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Ring of Fire tailgating parties take place during the NFL season at the Hungarian Club.

These fans party for a good cause

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Proudly wearing jerseys on Sunday, with the colors and logos of the Philadelphia Eagles, Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants, 30 members of the Northampton-based "Ring of Fire Tailgate Party" were all fired up for the Eagles-Cowboys NFL football game.

Based at the Hungarian Club, the men and women, most of which are Eagles fans, hold tailgate events during the entire NFL football season at the Hungarian Club. Several tailgates are held outside the club, near Canal and Stewart streets.

But, this group of tailgaters, many who have grown up together and have been friends for years, have a more important purpose than just having a good time and eating good food. Charity is at the heart of this group of crazed football fans.

Its members have already raised \$3,000

over the past couple of years, donating \$500 last year to the Angel 34 project in the borough.

Mike Wolfer, Leo Filipovits and Jeff Cristoff discussed this year's beneficiary of its charity-driven tailgate. The Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley, which allows handicapped children to play baseball, will be this year's recipient. The children, some on wheelchairs, are able to play ball on a specially-built grounds.

With Johnny Cash's hit song Ring of Fire blaring, the groups "Ring of Fire" banner hung along a railing at the Hungarian Club. The men and women joked that their tailgate parties are all held at the Hungarian Club, not at Lincoln Financial Field where the Eagles play nor the Meadowlands, home of the Giants and Jets.

The gridiron fans feasted on halupkies, filet mignon steaks, hamburgers as well as finger foods.