

The SPOKE

Elizabethtown Rotary Club



SERVICE ABOVE SELF | DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

MONDAYS | 5:30-6:30 PM
MOO-DUCK BREWERY

LauraJo (LJ) Funck, Alt Meeting Chair

MAR 9 Wade Amick
Municipal Emergency Services Authority (MESA)

MAR 16 Leigh Anna Hilbert
Hershey Cancer Center Tour

MAR 23 Chief Michael Bryant
Northwest Regional Police Department

MAR 30 TBA
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FRIDAYS | 12-1:30 PM
HENNIGAN'S REST. & BAR

President Denise Grove

MAR 6 Marc Hershey
Municipal Emergency Services Authority (MESA)

MAR 13 Grove, Dupler, Bootay & Zubler
Ghana Trip Report

MAR 20 Denise Grove etal.
Club Info

MAR 27 Senator James Malone
Club Citation & Townhall

NO MEETINGS -
MAY 22 & 25 | JUN 22 & 26

WATCH PREVIOUS
FRIDAY SPEAKERS

THANK YOU...

...for sponsoring a new member
this Rotary Year

<u>sponsor</u>	<u>new member</u>
Elizabeth Wolf	Michael Porr
Ben McCurdy	Eric Frishkorn
Transfer	Matt Garman
Transfer	Bill Weik
Transfer	Melissa Weik

We've gained 5 new members this year!
Let's keep the momentum going.

Bill & Melissa Weik were both very active in the Lancaster Sunrise club and will be an asset to our club.

When you see them, please give them a warm Etown Rotary welcome.

From the President ...

Dear E-town Rotarians

Last week John, Glen, Dennis and I attended Liberty PELS 2026 (president-elect learning seminar). Look for a few pics inside this issue.

It was a multi district event and I am always amazed when I see just how big Rotary is and the difference it makes around the world.

I encourage each one of you to take advantage of one or more opportunities to attend something and broaden your knowledge of Rotary. There is a Learning Assembly this month and a District Conference next month. They are both great opportunities to see what's happening and identify where you can contribute.

I know I am excited to keep learning and growing with Rotary as I step into an Assistant Governor role next year and I hope you are too!

*Yours in Rotary service,
President Denise Grove*



MARCH

BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Matthew Garman
- 6 Alyssa Roth
- 13 Ben Hoffman
- 16 Glenn Bootay
- 16 Christian Zechman
- 17 Julia Mayberry
- 25 John Martin
- 25 Teresa Mullhausen
- 27 Joseph Lisi
- 31 Marty Thomas-Brumme

ONLINE PAYMENT &
ACH SETUP LINK
register.etownrotary.org/pay

JOKE OF THE WEEK

from the Editor



*The worst pub I've ever been in
was called The Fiddle
It was a vile inn!*

Club # 5338, Chartered December 13, 1925 | Denise Grove, PRESIDENT | Total Membership: 113 Active, 5 Honorary
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Group E: Elizabethtown, Mount Joy, Donegal, Lititz, Eastern York Co (Wrightsville), Hempfield, Manheim District # 7390 | Zones 24 & 31

2025-2026 GOALS & CLUB NEWS

PRESIDENT'S 2025-2026 GOALS

My goals for the year are simple but powerful :

Goal 1 | BE A GOOD HUMAN

Goal 2 | BE A GOOD ROTARIAN

Each of us has something unique to offer—our time, our talents, our resources. Let's give generously from that "box" we each carry, and together, let's make an unforgettable impact.



"This was my third trip to PELS and quite honestly the training is top-notch. Whether you're in Rotary or just own a business it's extremely beneficial."

Glen Bootay

"This event along with Rotary Leadership Institute and the International Convention really helped me fully understand Rotary's local and global impact."

John Yoder



Photo by District 7390

ELIZABETHTOWN ROTARY SWAG!

Exciting news!!!

We've teamed up with Rotarian Matt Denlinger from Designs Unlimited to offer some great Etown Rotary-branded swag. Use the link below to check out the options and place your order online. The store will remain open until Friday, March 13th. Once everything is ready, Matt will deliver the orders to one of our meetings for distribution.

https://stores.inksoft.com/elizabethtown_rotary_club/shop/home

Denise and Deb asked Matt to Etown Rotary-brand some clothing for their trip to Ghana and they love it! Remember, the store closes on Friday, March 13th. If you have any questions, feel free to contact either Deb or Denise.

Don't miss out!

DONATE | SERVE | TRAIN

SERVICE CALENDAR



Future Service Opportunities

■ Central PA Food Bank - March 18, 2026, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Our food packing competition with the Harrisburg Club is just around the corner. Have you signed up to join the best food packing Rotary Club in Central PA? Do it today!

Scan or click the QR code to access the club calendar. Click on the event in the calendar to sign up.

Hershey Cancer Center Tour - March 16, 2025

On Monday, March 16th in place of our usual meeting we are going on a field trip! This is our rescheduled date to Hershey to the Cancer Center. This gathering will celebrate the meaningful partnership between Etown Rotary and Penn State Health, and highlight the impact of our club's support for the Melanoma Program Support and Research Endowment at the Penn State Cancer Institute.

Dr. Robertson would like to take our group on a tour of the Cancer Institute to hear about his work with the Melanoma Program and how our annual gift has impacted their research. We will meet there at 6:00 in place of our regular meeting at Moo Duck. We will have a tour and food and drink will be provided. They would like to have an approximate count so if you plan on attending please email me to let me know. Let me know if you have any questions!

Thank You, Denise Grove Dgrove.elizabethtowncoc.com@clubrunner.email

Rotary



District Learning Assembly

District 7390

Saturday March 14th
Messiah University, Boyer Hall
Cost \$25
Register on D7390 Website

7:30 – 8:15 Breakfast
8:15-8:25 Opening Session
8:25-11:35 Learning Sessions
11:35-12:00 Closing Session



Topics

(choose one topic each session)

<u>Session 1</u>	<u>Session 2</u>	<u>Session 3</u>
Using AI*	Club Mbrshp Success	Mbrshp Drive Success*
Mentoring	RI Apps*	AG Class
Legal Issues for clubs	Foundation	Small Clubs forum

*Recommended for newer Rotarians



Register Here!

Learn new knowledge and share successes with your fellow Rotarians

COMMUNITY EVENTS

RYLA

District 7390

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is just around the corner! As we begin coordinating with local schools for student nominations, we also encourage our members to help spread the word. RYLA is an incredible leadership development experience for students, designed to build confidence, communication skills, and lasting connections. If you know a current junior who will be a senior next year, please share this opportunity with them. Interested students or families can learn more here: <https://rotary7390.org/page/ryla> or connect them directly with Wendi Grinnell for additional details



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Rotary



Districts 7390, 7410, 7430,
7450, 7475, 7490, 7505

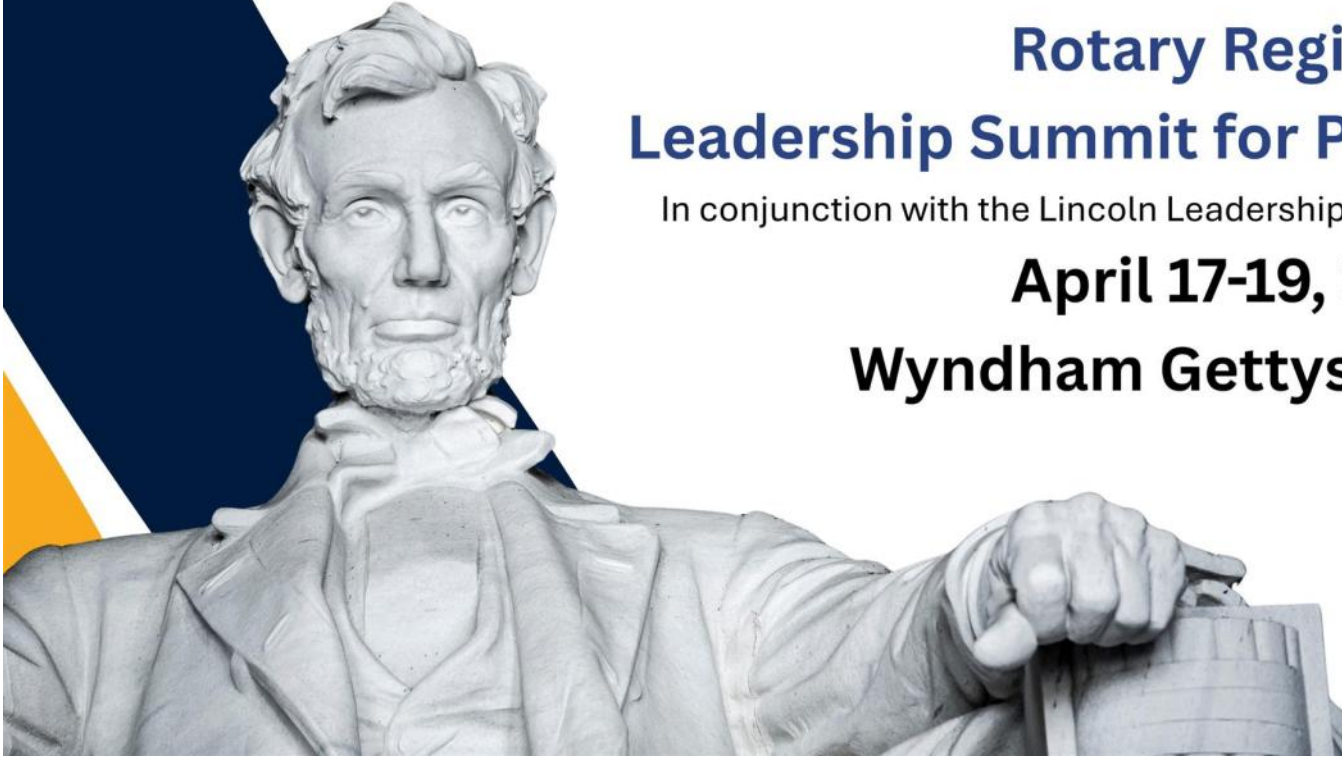
Regional Leadership Summit

Rotary Regional Leadership Summit for Peace

In conjunction with the Lincoln Leadership Institute

April 17-19, 2026

Wyndham Gettysburg



Welcome to Our 7 District Leadership Summit Not Your Typical Conference!

Rotary districts from Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey are joining forces to bring you the Ultimate Rotary Experience - a celebration of leadership, fellowship, and service that goes beyond the ordinary. This is your opportunity to:

- Connect with Rotarians from across seven districts
- Learn from dynamic leaders and innovative projects
- Engage in inspiring discussions that shape our Rotary future

[https://notyourtypicalconference.org/
sitepage/program](https://notyourtypicalconference.org/sitepage/program)

**SCAN OR CLICK >>>>
TO REGISTER >>>>>>>>**



MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

photo courtesy of Epic Photography



Josie Sirinides

PARENTS

Emily & Philip Sirinides

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

EAHS plays – actor, lead actor
EAHS musicals – actor, lead actor
EAMS musicals – student director/choreographer
EAMS chorus – intern student teacher
orchestra, concert band – oboe
marching band – clarinet, section leader, vice president
chorus, show choir – officer
Model UN

SCHOOL/ACADEMIC AWARDS

PMEA District 7 Chorus
PMEA Region 5 Chorus
LLMEA County Chorus
underclass Award of Excellence in Honors Calculus

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/AWARDS

- Servant Stage, Susquehanna Stage – involved in over 30 theatrical productions over the years
- Servant Stage – Rising Star Scholarship
- local theater camps – camp counselor, student director

EMPLOYMENT

Masonic Village – food services busser

CHURCH AFFILIATION/ACTIVITIES

Lancaster Brethren in Christ Church – worship team, children’s ministry volunteer

HOBBIES

theater, music, watching films

FUTURE PLANS

- attend college or university to pursue a degree in the performing arts with a focused interest in directing

photo courtesy of Epic Photography



Drew Robb

PARENTS

Stephen & Kelli Robb

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Stream Team club – co-president
Table Top Role Play club – president
EAHS plays – actor
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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/AWARDS

- freshman orientation and parent night volunteer
- Honor Roll

EMPLOYMENT

Weis Markets – grocery associate

HOBBIES

writing, drawing, reading comic books, playing video games, making people laugh

FUTURE PLANS

- attend Millersville University to study media arts production with plans to one day become a film director

Choosing STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Debbie Dupler | STUDENT OF THE MONTH CHAIR

All EAHS faculty and counselors have the ability to nominate students throughout the year based on four areas: character, academic achievement, leadership, and community service. Students may also apply to be considered for selection. An EAHS counselor leads the committee of 15-20 faculty/staff who meet three times each year. They discuss in depth each student nominated. Multiple votes are held during the process with a final “secret ballot” vote. The end result is a group of outstanding and well-deserving students that we have the pleasure of meeting and getting to know.

Introduce yourselves to the students when they are in attendance at our Friday meetings. If you attend Monday meetings, try to attend a Friday meeting and meet these very special young men and women. Though it seems very cliché, they are the future!

2025-2026 PREVIOUS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Scan or click the QR code to visit the EAHS Rotary Student of the Month web page to learn more about previous months’ students.



2025-2026 BOARD

PRESIDENT	Denise Grove
PRESIDENT-ELECT	John Yoder
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	Wendi Grinnell
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	Brittany Garner
ALT MEET CHAIR	LauraJo (LJ) Funck
SECRETARY	Deb Dupler
TREASURER	Ryan Yorty
AT-LARGE MEMBERS	Nancy Sabb Tony Sklareski Ken Wolfe
PAST PRESIDENT	Shaun McCoach
ASSIST. SECRETARY/ TREASURER (NON-VOTING)	Glen Bootay

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

NOMINATING	Shaun McCoach
FOUNDATION	Ken Wolfe, Dennis Zubler
MEMBERSHIP	Brittany Garner
FAMILY OF ROTARY	Shaun McCoach
INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS	Joe Rebman
STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS & LOANS	Deb HandsheW
PUBLIC IMAGE/RELATIONS	Shaun McCoach

FUNDRAISING CHAIRS

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE	Glen Bootay, Mike Kalloz
GOLF MAJOR	Ben McCurdy
TASTE	Kevin Gardner
PINTS FOR POLIO	Denise Grove
GRANTS	Don Grabowski, Kevin Schafer

PROJECT CHAIRS

SERVICE COMMITTEE	Deb Dupler, Kristen Brubaker
4-WAY ESSAY/SPEECH	Dave Pelna
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS	Dan Brill
RYLA	Wendi Grinnell
STUDENTS OF MONTH	Debbie Dupler
YOUTH EXCHANGE	Wendi Grinnell
100TH BIRTHDAY	Hob Kroesen, Dennis Zubler

CLUB SERVICE CHAIRS

INVOCATION COORDINATOR	Ben Hoffman
CARING/CARDS	Lori Funck
AV/IT & SPOKE EDITOR	John Yoder
SHERIFF	- -
WEBSITE	Joe Rebman, Tom Labagh, Tim Haak

MEMBERSHIP

Honorary

	Ann Reinhold *
	Bob Messick
	Joe Murphy
	Chuck Mummert * +
	Betty Rider
1959	Clair Baum *
1966	Harold Engle *
1973	Jake Olweiler
1977	Paul Wolgemuth * +
1981	Noble Johnson *
1985	Kevin Dolan *
1986	John Smith
1988	Roger Hipple
1990	Bill Davis *
	Tom Labagh *
1991	Ken Wolfe *
1995	Dennis Zubler * + ^
1996	Joe Rebman *
1997	John Martin II *
1999	Barry Acker
	Tom Campbell
2000	Matt Denlinger
	Hob Kroesen * (1980-91)
	Stacy Steinkamp
2001	Ralph Detrick * +
2002	Dan Brill * !
	Deb Dupler *
	Dave Hickernell
2003	Bob Hollinger
2004	Marty Thomas-Brummé
2005	Wayne Heisey
2006	Kevin Engle * +
2007	Scott Kingsboro
	Joe Lisi # (1973)
	Jeff Kline * !
2008	Tyler Smith
	Michael Kalloz *
2011	Stanley Mumma
2012	Tim Haak *
	Ben Hoffman (1965-67)
2013	Jeff Clark *
	Bill Moore (1974-81)
	Michael HandsheW *
2014	Don Grabowski *
2015	Jeff Nolan (97-2008)
	Del Becker
	Lori Funck
	Ben Travis
2016	Mitch Forry
	Marc Hershey
	Jeff Marsico
	Ed Thomas

2016 November

Began Monday Meeting	
	Mike Brubaker
	Kristen Brubaker
	Robert "BJ" Reedy
	Glen Bootay * !
	Scott Little (1998-2005)
	Greg Grogan
2017	Mark Bruce
	Sandra Bruce
	Wendi Grinnell !
	Allison DeArment
	<u>Trent DeArment</u> 11
	Christian Zechman
	Meshelle Pinzon
	John Yoder

2018	Shaun McCoach *	
	Robert Switalski	
	Michele Switalski	
	David Pelna !	
	Ryan Yorty	
	<u>Dustin Conrad</u> 9	
	Greg Grove	
2019	Alyssa Roth !	
	Kevin Becker	
	Casey GreinerMiller	
	<u>Ed Cunningham</u> 5	
	Denise Grove *	
	Steve Glick !	
	Calvin Kent #	
	Kevin Schafer	
2020	Rick Clark #	
	Dan Stephenson	
	Nick Ressler	
	<u>Susan Grubb (2007-11)</u> 8	
2021	David Wendel	
	Zach Carter	
	Kevin Gardner	
	<u>J Craig Kimbark</u> 5	
	Caitlin Barton	
	Deb HandsheW	
	Ben McCurdy	
	Austin Hilsher	
2022	Gary "Bud" Barton	
	Lee Eckert	
	Tony Gibble	
	Cindy Wivell	
	<u>Nancy Sabb</u> 10	
	LauraJo "LJ" Funck !	
2023	Jim Brandt	
	Brittany Garner	
	<u>Annie Weiler</u> 4	
	Derek Lehman	
2024	Nikita Grove	
	Jeff Kime	
	<u>Anthony Sklareski</u> 4	
	Wade Amick	
	Joey Lonardi	
	Julia Mayberry	
	Dana Ramsey	
2025	Curt Norris	
	Robert "Duck" Sholl	
	Teresa Mullhausen	
	James Mahler	
	Steve Goettler	
	Adam Hauptman	
	<u>Bryan Baird</u> 11	
	Michael Porr	
	Eric Frishkorn	
2026	Matt Garman	
	Bill Weik	
	Melissa Weik	

2017-2018 2018-2019 2019-2020 2020-2021 2021-2022 2022-2023 2023-2024 2024-2025 2025-2026

2012-2013-2014-2015-2016

2016-2017

Membership
Our Greatest Asset



* past/current President
^ past district governor
+ past assistant governor
! past/current Alt. Club Chair
joined Rotary—another club