



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

- SEP 15 Kir Evancho
Central Pa Food Bank
- SEP 22 Sherri Gorman
Freedom Outfitters/Armory
- SEP 29 Tom Fasnacht
Lancaster County Project for
the Needy
- OCT 6 Jedd Erdman
Clarence Schock Memorial
Park @ Governor Dick

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FRIDAYS | 12-1:30 PM

HENNIGAN'S REST. & BAR

President Denise Grove

- SEP 12 Ken Wolfe
Big Beautiful Bill Tax Changes
- SEP 19 Alex Lindner
Conoy Creek Conservation
Crew
- SEP 26 Kir Evancho
Central Pa Food Bank
- OCT 3 Taylor Casey
Clarence Schock Memorial
Park @ Governor Dick

NO MEETINGS

NOV 28 | DEC 1, 12, 15, 26 & 29

WATCH PREVIOUS
FRIDAY SPEAKERS

THANK YOU...

...for sponsoring a new member
this Rotary Year

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| sponsor | new member |
| Elizabeth Wolf | Michael Porr |

We've gained 1 new member this year!
Let's keep the momentum going.

**NEW FRIDAY
MEETING LOCATION!**
**Hennigan's
Restaurant & Bar**

From the President ...

This week's message is short and sweet as I am writing it from vacation! The last two meetings we talked about Service projects. That is the whole point of being a Rotarian. Service Above Self. We are a service organization or maybe a drinking organization with a service problem, right Joe?

We brainstormed ideas for future projects and we are taking the feedback we received to get some new projects on the calendar. Be on the lookout for these opportunities and if you think you are too busy to participate just ask yourself is your excuse soap or is it really just a urinal cake disguised as soap...haha! If you don't get that then you missed a good story at last Friday's meeting! Don't miss the next meeting so you too can be in the know! If you haven't attended a meeting in a while I really do hope to see you soon!

Have a great week!

*Yours in Rotary service,
President Denise Grove*

SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Robert Messick
- 5 Marc Hershey
- 5 Daniel Stephenson
- 8 Clavin Kent
- 8 Robert Switalski
- 9 Clair Baum
- 10 Robert Hollinger
- 15 Stacy Steinkamp
- 25 Scott Kingsboro
- 30 Adam Hauptman

JOKE OF THE WEEK

from the Editor



There will be no joke this week

**ONLINE PAYMENT &
ACH SETUP LINK**

register.etownrotary.org/pay

Club # 5338, Chartered December 13, 1925 | Denise Grove, PRESIDENT | Total Membership: 121 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.

As a Rotarian,

- I will observe the "Rotary Four Way Test" in all my daily contacts and activities.
- I will abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Club.
- I will participate regularly in weekly club meetings, social activities, fundraisers and/or service projects.
- I will share in the operating expenses of the club by paying semi-annual dues within 30-days of receipt of the invoice.
- I am privileged to be able to support the Rotary Foundation, and I understand that I am expected to contribute at least \$100.00 per year.
- I will pay my own way for meals and social events, and not expect the club to carry my debts.
- I will always represent Rotary in a positive way in my community!

DID YOU KNOW?

Struggling with remembering to pay your club dues on time. Having the best of intentions but somehow always missing the mark. ***There is a better way!***

Our club offers an ACH payment option for automatic deduction from your bank account.

Scan or click on the QR codes below to find out more and to download an ACH signup form. Do it today and never miss a dues payment again.



ACH INFO



ACH FORM

ARE YOU REGISTERED ONLINE WITH ROTARY INTERNATIONAL?

Registering online with RI makes it easier to donate to the RI Foundation and so much more. If you're not registered, please consider doing so today.

It's easy and quick. Just scan or click on the QR code below.



SERVICE CALENDAR



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

Future Service Opportunities

- Etown Famers Market | September 17
- Central PA Food Bank | October 29 5:00-7:00 pm



Current President Denise Grove and Past President Deb Dupler addressed the Friday and Monday meetings on the topic of service projects. They also led brainstorming sessions and group discussions on what we as a club like and dislike about our current projects as well as what we might add or do differently in the future.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Meet President-elect Yinka Babalola

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, affectionately known as Yinka, a distinguished member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi in Port Harcourt, Nigeria, has been officially selected by Rotary International's Board of Directors to serve as Rotary International President for the 2026–27 term. His term will commence on 1 July 2026 .

Began as a Rotaractor in 1988 and became a Rotarian with the Trans Amadi club around 1994 .

Served as District Governor (2011–12), RI Vice President (2019–20), and member of the RI Board (2018–20) .

Played key roles in major Rotary initiatives, including the End Polio Now – Countdown to History Campaign (2017–23) and the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee (2013–present; adviser since 2016) .

Alongside his wife, Preba, he resides in Port Harcourt and supports The Rotary Foundation as an Arch Klumph Society member, including through a named endowment fund .

Serves as a trustee of ShelterBox UK and as a director of the Safe Blood Africa project .

Recipient of numerous accolades, such as:

Africa Centennial Heroes Award

Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World

Rotary International Service Above Self Award

The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service .

ElizabethtownRotary.org Sponsorships available for the 2025 - 2026 Rotary Year!

Thank you to the businesses that sponsored the Elizabethtown Rotary Club's website, www.ElizabethtownRotary.org, during the 2024-25 Rotary year.

New business sponsorships are available beginning July 1 for the 2025-2026 year. The cost will remain at \$150 for the year. If you would like to have your business become a sponsor, please email Joe Rebman at jprebman@zoho.com.

To see how sponsors display on the website, visit any page other than the home page. Sponsors are displayed in the right column.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



RLI North East America

The Rotary Leadership Institute is an opportunity to meet with other Rotarians, share experiences, and learn new skills to take back to your club. You don't have to be in the leadership chain to benefit from this institute. If you want to learn more about this wonderful organization that 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 4, 2025 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Central Penn College (600 Valley Road, Summerdale, PA 17093).

What is the Cost to attend RLI? - Rotary Clubs should pay for their members to attend RLI. The cost is \$125 per Rotarian to attend.

What is RLI? - A leadership and development program 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 at RLI? - More about Rotary, The Rotary Foundation, Membership, Ethics, Service Projects, Communications, Strategic Planning and Analysis. You'll also make new friends and enjoy fellowship and networking opportunities.

Course Levels: Parts I, II, III and Graduate

Where can I find more information about RLI? www.rlinea.org.

Questions? Contact Melissa Kopp-Smith at office@rotary7390.org or 717-854-7842.



Make sure to click on the "guest registration" tab when you register!

[Click here](#) for a printable RLI Flier

COMMUNITY EVENTS

District Learning Assembly

Join us September 22-25, 2025 for our next District Learning Assembly. Sessions will be held nightly from 6:30 to 7:20 and 7:30 to 8:20 p.m. You can take one session per night or both sessions. You can pick what is most important to you and fits your time schedule! Learn about Growing Membership, Managing Conflict, Leading Service Projects, Fundraising, Public Image, Social Media, Club Position Training and then a President/President-Elect Forum.



District Learning Assembly

District 7390

September 22-25, 2025
Nightly Sessions on Zoom
2 per night, take 1 or more
Register on D7390 Website

Monday – Thursday nightly

6:30 – 7:20 PM First learning session

7:20 – 7:30 PM Break

7:30 - 8:20 PM Second learning session



Register Here!

6:30 – 7:20 PM

7:30 – 8:20 PM

Sept 22
Growing
Membership

Managing
Conflict

Schedule

Sept 23
Leading Service
Projects

Fundraising

Sept 24
Public Image

Social Media

Sept 25
Club Position
Training

Pres/Pres-Elect
Forum

Let's Learn Together!

Click here to register TODAY!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TASTE OF THE NATIONS


A CULTURAL CULINARY EXPERIENCE

MARK THE DATE IN YOUR CALENDAR!

OCT. 2, 2025

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Early bird price:
\$25 per adult until 8-31-25
Thereafter:
\$35 per adult until 9-30-25
or until sold out
\$45 at the door
Children 12 and under:
\$10 per child
<https://www.hopewithin.org/events>



When:
Thursday, October 2, 2025 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM



Where:
Stone Gables Estate at the Star Barn
1 Hollinger Ln., Elizabethtown, PA 17022

ABOUT TASTE OF THE NATIONS:

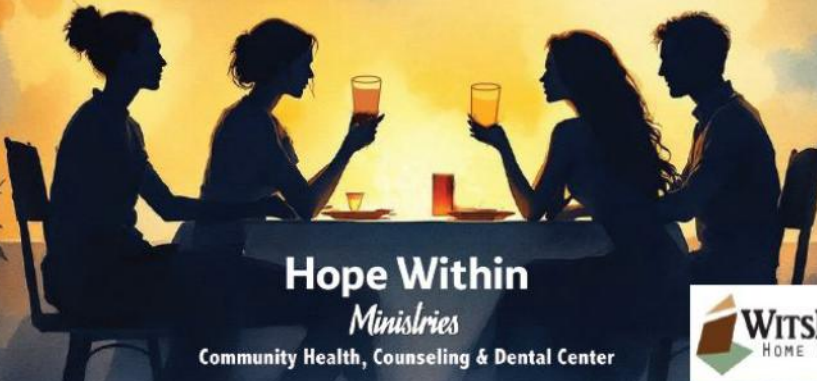
Sample multinational foods from around the world. For example, we will offer tastes from India, Ethiopia, Ukraine, and Afghanistan, just to name a few.

It's your opportunity to try food and beverages from different cultures all under one roof for one evening. In addition to fancy foods for your palate, you'll get to enjoy cultural music and a silent auction.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:



Hope Within Ministries
Community Health, Counseling & Dental Center



Sponsorships for Taste of the Nations:

Presenting Sponsor (exclusive): \$5,000

- Name and logo prominently displayed on all advertising and promotion of the event, including all social media prior to and day of the event.
- Signage at the event, including each guest table.
- Vendor table at the event at featured location.
- Name and logo prominently displayed on Exploration Guide (program).
- Opportunity to address guests and promote your organization.
- (10) Complimentary admissions to the Event.

Gold Sponsor: \$2,500

- Name and logo displayed on social media prior to and day of the event.
- Signage at the event, including country's food table (i.e. Ethiopia).
- Name and logo displayed on Exploration Guide (program).
- Vendor table at event.
- (4) Complimentary admissions to the Event.

Silver Sponsor: \$500

- Name and logo displayed on social media prior to and day of the event.
- Signage at country's food table (i.e. Ukraine).
- Name and logo displayed on Exploration Guide (program).
- (2) Complimentary admissions to the Event.

Bronze Sponsor: \$250

- Name and logo displayed on social media prior to and day of the event.
- Group signage (recognition) at the Event (i.e. "Friends of Hope Within Ministries").

PLEASE contact Laurie Reichert to discuss sponsorship packages: laurie.reichert@hopewithin.org or 717-367-9797.

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 |

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

FUNDRAISING CHAIRS

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 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

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| 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 |
| 100TH BIRTHDAY | Hob Kroesen, Dennis Zubler |

CLUB SERVICE CHAIRS

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 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
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 Handshe *
2014 Don Grabowski *
Andrew Schoenberger
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)
Jennifer Koppel
Greg Grogan
2017 Mark Bruce
Sandra Bruce
Wendi Grinnell !
Allison DeArment
Trent DeArment

Christian Zechman
Meshelle Pinzon
John Yoder
2018 Shaun McCoach *
Robert Switalski
Michele Switalski
David Peln !
Ryan Yorty
Dustin Conrad 9
Paul Metzger
Greg Grove
Robert Sorozan #
2019 Alyssa Roth !
Kevin Becker
Casey Greinermiller
Ed Cunningham 7
Denise Grove *
Steve Glick !
Calvin Kent #
Kevin Schafer
2020 Rick Clark #
Dan Stephenson
Nick Ressler
Susan Grubb (2007-11) 8
2021 David Wendel
Zach Carter
Kevin Gardner
Krissy Kimbark
J Craig Kimbark 5
Caitlin Barton
Deb Handshe
Ben McCurdy
Austin Hilsher
2022 Gary "Bud" Barton
Abby Huber
Lee Eckert
Tony Gible
Cindy Wivell
Nancy Sabb 10
LauraJo "LJ" Funck !
2023 Jim Brandt
Brittany Garner
Annie Weiler 4
David Wertz
Derek Lehman
2024 Nikita Grove
Jeff Kime
Anthony Sklareski 5
Wade Amick
Joey Lonardi
Julia Mayberry
Dana Ramsey
2025 Curt Norris
Robert "Duck" Sholl
Teresa Mullhausen
James Mahler
Steve Goettler
Adam Hauptman
Bryan Baird 11
Michael Porr

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