinboro to know the community cares about them and there are so many great things for them and their families to do, especially during the summer.

STATIONS:

- Edinboro women's basketball
- Edinboro landmarks coloring (Wymans)
- McLane Church and preschool
- Physics magic show (Dr. Karim Hossain)
- Edinboro Historical Society (Barb Hossain)
- Township Parks & Recreation
- Happy Hearts & Joyful Mindset (water/sun safety)
- Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene
- Book giveaway (Dengels)
- Sell duck tickets

ACTIVITIES:

- Meet the Edinboro K-9 Cop
- "Tour" a firetruck
- Rob and Carrie Lowther Reading Tent (Millie Williams, Mike Priest, Julia Johnson or Missy Abbott)
- Balloon hover crafts
- STEAM car kits
- Jack and the Beanstalk kits
- Slime bags

GAMES (unattended unless we have enough manpower):

- Corn hole
- Bean bag bucket toss
- Beach ball bowling
- Tootsie pop ring toss

TREATS:

- Subway is donating individually wrapped cookies for the kids
- Edinboro Market is making gluten-free "energy balls (sunbutter or peanut/almond butter—yum!)
- Mini hotdogs from Crossroads Dinor hot dog truck
- Tootsie pops from the ring toss game

TAKE-HOMES:

- Kite kits (to the first 50 kids)
- Books
- Donated toys and bags of goodies
- Information about other summer activities

FINANCES:

- Club - \$1,000
- Donations - \$250 each from Gloria Furcron and Rob Lowther
- PA Kiwanis Foundation grant - \$1,500

NEXT PLANNING MEETING: Tuesday, May 28, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENT WINNERS

Each year, the Kiwanis Club of Edinboro recognizes area high school students who have exhibited high moral character, leadership skills, healthy lifestyle, service to school and community, good citizenship, and above average scholastic achievement. Two students from General McLane and two from Northwestern High School are selected by their guidance counselors. Each student receives a certificate and a check for \$300.

- Madison Anderson and Jacob Mitchell (Northwestern)
- Elliot Webb and Peter Alberti (General McLane)

The Edinboro Kiwanis Foundation awards two scholarships each year. Recipients must be current seniors or graduates of General McLane High School planning to pursue post-secondary education at an accredited institution. Special consideration is given to SAT/ACT scores and community activity. Each student receives a certificate and a check for \$1,000.

- Samantha Johnson
- Magdalen Rutkowski



DUCK RACE

- If you don't have your duck tickets, get them soon from Chief Quackers Pat and Mark.
- If you have your tickets, sell them! Then ask for more.
- The Chiefs have a list of new businesses that need to be solicited. Talk to them about volunteering.
- Deadline for turning in prizes is June 15.
- Deadline for turning in ticket stubs and money is July 1.
- Promote online purchases (using Paypal) at: www.edinborokiwanis.org/duck-race



MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

Julia Johnson2019

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jessica WhiteJune 7
 Cathy HutchisonJune 11
 Lisa BakerJune 24
 Erica Bickel.....June 28

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Lisa and Mark BakerJune 14
 Cathy and Mark HutchisonJune 18

PHOTO ALBUM



April's 5th Tuesday at Judi Pacileo's home. Erica and John were the proud trivia winners!



Celebrating Amelia Bickel's birthday!



Erica, Cathy and Patty helped out at the activities fair at Edinboro Manor. Pictured here, Patty and Cathy are "taking a break."



Preparing ducks for the big race

