

Kiwanis Club of Asbury Park

Asbury Park Library September 8, 2025; 14 members attended

Motion to open - Shannon, seconded by Lauren

President Elect Jeanine presided in the absence of President Deena

Backpack Drive: Over 1000 distributed at the Aug. 17 event, 12 club members volunteered

Play on Pine: the last event was held August 29. Wendy reported that it was a larger crowd than expected with 100 plus kids, when 50 were expected. Ice cream was purchased for all with, which the club paid for.

Book Arks: Maria restocked arks at Mt, Carmel, Bradley and Thurgood Marshall schools.

Trinity Food Justice Bike Ride: 7 people rode for Kiwanis raising \$1677

Mercy Center Food Pantry: club will continue to provide volunteers Tuesday evenings with 25 to 30 people partaking each week.

Installation Dinner: Wed., Oct 29, location TBD. President of Kiwanis International will install our 2026 officers.

Fundraising Committee: Jackie and Steve will co-chair. Goal is to expand beyond EHN. Members are needed, a meeting will be convened to discuss ideas for the new year.

Membership Dues: they will remain the same at \$149. The club will cover the cost of background checks.

Guest Speaker:

ETSC Community Garden: Nancy Fasano spoke detailing the group's projects and asking for volunteers. She said the group distributes free fruits and vegetables Saturdays from May to Oct. at City Hall. They plant and maintain several gardens throughout the city and are in the process of replacing wooden beds which are falling apart with steel beds. ETSC distributed 942 lbs. of food this year and has a goal of 2000 lbs. going forward. Volunteers are needed Saturdays 7:30 to 11:30 am.

Guest Speaker:

S.A.C.K. (Supporting Community with Kindness): Stacy Wiener of Loch Arbor discussed her program which creates soap sacks that are then filled with bars of soap to be distributed to all in need. She is looking for any and all venues willing to create and distribute the soap sacks. Her program, which began in 2017 has grown throughout the USA and globally as word spread on social media with an active Facebook page. The sacks are knitting, crocheted and sewn. Members suggested various ways to help her grow her program.

Guest Speaker:

Project Write Now: Meredith Avakian was going to speak but time ran out, she will come back next month.

Motion to Close Karen, seconded by Steve