

The SPOKE

Elizabethtown Rotary Club

Elizabethtown
Rotary
Club



SERVICE ABOVE SELF | DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

MONDAYS | 5:30-6:30 PM

MOO-DUCK BREWERY

Julia Mayberry, Alt Meeting Chair

- SEP 14 Wendi Grinnell
Rotary Student Exchange Programs
- SEP 21 TBD
TBD
- SEP 28 NO MEETING
Cornerstone Youth Ministries Service Project
- OCT 5 Rebecca Zalit
District Governor Visit

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FRIDAYS | 12-1:30 PM

HENNIGAN'S REST. & BAR

President John Yoder

- SEP 11 Matt Garman
About Me
- SEP 18 Doug Peck
The Effects of Plastic Packaging on Human Health
- SEP 25 Doug Hitz, Deputy Exec Dir
Pa Liquor Control Board
- OCT 2 Amy Zeigler
Hershey History Film

NO MEETINGS -

NOV 27 & 30 | DEC 25 & 28

**WATCH PREVIOUS
FRIDAY SPEAKERS**

THANK YOU...

...for sponsoring a new member
this Rotary Year

<u>sponsor</u>	<u>new member</u>
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Okay folks, it's time to start adding to this list again for the 2026-2027 Rotary Year.

Do you have a friend, family member or coworker with a heart for service who's looking to make an impact? If so, please consider inviting them to join Rotary!

From the President ...

Dear E-town Rotarians

Three items of note in this week's issue.

First is Ralph Detrick's birthday parachute jump on Saturday, September 12th at 1:00 pm. The club is encouraging members to donate to the Rotary Foundation to honor Ralph's feat of daring do. Please see page 3 for more details.

Second is "Bingo with a Purpose" which occurs on October 24th. The day also happens to be World Polio Awareness Day. Come out and support this great event as we raise money to support Rotary's drive to end polio across the globe. More details are on page 3.

Third and finally is Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) which occurs on October 10 at Central Penn College in Enola. I can think of no better way for any club member to take a deeper dive into all that Rotary entails. RLI is open to any member (not just club leadership) and best of all, the club will pay for your tuition. Check out page 4 for all the details. Please take this opportunity to be "More than the Core".

*Yours in Rotary service,
President John Yoder*

SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Robert Messick
- 5 Marc Hershay
- 5 Daniel Stephenson
- 6 Harold Weik
- 8 Calvin Kent
- 8 Robert Switalski
- 9 Clair Baum
- 10 Robert Hollinger
- 15 Stacy Steinkamp
- 17 Melissa Weik
- 25 Scott Kingsboro
- 30 Adam Hauptman

**ONLINE PAYMENT &
ACH SETUP LINK**

register.etownrotary.org/



JOKE OF THE WEEK

from the Editor

Why did the orange lose the race?

Because it ran out of juice!

Club # 5338, Chartered December 13, 1925 | John Yoder, PRESIDENT | Total Membership: 110 Active, 4 Honorary

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Group E: Elizabethtown, Mount Joy, Donegal, Lititz, Eastern York Co (Wrightsville), Hempfield, Manheim District # 7390 | Zones 24 & 31

2026-2027 GOALS

PRESIDENT'S 2026-2027 GOALS

My goals spring from “More Than The Core”, my motto for this year. While we have a large club, I believe we could be so much more if the entire membership was as engaged as the core group that always shows up. Towards that end, I’m setting out the following goals:

Goal 1 | EVERY MEMBER ATTENDING AT LEAST 2 MEETINGS A MONTH (8 opportunities)

Goal 2 | EVERY MEMBER PARTICIPATING IN AT LEAST 2 SERVICE PROJECTS FOR THE YEAR

Goal 3 | 100% OF MEMBERS DONATING \$100 EACH YEAR TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Being an active and engaged Rotarian is so much more than writing a check twice a year. If you’re not already participating regularly with your attendance, time and resources, please consider increasing your efforts to help us meet these 3 goals, Let’s all work together to make a bigger impact in our community and the world.

DONATE | SERVE | TRAIN

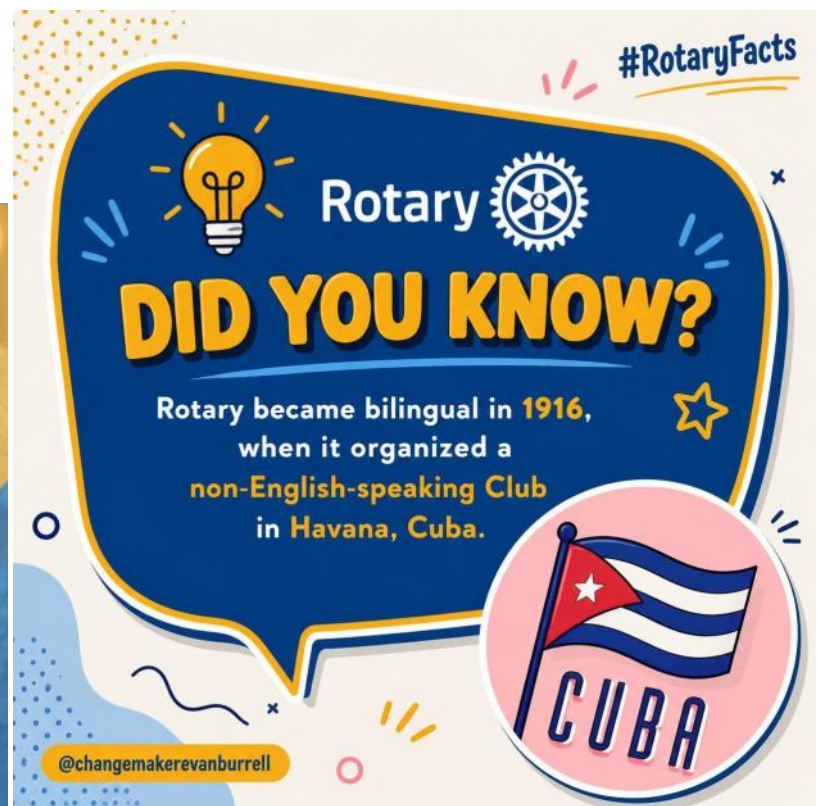
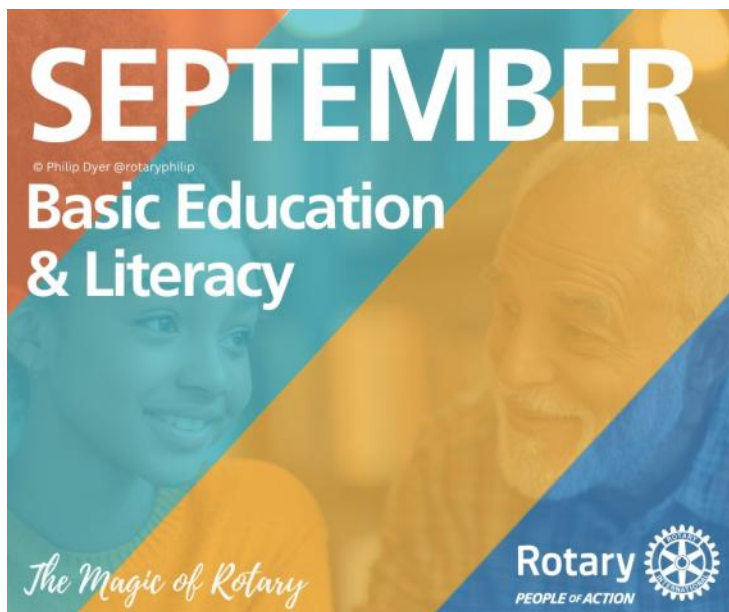
SERVICE CALENDAR



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

Future Service Opportunities

- Cornerstone Youth Ministries - Sept 28, 2026, 6:30-7:30 pm in lieu of the regular Monday meeting.
- Central PA Food Bank - Sept 16, 2026, 5:00-7:00 pm.



CLUB NEWS



Elizabethtown Rotary's BINGO WITH A Purpose

★ PLAY BINGO ★ WIN PRIZES ★ MAKE A DIFFERENCE

TOGETHER, WE CAN
END POLIO
FOR GOOD. ♥

Rotary  **PEOPLE OF ACTION**

END POLIO NOW Benefiting Rotary International's End Polio Now Campaign

..... All proceeds support Rotary International's mission to eradicate polio worldwide.

10/24/26

DOORS OPEN AT **1:00 PM**
BINGO STARTS AT **2:00 PM**

**ELIZABETHTOWN
CHURCH OF
THE BRETHREN**

BINGO				
12	27	37	48	63
7	21	41	60	74
3	16	★	54	68
13	22	35	50	70
5	19	44	57	66

BINGO				
2	24	33	58	71
15	26	45	59	64
6	28	★	55	73
3	32	47	61	6
8	23	39	52	



We need volunteers to support this event. Please contact [LJ Funk](#) if interested. Volunteers will meet prior to the event to go over the day. We also need event sponsors. There are 2 levels of sponsorship available. A \$250 sponsorship receives 2 tickets to the event. A \$500 sponsorship receives 4 tickets. Anyone willing to sponsor should also contact [LJ Funk](#).

Ralph Detrick plans to jump out of a perfectly good aircraft to celebrate his 85th birthday.

Ralph would like to use this event promote Goal No. 3 for this year which is "100% OF MEMBERS DONATING \$100 EACH YEAR TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION". The Board would like to help by awarding Paul Harris Fellow matching points to any member who donates to the Rotary Foundation in support of Ralph's GIANT LEAP.

Ralph's GIANT LEAP is coming soon. Have you donated? See Glen Bootay for details on donating.

Ralph's big day will occur on September 12th at 1:00 pm at the Maytown Sport Parachute Club, located at the Donegal Springs Airpark weather permitting. He is inviting all club members who are able to attend to witness the event from the spectator area. Please let Ralph know if you plan to attend.

Let's all donate and show up to support Ralph and the Rotary Foundation!



COMMUNITY EVENTS



RLI North East America

**Learn. Connect.
Lead. Make a Difference.**

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) *An Opportunity for Every Rotarian*

The **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)** is an opportunity to meet with fellow Rotarians, share experiences, discover new ideas, and develop skills you can take back to your club.

And you don't have to be in the leadership chain to benefit!

If you want to learn more about this wonderful organization we call Rotary and find out what you can actually do to start changing the world, **put attendance on your schedule.**



**WHEN CAN I
ATTEND RLI?**

Saturday, October 10, 2026
7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



WHERE?

Central Penn College
600 Valley Road
Enola, PA 17093



**WHAT IS THE
COST?**

\$125 per Rotarian
*Rotary Clubs should pay for
their members to attend RLI.*



WHAT IS RLI?

RLI is a leadership and development program designed to strengthen Rotary Clubs through education, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas among its future leaders. A three-part curriculum facilitated by experienced, trained faculty members engaging participants through open discussion, problem solving and creative role-play.



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

You'll explore:

- ✓ More about Rotary
- ✓ The Rotary Foundation
- ✓ Membership
- ✓ Ethics
- ✓ Service Projects
- ✓ Communications
- ✓ Strategic Planning & Analysis

*And you'll do more
than learn — you'll
make new friends,
share ideas, and
enjoy fellowship and
networking with
Rotarians from
throughout the region.*



COURSE LEVELS

Part I • Part II • Part III • Graduate

From Vision to Impact



Whether you're a newer Rotarian or an experienced member looking to take your Rotary experience to the next level, there's an RLI experience for you.



READY TO TAKE YOUR ROTARY EXPERIENCE FURTHER?

*Put RLI on your calendar and join us on **Saturday, October 10, 2026!***



REGISTER TODAY
www.rlinea.org



Questions?

Contact Melissa Kopp-Smith
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717-854-7842

***Come learn. Come connect. Come discover what you can do
to help Rotary change the world!***

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Rotary
District 7390



★ *Join Rotarians* ★
FROM ACROSS DISTRICT 7390

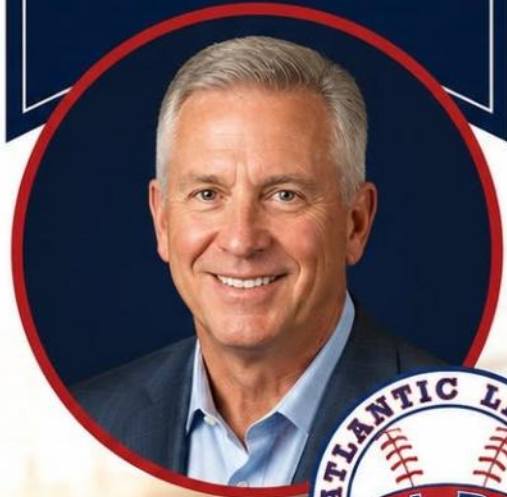
ROTARY *Foundation* DINNER



★ FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER ★

RICK WHITE

PRESIDENT OF THE
ATLANTIC LEAGUE



— SATURDAY, —
— NOVEMBER 7, 2026 —

BASEBALL THEME ★ FELLOWSHIP ★ INSPIRATION ★ IMPACT



5:30PM – 6:00PM
COCKTAILS & NETWORKING



6:00PM – 8:00PM
DINNER & PROGRAM



LOCATION:
COUNTRY CLUB OF YORK
1400 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD, YORK

★ **SCAN TO REGISTER!** ★



Cost for this event is \$75.

The club will reimburse members for their registration fee. Spouses and significant others will be the responsibility of the individual member.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Rotary
International

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! 

WHO'S COMING TO BARCELONA?

**LET'S TRAVEL TOGETHER FOR
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2027!**

 **REGISTRATION OPENS
17TH SEPTEMBER** 

SPECIAL REGISTRATION FEE
USD 595
PER ROTARIAN

 **THIS SPECIAL RATE
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
ONLY 5 DAYS!**

AFTER THAT
**REGISTRATION FEE
WILL INCREASE TO**
USD 795
PER ROTARIAN

**BARCELONA
SPAIN** 

**ARE YOU
IN?**

**TAG YOUR ROTARY FRIENDS
YOU WANT TO TRAVEL WITH!** 

 **COMMENT "BARCELONA 2027"
IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO JOIN!**

**LET'S
CONNECT,
TRAVEL &
CREATE
MEMORIES!** 



HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED A ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION?

Nothing opens your eyes to the global reach of Rotary like attending one of the International Conventions. Coming together with like-minded people from all over the planet broadens your perspective like nothing else I can imagine.

Register during September 17th to 24th to receive a \$200 discount.

I PROMISE, IT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

2026-2027 BOARD

PRESIDENT	John Yoder
PRESIDENT-ELECT	Wendi Grinnell
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	Brittany Garner
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	Kevin Becker
ALT MEET CHAIR	Julia Mayberry
SECRETARY	Deb Dupler
TREASURER	Ryan Yorty
AT-LARGE MEMBERS	Mike Brubaker
	Steve Goettler
	Paul Wolgemuth
PAST PRESIDENT	Denise Grove
ASSIST. SECRETARY/	
TREASURER (NON-VOTING)	Glen Bootay

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

NOMINATING	Denise Grove
FOUNDATION	Ken Wolfe, Dennis Zubler
MEMBERSHIP	Brittany Garner
FAMILY OF ROTARY	--
INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS	Joe Rebman
STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS & LOANS	Deb Handsheiw
PUBLIC IMAGE/RELATIONS	--

FUNDRAISING CHAIRS

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE	Glen Bootay, Mike Kalloz
GOLF MAJOR	Ben McCurdy
TASTE	Kevin Gardner
PINTS FOR POLIO	LJ Funck & Brittany Garner
GRANTS	Don Grabowski, Kevin Schafer

PROJECT CHAIRS

SERVICE COMMITTEE	Deb Dupler, Kristen Brubaker
4-WAY ESSAY/SPEECH	Dave Peln
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS	Dan Brill
RYLA	Wendi Grinnell
STUDENTS OF MONTH	Debbie Dupler
YOUTH EXCHANGE	Wendi Grinnell

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
	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
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 Handsheiw *
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
	Wendi Grinnell !
	Allison DeArment
	<u>Trent DeArment</u> 10
	Christian Zechman
	Meshelle Pinzon
	John Yoder *

2018	Robert Switalski	
	Michele Switalski	
	David Peln !	
	Ryan Yorty	
	<u>Dustin Conrad</u> 8	
	Greg Grove	
2019	Alyssa Roth !	
	Kevin Becker	
	Casey Greinermiller	
	<u>Ed Cunningham</u> 5	
	Denise Grove *	
	Calvin Kent #	
	Kevin Schafer	
2020	Rick Clark #	
	Dan Stephenson	
	Nick Ressler	
	<u>Susan Grubb (2007-11)</u> 7	
2021	David Wendel	
	Zach Carter	
	Kevin Gardner	
	<u>J Craig Kimbark</u> 5	
	Caitlin Barton	
	Deb Handsheiw	
	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	
2024	Nikita Grove	
	Jeff Kime	
	<u>Anthony Sklareski</u> 3	
	Wade Amick	
	Julia Mayberry !	
	Dana Ramsey	
2025	Curt Norris	
	Robert "Duck" Sholl	
	Teresa Mullhausen	
	James Mahler	
	Steve Goettler	
	Adam Hauptman	
	<u>Bryan Baird</u> 10	
	Michael Porr	
	Eric Frishkorn	
2026	Matt Garman	
	Bill Weik	
	Melissa Weik	
	<u>Tammy Magee</u> 6	

2012-2013-2014-2015-2016-2017

2017-2018

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