

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 21 Alex Weld
Conoy Creek Cleanup
- SEP 28 NO MEETING
Cornerstone Youth Ministries
Service Project
- OCT 5 Rebecca Zalit
District Governor Visit
- OCT 12 Doug Peck
The Effects of Plastic Packaging
on Human Health

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FRIDAYS | 12-1:30 PM

HENNIGAN'S REST. & BAR

President John Yoder

- 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
- OCT 9 TBA
TBA

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

Have you ever had one of those weeks when your best laid plans seemed to come undone and there are suddenly obstacles at every turn? I'm having one of those (you might note that the SPOKE is late). The following passage from my daily devotional reading seem to be perfectly timed.

"Patience and perspective go hand in hand. When you are always focused on your own agenda and priorities, you will find yourself impatient much of the time because life rarely goes the way you want it to. If you take the larger perspective that life is a journey and not a straight line between two points, you will realize that what you do along the way is more important than getting there. This allows you to wait patiently and learn when things don't go your way, and to find ways to serve others on the detours of daily life."

Service Above Self doesn't just benefit the person being served. The person doing the service also gains, even if they're not fully aware of it in the moment.

*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

Someone told me you could watch a solar eclipse through a colander...

I tried it and ended up straining my eyes.

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

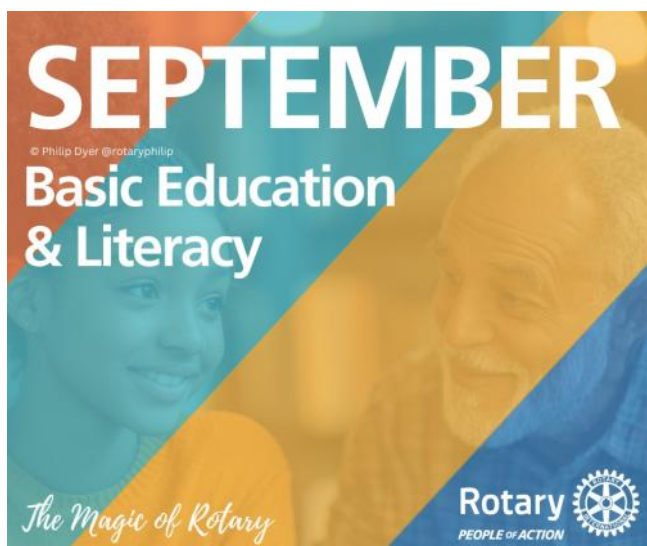
SERVICE CALENDAR



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 Project - Sept 16, 2026



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

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	

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

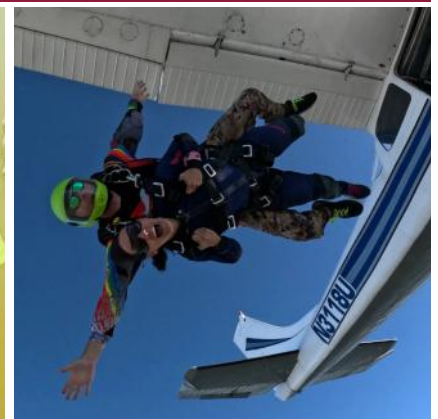
We need volunteers to support this event. Please contact [LJ Funk](#) if interested. Volunteers will meet prior to the event to go over the day. We also need event sponsors. There are 2 levels of sponsorship available. A \$250 sponsorship receives 2 tickets to the event. A \$500 sponsorship receives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

RALPH'S GIANT LEAP - NEW DATE AND TIME

As you are hopefully aware from the email announcement from Deb Dupler, Ralph's jump was canceled last week. Fortunately, Ralph was able to reschedule and will make the next attempt this weekend.

Ralph's big day will occur on September 19th at noon 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! We will continue to accept Rotary Foundation donations with PHF matching points through the end of September.



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

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!

SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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Margaret (Maggie) Leaman

PARENTS

Andrea Stoner Leaman | Mark Leaman

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Model UN – co-president
Book Club – co-president
Class of 2027 – vice-president
newspaper – senior editor-in-chief
Roots & Shoots – head of new business committee
Reading Olympics – team captain
Link Crew – commissioner
Stream Team
Quiz Bowl
Women in STEM
Key Club
Chess Club
EAHS plays – actor
EAHS musicals – actor, stage crew

SCHOOL/ACADEMIC AWARDS

- National Honor Society
- underclass Award of Excellence in Honors Algebra II, Honors English, Sociology, Speech, Video Production, AP Statistics & Probability, Online Career & Finance, Classical Mythology, Creative Writing, AP Literature & composition, Health
- AP Scholar with Honor
- Susquehanna Valley Model UN – multiple league awards
- Hershey Theatre Apollo Awards – honorable mention and nomination for Outstanding Student Playwright
- Reading Olympics – three-time first-place team participant

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/AWARDS

- Conoy Summer Playground – 2025 Counselor of the Year

EMPLOYMENT

Conoy Summer Playground – counselor

CHURCH AFFILIATION/ACTIVITIES

Blossom Hill Mennonite Church

HOBBIES

- watching movies with friends, reading

FUTURE PLANS

- attend college or university to study English

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Amann N'Dikwe

PARENTS

Danwe & Rostia N'Dikwe

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

football team
track team
FCA | Fellowship of Christian Athletes – leader
Bible Club – leader

SCHOOL/ACADEMIC AWARDS

- Do the Right Thing award
- Honor Roll

EMPLOYMENT

Messick Farm Equipment – warehouse associate
Sandi's Bread – kitchen prep & customer service

CHURCH AFFILIATION/ACTIVITIES

Elizabethtown Mennonite Church – youth group

HOBBIES

- playing sports, hanging out with friends, watching movies & TV shows, cooking

FUTURE PLANS

- attend college or university to study accounting as well as compete in track at the collegiate level with plans to obtain CPA

2026-2027 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.



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

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

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