

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 28 NO MEETING

Cornerstone Youth Ministries

Service Project, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

OCT 5 Rebecca Zalit

District Governor Visit

OCT 12 Doug Peck

The Effects of Plastic Packaging
on Human Health

OCT 19 Rachel Engle

Ecuador Project

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FRIDAYS 12-1:30 PM

HENNIGAN'S REST, & BAR

President John Yoder

SEP 25 Doug Hitz, Deputy Exec Dir

Pa Liquor Control Board

OCT 2 Amy Zeigler

Hershey History Film

OCT 9 TBA

TBA

OCT 16 Ed Foster, Executive Director

Lancaster Airport

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!



JOKE OF THE WEEK

from the Editor

What do you get when you mix a
stereo with a refrigerator?

Very cool music.

From the President .

Dear E-town Rotarians

As I have reflected this week on Ralph's parachute jump, I was struck by the fact that words while nice can often be meaningless without actions to back them up. While Ralph spent the time leading up to his jump telling us what he was planning to do and urging us to get involved, when the rubber met the road, he turned his words into very real action and many of you responded.

How often as Rotarians do we say the correct words and tell ourselves we believe them, but when the time comes for action, we're found wanting? I try to hold myself accountable when I fall short and hope that anyone of our club members will call me to account when they see that my words and deeds as President fall out of alignment.

Our goals for this year are designed to put actions behind the words we all say and hopefully believe in as Rotarians. Attending meetings, making yourself available for service projects and financially supporting the Rotary Foundation are basic deeds that align with those Rotarian words. Do you feel like you've fallen short lately. It's never too late to get back up and start again!

*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/

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

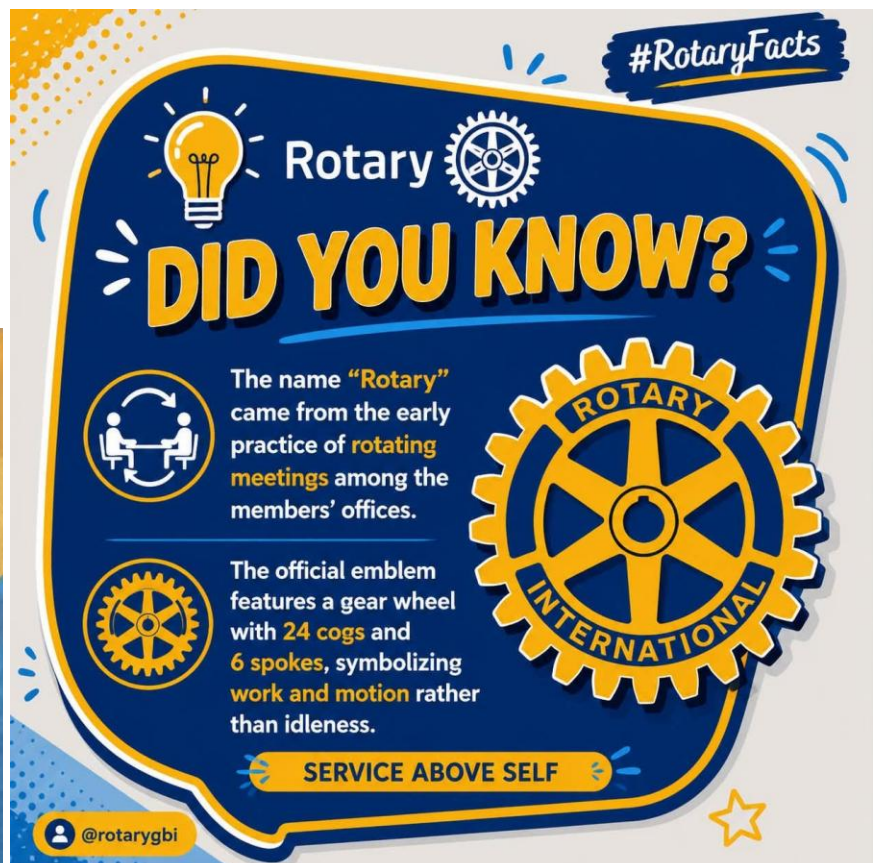
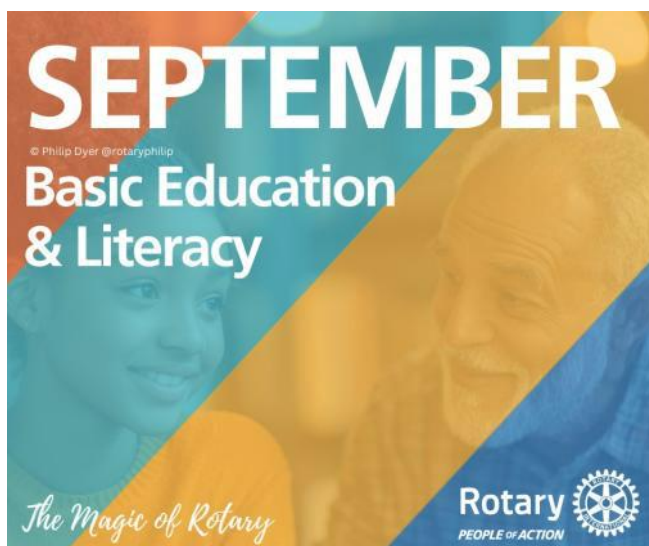
SERVICE CALENDAR



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

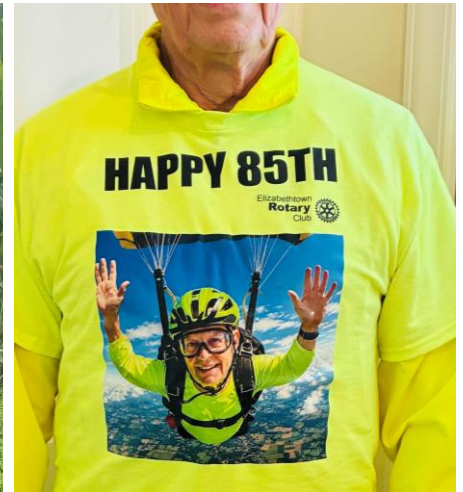
Future Service Opportunities

- Cornerstone Youth Ministries - Sept 28, 2026, 6:30-7:30 pm in lieu of the regular Monday meeting.



RALPH'S GIANT LEAP - RECAP

As you are hopefully aware from the email announcement, Ralph's jump went off without a hitch on Saturday. We had a wonderful time and lots of great fellowship with Ralph and his friends while we waited for his turn to jump. Ralph and his wife even supplied refreshments while we waited. We will continue to accept Rotary Foundation donations with PHF matching points through the end of September. Please take advantage of this opportunity to support the Foundation as Ralph has been encouraging us to do. Please contact Glen Bootay for details.



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 Funck](#) 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 Funck](#).

WORLD POLIO DAY IS 24 OCTOBER

endpolio.org | [#endpolio](https://twitter.com/endpolio)



Rotary  **END POLIO NOW**

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
office@rotary7390.org
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

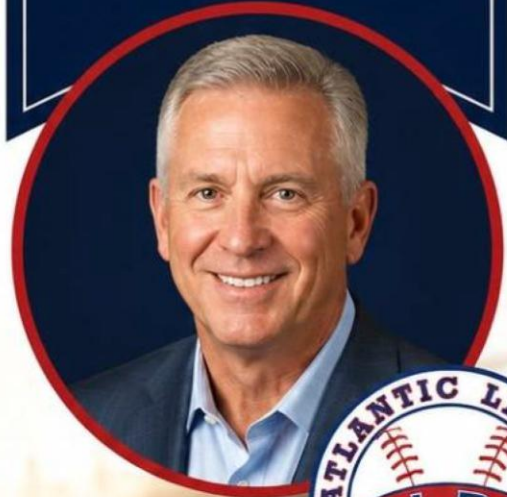
ROTARY *Foundation* DINNER



★ 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.

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

photo courtesy of Epic Photography



**Amann
N'Dikwe**

PARENTS

Danwe & Rosita 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 Perna
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 * + A
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-Brumme
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	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
	Trent DeArment 10
	Christian Zechman
	Meshelle Pinzon
	John Yoder *

2018	Robert Switalski	
	Michele Switalski	
	David Perna	
	Ryan Yorty	
	Dustin Conrad	8
	Greg Grove	
2019	Alyssa Roth	
	Kevin Becker	
	Casey Greinermiller	
	Ed Cunningham	5
	Denise Grove *	
	Calvin Kent #	
	Kevin Schafer	
2020	Rick Clark #	
	Dan Stephenson	
	Nick Ressler	
	Susan Grubb (2007-11)	7
2021	David Wendel	
	Zach Carter	
	Kevin Gardner	
	J Craig Kimbark	5
	Caitlin Barton	
	Deb Handsheiw	
	Ben McCurdy	
	Austin Hilsher	
2022	Gary "Bud" Barton	
	Lee Eckert	
	Tony Gible	
	Cindy Wivell	
	Nancy Sabb	10
	LauraJo "LJ" Funck	
2023	Jim Brandt	
	Brittany Garner	
	Annie Weiler	4
2024	Nikita Grove	
	Jeff Kime	
	Anthony Sklareski	3
	Wade Amick	
	Julia Mayberry	
	Dana Ramsey	
2025	Curt Norris	
	Robert "Duck" Sholl	
	Teresa Mullhausen	
	James Mahler	
	Steve Goettler	
	Adam Hauptman	
	Bryan Baird	10
	Michael Porr	
	Eric Frishkorn	
2026	Matt Garman	
	Bill Weik	
	Melissa Weik	
	Tammy Magee	6

2012-2013-2014-2015-2016

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
A past district governor
+ past assistant governor
past/current Alt, Club Chair
joined Rotary-another club